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## Strike Continues At Sunrise

By Jim Hampshire

Striking support workers at the Sunrise School Division say they are willing to stay on the picket lines until the school board meets their wage demands.

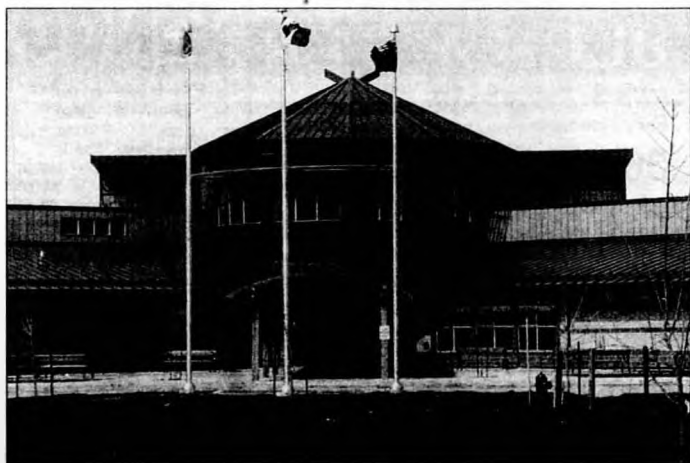
The 220 members of CUPE 1618 went out on strike on April 8 over wage equalization issues, and according to information obtained by The Echo, any real movement towards wage equalization was never put forth by the Sunrise School Board. The striking support workers are seeking wage parity with their counterparts from the former Transcona-Springfield School Division, who in some cases, are making up to 50 percent more in wages for performing the same tasks.

According to the latest proposal offered by the school division, only minimal increases were included in a new agreement. While the bus drivers were asking for a 13 percent increase, the board came back with an offer of .4 percent, which amounts to a total of \$36 over the course of this entire year. And while Union President Jackie Hampshire couldn't comment

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CUPE Locals 1618 and 4456



Sagkeeng's new Early Years School opened Tuesday, April 8th.

## They will soar on wings like eagles

Sagkeeng's brand new Early Years School is open. Students from Grade 5 to Grade 8 moved in from their previous school - a series of windowless trailers hooked together to form a temporary school building - last Tuesday April 8. Close to 200 students currently use the school, but this may increase in the fall if Grade 4 students are transferred to the school. A total staff of 30 includes teachers, administrators and other support staff.

The new school is a complete contrast to the old. It is open, colourful, filled with natural light and closely follows Ojibway traditions.

The floor plan is laid out in the form of an eagle, which plays a major part in Ojibway tradition. The core of the building is an open rotunda. Off this rotunda are the two "wings" of the eagle that contain classrooms, computer labs, etc. The school has 90 computers and will be hooking up to high-speed Internet service in the next few days. In front of the school, the "head" of the eagle, contains the school gymnasium.

A visitor to the school cannot help but be impressed by the spirit of freedom and openness - an openness to life and learning. If Sagkeeng wants it's young people to "soar on wings like eagles" this school is the place to start.

# Sagkeeng grass fires threaten Beaches power supply

by Charles Norman

Every year at this time Sagkeeng residents burn high grass around their homes to prevent the possibility of an uncontrolled fire threatening their homes. Unfortunately there is sometimes "collateral damage" to Hydro poles in the area. These poles carry hydro power supply to the

beaches. This year the damage has been more extensive than usual.

In the early spring grass fires usually stop when they get to the bush - trees are more difficult to set on fire and the area under the trees is usually wet. The same would be expected of hydro poles. The fire around them, while intense,

does not last long enough to set the pole on fire. However, what can happen is that the outside of the pole can get hot enough to cause a glowing ember. If the air temperature

and the wind are just right, the glowing ember can continue to burn slowly, gradually, almost unnoticeably, burning the pole. It can be serious enough to cause the collapse of the pole.

Manitoba have replaced some poles and reinforced others. They are currently looking into what they can do to prevent the problem from recurring next year.



Reinforced fire damaged hydro pole



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## Billion dollar boondoggle

Dear Editor:  
Reading our Justice Minister's Letter to the Editor, printed in the Review and the Lac du Bonnet Leader, last week about Gun Control Legislation reminded me about all the double-talk we have seen over the years from this Minister. The Minister believes that he is tough on crime, but even his employees, the Crown Prosecutor, have publicly stated that this is a Minister who is "soft on crime!" In a written policy state-

ment in December, 2002, this Justice Minister directed Provincial Crown Attorneys to assist Federal prosecutors with firearms registry cases in rural Manitoba by setting trial dates. The same document also indicates that the Province will prosecute cases if the Federal Government doesn't! After receiving negative public opinion, the Justice Minister backtracks by stating that his department is reworking the policy. My comment is "What is there to rework?" The Min-

ister should unequivocally revoke the policy! A clear message should be sent to the Federal Government that the federal gun control legislation is unacceptable! Becky Barrett, an NDP member, in a letter to the Federal Justice Minister, stated "I urge you to implement, as quickly as possible, the recommendations for stronger gun control legislation." This is completely unacceptable to me!

The Gun Control Registry will cost more than \$1 Billion. What a waste of taxpayers money! The Auditor General is now asking the Department of Justice to provide more information on the program. I have an even better suggestion - Scrap the gun registry program - let's cut our losses and move on! Not only is it a Billion dollar boondoggle - it's not working!

Your MLA,  
Gerald Hawranik

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on the information obtained, she did confirm that both sides were far apart when negotiations broke down.

"The province knew there would be some wage issues to address when they amalgamated the school division," Hampshire said this week. "But so far the Sunrise Division wants to sweep those issues under the rug. They don't want to address the fact that we (the striking support workers) are receiving far less pay than our counterparts in the southern part of our division."

The proposal document also reveals that the level 3 teacher assistants were offered a .59 cent per hour raise, although they were seeking a wage parody of

six dollars per hour. Hampshire says that, while the striking workers are upset over causing a disruption, the onus is on the board to try to put together a long-term plan to deal with wage gap.

"We are only working on a deal for this calendar year and then we go back and negotiate again next year," she explained. "The board has to offer something in good faith to bring our wages up to speed before we get to the table next year or this all might happen again."

The support workers were joined on the picket lines by the division secretaries and librarians last Friday as their contract negotiations also ended in stalemate. Hampshire says that the walkout by the

secretaries will be especially disruptive for the students as exam time approaches in most schools.

"When you think about it, the secretaries do a lot of work to help prepare the exams and report cards," Hampshire noted. "It will be very difficult to fill that void."

At his point the secretaries and librarians have been without a contract since July of last year. Hampshire says that any settlement for both support workers and secretaries will be retro-active, and that might factor into the school board's reluctance to look at any substantial wage increases.

"Our union has been without a contract since December and the secretaries and librarians have been without a contract for eight months," she said. "It's hard to believe that the division didn't foresee this wage adjustment in the last budget."

Hampshire confirms that the support worker's union and Sunrise division are meeting with a mediator in an effort to resolve the issue but couldn't comment any further on progress.

## NDP amalgamation school policy caused education workers strike

This strike is no surprise to the residents of the now amalgamated school division of Sunrise. Vince Boileau, Liberal Candidate in the riding of Springfield said, "The residents of Springfield predicted from the very onset of the provincial government's amalgamation policy that these strikes would occur. There were many differences between school divisions pay rates not only in the area of educational support, but in teacher's salaries

as well."

"The NDP Government was dead wrong when they promised a reduction in taxes with the Amalgamation, and they had to have known it. Everyone else knew this was nonsense," said Boileau. "We were aware that the wage differences had to be dealt with, and that our taxes would increase as a result. As predicted, the Sunrise school division has come forward with a blanket school tax increase of 8.9% for all residents of

the amalgamated division, regardless of the level of taxes they already pay, in part to cover the wage differences."

"Of course the NDP passed a bill to legally prevent citizens from challenging their actions. The School amalgamation issue clearly demonstrated the true spirit of this Government. Surely, this strike cannot come as a surprise. Would you expect a co-worker with more seniority, doing exactly the same job, to accept

lesser or equal pay? I think not!"

Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard said, "We are now starting to see the effects of the government's school amalgamation policy - and it's not good. Another promise made and broken. The school amalgamation policy of the NDP government and the rising costs and taxes associated with it will be a thorn in this government's side during the election."

## Holiday Hours

The Winnipeg River Echo office will be closed Good Friday, April 18th and Easter Monday, April 21st. The next issue will be published on Wednesday, April 23.

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# MS walk around the corner

by Jim Hampshire

It is often said that charity begins at home, but if you were to ask Deputy Mayor Paul Chapman, charity support begins in Lac du Bonnet as he continues to receive overwhelming support as co-organizer for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk, slated for later this month.

Last year alone, the event raised in excess of \$22,000 in local pledges, which is a remarkable achievement in itself, but Chapman is confident that dollar figure can be surpassed this year.

"Lac du Bonnet is a very generous community when it comes to charities of any kind," Chapman noted. "But a lot of people are finding out more about this disease and that it affects residents here in Lac du Bonnet and I believe that is reflected in the growing support we see each year." Chapman points to a recent

incident, where a worker for a local mining company was diagnosed with MS. As a result, Chapman says that several co-workers took up the challenge to try to make a difference.

"We received a five-hundred dollar cheque just recently from the Steel Workers Union at Tanco," Chapman offered. "To me that is tremendous generosity and its a wonderful gesture on behalf of this employee."

Chapman, who has taken the position of Acting Mayor of Lac du Bonnet in recent weeks, first got involved with the MS Walk seven years ago when it was introduced locally. As he explains it, he has seen the disease and its crippling results far too often, and he says the opportunity to help raise funds for the MS Society was a welcome one.

"I had a life-long friend who died from this disease and I know people who have been diagnosed with some form of

MS," he said. "These funds can make an immediate difference for these people and their families." Chapman estimates that 80 percent of the funds raised goes to research and patient care, which is a higher ratio than other charitable organizations.

"You'll find that a lot of charities will use a large percentage of funding in administration costs," Chapman explained. "The MS organization has a big volunteer base so more money can go to the comfort of those stricken with the disease." Chapman, who downplays his own fund-raising efforts, was able to personally raise \$7,300 in pledge money during last year's MS Walk in Lac du Bonnet. He expects that 100 participants will take in the event this year, which begins at the local community centre on Sunday April 27.

"We have people coming in from different points in Eastern Manitoba, including Anola and the beach area," Chapman pointed out. "The event is growing each year in



Paul Chapman might be resting on this day but he will be ready to walk 10 kilometres on April 27 as he joins an estimated 100 participants in the annual Walk for MS in Lac du Bonnet

terms of participation and support and that is a real source of pride. This cause is very dear to my heart." Anyone interested

in participating or pledging support for the MS Walk is asked to contact Paul Chapman at 345-6657.

## Annual Spring Tea

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# New Management at Hillside Beach store

by Charles Norman

The Hillside Resort Store at the intersection of Lakeshore and Hillside Beach Road re-opened Monday after being renovated by the new management.

Owners Judy and Bob

Friesen have decided to operate the store themselves instead of leasing the store to others. The store will continue to operate year-round as a convenience store and as a fast food take-out. They will also continue to sell Domo gas and propane.

The front entrance the store has been insulated so that fast food customers can eat in if they wish. Regular breakfasts will also be served.

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# Fire Hazard Climbs

by Jim Hampshire

Recent warm weather compounded by the lack of rain has fire department officials worried after a hectic weekend chasing grass fires across the region. Lac du Bonnet Fire Department member Craig Hanton says fire crews responded to 10 different calls in the last four days and he says the situation won't likely get any better.

"We have been running ragged trying to keep up with the calls," Hanton said following the hectic weekend. "The department has been out on some nights until 3 or 4 in the morning and its only going to get worse until we see some rain or if people stop burning fields altogether."

The Lac du Bonnet RCMP report that they responded to six fire related incidents over

the weekend and they caution the public to use common sense before lighting any outdoor fires.

"It's obviously dryer than normal this spring as compared to other years and people should realize that when they make plans to burn." Staff Sergeant Mel Mitchell said from the Lac du Bonnet detachment this week. "You never know when the wind will pick up and by that time it's probably too late to contain or extinguish the fires."

Conservation officials have issued a ban on open fires from April through to the end of October, although burning permits are still available for stubble burning throughout the region. Last year the province paid 38 million dollars to fight wild fires across Manitoba, with a majority of those fires blamed on human error.



Unattended brush fires had fire workers and Manitoba Conservation Officers busy this past weekend

## Who will teach who a lesson

As is the norm with combat sports, changes to the fight line up have occurred. On April 26th in the Pine Falls arena Larry "Razor" Sharpe will now face Bill "The Teacher" Tibbs. Previous opponent Rob "Hands of Stone" Stowell had to withdraw due to a hand injury. Bill Tibbs is a school teacher from Winnipeg who has been a professional boxer for six years and has over twenty fights. Sharpe and Tibbs are acquaintances who see each other most weekends at the Crescentwood Boxing Gym. Sharpe says this will make a more intense fight because when you bump into someone often you want to be the one to have won the match.

Some of Sharpe's best fights have been against ac-

quaintances such as Dave Zuniga, who Sharpe knocked unconscious in a Muay Thai war.

The boxing undercard has changed as well. Now Fort Alexander resident Richie Goosehead will take on Marcello Aienvara in heavy-weight action. "Dangerous" Dave Zuniga will face number three ranked Canadian boxer Gaereth Sutherland.

Many of our local fighters are still scheduled to do battle on the undercard including Chris "The First Nation Sensation" Fontaine, J.C. Simard, Curtis Bell, and Erica Head.

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# You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

We'll return to another thrilling episode of 'You Can't Be Serious' after this important commercial message...

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Despite the obvious exaggerations, drug commercials like the one above - complete with subsequent warnings - are becoming more common on television, and quite frankly, we don't know why.

It seems the whole world is waiting for 'the promised pill.' First it was valium, then came Prozac, and perhaps grampa would like some Viagra? Now we have to figure out a way to get granny in the mood. Wait! There might even be a pill for that! It seems pharmaceutical companies are spitting out new pills on a daily basis and for some reason, the public just keeps on swallowing.

Let's take something as simple as vitamins, for example. The general public would rather chew on a tiny pellet (which offers all the taste and probably the same nutrition as

## Take a pill

sawdust) rather than enjoying a piece of fruit. This becomes even more ironic when you consider that "recent studies have shown" that most vitamins are made of sawdust. Okay, I made that up but according to daily health-news reports, vitamins are not the rich dietary supplements we once thought they were. On

top of that, too much vitamin supplements can be very bad for you, causing organs to shutdown in some cases.

Now world attention focuses on herbal medicines. Of course we should keep in mind that herbal medicines cannot be patented, so large pharmaceutical companies will not waste time or resources testing these products. Basically, herbal medicine has become a fad, even though we have no

idea why we're taking them, or if there's any long-term consequences. "It's a pill that contains special herbs and spices," we cheerfully say with great confidence. "It has to be good for you!" We really have no idea, and for that matter, Kentucky Fried Chicken also contains 'special herbs and spices,' so who's to say? Yet we wake up each day and enjoy an entire platter of pills with names like St. John's Wort, Shark Cartilage, Ogre's Toe and Lizard Spleen... yum yum! I especially enjoy the

chewable tablets!

As long as society continues to diet or feels depressed, modern medicine will continue to produce placebos. It's become second nature to us - if you don't feel healthy, just take a pill. If that doesn't work, herbal medicine makers will suggest we all chew on grubs and tree roots. But somewhere along the way, amongst all this dietary insanity, we've lost sight of what grows above ground. They'll be no dessert until you finish all your vegetables!

# Environmental Corner

by Brian Kotak



## Tembec achieves international forestry milestone

This week, Tembec's forest management practices in the 5 million acre Gordon Cosens Forest received Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification. The Gordon Cosens forest is located in northeastern Ontario, and supplies fibre to a number of Tembec's mills. FSC certification is touted as the most demanding forest certification program in the world, and provides the highest endorsement of environmentally and socially responsible forest practices.

"This is certainly one of the most significant accomplishments in the history of Tembec's forestry operations in North America" indicates Brian Kotak, Tembec's Environment Director. "This is precedent-setting, significantly moves the yardsticks down the field of sustainable management, and really demonstrates how Tembec puts its commitments into action. The Gordon Cosens Forest is the largest (by far) of any FSC-certified forest in Canada, one of the largest in the world, and

is the first northern boreal forest to be certified in North America. It is roughly the size of the size of Prince Edward Island. Tembec manages this land under a Sustainable Forest License, issued by the Government of Ontario.

Tembec has committed to certifying all of the Canadian lands they manage (32 million acres) to FSC standards by the end of 2005. It is one component of a sustainability journey that really took off when Tembec and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF Canada) signed a historic accord in January, 2001, addressing sustainable forest management. "I am extremely pleased to report that we are moving toward the achievement of our common goal" says Tembec's President and CEO, Frank Dottori. "Certifying the Gordon Cosens Forest, a 5 million acre public land, is a remarkable accomplishment, but it is just the beginning".

To become certified is no easy feat. The Gordon Cosens audits were conducted by the

Smartwood program of the Rainforest Alliance. Forest management of the Gordon Cosens was audited against 150 criteria which were developed in northern Ontario by environmentalists, Aboriginals, businesses and community stakeholders. These criteria also fall under internationally-accepted FSC principles and criteria. The high standards of FSC place considerable emphasis on First Nations relations, environmental protection and social responsibility. It is a certification program that is highly endorsed by international environmental organizations (Green Peace, Sierra Legal Defence, WWF) and Aboriginals. It is also becoming the certification system of choice for buyers of wood products, such as Ikea and Home Depot. "The progress towards FSC for Tembec's Pine Falls operations on FML01 is an important goal given the future plans to build a joint venture sawmill and market lumber to such retailers", says Brian Kotak.

Praise for this accomplishment has also been pouring in from environmental groups as well. "Tembec's certificate is an exemplary win-win situation for both the forest and business" says Monte Hummel, President of World Wildlife Fund Canada. "Consumers around the world want to be assured that the products they buy have the least possible impact on the environment. Tembec is making good on a ground-breaking commitment to change the way forestry is practiced in Canada today." Chris Henschel, Director of the Forest Programs at the Wildlands League (a chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, which is also active in Manitoba) adds that "Tembec's commitment to progressive forestry is a significant development in forest conservation. This commitment is a challenge and an example to other companies and governments in Canada. Forestry and conservation are both achievable".

By also achieving Chain of Custody certification, which allows one to track trees from a certified forest right to the store shelf, Tembec will be allowed to sell lumber and newsprint with the FSC logo that originate from the Gordon Cosens Forest. Tembec already has other FSC certified wood products including hardwood flooring and paperboard, that originate from smaller FSC certified forests that Tembec manages.

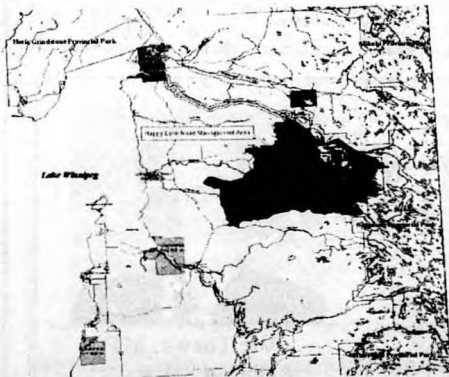
Pine Falls operation of Tembec will be seeking FSC certification of their Forest Management License area (FML01) in the next couple of years. "The move towards FSC is not business as usual" says Brian Kotak, "and thus will take time". "We have been working on this for a few years now, and our evolving partnerships with First Nations, both on the economic side (sawmill and forestry jobs) and shared forest management side (through development of community-based joint planning), will put us in good stead for FSC. It is an exciting time to be in the forestry business".

# Happy Lake Road Management Plan General Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2003  
at 7:00pm  
Manitou Lodge, Pine Falls

Tembec (Forest Resource Management) will be conducting a General Meeting on the proposed Happy Lake Road Management Plan. The purpose of the meeting is to inform interested parties of proposed road management strategies in the area and to solicit input and concerns.

*Hope to see you there!*



# Sagkeeng Early Years School news

The staff and students of the Sagkeeng Jr. High have been hard at work upon the return to school on Tuesday, April 8th. Both the staff and students were eagerly awaiting to finish the last term of school at our newly built school. We are so grateful to be in such a beautiful facility. It sure does beat the "huts".

On the first day there was an assembly with Principal, Allan Courchene as Master of Ceremonies. Our newly elected chief Gary Swampy was also there for this special opening assembly. He reflected upon his own childhood experiences of going to school in trailers and the building of the Anicinabe School on the North Shore in 1977. It was an exciting time for him as a student to start in a new school. He reminded the students to take care of the school.

Robert McKenzie, Director of Education was also present for the opening. He reminded students that the gymnasium has the best floor available and

for the students to take care of the school. He showed his enthusiasm for operating in a new facility and stressed that students have respect for their school.

There were also the two local priests from the Catholic Church to share a special word for our school. The school is in the shape of an eagle. The scriptures that were shared reflected upon the shape of our school and included; Deuteronomy 32:11 "like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them," Isaiah 40:31, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary."

The west wing of the school has the following classrooms: Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 5 and 6, Ojibway Room, Art Room and the school counselor office. Also on the west wing is an marvelous view of Lake Winnipeg. The center includes a grand gym-



Sagkeeng's new school has a floor plan shaped like an eagle.

nasium which makes the head of the eagle and faces north. The main entrance faces south. The canopy leading up to the main doors makes up the tail of the eagle. The central area has a circular foyer with a high ceiling forming into a head of a teepee. There is the office and staff room immediately to the left and to northwest we have a cafeteria/multipurpose room and to the north the gym. The east wing consists of the following Library, computer

rooms, resource rooms, grades 7 and 8's and home school coordinator office.

There was a lot of settling in and adjusting to a new school environment. We have some wonderful new recess equipment for the students. Another benefit we have is a nice big track. The track was immediately utilized, as we started a 50 mile walking club for the remainder of the year. A reminder to parents that we do have a hot lunch program

for \$2.00 per day. Every Thursday is pizza day, pizza is \$1.00 per slice.

There will be an open house on Thursday, April 17th, 2003 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. All parents/guardians are invited to drop by for a tour of the new school and to meet with your child's teacher for the last progress update before the final year end report.

There is no school on Good Friday, April 18th, and on Easter Monday, April 21, 2003.

## The London I love



by George Bayly

Part II of III

For some time I wondered about the origin of the name Piccadilly and after some research, I discovered that there was a tailor 350 years ago who created a kind of stiff ruffled collar called a "pickadill". This style of collar became the fashion of the day, evidence of

which can be seen in paintings dating back to the mid 17th century. The last remaining great mansion of Piccadilly is Burlington House built by the first Earl of Burlington in 1660. Today, it houses important institutions such as the Royal Geological Society, the Royal Astronomical Society, and the Royal Academy of Fine Arts where exhibitions are held regularly. Up the street near Piccadilly Circus is the Parish Church of St James,

Westminster, designed in the mid 1600s by Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of St Paul's. The church was badly damaged during the war but much of the interior, including the old pipe organ, was salvaged. It was here in this parish church that my grandfather's birth was recorded in 1872.

Across from Green Park is the Naval and Military Club, once the residence of Lord Palmerston, Prime Minister

from 1855 to 1865. Nearby, on the same side of the street is the Four Seasons Hotel and the Hard Rock Cafe to whose precincts the younger set make a pilgrimage to purchase a souvenir tee shirt. On the same site stood three houses, long ago demolished, which belonged to the Baron Rothschild.

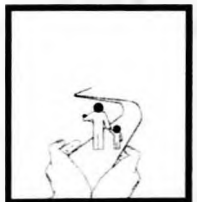
After emerging from the tunnel from Hyde Park, I venture into Green Park, strolling leisurely on the paved path until I arrive at the Queen Victoria Memorial in front of Buckingham Palace. Once safely across The Mall, I enter St. James' Park, head to its lake, and find a bench to watch the multitudes pass by, many stopping to feed the ducks and geese. Civil servants from nearby Whitehall find the park a great place to relax and eat their sandwiches over the lunch hour.

At the north end of the park, you can visit Duck Island, home to almost every species of ducks and geese, connected to the main walks by two bridges. Close by is the restaurant and outdoor cafe facing Horse

Guards Road across which are the grounds of Horse Guards Parade with its grand arches leading into Whitehall, the main government street. On Whitehall, two members of the Household Cavalry attired in red tunics and gleaming silver breastplates and helmets, sit motionless astride their black mounts at each side of the archway.

Also across from the park and stretching south along Horse Guard Road, you see massive blocks of the government offices including the Treasury Building which houses one of my favorite London museums. In the cellar below the Treasury, which was formerly the War Department, are the "War Rooms" where the progress of the war was closely watched by military staff and Prime Minister Churchill, who had sleeping quarters there, safe from Nazi bombs dropped burning the London blitz of 1940 to 1941. I will talk about the heart of London, including Whitehall, in a future part of my London story.

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## Pineview Saints annual hockey banquet

The Pineviews Saints held their annual banquet and awards ceremony on Friday, April 11th at Great Falls Hall. The following awards were presented:

Squirts, N.E. Champs, All received trophies

Novice Girls, Gold Medal winners Kenora Tournament, All received trophies

Novice Boys, Eastman Games Silver Medallists, MVP - Trey Blatz, Justin Smith - Most Dedicated, Ian Magnan -

Most Improved, Ryan Wark - Sportsmanlike

Atoms, Eastman Champs, N.E. "B" Division Champs, Luc Magnan - MVP, Charlie Hawranik - Top Defensive, Kyle Brisco - Most Improved, Adam Houston - Sportsmanlike

Peewee Girls, Provincial "B" Bronze Medallists, Darion Bruyere - MVP, Paige Roy - Most Dedicated, Stevie Lemire - Most Improved, Meg Raymond - Sportsmanlike

Peewee Boys, N.E. Finalists,

Cole Wark - MVP, Kyle Sokoloski - Most Improved, Andrew Nault - Digger Award, Cody Cyr - Digger Award, Bryan Whitford - Sportsmanlike

Bantams - RCHL "B" Division Champs, Daniel Sokoloski - MVP, Cassandra Flanagan - Most Dedicated, Justin Wilcott

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Midget Girls, Cassandra Flanagan - MVP, Stephanie Godard - Most Dedicated, Erica Head - Most Dedicated, Kelly Kralka - Most Improved

Midget Boys - Eastman "C" Division, Brandon Arsenault

- MVP, Clayton Arseniuk - Most Improved, Andrew Bonekamp - Most Dedicated, Pat Bruchanski - Sportsmanlike

Shack Award: went to a Volunteer with no kids, Michael Oman

## Pineview Mixed Slopitch update

The Pineview Mixed Slopitch league will begin play on Tuesday, May 13th.

This year the league will accept a maximum of eight teams. The first eight teams paid at the league meeting on Wednesday, April 30th, 2003 at the Papertown Motor In at 7:00pm will be accepted. The entry fee will be \$400.00 per team. A \$100.00 increase from last year to cover the costs of constructing a washroom at Rupert Park and \$600.00 loss from having two less teams.

Topics to be discussed at the general meeting include: Possible tournament May Long Weekend at Rupert Park to raise money towards the new washroom.

Making the league rule that already exists mandatory that all players present must rotate in and out of the game (excluding injured players).

Discuss player suspensions as a result of arguing with umpires.

### Important Program Notice

Due to the Strike, all programs that were scheduled to take place at LdB Senior School and Centennial School will be suspended until further notice. This includes Hip Hop classes, Cardio Kickboxing, Breadmaking, Therapeutic stretching and RWB Satellite program on Saturdays. The school is not available for use after 4:00pm on weekdays.

Soccer and T-Ball Start Dates

Weather dependant, and coach dependant, soccer in LdB will run on Thursdays at 6:00pm at Centennial School fields and Tball will run on Tuesdays at Husky Park in Lac du Bonnet. In Pinawa, soccer

will run Mondays at 6:00pm at the High School Fields. Start dates will be advertised in future rec articles and announced at the schools.

Spring-A-Ling Things

Ok - if you haven't seen the green machine of recreation to do's this Spring...read on. One important piece of advice is to pre-register which not only includes giving your name and phone number but your registration fee as well. A lot of programs have a cap on the number of participants so do not delay and register now. Call the Rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639, drop in to our office in the LdB Senior School or the Community Centre in Pinawa or mail in your form.

Run Clinic

Andrew, from the Running Room will be out in our area to give a FREE!!! Running clinic on Saturday, April 19 from 9:30 - 11:30am meet outside LdB Senior School.

Big Fat Greek Cooking Class

The movie was great...the

cooking class is even better with the Greek Market coming out to do this one evening session on Tuesday, May 6 from 6-9pm in the Home Ec Room in Pinawa Secondary School.

Youth Recreational Fishing League

Ok - so this one if a little further down the line (fishing line, get it). Nonetheless - we still need to inform potential participants and potential volunteer coaches that the program runs May 19 to June 23. Call the Rec office for details.

Agassiz Horticultural Society Calendar

Medicinal Plants and Traditional Healing, May 10: The Big Spring Plant and Bake Sale at 10:00am at the Pioneer Club in LdB. This year's special: Roses.

Arthritis Sufferers Do you suffer from arthritis? LdB Wellness Club invites you to attend a 2-hour workshop to help you cope. Monday, April 14 at 1:00pm at the Pioneer Club. For more info contact Pat at Two Rivers Seniors at 345 1227.

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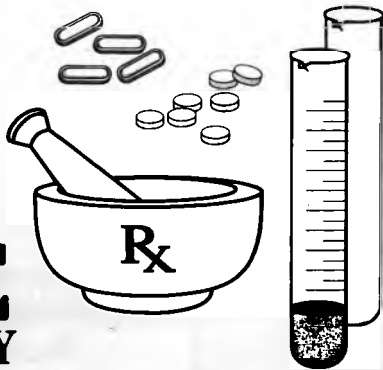
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**Monday, April 21:**

Salad, roast chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, fresh fruit.

**Wednesday, April 23:**

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

**Friday, April 25**

Soup, liver and onions, gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, lemon pie.

## Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School news

Review by Katherine Bunn

Yesterday I was able to get a tour of the school that was recently built for students from nursery and kindergarten to grades 5 - 8. It is located on the south shore of Sagkeeng First Nation at the west end of the reserve. It was interesting to see what kind of design they had chosen. It seems that a lot of thorough, hard work and effort was put in to it although they still need to put things in the classrooms, it was quite remarkable. They have built teachers' offices in each classroom with windows so the teacher could see into the classroom and into the hallway. The staff offices were impressive. They had windows to look out on the students playing outside. Outside the students had two playground areas; one for nursery and one for the older students. The hallways leading to the classroom were just long and narrow. The colours were too bright, in my opinion. I did like the circular elders room that is located in the library. I am glad I got a chance to see it.

Heads up to all aspiring musicians: This Saturday, April 19, Tim J. Butler will be at the high school for the bi-weekly music lessons beginning at 1 p.m.

## With your personal finances, what stock or fund to buy is the least of your worries

### Part I

by Kurt Rosentreter, CA, CFP, CIMA, TEP  
Senior Financial Advisor,  
Berkshire Securities Inc.,  
Chartered Accountant & Tax  
Specialist

I think every Canadian would agree that when it comes to managing their money, making sure they don't lose their capital is most important. Sure growth of your assets matters, but preserving the assets you have matters more.

I loosely call this preservation of your assets "risk management". It is an all encompassing term that suggests preservation and protection techniques should be adopted across all aspects of your per-

sonal finances - from investments and taxes to retirement, estate, your career and more.

This article will showcase the importance of risk management in your finances, and how working with a competent professional financial advisor is essential. In the rest of this article we will review a few of the many risk management techniques that should be adopted by Canadians. Clearly the message from this article is that working with a product salesperson who pitches funds and stocks at you and not much more is clearly not enough. You need a professional financial advisor.

Here is a sample of some important risk management techniques:

## Agassiz Horticultural Society news

Agassiz Horticultural Society's 3rd annual Spring Garden Seminar Sunday, April 6 was an inspirational experience for the 50 gardeners who attended. Floral decorations set the mood for the full day of gardening sessions. The program began with an update on new greenhouse plants and garden accessories given by Shirlee Klappart of Plainview Greenhouses. Jennifer Bishop of the Manitoba Lily Society gave a visual presentation on the different types of lilies available today. At coffee breaks and lunch hour participants lined up to purchase lily bulbs or plants from the greenhouse. In the afternoon, Stefan Fediuk from Assiniboine Park gave lots of practical information on

constructing and planting rockeries and shade gardens. Karen Johnson, of Lac du Bonnet, author of "Wild Flowers of Churchill" showed slides illustrating the amazing array of native flowers found in Churchill. Everyone went home motivated to try something new in the garden this spring.

At the April 8 regular meeting, organizing the plant and bake sale was the main item on the business agenda. The sale will be Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. Most of the plants come from members' gardens, but there will be some shrubs available, and the Lily Society will have a selection of lily bulbs for sale.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Don Cardinal, who runs the Mosom Keewatin Healing Centre at Seven Sisters. He expained the ethos behind first nations' traditional healing and spoke about some of the wild plants he uses for healing or preventive medicine.

The Society is already into action planning the Manitoba Horticultural Association's provincial convention which will be in Lac du Bonnet Legion Hall January 29, 30, and 31, 2004. A meeting was held

in March with representatives from the M.H.A. to discuss the facilities, catering, and the topics for the program. MHA Director Carol Clegg will be attending the Spring M.H.A. board meeting in Neepawa April 24 - 25 to continue with convention organizing. This event will be open to all gardeners who wish to attend. We will keep everyone posted as the planning continues.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. at Centennial School (or alternate location). Massage therapist, Jean Stevenson will give us some pointers on how to avoid the aches and pains sometimes associated with garden work. The Horticultural Society welcomes new members at any time of the year.

For over 30 years the society has sponsored a summer gardening program for children. Participants learn how to grow and care for a small garden, do some fun garden related activities at monthly meetings, and win prizes and trophies at the flower show. The program will begin early in May. If your child is at least 6 years old and would like to try gardening, call Carol Clegg at 345 8419 or see Donna Wold at Centennial School.

### 1. Risk of Not Having Enough Money For Your Desired Retirement

It is a basic mathematical exercise to look at where you are today financially, forecast what you will have in the future, and match this up with your estimated needs. Every year you should evaluate progress and any actions necessary to keep you on track to your desired retirement. Unfortunately many people head blindly towards retirement and regularly fail to check on the status of their plans. Don't let this be you. Proper retirement planning requires revisiting your progress and status every three years.

### 2. Risk of Letting Inflation Erode Your Standard of Living

In the last 30 years the cost of stamps, a litre of milk, a bus pass and more has skyrocketed. Fixed income pensioners have seen their pension buy less and less each year, effectively destroying their standard of living. It is critical for all Canadians to measure their finances on an after-inflation basis, using techniques and products that counter the effects of inflation. Planning future cash flows and design-

ing investment portfolios that factor in inflation is a necessity, not an option.

### 3. Risk of Losing Too Much Money in the Stock Market

Simply put, the total amount of your savings invested in equities of any kind (vs. bonds, cash, etc.) should be well thought out, measured, documented, revisited and double checked. Aggressive equity investing may not be

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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report



The following constitutes the police report for the period of April 3 to the 11th.

April 3:

A report of the theft of two hub caps from a vehicle parked overnight on Johnson in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

A report of a suspicious vehicle in the Still Cove area of the RM of Alexander. License plate provided, but the vehicle was not located when police patrolled.

A report of a vehicle hitting a hydro pole in Whitemouth and shearing same off. Police attended to do traffic control while the pole was replaced. Investigation continuing.

April 4:

A report was received from

a Winnipeg resident of receiving harassing telephone calls from a resident of the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Follow up was done with the subject in question as per the wishes of the complainant.

A report of a subject being unlawfully at large from Milner Ridge Correctional Centre on a Temporary Absence Permit in Winnipeg. The subject was charged accordingly and a Warrant issued.

A report of two adult males causing a disturbance by fighting at a licensed premises in Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that two cousins were fighting and that one required stitches.

April 5:

A report of a possible break and enter to a cottage on Marcus in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that the cottage had shifted and the door had opened.

A report of a grassed area being burned and smoke bothering the neighbours on Elsie in the RM of Alexander.

A report of two overdue subjects from Whitemouth. Police checked at the residence and found all to be in order.

April 6:

A request was received to check on a location on Cedar in the Town of Lac du Bonnet to ascertain if the subject at the residence was safe. Police attended on two occasions, and no one was at the residence.

A report of an entry to a vehicle in Pinawa and theft of a stereo system.

A report from Selkirk Detachment at a subject being at a location in the RM of Reynolds with a warrant outstanding. Police attended at the location, but no one was present.

April 7:

A report of a dog having bitten three children at a residence where they are staying in the RM of Whitemouth.

An adult male drove to Lac du Bonnet Detachment after having been involved in a motor vehicle accident in the RM of Lac du Bonnet off Berryland Road. The subject appeared to be in some difficulty, so the ambulance was called and he was taken to Pinawa Hospital for a check up.

April 8:

A report of an Intrusion Alarm at a residence on Bal-

sam Crescent in Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that it was false alarm.

A report from Child and Family Services of children possible being alone at home at a location in the town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and adults were present with the children.

A report of a grey Ford Probe being driven in Lac du Bonnet, going past a residence and yelling at a home owner. Police patrolled the vehicle at the time, but did not locate the vehicle in question.

April 9:

A report of the theft of 30 used bridge timbers from the vicinity of the Silver Bridge in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. The timbers were described as 4: x 6" and 30' in length.

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## 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, Powerwise 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, **Horicultural 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 McInosh Call Teri 345-8712

**Lakeshore Al-A Teen Group** for further information, Phone Kahie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days)

## Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

Pastor Jake Doell, church 345-2934, home 345-9766

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### LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Church/office 345-8654

Sunday 11:00 a.m. worship service

### NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Richard Machurs, 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 Rountrie 367-8615, church 345-2357

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### Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings

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

**Ladies A.A. Meetings** Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermot, Pinawa, Doreen 753-8357  
**Battered Women's Crisis Line** 1-800-362-3344

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Alzheimer Society** Theresa Conroy, Whitemouth 348-3505 Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausjour, 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

# A case for caution



## Your voice in Ottawa

Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

The federal Justice Committee, of which I am a member, has been holding hearings in various locations across Canada. These hearings were ordered by the Minister of Justice after two lower court decisions held the traditional definition of marriage to be unconstitutional because it is defined as "one man and one woman" and excludes "same-sex" or homosexual couples.

On April 4th the Committee came to Steinbach. While concern had been expressed about Steinbach as a suitable location, the "standing room only" crowd of over 300 people that arrived at the Mennonite Heritage Museum from across Manitoba put those concerns to rest. Manitobans had a chance to be heard and to hear the comments of their fellow citizens.

Some of the presenters at the hearing urged Parliament to move quickly to comply with the court rulings. Others urged caution, stating that this change will fundamentally alter this important institution and that the impact of such a change is impossible to pre-

dict. It was noted that the changes to the *Divorce Act* about thirty years ago have brought about substantial changes that were unforeseen at that time, and which have now been proven to have adversely impacted on the stability of the family.

Those promoting homosexual marriage made no attempt to deny that while churches would be able to refuse to perform homosexual marriage ceremonies, they should suffer the loss of financial benefits from the government for continuing with what are considered to be discriminatory practices. One of those presenters was Winnipeg School Trustee Kristine Barr. This is the same woman who has been instrumental in taking steps to punish Camp Arnes, a non-denominational Christian organization that has refused to rent its facilities to a homosexual organization because that would contravene its code of ethics.

Not only is Barr supportive of the prosecution of Camp Arnes by our provincial government, but she has also convinced the Winnipeg School

Division to stop its longstanding practice of sending Winnipeg school children to the camp. This is an example of the kind of indirect attack on religious institutions that could see the loss of charitable tax status or direct provincial funding to independent religious schools if those organizations refuse to conduct homosexual marriage ceremonies or otherwise make distinctions regarding homosexuals.

The financial impact on religious institutions is only a small consideration. This is not a case, as one presenter suggested, of "what doesn't kill us will only make us stronger". As a society we can't afford to take that kind of risk. Once we make the decision to fundamentally alter the institution of marriage, there is no going back.

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, or fax at 204-346-9874, or by e-mail at [toewsvl@mts.net](mailto:toewsvl@mts.net)

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# Peggy's paper dolls

Brian scanned the walls of the same corridor that had become so familiar to him over the past few years. As he entered through door number thirty-two, a tremendous wave of emotion swept over him, and he had to fight not to drown in it. His sister's face lit up with a vibrant smile and that special twinkle in her eyes, as it always did whenever she saw him.

Peggy was seven years old. She charmed everyone that knew her with her undying enthusiasm. She would talk non-stop to a listening ear, and she seldom cried. Peggy was dying of cancer.

Brian was at the hospital constantly, knowing that his little sister had only a short time to live. His average life as a sixteen-year old had taken a traumatic turn for the worst upon the diagnosis. He loved his sister more than anything, and found himself becoming enraged that she, such a sweet and innocent girl, should be inflicted with such a horrible disease.

Brimming with creativity, Peggy amazed Brian. She had a collection of paper dolls that she had made. All sixty-two were tacked behind her bed. Brian would ask her about the dolls, but she would always just smile, and say happily that they were her friends. He would be saddened by the fact that Peggy could not have the

normal life of a seven-year-old, and make her own friends. It would only dishearten him more to watch her play with the other sick children.

Each day that passed was like a ticking time bomb for Brian. Peggy grew physically weaker by the day, but her spirit remained strong. Each one of her smiles pierced his heart. She would ask him why he looked so sad, for he found it difficult to smile, though he pretended that everything was all right. When he wasn't at the hospital, he would spend most of his time at home, alone in his room. There were times when he would bang his head uncontrollably against the wall until it hurt. He would cry, shamelessly, and throw mad fits for no reason. His life was falling apart, almost as if it was him that was dying.

It was two weeks after Peggy's eighth birthday that she passed away. Though expected, it broke Brian's heart. No amount of anticipation could have prepared him for the silence that was Peggy's passing.

As Brian forced himself to walk through door number thirty-two in the cancer ward one last time, he almost expected to see Peggy sitting on her bed. He prayed that he would see her face light up, just like it always had. It was only the emptiness and coldness of the bed that greeted

him, though. He wanted to scream and smash the table lamp on the floor. He wanted to do anything to escape from the silence. Silence was a foreign entity with Peggy around, but she was gone, and its presence was so thick that it suffocated him.

Then he saw the tiny paper dolls smiling back at him from the wall. Brian found a shoe box to put them in, unable to throw them away. One by one he removed them from the wall, seeing for the first time the inscriptions on the back of each: Terrah, Ivy, Nicole, Amy, Justin, Chris...and on and on.

There was one name that stuck in his mind: Jesse. Jesse had been Peggy's first and best friend at the hospital. Jesse had died about one year ago. Then Brian began to recognize more names, and he realized why they seemed so familiar.

Peggy's paper dolls were all the children that had died since she had arrived. When Brian finally pulled the sixty-second doll off the wall with a quivering hand, he realized that there was one that had not been there before. It was purple. Peggy's favourite colour, with a wide crayon smile. As Brian turned the doll over and read the back, he was snapped out of his state of denial, realizing for the first time that his sister was not coming back. Tears flooded his eyes as the name, scrawled in crayon, "Peggy", screamed at



him.

She had known. In his head he could hear the sweet voice that he had known for so long, but for the first time, he understood her. All the time he had been inconspicuous, pretending that everything would turn out all right, for her benefit. (Or maybe it was for his own sake?). All along, she knew that she was going to die, yet not once did she say that it wasn't fair.

As the memories of Peggy reeled through Brian's head, he realized that he could not remember a time when she had been truly unhappy. Peggy, only a child, had accepted her disease and death as a part of her life. She faced most people's worst fear with courage, and the determination to make each day that she lived worthwhile. The dolls were a means of remembrance and symbols of life. Instead of mourning the ones that she had loved, she remembered all the joy that they had brought her. Viewing life through Peggy's eyes, Brian saw that she didn't want to be known as the girl that died of cancer, but as the girl that shone like the sun. From his perspective, each day had escorted his sister one step closer to death. Through Peggy's eyes, each day of her life gave her one more day to shine.

Wrapped up in his own sense of loss, Brian had let her illness eat away at his own mentality. Instead of being a

big brother, he had given up, and now it was too late. He could have shared her life with her, if he'd only realized.

Brian looked down at the small paper doll in his hand through salty tears, and he realized that it was not too late. He could still follow in her footsteps, and learn how to seek out the best in any situation. Suddenly he felt the odd sensation of a smile. Though choked with sobs and heartache, it paved the path for more smiles in his life, that he may never have had the courage to find had it not been for Peggy's attitude. He had never realized that he knew so little about his sister, but most importantly, that he would learn so much from her, the bravest girl on earth.

From that day on, Brian learned not to dwell upon life's downsides, but to search for the positives that were sometimes hidden in the shadows of his fears.

So often do people live for the future and for what "will be", that they forget and take for granted "what is". Peggy understood that the present was a gift. Every day, she would open her gift to discover all of the splendor and happiness that it had to offer. To realize the value of the present is only half of the battle. It is having the courage and the determination to live within it that wins it.

Peggy was gone, but her memory, her heart, and all that was expressed through one child's paper dolls remained.

## Sunrise School Division



### Report from Legislature

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

You can thank the current Manitoba Government for the strike in Sunrise School Division. 2,000 students who are not being transported to school during the strike and the parents of those students can also thank them! As I have stated publicly many times, the current government was negligent in forcing the amalgamation of the former Agassiz School Division with the Springfield portion of the Transcona Springfield School Division. The Premier publicly stated that "there will be no forced amalgamations - It's not the Manitoba way", and then a few short months later, proceeded to force School Division amalgamations. In fact, Eleanor Zieske, the Sunrise School Board Chair was quoted in the April 8th Winnipeg Free Press

as stating that there would be no strike had the NDP not forced amalgamation on the former Agassiz School Division. She is absolutely correct - the forced amalgamation caused the strike!

I do not place any blame on the striking employees - they only want to be treated fairly! Why should they expect to be treated any different or be paid any less than their counterparts in Oakbank or Dugald or Anola? I do not place any blame on our School Trustees - they are simply trying to make the best of a bad situation given to them by the NDP government through the forced amalgamation process.

The government's only answer is to provide one time funding of \$50.00 per student to help with amalgamation

costs. This only amounts to \$250,000.00, yet the costs of amalgamation are projected to cost between \$3 to 5 Million over the next 3 years. In effect, the Government has shifted the cost of the amalgamation process to the property taxpayer in our Constituency. That is why property taxpayers are experiencing an increase to the School Mill rate this year of 8.3% this year and probably double digit increases for each of the next 2 years to cover the cost of School Division amalgamation - courtesy of the NDP government!

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, Beausjour, MB, R0E0C0, E-mail me at gerald@geraldhawranik.com or visit my website at www.geraldhawranik.com.

## Roman Catholic Parishes of

Notre Dame du Laus - Powerview  
and Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Stead

### Easter Celebrations

<b>Holy Thursday:</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:30pm Powerview
<b>Good Friday:</b> Way of the Cross The Passion of the Lord	10:00am Powerview 3:00pm Powerview
<b>Holy Saturday:</b> Blessing of Easter Foods The Easter Sunday Vigil	2:00pm Powerview 9:00pm Powerview
<b>Easter Sunday:</b> Easter Sunday Mass	8:00am Powerview
Easter Sunday Mass	10:00am Powerview
Easter Sunday Mass	12:00 Noon - Stead



#### First Communion Classes

Will commence on Saturday, April 26th

#### Confirmation Classes

Will commence on Saturday, April 26th

#### Marriage Preparation Classes

Will commence on Saturday, May 3rd

#### Marriage Enrichment Seminar

On the weekend of, May 9th to 11th

#### Youth Retreat

On the weekend of, May 31st to June 1st

For more information, please call the Parish Office at 367-2700

# Winnipeg River RCMP Report



**April 7:**  
Police responded to a request from the South Shore of Fort Alexander after a male and female refused to leave a residence for fighting. Further inquiry found it to be a verbal argument. The couple were escorted to the detachment, lodged in cells until sober and

released.  
A concerned spouse contacted police when her common law partner could not be contacted. Earlier in the week the male subject had been having difficulties due to mental instability. Police attended a location on the South Shore of Fort Alexander to find the male

at home and resting. No further action was required.

Response to a distress call had police attend a residence on the South Shore of Fort Alexander where a female was uttering threats, attempting to break in to the residence of another female. Members immediately attended, located the subject and upon escorting her to the detachment found a concealed weapon. Charges have been laid in this incident.

A residence in the RM of Alexander was broken into as well as a shed door ripped off. Nothing appeared to be taken in the incident. Damage to the property and a mess inside one of the rooms had occurred.

Police received a call of an ATV off road vehicle accident at Hollow Water. 2 people were taken to Pine Falls Hospital for treatment. Investigation continues.

A male subject was picked up off the road on Highway 11 near Pine Falls. The male was extremely intoxicated and known to police. He was lodged for his own safety and released in the morning.

A stolen bicycle was located after police received information from the owner that it was missing and they saw a youth riding it on the South Shore of Fort Alexander.

**April 8:**  
An assault which occurred near a local business in Powerview is still under investigation.

**April 9:**  
Police located a male subject at a residence on the North Shore of Fort Alexander. The male was intoxicated and causing problems. He was lodged in cells until sober and released.

A vehicle was stolen from Bruyere Point Road on the South Shore. The car also contained a woman's purse with Identification Cards.

Assistance to Winnipeg City Police was required when a youth was reported missing from their point. The youth was on a temporary permit to

attend a relatives funeral but did not report in. Further inquiries revealed that the youth was with guardians and due to the circumstances a phone call was overlooked.

Police are investigating a spousal dispute which resulted in property damage to a residence in the RM of Alexander.

A truck hauling cargo to the Pulp Mill in Pine Falls was sprayed by rocks from several unknown youth. The vehicle was coming in off Highway 1 when the incident occurred.

**April 10:**  
An incident of mischief occurred at Powerview School. The youth involved were identified and the situation was dealt with informally by the school. No further police action was necessary.

A cottage at Traverse Bay appeared to be the victim of a break in. Further investigation revealed a door had not been closed properly.

Police are investigating an incident of a stolen snowmobile from Manigotagan.

An incident of an assault in Manigotagan was investigated by Police. 2 females were involved in an altercation which resulted in no charges being laid after further information was received. The matter was resolved informally.

Police warned several youth who were involved in throwing water balloons at a vehicle on Highway 11 on the South Shore of

**April 11:**  
A report of an assault at a residence in Belair was attended by Police. Alcohol was involved in the incident where 2 males had a brief dispute. No further police action was necessary in the incident by request of the complainant in the matter.

**Advisory:**  
Police are asking for the Public's assistance.

Sometime during the weekend a personal computer belonging to one of the teaching staff was taken from the Pow-

erview School Computer Lab. It is described as a Toshiba Laptop 1800 grey/black in colour with a power pac and mouse approximately 18 mths old. The computer's value is estimated at \$2,500.00

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Powerview Office of the RCMP at 367-8728.

**April 11:**  
Police attended the South Shore of Fort Alexander to a request to remove a couple from a residence. Members arrived at the residence but no one would answer the door. The incident was unfounded.

A complaint of an erratic driver on Highway 11 in Powerview had members out to locate the suspect vehicle. The area was patrolled but the vehicle was not located.

Police assisted in a complaint of a dog attacking a small child on Fort Alexander. The owner of the animal was located, spoken to and the owner confirmed to have the dog put down.

Concern for some youth who appeared to be on the ice of the Winnipeg River had police attend the location to find several fisherman pulling out there nets. The complainant in the matter was advised accordingly.

An assault of a female had police attend a residence at Little Black River. The female was at home in her residence when another female assaulted her. Investigation continues.

Police recovered a stolen vehicle at Little Black River. The vehicle had been stolen from Steinbach. The matter is still pending for further investigation.

A male was charged for Breaching a Court Order on Fort Alexander. The male had attended a local business and tried to cause a disturbance.

**April 12:**  
Assistance to the Sagkeeng Fire Dept. And Manitoba Hy-

## 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:** Sunnyside 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, meet rifles 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.

## 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 am, everyone welcome.

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

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

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

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

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Thalberg, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Junction #12 and #304. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwald on Hwy. #12, 1 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info, call 635-2623 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RCMP Need your help

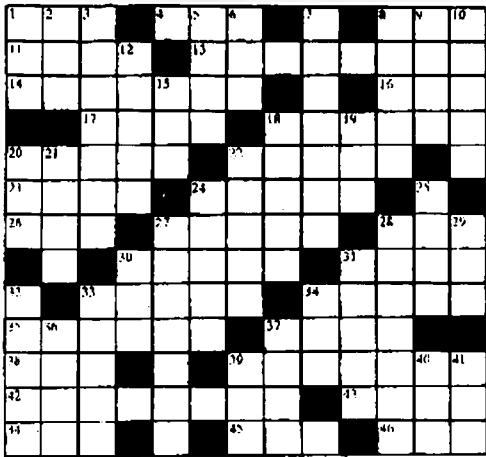
Manitoba Crime Stoppers in cooperation with the Lac du Bonnet RCMP Detachment would like your assistance in solving the following offence:

March 9th, 2003, a report of vandalism was received from the Great Falls area. A back door to the Great Falls Community Centre, the town turbine monument and a bus shelter were spray painted. Two windows in the Bus shelter were smashed and egged. If you have any information regarding this senseless act of vandalism please contact your local RCMP detachment.



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

# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. Metal bearing mineral
- 4. 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 8. Also
- 11. First class
- 13. Oil colour
- 14. Pert. to a union of states

16. Statue

- 17. Toward the mouth
- 18. Light turban
- 20. Small branch
- 22. Miscellany
- 23. Attitude
- 24. Condescend
- 26. Malt beverage

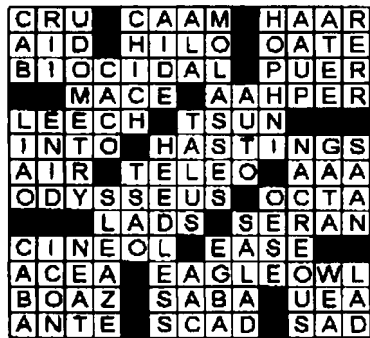
- 27. Cotton thread used for hosiery
- 28. Honey insect
- 30. Defeats
- 31. Composition in verse
- 33. Witchcraft
- 34. Clock pointers
- 35. Equine sounds
- 37. Naive person
- 38. Father
- 39. Eternal
- 42. Rate too highly
- 43. Group of three persons
- 44. Benign tumour the skin
- 45. Period of history
- 46. Unit of energy

**DOWN**

- 1. Idiot
- 2. Fish eggs
- 3. Express support
- 5. Tailless amphibian
- 6. To be unwell
- 7. Spend lavishly
- 8. Ornamental coronet
- 9. A single time
- 10. Aquatic mammal
- 12. Strange and mysterious

- 15. Worthless piece of cloth
- 18. Buckets
- 19. Alcoholic liquor
- 20. Mineral spring
- 21. Long, cylindrical piece or wood
- 22. Roman goddess of the hearth
- 24. Flat circular plates
- 25. Feat
- 27. Lecherous act
- 28. Open air fire
- 29. Printer's measure
- 30. Large
- 31. Enamel
- 32. Equip.
- 33. Broaden
- 34. Monetary unit of Vietnam
- 36. Overhanging lower edge of a roof
- 37. Never
- 39. Consumed
- 40. Atmosphere
- 41. Beverage made with beaten eggs

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

MNBVN CXCVZASZ DGG HJNL B MQJWC  
BOA UCN JN DXCV HJNL

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**

THE TROUBLE WITH BEING PUNCTUAL IS THAT NOBODYS THERE TO APPRECIATE IT.

## WEEKLY ECHO HOROSCOPE for the week of April 14 to April 20

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



Try to curb your bad habits, and compromise if your partner gives you an ultimatum. Real estate investments could be prosperous. Most partner problems are a result of both people not living up to their promises. Changes in your home may be disruptive and upsetting.

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



You can make major accomplishments while on short trips. You may get some opposition. Personal changes will be to your benefit. Things may not be as they sound. Travel and communications will not run as smoothly as you had hoped.

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



Uncertainties about your home may cause tension. Make sure that new mates live up to your high standards. Visit friends or relatives you don't get to see very often. Family outings will make you feel secure and happy.

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



Dig a little deeper if you really want to know the score. Avoid being intimately involved with clients or colleagues. You need time to think things through. Reevaluate your motives.

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

You will have a problem holding on to your cash



this week. Your temper may erupt if you have allowed others to cost you too much money. Travel and entertainment will be pleasurable. Opportunities to travel will develop through peers.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)**



It may not be the best time to socialize with clients or colleagues this week. Direct your energy wisely. You can stabilize your financial situation if you make property investments. You are best to sit back and think it through, rather than add to the ranting and raving.

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



Situations in your personal life are moving a little fast lately. A little rest will do wonders. Don't get involved in idle chatter that will hurt your position. Someone you work with may be withholding valuable information.

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



Don't consume more than necessary. Sit tight. Things aren't as bad as they appear. Time to deal with institutional environments, government agencies, and matters of a private nature this week. Face any emotional problems head-on to avoid situations getting out of hand.

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



You may find that your mate is well aware of the circumstances. Catch up on any correspondence you've neglected. Believe in yourself and so will those who count. Try not to lend or borrow money this week.

**CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20)**



Don't be too eager to give a piece of your mind or even your opinion this week. It's time to make professional changes. Help children complete projects they're having difficulty with. Digestive disorders will be a result of family squabbles.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)**



You may have a rather hectic day due to events that children are involved in. Try to accommodate them without infringing on your own responsibilities. Be sure that the person you're drawn to is not already involved. Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)**



Obstacles may stand in your way where career and success are concerned. So smile! Problems with fire, gas, or oil may cause disruptions and annoyances. Make money using your ingenuity and creative talent.

# Echo Classifieds

**For Sale**



1144 sq. ft. double lot, spacious 3 bedroom bungalow, completely remodeled (1999) central vac, new windows, carpets, cupboards, all new appliances, fridge, stove, washer/dryer, dishwasher. Corner of Art St. & Laura St., call 367-4922. 44-21

**House for Sale** - by owner, 1248 sq. ft. bungalow, 1248 sq. ft. finished basement, 5BR, 3 baths, F/A electric furnace, HRV, Central Air, new carpet & Lino., Polar Windows, 26x26 double garage, 8x16 shed, beautifully treed yard, close to school, immaculate condition, F, S, D/W, Blinds included, 28 Louise Street, Powerview, call 204-367-8045. 44-16

**1997 Mercury Sable** - Blue, AC, PW, PL, AM/FM Casette, Automatic, Cruise, tilt, \$8300 OBO, for more information call 367-2766.

**For Sale**



**House for Sale** - 1388 sq. ft. Split Level Home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Island Kitchen with Lots of cupboard space, 2x6 walls with electric heat. Double attached insulated garage on 152 acres, approximately 1.5 acre yard, co-op water, near Great Falls, asking \$120,000, phone 367-9175. 44-25

**For Rent**

**House for rent** - in Powerview call 367-8232 or 345-4307. 40-54

**Miscellaneous**

**Bankruptcy Info-line** - free, confidential. Call 1-800-463-8371. www.lctaylor.net This is a community service offered by L.C. Taylor & Co. Ltd., Trustee in Bankruptcy. 31-178

**Wedding Shower**

**It's a Shower!**  
The family and friends of **Coleen Chevrefils and Michael Oman** invite you to their wedding shower on Sunday, May 4, 2003, at 2:00pm in the Powerview Church Basement. Registered at: Sears, visit [sears.ca](http://sears.ca) and Canadian Tire.

**Auction Sales**

**Farm Auction Sale for Wayne & Cordell Hrysiol of Lac du Bonnet, Mb. Saturday, April 19, 2003, 10:00 a.m.**

Located from Lac du Bonnet, Mb, 6 miles west on Hwy. #317 and 1 1/2 miles north on Berryland Rd. or from the Jct. Hwy. #12N and Hwy. #317, go 12 miles East on Hwy. #317 and 1 1/2 miles north on Berryland Rd.

**Farm Equipment**: 1979 Versatile "875" 4WD Tractor (low hrs., always shedded); IHC "4166" 4WD Tractor; Antique Case "D-4" Gas Tractor (exc. Cond.); 2 - 1976 Ford "642" Diesel Combines (low hrs., always shedded); Ford 18" S.C. Header; Cockshutt 24" P.T. Swather; IHC "620" 30' Press Drill c/w transport carrier; IHC "300" 44' Discers in unison; IHC "645" 41' Vibrachisel w. tine harrows; J.D. "330" 30' Tandem Disc; Herman 67' Tine Harrows; Crown 3 yd. Field Scraper; Great Northern 108' Field Sprayer; 5 Grain Augers; Gehl Hammer Mill;

**Trucks and Trailer**: 1966 Ford Tandem Grain Truck (18' Strong Box w. Telescopic hoist); 1966? Ford Grain Truck w. tag axle; 6 1/2' x 20' Shopbuilt Tandem Axle Gooseneck Trailer;

**Fertilizer Bin**: Friesen 50 Ton Hopper Bottom Fertilizer Bin; **Miscellaneous**: 1250 gal. Poly Water Tank; 2 Water Pumps; 2 - 5000 gal. Above ground Fuel Tanks; 2 Husky Elec. Island Fuel Pumps; J.D. 5' FEL Bucket; Approx. 250 bu. Roblin Seed Wheat; Hyd. Drill Fills; Grain King Aeration Fan; Reddy Kerosene/Diesel Construction Heater; Cement Mixer w. elec. motor; H.D. Shopbuilt Hyd. Press; Metal Cutting and Saw; H.D. Floor Jack; Chicken Plucker; Homemade Meat Band Saw; 2 Volkswagon Dune Buggies (not running); 4 Dune Buggy Roll-Bar Cages; 1975 Ski-Doo "TNT 340" Free Air Snowmobile; Qty. of Scrap Iron including 4 vehicles; etc. For more information or fax list call:

**Capital Auctions & Appraisals, Beausejour, MB**  
Auctioneer: **Len Pleskacz**  
Ph: 1-204-268-3052

**Come & Go Tea**



**Charles and Allison Hubbard**  
**50th Wedding Anniversary**  
Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren invite you to join them for a celebration of this special occasion at a Come and Go Tea. To be held at the Stonewall 55+ Centre Saturday April 26th, 2003 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (no gifts-please bring a picture for their album) 44-28

**Cards of thanks**

Thank you to Dr. Maré for his special care and also to all of you who prayed for me. Thank you for the fruit baskets, cards, gifts, etc. Thank you to Father Gray and all those who attended the anointing. God Bless you all.  
Morris Berthelette

**Roommate Wanted**

Roommate wanted to share accommodations in Winnipeg, 2 Bedroom house furnished, close to Red River. \$325 per month/includes utilities. Call Kim at 367-8361, available immediately. 44-24

**In Memoriam**

**John (Jack) Power**

In loving memory of Jack, who passed away April 20, 1998.

Your presence we miss, Your memory we will treasure forever.

With love from Mary, John, Christy and Joel

**In loving memory of Mother, Margaret Linklater**

In a quiet little cemetery, Where the gentle breezes blow Lies the one I love so dearly, Who left a year ago.

Your resting place I visit, Mom Place flowers there with care, But no one knows the heart-ache when I turn and leave you there.

To me, Mom you were so special, what more is there to say. Except to wish with all my heart, that you were here today.

So much has happened since you had to go, Maybe up there you already know.

Please find the softest pillow Lord, to rest upon her head. Plant a kiss upon her cheek and tell her who its from.

Our days continue and our lives must go on you'll always be in my heart from dusk until dawn.

Forever loved and sadly missed, Vivian & Morris Berthelette, and son Derwin Linklater

**Sunrise School Division**  
Please be advised  
The Regular Board Meeting of Sunrise School Division scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2003 has been  
**CANCELLED & RESCHEDULED**  
To Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 7:30pm.  
At Springfield Collegiate Institute (Library) In Oakbank, Manitoba.

**Rural Municipality of Alexander**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Alexander has to present its financial plan for the fiscal year 2003 at a public hearing in the Council Chambers of the RM of Alexander on the 13th day of May, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions, or register an objection to the financial plan, as provided.  
A copy of the financial plan is available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipality at #104058 on Highway #11 in St. Georges, Manitoba.  
Dated this 9th day of April, 2003.  
R.M. Blanchette  
Chief Administrative Officer  
R.M. Of Alexander

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**REGARDING THE 2003 FINANCIAL PLAN**  
**VILLAGE OF POWerview**  
Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to subsection 162(2) of The Municipal Act that the Council of the Village of Powerview intends to present its financial plan for the fiscal year of 2003 at a public hearing in the council chambers of the Village of Powerview on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. Council will hear any person who wishes to make a representation, ask questions or register an objection to the financial plan as provided.  
Copies of the financial plan are available for review and may be examined by any person during the regular office hours of the Municipal Office at #32 - PTH No 11, Powerview, at a cost of \$0.25 per page.  
J.M. Thevenot  
Administrator  
Village of Powerview

## Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

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A report was received of mischief at the Community Hall, bus shelter and monument in Great Falls.

A report of an Intrusion Alarm at the Senior School in Lac du Bonnet. This was found to be a false alarm.

Police on patrol observed a motor vehicle accident at the corner of McArthur and 5th in the town of Lac du Bonnet. Two vehicles were involved, with no injuries. Investigation continuing, and a charge is pending.

Police checked a vehicle on Park in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The under age male driver and his under age male passenger were both noted to have been consuming liquor

and both were charged accordingly. The driver was issued a 24 hour suspension after producing a warm reading on the roadside screening device.

April 10:  
Three complaints were received in Whitemouth relative to the driving of an adult male. Subject to be charged accordingly.

A report of an under age female being supplied drugs by two adult males.

A report of an under age male being assaulted at Centennial School.

A report of a fire which had gone out of control along the Maple Creek Road in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Same burned a shed at a location.

Investigation continuing.

A report of a suspicious vehicle at a business in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and the vehicle was gone.

A report was received of two subjects being together in the town of Lac du Bonnet in violation of bail conditions. Police did not locate the subjects in question.

April 11:  
A report from Whitemouth of an adult male being outside a residence banging on the door and attempting to gain access. Police attended, however, the subject had departed. Investigation continuing with a view to laying a charge.

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dro was required when a house fire broke out at a residence on the South Shore of Fort Alexander. Cause of the fire appeared to be a faulty electrical box. The Fire Commissioners office is investigating.

Members attended a grass fire that spread to a trailer on the South Shore of Fort Alexander. Upon arrival members found the trailer burnt and further inquiry found it was being used for storage purposes. The Fire Commissioners Office was advised accordingly.

A residence on the North Shore of Fort Alexander was attended by Police where a male subject was creating problems. The subject was removed lodged in cells and released in the morning when

sober. Police attended a residence at Traverse Bay after a 911 hang up call was received from the residence. Upon arrival police found no one at this residence and further inquiries with neighbours revealed the same. The place was secure and members departed.

A residence in the RM of Alexander was attended by Police where they removed an unwanted male guest. The male was intoxicated and uncooperative so to prevent a further Breach of Peace was lodged in cells until sober.

April 13:  
A call to the South Shore of Fort Alexander had police attend a party in search of a

missing vehicle. The vehicle was located, the driver warned and the owner advised accordingly.

A query to locate a female in Kenora due to compassionate reasons was requested. Police at our point contacted Kenora and advised the family accordingly.

A young child was reported wandering on Highway 11 without supervision. Police attended and patrolled the area and made inquiries but could not locate the child.

While on a routine patrol members spotted a grass fire in the RM of Alexander. Pine Falls fire Department was contacted, attended and extinguished the blaze.

### Beatrice Muriel Boyd (nee Henderson)

Beatrice Muriel Boyd, 75, formerly of Fort Alexander, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2003 at the Pine Falls Hospital.

Born July 29, 1927 in Fort Alexander, Muriel was a daughter of the late Agnes Hope and William Mann and raised by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Henderson. On August 5, 1942, she was united in marriage to Joseph Allan Boyd. He preceded her in death in 1967. Muriel, who was stricken with rheumatoid arthritis for most of her life, was chosen as spokesperson for her fellow elders at the George M. Guimond Care Centre.

She is survived by six sons, George (Marlene), Doug (Sue), Joe, Eric (Anita), Nelson, and John (Sheila); four daughters Victoria, Verdine (Norman), Denise (Dave), Verla (Dennis), and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Besides her parents and her husband, Joseph, she was predeceased in death by her sister, Virginia Bird and a brother, George Mann.

Burial will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2003 at Anglican Christ Church, Fort Alexander, Manitoba. The Rev. Andrew Sinclair will officiate the service in Fort Alexander. Family and friends are welcome at the wake services at the Anglican Christ Church from Monday, April 14 to Thursday, April 17, 2003.

Pall bearers will be grandsons Norman (Skooks) Fontaine, Greg and Steve Prince, Harvey Alexander, Anthony Laforte, and Clinton Twoheart. Honorary pall bearers are granddaughters, Lynne and Vivian Alexander, Francine and Amber Boyd, Vanessa Fontaine and special friend, Sam Dunsford.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the George M. Guimond Care Home and the Pine Falls Hospital for the care and compassion given to Muriel.



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necessary to reach your financial goals if you are taking advantage of the proper use of asset allocation, many forms of diversification, careful product selection, calculation of minimum required and targeted annual investment returns, regular progress reviews, annual comparison of returns to benchmarks, tax managed investment strategies and more. Further, the appropriate types of products to buy, or what money managers to hire, is also important. Analyzing the many types of investment solutions according to performance, price, risk, tax efficiency and other variables plays an important part in maintaining the right investment solutions. Proper investing involves far more than running and gunning with stocks and funds - it requires a well thought out, analytical and common sense professional investment program.

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