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Lake Winnipeg lowest in sixty-five years

By Charles Norman

The level of Lake Winnipeg is the lowest it has been since 1938. Then, as now, low flows on the prairies and the Winnipeg River Drainage Basin contributed to the low levels. The low level in 1938 was the cumulative result of several years of drought on the prairies.

This year, low snow/fall last winter and low rainfall this spring have resulted in lower than normal flows in the Winnipeg, Saskatchewan and Red Rivers, but other factors are having an effect this year which did not exist in the 1930s.

A substantial amount of water is taken from the North and South Saskatchewan Rivers - and from the Red River in the US for irrigation of agricultural crops. In the 1930s the use of the rivers for irrigation was virtually non-existent.

Also comparatively new is the use of Lake Winnipeg by Manitoba Hydro for water storage. Manitoba Hydro is charged with maintaining the

level of the lake within recorded limits. Within this framework Hydro can open gates at the north end of the lake to increase flow if needed for power generation. (This usually takes place in winter when Hydro's power demand is highest.) Hydro's control of the lake is limited to increasing flow out of the lake only. The original exit from the lake is not controlled; hence flow can be increased but not decreased.

These factors - irrigation and a higher than normal rate of discharge from the lake - can result in lower lake levels than would otherwise have been the case. It appears that that has happened this year.

Fishing does not appear to have been affected - the commercial catch this year is a little above average - but the exposure of gravel beds that would be normal spawning grounds may have an impact on future stocks. Commercial fishermen have found that



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higher than normal lake temperatures have resulted in pickerel congregating in deeper parts of the lake this year.

However, low flows and low levels throughout the Winnipeg River system have had a significant impact on the

recreation use of the river. Docks, marinas and boat launches have all been adversely affected.

The heat is on

by Jim Hampshire

Heatwave expected to continue this week

The longest heatwave in recent memory is expected to continue throughout the remainder of this week as the weather office is calling for more 30-degree temperatures in the coming days.

Temperatures hit the mid-thirty degree range in most areas of the province over the past weekend, and while most area residents were able to find some relief along the shores of the Winnipeg River,

some elderly residents are having trouble coping with the heat. Personal care homes around the region have suspended most outdoor activities, including daily walks and planned outings. Temperatures in Lac du Bonnet reached 36C. on Saturday, while Sunday clocked in at a cooler 34C. The high humidity only adds to the discomfort and to the humidex reading, which hovered around 40C. for much of the weekend.

"This is the first time in seven years it's been this hot," Dave Carlsen reported over

the weekend. "It's not a big deal in terms of breaking all sorts of records but it is unusually warm for this time of year."

Temperature readings have hovered in the high-20's to low-30's over the last month, making this one of the hottest summers on record since 1976. In that year the temperatures remained above the 30 degree mark through most of the month of August. If temperatures remain as they are, August 2003 will be the hottest in the last 100 years.

Meanwhile the drought conditions we've experienced are leaving the water levels around the province at the lowest point in 65 years. Manitoba Hydro reports that the flow levels through hydro's generating stations are the lowest since 1988, which was the worst drought year on record. Locally, the water levels on the Winnipeg River are down almost two feet on average, with the Whiteshell reporting water levels down 3 to 4 feet in some areas.

The Winnipeg River feeds off of Lake of the Woods as it winds it's way into the province from Ontario. Because Lake of the Woods is down 3 feet from normal, Manitoba Hydro doesn't expect water levels on the Winnipeg River to return to normal this year.

RCMP are asking boaters to exercise caution when out on the waters and say it isn't a good idea to remain on the water after daylight hours.

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Environmental Forum

Dr. Brian G. Kotak

Managing the Forest to Conserve Woodland Caribou

Some of you may have recently noticed a newspaper-style insert in your mailbox titled Caribou at the Crossroads. This report, written by the Wilderness Committee, an environmental organization, highlights some of the threats to caribou and its habitat. The insert paints a pretty dim future for woodland caribou in Manitoba, and in particular, along the east side of Lake Winnipeg. I do not share this view.

Woodland caribou is perhaps our highest priority spe-

cies when it comes to forest management planning in Manitoba. Wise planning for wildlife can take the form of establishing protected areas where industry is prohibited and by actively managing the forest. Scientific research and wildlife surveys also are important aspects of good wildlife management. It is unfortunate that the Wilderness Committee fails to mention the existence or the work of the Eastern Manitoba Woodland Caribou Management Committee. This committee is a diverse

group of stakeholders including environmental organizations, the Manitoba Model Forest, industry, government and First Nations that have developed a scientifically-based management strategy for the Owl Lake caribou herd, a herd located in Tembec's planning area north of the Winnipeg River. The Owl Lake herd is one of the best-studied and researched caribou herds in Canada. The management strategy for this herd is the result of years of scientific study and collaboration between all groups involved in the Caribou Management Committee. It is a unique entity in Canada.

Independent research conducted on Tembec's license area, funded by industry, government and environmental organizations has shown that caribou and forest harvesting can co-exist. This research has also helped to dispel some myths about caribou. For example, roads and corridors like transmission lines are often cited as creating barriers to

habitat use and migrations. This is only partly true. Research on Tembec's license clearly shows that caribou migrations are not affected by Highway 314 in Nopiming Park, a highway which goes through the Owl Lake caribou herd's annual migration route. Monitoring also shows that caribou do not rely solely on "old growth" forests. Caribou on the East Side are found in a range of forest ages, including areas that have been logged and burned over by fires.

While it is true that caribou are pretty much absent from areas such as Whiteshell Provincial Park, it also should be noted that there is a much larger presence of 2 legged beasts (humans) in that area, complete with substantial cottage subdivisions, campgrounds, quads, boats and jet skis. Caribou are shy, solitary animals that avoid developed areas. This is not the case in the region where the Owl Lake herd is found, nor is it the case further north.

In summary, I believe the future for woodland caribou in our region is a bright one. Management practices based on scientific research, effective working relationships between stakeholders and communities, and a strong commitment by all provide a great mix to ensure the continuation of this wonderful animal. The Woodland Caribou Management Committee is now expanding on their studies using satellites and technology to learn about the animal's distribution and habitat use in the northern part of the East Side Land Use Planning Initiative. This data will be instrumental in helping to formulate wise policies (protected areas and management zones) to ensure the existence of caribou into the future.

I would appreciate hearing your point of view. Comments can be emailed to me at brian.kotak@tembec.com.

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NESDA Trail restored for visitors and students

by Charles Norman

The NESDA Pine Creek Trail, which last year was so overgrown that it was difficult to find your way through, is again open to the public.

The trail, about 8 km north of the Pine Falls Generation Station, was built by the Northeast Sustainable Development Association, (NESDA) about ten years ago. It is a self-guided trail with signage identifying trees and plants along the way. It includes a side trail to a beaver lodge, a fire pit

and picnic site, and washrooms.

Last year visitors found the trail had been badly neglected. In some places the trail was only barely discernable, signs had been vandalized and wooden seats in the picnic area had been burned for firewood.

Late last year NESDA was reactivated, a new board of directors elected, and applications for funding applied for. By this spring The Manitoba Model Forest had contributed \$10,000 and Manitoba Hydro \$7,000 towards restoring the trail and republishing educational materials.

Brushing has been completed, vandalized



Visitors and students use the NESDA Trail for educational purposes

signs have been replaced, some repairs to bridges and boardwalks have been completed, a new fire pit has been installed and new seating is being installed. Wood chips, supplied by Tembec, have been laid along the trail.

The trail is used as an

educational tool by local schools and other provincial schools. A guide for teachers has been completed and is ready for printing. A brochure for the public, to compliment the signage is also ready, and will be made available at local government

offices and businesses.

The sorry state of the trail was brought to the attention of *The Echo* last summer by visitors to the area including two from Augsburg, Germany. The same visitors this year were impressed by the amount of work that had

been done. "It's a vast improvement over last year," said one, "when you almost needed a machete to break your way through."

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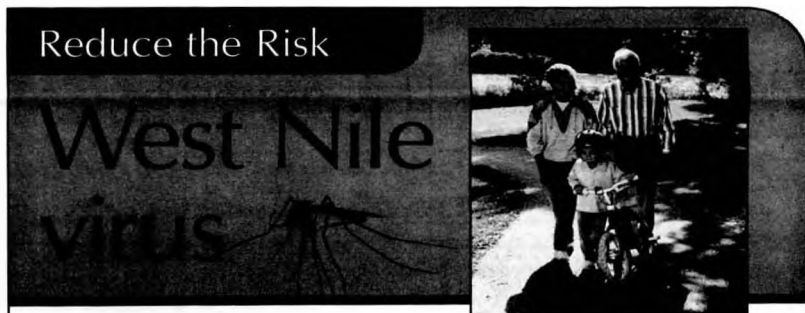
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Facts about West Nile virus

Manitoba's mosquito surveillance program has detected West Nile virus in the province. Most people who are bitten by an infected mosquito do not become ill, and for those who do, the symptoms are usually mild. In some cases, serious illness and death can occur. The risk of serious illness is higher for people over 50 years of age and people with weakened immune systems.

Reduce your risk

The risk of West Nile virus may increase as the summer progresses. You can reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes by:

- reducing the time you spend outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active;

- wearing light-coloured, loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outside;
- applying insect repellent containing DEET; and
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Agassiz Horticultural Society Annual flower show

Agassiz Horticultural Society staged its annual show August 11 at the Pioneer Club. As usual, folks from Lac du Bonnet and surrounding area turned out to view the display of flowers, fruit, vegetables, baking, preserves and handicrafts. After admiring the exhibits, they stayed to enjoy coffee and muffins and visit with gardening friends.

The three pioneers of the Hort. Society deserve special mention for their participation in the show. Mary Yakem brought a number of entries from her flower garden. Olga Urban made corsages for all the workers to wear on show day. Billie Butchart prepared the record books, was in her usual place at the registration desk on entry night, and then helped tally up the prize money.

Seven Junior Gardeners put on an impressive show of 92 entries. The judges commented on the expert preparation of their exhibits and the creativity of their flower arrangements. Here are the winners of the Junior Garden prizes:

Age 9 and under
 Best garden - 1st Heidi Schatzlein
 2nd Rebecca Betker
 3rd Kaylin Champagne
 Most points - 1st Taylor Worona
 2nd Rebecca Betker
 Best cut flower - Taylor

Worona
 Best vegetable - Taylor
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 Best arrangement - Taylor
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 Special project (longest bean) - 1st Taylor Worona
 2nd Rebecca Betker
 Baking special (pretzels) - Taylor Worona
Age 10 and over
 Best garden - 1st Katya Melnick
 2nd Bobbi Stewart
 3rd Samantha Betker
 Most points - 1st Dael Nilsson
 2nd Katya Melnick
 3rd Samantha Betker
 Best cut flower - Dael Nilsson
 Best vegetable - Samantha Betker
 Best arrangement - Stephanie Geddes
 Special project (longest bean) - 1st Katya Melnick
 2nd Dael Nilsson
 3rd Samantha Betker
 Baking special (pretzels) - Bobbi Stewart
 Dael Nilsson
 Best designer garden - 1st Dael Nilsson
 2nd Taylor Worona
 There were 26 adult exhibitors showing 404 entries. Special prizes in the adult category were as follows:
 Best rose - Mia Fournier
 Best gladiolus - Margit Karklin
 Best dahlia - Jean Martel
 Best lily - Jean Martel

Best cut flower - Carol Clegg
 Best vegetable - Carol Clegg
 Best foods exhibit - Jean Martel
 Best craft exhibit - Shirley Price
 Most points in flowers - Jean Martel
 Most points in vegetable - Carol Clegg
 Best arrangement - Grace Hrychany

Most points in show - Carol Clegg
 Baking special (tomato soup cake) - 1st Carol Clegg
 2nd Connie Grantham
 3rd Elfriede Jacobucci
 Agassiz is one of the few remaining societies in Manitoba to hold a flower show. The friendly competition of the show is a fun experience for young and old alike. We hope this tradition continues in Lac du Bonnet.

The Junior Garden Club winds up its season with a wiener roast Thursday, September 4 at 6 p.m. in Jeff and Thecla Melnick's yard.

Regular society meetings resume September 9 at 7 p.m. at Centennial School. Chris Tarrant from Assiniboine Park Conservatory will speak on "Fall Planting for Spring Bulbs". If this topic interests you, feel free to attend.

Pine Falls golf club

This Pine Falls Golf Club held their Club Championships this past weekend. With the sun blazing, and no clouds in site, club members vied for top spot. This year's winners for the Women's was Bonnie Borlase who shot a 89 on Saturday and a 90 on Sunday to win. Pauline Vincent came in second with a respectable round of 97 and a 98.

For the Men's it was Cam Boulet who shot a 78, 70 and a 70 and took top spot this year. Guy Borlase came in second with rounds of 72, 75, and 75.

Margaret Ford won for the Women's Seniors, and Gene Lazaruk won for the Men's Seniors.

Club members thanked Carl Hutchinson and his staff for the great course conditions and for all their hard work.

Once again the kitchen staff provided great food that was enjoyed by all over the weekend.



Cam Boulet won this years Pine Falls Men's Club Championship



Bonnie Borlase won this years Pine Falls Women's Club Championship

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Creating fond memories

by Pauline Bourgeois

Two weeks have come and gone. Acknowledgements are still being made, bills are paid, quilts from the display and everything else we borrowed are making their way back to their rightful owners. Videos (VHS and DVDs) are being ordered, photos are being developed and souvenirs are still being bought. The topic of conversation is slowly changing and soon nothing will be left but memories.

After fifteen months of careful planning, the Parish centennial committee was certainly glad of the attendance and outcome of the August long weekend celebrations. Following are some highlights of the event.

First, the unveiling of a historical monument to commemorate the centennial was certainly symbolic. What better way to pay tribute to the founders of the parish? These brave people arrived here more than 100 years ago. Their beginnings were difficult; they were isolated. Fortunately the resources of the river and forests were abundant and promising. The land was fertile. So they stayed, raised their families, established a community and founded a parish. Thanks to them, to their hardships and faith that carried them through, today, we can enjoy a good and fulfilling life right here on the shores of the Winnipeg River.

The monument which was

funded in part by Manitoba Culture, Heritage and Tourism, Tembec Industries, RM of Alexander and Manitoba Hydro, was erected on Baie Caron. A plaque with an inscription which was installed on a field rock to the right of the monument gives a very brief history of the Saint Georges Parish.

The slide show (video) is also an excellent tribute to the founders and the priests who served our community in the last 100 years. Through their guidance the parish was able to flourish in what it has become today. The slide show (video) is also a tribute to the past and present merchants of St. Georges, the attractions and memorable events that have occurred during the past decades. This video was produced by R and D Productions (Ron & Denise Lussier) and represented over 200 hours of their time and dedication.

Another highlight was the walking poker derby, enjoyed by nearly 150 people. It included a history trivia of St. Georges in which participants were able to learn certain facts and appreciate the history of our small town. Examples: facts pertaining to the cheese factory, the creamery, the blacksmith shop, the wheel-in, moving of the cemetery, etc. were included in the trivia.

The baseball tournament attracted many spectators with everyone cheering for different family members. Playing horseshoes, beach volleyball, cribbage or whist were other



The St. Georges Museum had hundreds of visitors pass through their doors over the St. Georges Parish weekend celebrations

ways to take up the afternoon. The lovely display of photos and quilts in the church basement were appreciated by at least 370 people who signed the guest book. The children enjoyed a fish pond, face painting and a variety of fun games to keep them occupied.

The banquet on Saturday and BBQ on Sunday were well attended and filled the tent to capacity. The entertainment on both evenings prompted people to dance on the street and create memories which will last a long time.

The community was hon-

oured by the presence of our MLA Gerald Hawranik who presented the parish with a congratulatory plaque at the banquet. Gerald had an inspiring message of hope for the future and yes, parishioners should be proud of their church which seems to overlook the

community when motorists drive up no. 11.

A centennial... a time of thanksgiving, a time to look back, a time to celebrate, a time to evaluate and fortify community spirit so we may all look forward to the future with faith and hope.

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You can't be serious Kayaking clinic held on choppy waters



by Jim Hampshire

I'd mention that, "At least this year we have sleeping bags. We won't have to cover ourselves with laundry!"

A tents situation
Every summer, usually around this time of year, I get 'the camping bug.' Normally you'd think that this means 'I get a strong desire to go camping.' But no, 'the camping bug' can be defined - at least in my books anyway -

as 'a strong desire to go to the bathroom and throw up.' This is because I've already returned from a camping trip and the experience can only be described as 'not quite as good as last year's disaster.' Please allow me to explain.

When I plan a camping trip, I am determined to always include my children, partly because the real life experience can have enormous benefits as they grow older, but mostly because my wife makes me. She, on the otherhand, stays warm and safe at home, where she can be close to her blender and her lantern lit patio, and where she can finally spend some quality time perfecting her pina colada recipes. But that's okay because fathers and sons need this time away from home to bond, and in my opinion, wives need the mid-summer break away from their house-bound children. More importantly though, my wife's pina colada recipe could use some work, also.

Now whenever fathers and sons begin to pack for a camping trip, there is always an optimistic quality in the air. The family works together in unison, itemizing every need and detail, ensuring that they won't forget the little things like they did last year when they drove away and left the tent on the garage floor, right beside the sleeping bags.

This year would be different, though. This time the tent and sleeping bags were first and foremost on the list. After all, fathers and sons don't make the same mistake twice. Instead, they make different ones.

As we began our trip, the optimistic quality that we once shared began to fade somewhat when it was discovered - about two hours down the road - that our food cooler lacked a critical item. That would be 'the food'. It seems that the perishables (ie real meat, wholesome grain bread, hot dogs, condiments and beer) would sustain better if left in the fridge at home! In order to lighten the situation, I thought

The receding optimistic quality soon turned to a collective mutiny. "No HOTDOGS?" came the cry from the youth crew. I managed to extinguish that fire with a visit to an isolated general store which, to their credit, did sell hot dog wieners and buns.

However, their 'real meat' department had been pillaged by an earlier group of campers and their selection was reduced to 'beef jerky.' Undaunted, I was able to buy the last six-pack in the region and we continued on our way.

After our 'first little setback,' the mood began to brighten as we approached the campground. "Totally AWESOME!" came the shouts from the youth crew as they surveyed the camp sites and the neighboring shoreline.

Our long trek was over and I pulled up to one of the campground's most sought after monuments - The Out-house! "What's that," questioned my unknowing youth crew. "A small cabin?"

Little did they know - or want to know - that this was in fact, their bathroom for the next three days. "Where's the bathtub and shower? How does it FLUSH? What's that horrible stench?" they asked.

Judging by the rapid-fire tone in their questions, I knew this would truly be one of the longest weekends of the summer, and I couldn't help but ponder: How does their mother manage to get out of this ordeal, year after year?

By Jim Hampshire

Scorching heat and gusty winds didn't deter 20 would-be kayakers on Sunday as the Winnipeg River Rec Commission held an instructional seminar on kayak safety in Lac du Bonnet.

The three-hour seminar, hosted by the Selkirk Kayak Club, was organized by rec director Michelle Chudd as an introductory to the sport of kayaking for students of all ages. The seminar is part of the rec commissions continuing summer recreation program, and as Chudd explained, the visiting instructors were a little busier than expected.

"Initially we expected around 12 or 15 students to come out for the kayaking course," she said from the Lakers Ski Club dock on Sunday morning. "It turned out that 20 signed up and we welcome the interest as unexpected as it was."

Chudd noted that the wind conditions were less than ideal, which made for some pretty nervous moments for the students and more specifically the instructors, who walked the shoreline to avert any premature beaching of the watercraft.

"I'm sure there's some tense moments out there on the water," she continued as she watched the students navigate the choppy waters. "But that's also the nature of this clinic - to teach water safety in all kinds of conditions."

The younger students were



After a short lesson, most students were out on the water enjoying the kayak experience

accompanied by instructors in the kayaks, which assured a safe learning environment out on the water. Some of the adult students, however, had their hands full once they left the dock.

"There are always instructors in nearby boats to offer immediate help or guidance," Chudd cautioned. "The students might be a little overwhelmed at first but they learn how to gain control of the craft in short time."

The clinic included instruction on the dreaded kayak rollover, where students purposely tip the craft upside

down and learn how to drain the water from the craft while still on the open water. Although the exercise is a safe one thanks to the personal floatation devices issued to each student, the choppy waters hampered attempts by the students to turn the watercraft upright.

Next week Chudd will turn her attention to aquatics and archery as the rec commission offers lesson in both sports. These outdoor activities will be held in Pinawa over the coming days and anyone wishing to participate is asked to call the Winnipeg River Rec District at 345-8816.

4P Family fishing derby

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The owner's of the vehicle believe their lives have been placed at grave risk as a result of the over inflation of their tires.

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Pineview Mixed Slo-pitch League

Last Tuesday August 12th, the Powerview Fire beat the Die Hards in the first of two make up games and lost the second make up game on Friday August 15th.

The win by the Die Hards secured them in first spot overall because they won three out of five in the season series with the Powerview Fire.

The series now between Out of the Blue and Simply Sagkeeng on Wednesday August 13th, Out of the Blue won the game in a 13 - 10 win over Simply Sagkeeng. The second game which was played on Thursday August 14th Simply Sagkeeng won 20 - 10, and forced a third game. This game was played on Monday August 18th and Simply Sagkeeng won over Out of the Blue in a 10 - 0 blow-out.

In the series between the Mustangs and the Misfits last Wednesday August 13th the Mustangs were 12 - 5 winners over the Misfits. On Thursday the Misfits came back to tie the series in a 17 - 4 win over the Mustangs.

The third game which was played on Monday August 18th, at Rupert Park, the Mustangs were 18 - 7 winners over the Misfits.

Teams	Games	Wins	Loses	Pts
Die Hards	25	18	7	36
Fire	25	18	7	36
Mustangs	25	12	13	24
Simply Sagkeeng	25	10	15	20
Out of the Blue	25	9	16	18
Misfits	25	8	17	16

Tuesday August 19, 2003 Best of 3 semi-finals

6:45 - Fire vs Mustangs - Rupert

5:45 - Die Hards vs Simply Sagkeeng - Industrial

7:00 - Die Hards vs Simply Sagkeeng - Industrial

Thursday August 21, 2003 Best of 3 semi-finals

6:45 - Mustangs vs Fire - Rupert

Monday August 25, 2003 Best of 3 semi-finals

6:45 - Mustangs vs Fire - Rupert (if necessary)

6:45 - Die Hards vs. Simply Sagkeeng - Industrial (If necessary)

Tuesday August 26th, 2003 Best of 3 finals begin
6:45 Rupert Park

Come out and enjoy the play-off action

Recreation Ramblings

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

The amazing line up Our Fall Flyer is being put together right now and what a line up we have for you. Pilates, Hip Hop, Hip Hop Club, Karate, Kickboxing, Italian Cooking, Ballet, Great Wines, Cardio Kickboxing, Tai Chi, Yoga...and a whole lot more. Nothing to do around here you say? I say that isn't so! The Flyer will be out and in distribution by August 27!

Bullseye - It's an archery clinic

In partnership with MB Archers and Bowhunters and Sport Manitoba Eastman region - we have an Archery Clinic lined up for Wednesday, August 20 from 1-3pm at Pinawa Community Centre for ages 8 and up. For more info contact the Rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639.

Making a splash
Speed swimming, diving and synchronized swimming all in one day! Get your daytimers out and mark this date down -

August 23 from 9-12 at Pinawa Pool. For more info contact the Rec office at 753 2639 or 345 8816.

Registration nights
Community Registration nights have been scheduled for Friday, September 5 in Ldb at the LdB Arena and Monday, September 8 at Gilbert School in Pinawa. If there are any community groups or nonprofit organizations that would like to have a table at the registration night please contact the Recreation office at 345 8816 or 753 2639.

Comin soon
Annual Terry Fox Run

Rec Report



by Jill Henderson
Recreation Director

Pulse on Participation

Summer is coming to an end, the pool will be closed for the summer Friday August 29, 2003.

The pool day that was held on August 16 was a fun filled day for all. There was a BBQ, kids games and prizes for all who attended. The turnout was great with lots of people coming out enjoying the hot weather.

There will be a CPR course offered September 20 & 21 at

Pine Falls School. The cost of the course is \$80.00 per person. A \$40.00 payment is due by August 25 so the required books can be ordered. If interested in attending you can contact Jill on or before August 25, 2003.

The children's day camp will come to an end this week with the last day on Friday instead of Thursday. The turnout for the day camp has been great.

There will be a Nation

Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) course held on September 27 & 28 2003. It is 65.00 to take the course. The NCCP helps develop coaches of any sport. If you are a coach and wish to learn more & become a better coach you can sign up by calling Jill.

I'm currently working on getting a hockey referee and coaching clinics here. In order to host either coaching clinic we need at least ten people to sign up. If you wish to sign up please contact Jill.

You can contact Jill @ 367-9142 or email me prarec2003@yahoo.com.

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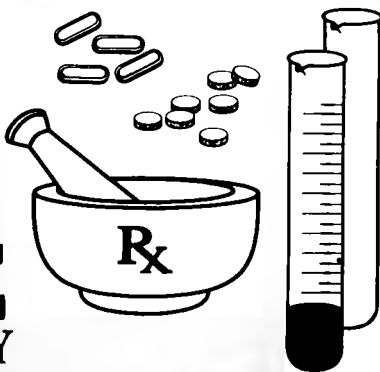
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Town Crier Events and information

By Jim Hampshire

If this recent warm weather has anyone hot under the collar, might I suggest you look ahead five months, where you might find yourself outside, scrapping the windshield of your car in order to pass time until the tow truck shows up to give you a boost because it's 42 freaking below and you have to keep moving so as not to freeze to death!

There, I'm feeling quite comfortable right now and I might even put on a sweater and go outside after I finish writing this column.

And now onto more important matters, like golf, for instance. We reported on a few tournaments coming up in past issues of The Echo, but we didn't mention the Lac du Bonnet Open, slated to tee-off in Pine Falls this Sunday morning. If I'm not mistaken, it is the oldest tournament of it's kind as they celebrate 47 years of duffing on courses around

the area. True, it has been held at the Pine Falls course more times than we can remember, but it also settled in at the Pinawa Golf Club a few times if memory serves.

This year the tournament is accepting the first 80 paid entrants and the \$40 fee will also get you dinner and prizes at Casey's Inn at Lac du Bonnet following the day on the links. As always, Martin Orvis will be organizing again this year and interested players are asked to give him a dingle for more information.

Looking past this weekend to Labor Day, the 4-P Festival could still use a few volunteers and support. This event covers five full days and it is one heck of a way to wave goodbye to the summer vacation season. Of course there's too many activities to mention in this column, but it is worth noting that there is a Friday night Jamboree, a mixed slo-pitch

tournament and a family fishing derby launching on Monday morning. For all the information and activities, please consult the advertisements in this issue of The Echo. A calendar of events will be published next week, and circulated in the communities. Any volunteers are asked to call Val at The Echo office.

Finally, the Echo Express will rattle down gravel roads en route to the annual Bird Lake Pig and Corn Roast, where we plan to pig out on corn and then hog all the pig. I do believe there might be a ticket or two left for this fun feast and info is available at Nopiming Lodge at Bird Lake.

That wraps up another informative issue, and not a moment too soon. It's getting chilly in here with our office window open. It's all mind over matter folks, just keep thinking: Snowbanks!

St. Georges Farmer's Market

By: Julie Chevreffils

Lots to offer, lots of fun

Once again it's time for the Farmer's Market Report. The past two Saturdays everyone seemed to be happy, many people came out. The vendors had many different things to sell. There were fresh vegetables, plants, lawn ornaments, baking, crafts, hand-sewn items, assorted home decorations and much more. This coming Saturday, August 23, we hope to have some more fresh vegetables, plants, lawn ornaments, crafts, and so forth.... So come out and see what this week's Farmer's Market has to offer. (In the Place McDougall parking lot, (just across from the beach) from 10 AM - 2 PM).

Also, our Willow Chair Workshop on August 9th went very well. Using their hands, some tools, and the provided material, everyone left with their own handmade willow chair. Everybody seemed to

enjoy the learning experience. Fortunately, the sun's heat seemed to be the only thing making them sweat through out the day.

Reminder - The Tea house and Mini golf are open daily from 11:30 AM till 7:30 PM. (Closed between 5-6). Everyone is welcome to come join us for a tee!

In addition, we are still looking for more recipes, so that at the end of the summer we can publish a cookbook. Whether they are for muffins, cakes, pies, puddings or even cookies, email, fax or drop off your much-loved recipes. If you have any questions or would like to join us, you can contact me by phone (367-4767), e-mail julie@winnipegriver.org, drop-off (St-Georges mini-golf & Tea House), or fax (367-9970).

4P Festival Jamboree

"Come join the fun"

Under the Big Tent Jamboree



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Come join the festivities and share in celebrating with family, friends & neighbours!

Friday,
August 29
Labour Day
Weekend
4P Festival

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- ★ Pie eating, 
- ★ Hot Dog eating,
- ★ Peach Eating
- ★ Corn on the Cob eating contests!

To be held in the Pine Falls Arena
Sunday afternoon, August 31st,
following the parade.



WINGS OF POWER

Picnic In The Park A Huge Success

By Michelle Berthelette

The Village Green was a sight to behold last Wednesday, August 13, as approximately 150 people gathered to take in the Wings of Power Picnic in The Park. The sun was shining, there were smiling faces everywhere and the beautiful music of children laughing filled the air. A light supper of sandwiches, veggies, cheese and crackers was served. Desert was also available with cookies, apples and plenty of watermelon. The real crowd pleaser was the ice cream that followed. It was a welcome treat on such a hot day.

The park offered children plenty of space to burn off energy while their parents were able to enjoy some friendly adult conversation, while still keeping the little ones in sight. Our teen volunteers, Amanda Meilleur, Stacy Peacock, Chantelle Berthelette and Stéphanie Berthelette, helped things run smoothly and added colour to the event with face painting. There were plenty of games to play and prizes for all the children. There was a free draw and five lucky youngsters will be attending the 4P Kids Day free of charge, thanks to the generosity of the 4P organizing committee. The winners of the Kids Day passes were: Colby Kemball, Cole Bergson, Stephanie Coss, Jennifer Coss and Brenda Morriveau. Congratulations to them all!

It was everything a picnic should be. We hope to see you all again next year as it promises to be even bigger and better!

Nothing More Than a Quarter Store

Our second hand store sees a steady stream of customers every week. It is a great place to find all kinds of things and like the name says, nothing's more than a quarter. Our hours are from 10 - 12 and 1-4 weekdays. For a real bargain, don't miss our Monday Madness, when everything in the store is FREE!

Do you have a little extra time on your hands? We are looking for volunteers who could come in once in a while and help in the store. We could use some help sorting donations, setting things out and tidying up. If you are interested or have any questions, call us at 367-9641.

Wondering if you can drop off donations? We accept just about everything, including the kitchen sink. We only ask that items be in fair condition. In the instance of appliances, electronics and such, they should still be in working order. We have a donation box out front where you can drop things off anytime.

Back to school time is a great time to clean out closets. It is also a time when many families are looking for children's clothing. Whether you are bored, doing some fall cleaning or looking for a good deal, remember our little store. You will be glad you did!



The children that joined Wings of Power "Picnic in the Park" had a great time playing Duck Duck Goose with a refreshing twist. It became Duck Duck Squirt as the kids squirted their "goose" with a squirt toy.

Library Corner Lac du Bonnet Regional

We did it! The final tally is in and the summer reading program has been a great success again...723 books were read by this industrious group of kids. Check out the dragon pawprints marching across the back wall - we did manage to "Catch the Dragon by the Tale" and had a lot of fun in the process! Next week we'll tell you more about the wind-up event. Keep on reading!

In the meantime we are busy putting new books on the shelf for your enjoyment. Many favourite fairy tales were featured in our program this summer. Continue to enjoy these old classics...in this new "Once upon a time" series of four books in our children's section you can read tales of trickery, tales of enchantment, barnyard tales and tuneful tales! "Dragon Tale" adventures continue in picture book form - we have "Raining Cats and Dogs", "Best Friends", and "Down the

Knuckerhole" for you to read to your youngster.

"Ernie Coombs (Mr. Dressup) brightened CBC's morning schedule for an incredible 32 years. Along with TV pals Casey and Finnegan, the kindly Mr. Dressup entertained generations of Canadian children with simple craft, sing-alongs and trips to the Tickle Trunk for costumes." We have a three video collection (75 minutes each) featuring episodes from these by-gone days.

Teens are not being forgotten. Several new fiction titles are ready for the shelf. Read "What the Birds See" by Sonya Hartnett, "Skud" by Dennis Foon, "Hit and Run" by Norah McClintock, "Big Mouth & Ugly Girl" by Joyce Carol Oates...among others. Check out the "Teen Topics" section - this non-fiction display for teens features a variety of subjects. Two books being added to this display are "Conflict

Resolution: the win-win situation" by Carolyn Casey and "Depression: What It Is, How to Beat It" by Linda Wasmer Smith.

For biography fans we have a couple of new titles. A memoir of his childhood and youth in Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan is beautifully told by Warren Cariou in a new book entitled "Lake of the Prairies: A Story of Belonging". The author teaches at the University of Manitoba. Another Manitoba author, Jake MacDonald, has written "Houseboat Chronicles" and this is now circulating as well.

Forget the heat - take it easy and read a good book!

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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Lac du Bonnet Police Report for the periods of August 8th to 15th, 2003



August 8
A report was received of a vehicle having been found submerged in the trout pond at Dorothy Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Same was towed out, and found to have been stolen from Winnipeg.

A report was received of gas siphoned out of a boat and damage to the boat ignition, with liquor stolen from a fridge, at a location on the Lee River Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of an

under age male shooting a slingshot in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The subject was located with the slingshot and taken to his grandmothers.

A report was received of vehicles not slowing down and not obeying the signage at the construction along Riverland Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

August 9

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location at Big Whiteshell in the

Whiteshell Provincial Park. Found to be a False Alarm.

A report was received of theft of gasoline from vehicles parked at a residence in Whitemouth.

A report was received of a firearm being discharged in Whitemouth. Police attended the location to find that a party was in progress and a pellet gun had been used to shoot at a tree.

A report was received of a careless operation of Personal Watercraft in Pinawa Bay.

Sunglasses and a child's life jacket were turned in as found property in Pinawa.

August 10

A report was received of the theft of a Mosquito Magnet from a location in Whitemouth. Took place overnight.

A report was received of a two vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident at the intersection of PR #307 and PTH in the R.M. of Whitemouth. Three adult females received minor injuries. Investigation continuing, and charges pending.

A report was received of damage to the windshield of a boat at Big Whiteshell in the Whiteshell Provincial Park.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location at Brereton Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Found to be False Alarm.

A report was received of an adult female being found deceased at a residence in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Subject was under Doctor care and appears to be from natural causes.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at the Lac du Bonnet Library. This was found to be false.

A report was received of an empty red gas tank being left behind at a location on Creek Bend Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet when a gas tank of gas was stolen.

August 11

A report was received of a vehicle falling off a vehicle on PR # 313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and damaging another vehicle.

A report was received of an under age female having been bitten by a dog at a location in

Auglen Park in the R.M. of Alexander. The Medical Officer of Health was notified.

A report was received of a pick up truck being lent to an adult female and the subject in question not returning same to the owner.

A report was received of a vehicle being hit by a water filled balloon thrown from a vehicle in Pinawa. The driver of the suspect vehicle was identified and followed up with as per the wishes of the complainant.

A report was received of a pick up truck being operated in a careless manner at the Nutimik Lake Campground in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. The plate number was obtained and charges are pending.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location at Jessica Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Police found that this was a False Alarm.

August 12

An under age female reported that she had been threatened over the phone in Pinawa by her ex boyfriend. Police followed up with the subject in question, who reported that he had been threatened by the complainant.

A report was received of gasoline being siphoned from a vehicle parked overnight on Cedar Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of a vehicle driving in the middle of the roadway while following two vehicles west bound on PR #317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of the theft of the Heather Way Road sign from a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of NSF cheques being passed on by an adult female at a business in Elma.

A request was received to attend the exchange of a child as per a Court Order in Whitemouth, to ensure that no breach of the peace took place.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a financial institution in Pinawa. Police attended and found this to be a false alarm.

August 13

A report was received of an under age female running away from home in Pinawa. Police attended and the subject had returned home. Child and Family Services will be involved in the situation.

An under age male was found to be operating a pick up truck in Pinawa while under the influence of alcohol and in contravention of a Learner's Licence. The subject was arrested and subsequently charged for Driving while over .08, and lodged to sober up. Release for Court with customary Licence suspension and vehicle impoundment.

A report was received of a break and enter to a shop on Dzioba Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, with a quantity of tools stolen.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location on George Carteret Way in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found it to be a False Alarm.

A report was received of an under age female not listening to her foster mother and refusing to accompany her in her vehicle, in downtown Lac du Bonnet. Police patrolled, located the subject, and returned her to her foster home.

A report was received of a hit and run to a vehicle parked at the Lac du Bonnet Library on August 7th.

A report was received from a location at Brereton Lake of a neighbor looking into the complainants yard. When police contacted the subject in question, the allegation was made that the complainant video tapes the neighbor and his family.

A report was received of a boom on a truck coming into contact with hydro lines across PR. #313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and pulling same down.

A report was received of a 4 month old pitbull running away from its owner in the Elma area.

A report was received of a threat being left on an answering machine at a residence on

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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

Presatal 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 2:30 p.m., ph. 345-2653.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, lifeline personal response system, friendly visitors, fee-for-service handy helpers. **Pioneer Club Meets** first Monday of month 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Club.

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

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

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

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

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

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

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - morning worship, 6:30 p.m. - Upper Room.

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

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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Leisure Land Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was received of a purse having been stolen from a residence on Second Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet this past Sunday.

A report was received of an Intrusion Alarm at a location on Lee Side Drive in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Found to be a False Alarm.

A report was received from a resident of Apsit Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet that an adult male and an adult female were at the complainants residence arguing and it was feared that an assault would take place. Police attended to find that both had departed. Both were subsequently located at their residence in Beausejour, and it was determined that no offence had taken place.

August 14

A report was received of a loud party at a cottage at Dorothy Lake in the Whiteshell Provincial Park. Police attended, however, prior to arriving, were advised that the party had ended and all had dispersed.

A report was received of an under age male walking on PR #214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and concern that he might have been left along the road by friends. Police attended and located the subject in question, and took him home to his parents.

A silver BMX bicycle was found on Fifth Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet and taken into police possession as Found Property.

A report was received of a grey Honda Vehicle with Minnesota plates driving erratically on P.R. #317 in the R.M. of Brokenhead.

A report was received of rocks being thrown at the gym doors of the Pinawa Secondary School. Police patrolled the area, however, the culprits had departed.

A report was received of the theft of a pick up truck from Great Falls. The vehicle in question was stopped in Powerview by Winnipeg River Detachment and the adult female who was driving was arrested for Impaired Driving and Possession of the Stolen Truck.

ECHOES FROM THE Heart

Once upon a time the colors of the world started to quarrel. All claimed that they were the best. The most important. The most useful. The favorite. Green said: "Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and of hope. I was chosen for grass, trees and leaves. Without me, all animals would die. Look over the countryside and you will see that I am in the majority."

Blue interrupted: "You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from the deep sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace, you would all be nothing." Yellow chuckled: "You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun." Orange started next to blow her trumpet: "I am the color of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the needs of human life. I carry the most important vitamins. Think of

carrots, pumpkins, oranges, mangoes, and papayas. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you." Red could stand it no longer he shouted out: "I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood - life's blood! I am the color of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire into the blood. Without me, the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the color of passion and of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy." Purple rose up to his full height: He was very tall and spoke with great pomp: "I am the color of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me for I am the sign of authority and wisdom. People do not question me! They listen and obey." Finally Indigo spoke, much more quietly than all the others, but with just as much determination: "Think of me. I am the color of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep water. You need me

for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."

And so the colors went on boasting, each convinced of his or her own superiority. Their quarreling became louder and louder. Suddenly there was a startling flash of bright lightning thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colors crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort. In the midst of the clamor, rain began to speak: "You foolish colors, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Don't you know that you were each made for a special purpose, unique and different? Join hands with one another and come to me." Doing as they were told, the colors united and joined hands. The rain continued: "From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that you can all live in peace. The Rainbow is a sign of hope for tomorrow." And so, whenever a good rain washes the world, and a Rainbow appears in the sky, let us remember to appreciate one another.

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The Lac du Bonnet Detachment along with Manitoba Crime Stoppers would like your assistance in solving the following: Stoppers.
Break & Enter, Thefts
 Several Break & Enter's, and Thefts have occurred recently in the Great Falls, Leisure Falls area. Lac du Bonnet RCMP is requesting any information regarding these occurrences. Please advise the Lac du Bonnet RCMP at 204 345-6311 or Crimestoppers.
CRIME STOPPERS
 Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000.00 in cash for information leading to an arrest in this or any other unsolved crime in Manitoba. Callers never have to reveal their identity and Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to caller ID. Call CRIME STOPPERS toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477)

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Winnipeg River RCMP Report

This report covers the period of August 5th to August 14th, 2003



ADVISORY: Winnipeg River Detachment receives numerous calls involving controlled drugs & substances for the area we serve. Illegal drugs

continue to be a problem in all the communities within our jurisdiction. We urge the public that anyone with information can call the local detachments

of Grand Marais and Powerview Community offices with any information on drugs. Callers will remain anonymous.

August 5

Grand Marais: The fire Department and Police were called to a cabin fire. No one was injured in the incident and damage was minimal.

Fort Alexander: One male was charged with uttering threats after an incident involving a female occurred.

A break and enter was reported. Cd's and alcohol were taken in the incident.

Seymourville: A male and female are charged with spousal assault after police attended a disturbance at a residence. The couple got into an argument and assaulted each other. Alcohol was not a factor in the incident.

Hollow Water: Police charged 1 female with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking. She was released on a promise to appear in Powerview Court at a later date. This is the second drug bust for this area in a year. The crackdown on drugs continues.

Powerview: An incident of

phone stalking was reported. A female youth had been contacted by a long distance caller. Police were able to locate the male subject and warn him. Further calls may have the male charged.

August 6

Long Lake: Complaints of ATV's racing around the park area. Residents afraid the under aged youth will have an accident soon. A patrol of the area is requested to catch the youth in action.

Traverse Bay: A Mosquito Magnet valued at \$1,400.00 US funds was taken from a residence.

Fort Alexander: Members assisted in turning back a youth who was in the process of breaching his curfew by leaving the area. The youth was returned home.

Two missing youth were apprehended by Winnipeg Police Service after they were contacted by the Powerview RCMP. A meet was made with the parent and Winnipeg Police Service and the youth turned over.

Seymourville: An adult male and a youth were lodged in cells until sober after Police re-

ceived a call of an intoxicated male throwing rocks at vehicles. A residence was attended and found both subjects intoxicated. The adult male was charged with Breach of Probation and the youth with minor consume.

Boulder Bay: Two break and enters occurred to cottages in the area. Access to 1 cottage was gained via a bedroom window the other a front door was damaged. Unknown if anything was taken at this time. The cottage owners were contacted for lists of items.

August 7

Little Black River: Police were advised to be on the look out for a youth who took a vehicle without the owners consent. A short pursuit of the vehicle ended with the youth being arrested and escorted to the detachment. Further investigation and in consultation with the parents, the female youth was charged with mischief.

Lakeshore Heights: A youth was spoken to after a complaint

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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: Tues. 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Thurs. 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., Fri. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 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., whilst every Thursday 1:30 p.m.

Pine Falls Health Auxiliary: meetings first Tuesday of every month 1:30 p.m.
Cottage Country Business Assoc.: meets first Monday of the month 7:00 p.m. October through May, phone 756-2596.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Village of Powerview: meets second Tuesday of each month.
Winnipeg River Sealer Service Inc.: Coordinator Tina Polischuk, Pine Falls Health Complex, phone 367-9128, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Services: transportation, home maintenance, foot care, volunteer help, info.

Family Care Giver Support Group: at the United Church, Pine Falls, last Thursday of the month 7:00 p.m.
AA & Al-Anon - The Beaches family group: Thursdays 8:00 p.m., Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, 1 Ateah Road, 756-8018 or 756-2101.

Happy Tots Day Care 367-2601: board meetings last Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the daycare.
Senior Scene Inc. #1 Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach: General meetings second Tuesday of the month, 756-6468 for more info.

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

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

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

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

Pine Falls Library open 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Weight Watchers Meeting: Every Thursday - weigh in at 4:45 to 5:30pm. necessary) and any other advice you may wish, please call 367-5406 for more info.

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

Winnipeg River Church Services

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

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

PINE FALLS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE 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, Greenwood 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 633-2625 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN - Sunday 7:30 p.m. at Hollow Water.

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



Your voice in Ottawa
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

Ignoring The Law

In the never-ending saga of C-68 gun registry deadlines, another legal deadline has come and gone, leaving many of Canada's gun owner's criminals under the law. Under C-68 gun owners who failed to register their guns by the end of June 30 potentially face criminal charges.

The effectiveness of this "billion-dollar and counting" gun registry is seriously in doubt because of problems with the computerized storage system. According to recent reports many of the records of those who already registered are missing. Furthermore at least six provinces are either considering or have decided to leave enforcement of gun registration laws up to federal officials.

Nevertheless, the Solicitor General, Wayne Easter, fuelled by a gun registry budget of approximately \$200 million tax dollars a year, continues to encourage Canadians to register their long guns. Part of this "encouragement" is his stated

policy that he will not prosecute those who decide to register their guns even though they are now breaking the law.

The Minister is not entitled to simply decide to ignore the law, his decision strikes at the heart of a parliamentary democracy. In a landmark Manitoba case decided in 1977, the Court of Appeal reaffirmed the legal principle that a minister of the Crown may not suspend the prosecution of laws without the consent of Parliament. This principle arose out of the struggle for sovereignty between the Crown and Parliament, a struggle in which, fortunately for democracy, Parliament emerged the victor, as exemplified by the enactment of the Bill of Rights in 1988.

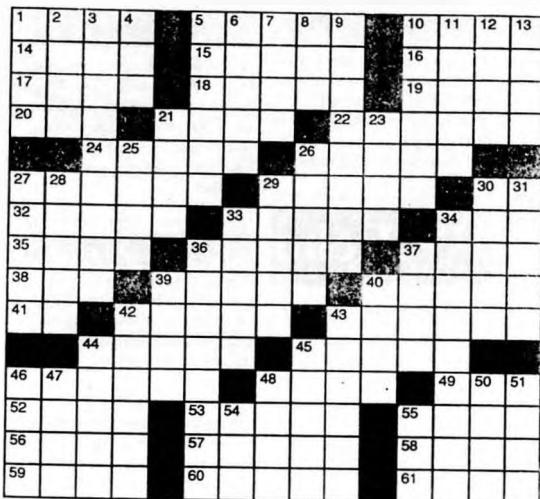
While the provinces are under no obligation to enforce a federal law, and although a prosecutor may decide not to prosecute a specific case based on the particular facts of the case, a federal minister of the Crown may not simply sus-

pend the prosecution of a law of Parliament. As the Manitoba court in Catagas noted: "The pretended power of dispensing with laws, or the execution of laws by regal authority, is illegal."

The Solicitor General cannot continue to break the law. If he wishes to suspend the operation of the gun registry, he should go back to Parliament to seek that authority. I, for one, would be more than happy to provide him with the authority to not only suspend this foolish law, but to permanently repeal it.

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 at 1-866-333-1933 or at 204-326-9889 or in Altona at 204-324-9709 or in Lac du Bonnet at 204-345-9762. You may write me at Box 2470, Steinbach, MB R0A 2A0, by fax at 204-346-9874 or by e-mail at toewsvj@mts.net

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. "___ and Circumstance"
- 5. Well grounded
- 10. Boil slowly
- 14. Opera melody
- 15. Overhead
- 16. Scarlet O'Hara's home
- 17. Scold

DOWN

- 18. Tardier
- 19. Sour
- 20. Actor Wallach
- 21. Jokers
- 22. Tempt
- 24. Get up
- 26. Frozen rain
- 27. Go to bed

- 29. Assumed name
- 30. Road (abbr.)
- 32. Evade
- 33. Decree
- 34. Automobile
- 35. Be concerned
- 36. Political pamphlet
- 37. Cherish
- 38. American Indian
- 39. Curtain
- 40. Multiplied by
- 41. Scale tone
- 42. Lift
- 43. Beasts of burden
- 44. Sheer net fabric
- 45. Tossed greens
- 46. Round bulging vessel
- 48. Gloomy
- 49. Chemical suffix
- 52. Egg shaped
- 53. Angry
- 55. Actor Newman
- 56. Menereal deposit
- 57. Seeps
- 58. Dollar bills
- 59. Was in debt
- 60. Requires
- 61. Small island

- 3. Very small painting
- 4. Square of butter
- 5. Traveling bag
- 6. Diminish
- 7. Land portions
- 8. I have (contr.)
- 9. Run-down
- 10. Declares
- 11. Unspoken
- 12. Author Ambler
- 13. Walk in water
- 21. Metal thread
- 23. Tidy
- 25. Be conveyed
- 26. Wedge of pie
- 27. Happen again
- 28. Fill with joy
- 29. Make fit
- 30. Tangle
- 31. Woman's garment

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ZOA CAMPQQPQM PV ZOA TDVZ RF
GZ DW ZOA UDG N

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

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WEEKLY ECHO

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)



Make those phone calls and pay your bills. Be careful not to sign your time or your cash away. Extravagance and overindulgence are not a cure if you're feeling sorry for yourself.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)



You will be a real chatterbox this week. Expect to pay more than anticipated for entertainment or other purchases. Don't expect the whole family to be overjoyed.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)



Your best efforts will come through hard work. Be careful when using machinery or electrical equipment. Realize that you don't have to do everything yourself.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)



Travel will be most enticing. Consider a cruise. Include the whole family or those you love. Try to curb your bad habits. Your outgoing nature will win hearts.

HOROSCOPE

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)



Avoid being intimately involved with clients or colleagues. Don't let your partner get away with spending too much of your money. Difficulties with females you live with could cause emotional stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)



Social activities or travel should be in your plans. This will be a good day for research and for sitting down with some good, informative reading material. Don't hold back; go with the flow and take a bit of a chance. Take time to catch up on overdue correspondence.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)



Good friends will give you honest answers. You can make changes to your home that will be pleasing to all concerned. You will find that you are able to clear up a number of small but important details. Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)



Involvement in groups of interest will bring you in touch with important individuals. If they're too demanding, reconsider this union.

for the week of August 17th to 23th

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)



Someone you work with may be trying to make you look bad. Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. Think twice before you speak. Social events held in your home will be successful and entertaining for all.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)



You can make changes to your living quarters, but not everyone will be pleased with your efforts. Do not overspend on entertainment. You will be able to pick up on future trends if you keep your eyes peeled for unique ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)



Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. Curb any jealous fits if your partner has been flirting with someone else. You should get into programs that will enhance your appearance and help you to be the best that you can.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)



You will also encounter individuals who can help you further your goals. Your bankbook will suffer and your restrictions will put a damper on your relationship. Try to curb your bad habits.

Echo Classifieds



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Well Water Pump new, manufactured by Red Jacket, half horse power, 3450 RPM's. asking \$225.00 OBO.

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Industrial Lawn Edger, powered by 2 horse power, Briggs & Stratton, Good condition, \$275.00 OBO.

Various heavy duty chains with hooks. Call Bill at 669-2767

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JD Swather 15' \$800.00 call 345-0002.

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THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In Accordance with Section 194 of the Municipal Act, NOTICE in hereby given that copies of the 2002 Audited Financial Report of the Rural Municipality of Alexander, together with the related statements have been deposited at the office of the Municipality and are available for inspection at any time during regular office hours.

Rose-Marie Blanche
Chief Administrator Office
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Dated at Powerview, in Manitoba, this 7th day of August, 2003.

J.M. Thevenot
Administrator
Village of Powerview

Winnipeg River RCMP Report

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was received of ATV in the area not being driven properly and in violation of the Off Road Vehicles Act.

Fort Alexander: Police are still investigating reports of an assault in the area. A victim has not come forward at this time.

August 8
Hollow Water: A local Daycare was the victim of mischief & property damage. Several windows were broken in the incident.

Fort Alexander: One male was arrested and charged in breach of court order of a no contact order with an ex spouse.

A male was picked up for impaired driving and also was wanted on another matter of spousal assault.

An assault involving youth was referred to Child and Family Services for assistance. Further investigation revealed the children were fighting among themselves and it was not a police matter in this instance.

An assault with a weapon is under investigation. Police responded to a call where 2 males were involved in a fight. One male was taken to hospital with cuts to his face from a beer bottle.

Lake Winnipeg: A search for a boat in the area resulted in locating it as it had hit a reef and limped into shore. There were no human injuries in the incident just damages to the small vessel.

Patricia Beach: Query to locate an individual for a family emergency who was staying in the area were unsuccessful. The family was advised accordingly.

August 9
Powerview: A vehicle was stopped on Highway 11 due to complaints of an erratic driver in the area. A male driver was charged with refusal of a breath demand and having to valid drivers license.

Grand Beach: A vandalism to a vehicle and theft from another motor vehicle were reported. A stereo was taken from the 2nd vehicle and a backpack.

Police attended 2 locations with complaints of loud music and parties.

Grand Marais: Officers attended a loud party to have the music turned down and the

owner warned. The owner did same and officers left the area.

Lake Winnipeg: A warning was issued to a commercial fisherman to produce a valid registration and fishing licence for his vessel.

Pine Falls: Two youth were assaulted by 2 adults and robbed of a bicycle. The adults were located shortly with the bicycle and charged accordingly.

Traverse Bay: A walk through at a local hotel was requested when several patrons started to become unruly. Members attended and the situation stabilized quickly.

August 10
R.M. of Alexander: Query to locate a missing female youth after she did not return home was requested. The female was located later and returned to parents.

Fort Alexander: A social night out ended badly for a couple as police were called to a spousal assault. Alcohol was involved in the incident. Both spouses were observed to have bruising and scratches in the facial and arm area. Investigation continues.

Police are looking for a 1996 - 4 door red Ford explorer which was stolen from a residence.

Grand Beach Park: A local bar was the victim of mischief and property damage when 2 patrons got out of hand. The males were identified and charged in the incident. Investigation continues.

August 11
Hillside Beach: An attempted theft of a vehicle occurred in the wee morning hours. Damages were minimal and the vehicle still operational.

A break and enter occurred where entry was gained by a door being kicked in. Unknown at this time if anything was taken in the incident. Police are waiting for the owner who is away to respond to them.

Little Black River: A break, enter and theft occurred to a residence. Stolen were a play station 2, dvd's and cd's. Access was gained through a basement window.

A weed-eater was taken from the band office. The item went missing during Treaty Days.

Hollow Water: Police responded to a complaint of an assault with a weapon. A

male subject in breach of a protection order assaulted an ex spouse and proceeded to try and attack another male with a baseball bat. Charges are pending as police try to locate the male suspect. Their investigation continues.

Grand Marais: A stolen vehicle was recovered burnt out. The owner was advised accordingly.

August 12
Hillside Beach: Three break and enters were reported. Entry was gained in 2 cottages the first however a screen and patio door were damaged to a porch but the main cabin was not accessed. To date 1 TV was reported stolen. Investigation continues.

Fort Alexander: A local gas bar was the victim of a gas and dash. Police located the suspect and the owner reimbursed the cash. No charges were laid

in the incident. A house party went astray when an assault occurred. Police continue to investigate.

Grand Marais: Several reports of mischief around the area had windows broken on 2 vehicles and to a local gospel chapel.

August 13
Fort Alexander: Two vehicles were stolen overnight. 1 was recovered in Winnipeg with the steering column damaged and a flat tire. The owner was advised. The second vehicle was located in a ditch in the area.

A local business was the victim of a break, enter and theft. All computer and office equipment was stolen. Point of entry was a small window.

Traverse Bay: A break, enter and theft at a cottage occurred. The owner found a freezer open in the incident as well but nothing appeared to be taken. A list of items missing would be forthcoming.

August 14
R.M. of Alexander: Complaint of ATV's running on

grain fields was received. Crops are at their peak and being ruined with the traffic. Members to patrol area.

Hillside Beach: Members assisted a horse owner in rounding up several animals. A complaint had been made earlier of the horses being loose around the area. The animals were rounded up and went on their way.

Beaconia: A missing youth had members out searching the area. The youth returned home later that evening. No further action was necessary.

Seymourville: An ongoing dispute resulted in 4 reports of assault in and around the community. 2 people have been charged so far in the incidents. Investigation continues.

Police request that if you have any information with any of the above noted incidents, or any other criminal matter, you are asked to call the Winnipeg River Detachment at 367-2222 or you can remain anonymous and call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-782-8477.

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