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## Softwood lumber proposal not all good news

by Charles Norman

The US softwood lumber industry has made a proposal to end the softwood lumber dispute which would result in there never being a Sagkeeng sawmill, nor a sawmill at Hollow Water, nor at Berens River, nor anywhere else in Manitoba ever. There would be no new paper machine in Pine Falls and the possibility of close to a thousand high-paying jobs would evaporate.

The United States has illegally (i.e. Contrary to the Free Trade Agreement) imposed a 27% tariff on Canadian softwood lumber exports to the US claiming that stumpage rates charged by most provincial governments are a subsidy and therefore violate the agreement. The World Trade Organization and a Free Trade Agreement panel have found no basis for the US industries claims, nevertheless the tariff is still in place and is likely to remain there for several years while the appeal process is followed. Once this has been completed the US industry can probably find another spurious challenge and start the process all over again.

The Canadian Industry is hurting. There have been massive layoffs in some areas and 1.8 billion dollars has been taken, (illegally) from Canadian lumber producers. As a result there is an urgent need to solve the problem.

The essence of the American proposal is that Canada accept a limit of 31% of the US market, down from the cur-

rent 33.5%. That a penalty of US\$200 per thousand board feet be paid on any exports above that limit, and that Canadian producers get back 48% of the 1.8 billion dollars that has been taken from them illegally. The other 52% will be given to US producers.

The amazing aspect to the whole proposal is not only that the US industry had the gall to propose it, but that British Columbia is anxious to sign the deal. (So is Abitibi Price, but lumber represents only 5% of their business.)

The proposal is not likely to be accepted. Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, all major lumber producing provinces, have indicated that the deal is not acceptable. Tembec President Frank Dottori has said that Tembec will not accept any deal that does not result in a return to free trade within a year or two. At press time Manitoba officials had not had a chance to study the proposal, (which was hammered out on Saturday).

The US\$200 per thousand board feet penalty, would not only make it prohibitive to compete in the US market, but would also wreak havoc in the Canadian market since Canadian buyers would know that Canadian mills would have to accept a price comparative with the US price less the penalty. The price net to Canadian mills would probably be very close to the cost of production.

## NEHA announces two week shut down of Pine Falls Hospital emergency services



by Charles Norman

In a Friday, December 5 press release the North Eastman Health Association announced that emergency room services at the Pine Falls Hospital would be shut down from 8:00 am Wednesday December 24, 2003 to Tuesday January 6 at 8:00 am.

NEHA cited a temporary shortage of physicians as the reason for the closure.

NEHA is responsible for emergency room services at the hospital. In the past they have arranged for physicians from the Blue Water Medical group to cover emergency services, however Blue Water currently has only three physicians on staff, (down from a normal compliment of five), and two of them will be on holiday over the Christmas season. Since it

is obviously impossible for one doctor to handle all emergencies, NEHA has decided to close the emergency room in Pine Falls. Patients requiring emergency treatment are advised to go to Beausejour, Selkirk or Pinawa where a full compliment of doctors will be handling emergencies. The Blue Water clinic will be open during normal business hours during the holidays.

The shortage of doctors may not be temporary. Pine Falls has, until recently, recruited physicians from South Africa, where medical training is amongst the best in the world, (The first heart transplant took place in South Africa). South African Physicians were allowed to come to Manitoba and begin to practice immediately. Physicians from other parts of

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# Tracking devices for highrisk offenders

I am writing this letter regarding the recent murder of Sheryl Zechel.

The death of Sheryl hit home hard. I know the family because Pam and I both graduated from Whitemouth School. I was shocked, as others across Manitoba were, that Sheryl was murdered. Of grave concern as well was the fact that five young children were left without their mother and the guidance and love she provided for them.

Court orders should be worth more than the paper they are written on. Judges can issue orders, but if those orders are not monitored and enforced, they are useless. Sheryl's common law husband

was under a court order of "no contact" with his spouse. He chose to ignore that court order, and was again brought to court and then released. It was after this final release that he murdered Sheryl. Those who breach court orders ought not to be granted further release, but in this case he was released. This is not acceptable to me, nor to responsible law-abiding Manitobans. In addition, those who are under "no contact" orders ought to be monitored properly. It is not acceptable to simply pronounce a court order of "no contact". I believe it is incumbent on the government to effectively monitor these court orders. I believe that an ankle bracelet

or G.P.S. monitoring system needs to be implemented to ensure that the "no contact" court orders are enforced. If an ankle bracelet or G.P.S. system had been implemented in this case, Sheryl may still be alive.

I asked questions of the Minister of Justice in Question Period on Monday, December 1, 2003, and I am not satisfied with his answers. My questions and his answers are available in Hansard, the official publication of the Manitoba Legislature, online at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/leg-asmb/hansard/index.html>.

Thank you, Gerald Hawranik, MLA for Lac du Bonnet Constituency

# NEHA announces two week shut down of Pine Falls Hospital emergency services

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the world were required to write an examination in their country of origin prior to being allowed to practice in Manitoba. A complaint to the Human Rights Commission that this was discriminatory resulted in South African physicians having to take the examination in South Africa. Saskatchewan has not made that stipulation. As a result South African physicians are going to Saskatchewan. This coupled with a somewhat difficult relationship between NEHA and Blue Water is making it very difficult to recruit and keep doctors in Pine Falls. A complicating factor is the fact that there is a need for 150 doctors in Winnipeg where there is no need to deal with NEHA.

NEHA Chief Executive

Officer, Jim Hayes said Blue Water contacted more than 100 doctors in order to find replacements but were not successful. He agreed that the change in examination policy was probably a factor. He said NEHA has now developed an excellent working relationship with the remaining physicians at Blue Water. To overcome the shortage he said NEHA will be recruiting physicians themselves and these physicians will work with Blue Water doctors in the Pine Falls Heath Complex in providing primary health care to local people. They will not be on staff in time to deal with the current crisis.

Hayes said that it was impractical to move doctors from Pinawa or Beausejour to cover the crisis in Pine Falls because these hospitals are also subject to lower staffing because of the Christmas holidays.

Lac du Bonnet MLA Gerald Hawranik puts the blame for the closure squarely on the shoulders of NEHA for not seeing the crisis coming. "They should have taken steps to prevent it," He said. Also he is not sure that closing the emergency room is the only option. "There has to be another way," He said.

Hawranik said the board has to be more accountable. "The only way is to have elections." He said health should not be subject to party politics and boards should not depend on the party in power. "We, (the conservative party) are in favour of health board elections so that they are representative of the people they serve."

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## RCMP work to keep roads safe

By Jim Hampshire

'Tis the season to be jolly and regional RCMP would like nothing better. This is why they are working to keep drunk drivers off the highways this holiday season.

"Generally the trend is that people are getting the message," Staff Sergeant Mel Mitchell said this week from the Lac Du Bonnet Detachment. "We had the Check Stop Program out on the roads over this past weekend and we found no violations regarding alcohol and driving." Mitchell reports that the program began on December 1, which is a little early compared to past years. This year, Mitchell says the program was introduced in conjunction with the Ignition Interlock Program, which is a new weapon against drinking and driving.

"Basically, a device is installed in the vehicle of a convicted drunk driver," the Staff Sergeant explained. "In order to use your own vehicle, you first have to blow into this device to find out if the driver is sober before the vehicle is allowed to start."

Based on other provincial Interlock Programs, anyone using the vehicle equipped with this device will have to pass an onboard breathalyzer before the ignition system will operate, and that could lead to some embarrassing moments for family members.

"As far as we know, Alberta and Ontario have incorporated this program and it has been very effective," Mitchell noted. "It certainly cuts down on repeat offenders."

According to information on the Ignition Interlock Program, any convicted impaired driver would have

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## 2nd annual 'Ice Breaker'

The second annual Ice Breaker senior bonspiel was held on Monday, December 2, at the Pine Falls Curling Club.

Once again the one day bonspiel was a big success. Jack Shwaluk/skip and his team Don Mills/third, Norm Pachowsky/second, and Denise Allison/lead were this year's winners.

There was 24 senior teams that competed in the Ice Breaker spiel which was hosted by the Rural Municipality of Alexander.

Curlers got to watch, and participate in some closely played matches. After all the play was said and done curlers enjoyed



The 2003 Ice Breaker Senior Bonspiel winners, (Left to Right) Denise Allison/lead, Norm Pachowsky/second, Don Mills/third, and Jack Shwaluk/skip

a nice meal, and were pleased to select from a large assortment of great

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# Tembec hosts annual Christmas party



Face painting was a popular attraction at this year's Christmas party.



Santa was busy with hundreds of children that came to tell him of their Christmas wishes.

Tembec - Pine Falls Operations hosted their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7 at the Pine Falls School.

The annual party started at 12:00 noon for all mill employees and their families. Organizers estimated that approximately 300 children would be in attendance.

There were many activities available to entertain the children. One of the most popular being the giant inflatable slide. Where nearly all the kids and even a few parents waited patiently in line to try.

Cookie decorating with all the fixings was a popular stop.

It featured Christmas trees and gingerbread men with a large assortment of frosting colours and sprinkles to adorn them with.

A balloonist was on hand to make dogs, bunnies, swords, and hats.

Craft tables were also set up. One featured supplies needed to make angel ornaments. One table had beads for making wreath ornaments or bracelets. While the other had a large assortment of coloured paper, stickers and stamps to create that perfect Christmas card for mom.

Of course the highlight of the day was Santa Claus. Chil-

dren were able to tell Santa how well behaved they have been and opt for a polaroid keepsake. Santa naturally handed out treats to all the good boys and girls.

At 2:00pm children and parents were treated to a wonderful magic show. Everyone was amazed as a sword was passed through a balloon, and poinsettias appeared out of nowhere.

Once again, as can be told by the children's joyful faces that this year's Christmas party was a huge success. Special thanks to this year's organizers and volunteers.




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# Midnight Madness Prevails

## Annual Shopping Blitz Hits Lac Du Bonnet

By Jim Hampshire

It might have been called midnight madness but you likely didn't see any angry faces when shoppers took advantage of the late night deals offered by the business community in Lac Du Bonnet last week.

The annual shopping extravaganza, held last Thursday evening, not only offered some very surprising sales, it also offered a number of draw prizes from participating businesses. In order to win, shoppers were given a road map of each local participating store and a visit to any random store would garner one stamp for the road map. At the end of the evening, any road map that

contained six stamps or more was eligible for the prize draw.

Tim Wood, President of the Lac Du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce, says that this year was perhaps the most successful Midnight Madness in the six year history of the event. "It was very well received," Wood said following the extravaganza. "When you considered the weather last Thursday and the fact that we had more shoppers than previous years, it was very remarkable."

Wood notes that over 100 road maps were turned in for the prize draw on Thursday evening, and that number may only reflect a portion of the customers who took advantage of the late night sales blitz. In all, 18 businesses took part this year and by all accounts, traffic within the stores exceeded expectations.

"Every participating busi-

ness reported very high volume," Wood remarked. "I know I was at Canadian Gusto on McArthur Avenue and the store was packed."

Wood reports that the Christmas season can be a make-or-break time for small businesses and it is especially important to organize local events, such as Midnight Madness, in order to keep local business alive and well.

"It was wonderful to see the public respond like they did," Wood explained. "Obviously some businesses do very well all year around, but we need to keep all businesses on the plus side of the ledger so local shoppers have selection and Lac Du Bonnet has a healthy business community."

The Lac Du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce organizes Midnight Madness each year around this time, and accord-

ing to Wood, many local shoppers are surprised at what they find.

"The city businesses are easily accessible and you can't blame people for shopping for bargains at city stores," Wood offered. "But at the same time, many of these same people have discovered local shops with great service and some interesting merchandise because of this latest promotion."

The Chamber President pointed to Canadian Gusto as an example. The Canadian art gift shop only opened less than a year ago but already people are finding that it is a treasure trove of interesting gift ideas, especially for the Christmas season. At this time of year,

Wood agrees that this is a crucial time of year for any small business as Christmas sales can often equal 25 percent of annual revenue.

In all, 10 prizes were awarded to 10 lucky shoppers, ranging from gift certificates to merchandise. This year, winners included Pat Howard, Sharon Gortz, Dael Nilsson, Lena Gauthier, Janice Halliday, Bob (Chopper) Veilleux and Marie Gebauer, just to name a few. Winners and prizes were still being sorted out as of press time but the Lac Du Bonnet Chamber of Commerce would like to extend congratulations to all winners, and a vote of thanks to all who took part in this event.

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# A Student Perspective

By: Jarret Pachkowsky

Christmas holidays are just around the corner! The last day of classes is December, Friday 19th. That means only 10 days of school until Christmas break! There are some upcoming events in the school such as our annual Christmas Concert as well as an annual Christmas Formal Dance put on by the Grads of 2004 for grades 9 to 12. The staff and students at Ecole Powerview School ask for your generosity in donating to the Christmas hampers this Christmas season!

This year's Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm. A reminder to parents, please drop your child off at 6:00pm while you find your seat. There will be a silent auction at the door to help raise money for future activities in the school. If you wish you may purchase Christmas Concert DVD's for 20\$, all proceeds will go towards the video production class. Hope to see you all there, enjoy the show!

The grads of 2004 recently sold and delivered Poinsettias. The grads would like to thank the community for their kind support and generosity once again. Without the continuous support of the community, grad would be a lot more difficult to

make possible. Thank you!

The Christmas Formal will be held on Friday, December 12th. The Dance is from 8 to 12pm. The grads are looking forward to seeing you all there! A breathalyzer? Yes, one of the devices have been purchased by the school. In some recent interviews with students at the school, the response was nothing but negative feedback on the recent purchase. Many Students said things like "is this prison", "I think its stupid, it's a waste of money", "well why don't you just have cops at the dance on a temporary basis at the door handing out tickets and fines, you don't cause that would just be stupid and unfair", "what if somebody is sick, then everybody will get sick". The students are rather upset and are not impressed at all, its not the idea of being able to go to the dance after you have been drinking, it's the fact that we are trying to get students to go to dances, this is just another reason not to go! I think we should come to reality, the students that drink, will drink no matter what. If people think this will help the drinking problem amongst minors, it wont, it just degrades the school spirit because now nobody wants to come to school dances! What a "great" idea!

# You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

## Up a tree without a paddle

If a tree falls in your living room, and no one is there to hear it, do the breaking ornaments make a sound? Of course they do! They go "ouch!" Or at least the dog does as he crawls out from underneath the rubble and devastation, but that was last year and I believe the dog has learned his lesson. I can tell because of the way he was crouching in the opposite corner of the livingroom, growling and shaking violently as we decorated our tree last week. Yes, Christmas can be fun for the whole family, including pets, as long as you provide a few safeguards, especially when it comes to your Christmas tree. So break out the egg nog and read on, Meduff, as I present my Christmas tree safety tips.

First you have to go out and get an actual Christmas tree, and the selection process is of vital importance for a safe flame-free holiday. I admit that when selecting my own trees in past years, I have made a few errors, causing my insurance rates to skyrocket, but after some years of trial and error (mostly error) I believe that I have the experience necessary to help you select a sturdy tree.

For example, if you prefer to go out and cut your own tree right out of the wilds, then you should consider that you don't just cut down the first tree you come across. That would be the skinny sapling you see in the ditch, and although it looks

like it could use a good home, it's too weak to support the decorations and it would be bone dry in a matter of days to be of any real lasting value. What you need is a tree with a thick, sturdy trunk as a good base weight. This is why you must convince the kids, who wanted to come along on the journey not half an hour ago, that they must trudge on in deep snow as you lead them into a "poplar forest" in search of "the greatest fir tree on earth".

After the first hour you should have some idea that "the greatest fir tree on earth" doesn't grow among a "poplar forest" and you should heed the children's cry as they whine to go home. But a true woodsman - as I'm sure you are - will carry on despite the hardships, for over the next hill might lie "Christmas tree crest" - the hidden valley of the giant fir! Okay, so you stumble onto a field of birch and throw a tantrum, and then crawl back to the section of the road where you thought you left your car, only to find that you've wandered four miles west by mistake - buck up, that's all part of the adventure! But don't worry because when you finally get back to your car, that ditch sapling is going to look pretty good! And what's more, you can incorporate a few safety rules to make that ragged little sapling a safe fixture in your home over the holidays. I'll tell you what, I'll rattle them off while you snap off that little twig and place it into the trunk of your car. Ooooh! I hope it's not too big to fit.

The first rule of thumb, and most fingers, is to learn how to point them. In other words, if anyone asks, it was the kids who adored that scrawny shrub that's now standing in the place

where you normally put your "real Christmas tree". Also tell them that you had your eye on a giant redwood but you knew all too well that the car would be crushed under its massive weight during transit.

The second, and most important safety rule, is that the tree should be secured to a good strong foundation so that it won't topple over from any breeze you might make as you whisk by. My secret is in the sauce, or should I say, in the tree stand.

First, find yourself a good durable stand - not the "butter-dish" type stand that people often used in days gone by. I find that a large bucket works well, and once you add a couple shovels full of sand and gravel, and of course some ample water along with two bags of cement, all that's left to do is let it set overnight and you couldn't knock that tree over with a Buick!

Another important safety rule deals with the type of tree you brought into your home. For instance, if your Christmas twig was a blue spruce, then it's a good idea to add a little sugar to the water. However, if your yule-tide stick happened to be from a different tree species - let's say the tumbleweed family - then no amount of water, or sugar, is going to help it and it's best not to keep anything remotely warm in the same room. Even body heat could ignite an embarrassing situation.

Well, as usual, I've taken up too much of your time. I could go on and on about Christmas tree safety but seeing as how the smell of smoke has become a daily event around my house, I have to go throw another bucket of water on the decorated deadfall in the corner of my livingroom! (ho ho ho, "green giant" my butt!)

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# Midget Hockey News

By Jarret Pachkowski

Hey Sports fans! These past couple of weeks your Jr. Pine Falls Paper Kings were rather busy playing in a tournament and one regular season game. The boys started the tourney off with some very poor hockey, but by the end came out with a solid game to finish off the tournament.

On Wednesday evening the boys played their first game of the tourney against a very tough Steinbach team. Only five minutes into the first period our boys found themselves behind 4 to 0. Our midget squad knew something had to change, the boys found themselves standing still, watching Steinbach simply schooled our boys, showing them that you must come prepared, physi-

cally and mentally. Our boys came unprepared, which lead to their crappiest game of the year, being defeated 12 to 1.

On Thursday the boys regrouped and were back in action against Beausejour. The boys came out flying, walking all over the Beausejour team. Despite the great start the boys found themselves behind 2 to 0, off some unlucky bounces which seemed to find the back of the net. It didn't take much for the boys to realize they needed to pull their crap together, and suddenly came back and took the lead 4 to 2. The boys were ahead 4 to 2 going into the third period. The midgets thought they had this one in the record books, until Beausejour came back with four unanswered goals to steal the game 6 to 4.

The Kings were now furious losing 2 games in a row, and had to regroup before playing Springfield on Saturday.

Saturday morning the boys took to the ice against Springfield and knew they had to win the game to have any chance in the tournament. It was do or die! The boys came out strong, and were persistent throughout the entire game. The boys played very fast, positional hockey which lead to a much needed 6 to 5 victory.

Our midget hockey club is one of six teams that are in the Midget "A" division. We are hoping to play some fast, hard hitting hockey and hopefully come out on top in the end. The boys played off last Friday in Portage against the undefeated Portage Terriers. After two periods of play our boys were behind 5 to 2. In the first two periods the "great" refs waved off two of our goals which was a huge setback. The boys came out flat in the third and were beat 10 to 3. However, the boys played very well in the first two periods but just couldn't pull it together in the third.

The boys were rather upset with their performance in the tournament and their first regular season game in the "A" division but are looking forward to continuing their season. The words that we all heard one to many times these past couple of weeks were probably "pull it together, we can do much better then this, we have done much better then this". Well, we are better then that, and can't wait for our next home game to prove it! Hope to see you all there! Have a great week!

# Legion news



**Royal Canadian Legion  
Pine Falls Branch #64**

Lunches are available on Fridays from 11:30 to 1:30 for members and guests. Diane Thomas is serving the meals from our kitchen and is also available for any additional catering in our Legion clubrooms.

Our Grey Cup Party was a great time. The winner of the 32" TV set was Pat Watson and the winner of the DVD player was Marcel Guay. The Mixed Darts Tournament had a good turnout and the participants and guest enjoyed a pork roast dinner catered by Diane Thomas.

Our Legion Bingo Bowl had 28 lively bowlers racing to complete their Bingo cards. They have asked to have this held again in the next few months as it was so much fun. We will look at possible dates.

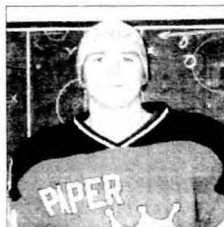
Our next Branch & Auxiliary general meetings will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 7:30 p.m. After the meetings, we will join the Ladies Auxiliary for our annual Christmas Party. This invitation is extended to all Branch and Auxiliary members along with their spouse or guest to attend the party. Anyone wishing to participate in the gift exchange is asked to bring a \$10.00 gift and mark it for male or female designation. All person attending the party are also asked to bring something towards a light lunch that will be served.

We are hosting a "No Frills" New Year's Eve House Party. Cost is \$10.00 per person and includes snacks, party favours and champagne at midnight. Only 80 tickets will be sold and are available at our clubroom bar. Rides will be available at \$5.00 per person.

## Jr. Paper King Profiles



**Andrew Bonekamp**  
# 22  
Age: 16  
Position: Defense  
Shoots: Right  
Height: 6'3"  
Weight: 205 lbs  
Favorite NHL'er: Jordan  
Footoo  
Favorite Food: Sweet+ Sour  
Meatballs



**Payton Richardson**  
# 4  
Age: 16  
Position: Right Wing  
Shoots: Right  
Height: 5'9"  
Weight: 152 lbs  
Favorite NHL'er: Paul Kariya  
Favorite Food: Chicken  
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## Midget "A" HOME GAME



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Quick recipes for kids and other info.  
Mrs. Lucci's has organized this one evening event for kids in partnership with North Eastman Health Authority on Tuesday, December 8/03 from

6 - 7:30pm at the LdB Health Centre Lobby with dietician Dale Kornelson. It's Free! For more info contact Kristin at 345 9909.

Lac du Bonnet Junior Curling  
The Lac du Bonnet Curling Club is trying to establish a Junior Curling League in LdB. The 2003/04 league will run on Sundays from 6-8pm from November to March. If anyone is interested please contact Mrs. Usackis at 345 2585 or 345 8712. Remember curling is a fun lifetime sport!

Intro to computers.  
This 6 week program will run on Thursdays, January 22 to February 26 from 6:30 - 8:30pm at New Directions School in LdB. For more info or to register contact Gil at 345 2867. No computer experience needed!

# A Faith Perspective

## by Pastor Jake Doell A Positive Attitude

The story is told about a farmer who was always optimistic, rarely was he worried. He had a neighbour who was just the opposite. The farmer would see the sunrise and shout over the roar of his tractor, "Look at the beautiful sun and the clear sky!" With a growl the pessimist neighbour would reply, "Yup and it will probably scorch the crops!"

When the clouds would gather and the much needed rain would start to fall, our optimist friend would smile across the fence, "Ain't this great - God is giving our corn a drink today!" Again another negative response, "Uh huh, but if it doesn't stop soon it'll flood and wash everything away."

One day the optimist farmer decided to put his pessimistic neighbour to the ultimate test. He bought the smartest, most expensive bird dog he could find. He trained him to do some amazing and impossible feats that no other dog could do. He invited his pessimist friend to go duck hunting with him. They sat in a boat as they hid themselves behind this duck blind. Both of them fired at some ducks and several of

them fell into the water. "Go get em!" ordered the owner with a gleam in his eye. The dog leaped out of the boat, walked on the water and picked up the ducks one by one. "Well, what do you think of that?" asked the optimist farmer. With a gloomy look on his face the pessimist replied, "He can't swim, can he?"

A positive attitude toward life is important. I read an interesting definition of a pessimist the other day: "A pessimist is a person who is seasick during the entire voyage of life." Whether we are going to enjoy life is more dependant on our attitude than on our circumstances. A great example from the Bible is the story of David and Goliath. The whole Israeli army had been challenged by Goliath for forty days and no one dared to accept the challenge. Then along comes young David a shepherd boy with a sling and five stones and brings down the giant in one shot. What was the dif-

ference between the whole army and David. ATTITUDE! The army said, "He's to big we can't handle him!" David said, "He's so big I can't miss him!" David had learned an important lesson while he was tending sheep, which was this "One with God is always a majority."

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb had a positive attitude. After 10,000 tries at inventing the light bulb, he said; "I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways not to make a light bulb." Today we have light bulbs and not candles because of his persistent and positive attitude. Attitude is a choice we all have to make everyday. Is it going to be positive or negative?

My friends all of us face some big challenges in life. Our attitude will determine whether we will endure life or enjoy it. The Bible tells us in the book of Proverbs - "As a person thinks in their heart, so they will be." I encourage you to pursue a close relationship with God through his Son, Jesus Christ and together with Him you can face life with optimism and hope.

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**ECHOES FROM THE Heart**

**The little boy and the big piano**

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE." When the house lights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing. Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently plinking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running obbligato. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. The audience was mesmerized.

That's the way it is in life. What we can accomplish on our own is hardly noteworthy. We try our best, but the results aren't exactly graceful flowing music. But when we trust in the hands of a Greater Power, our life's work truly can be beautiful.

Next time you set out to accomplish great feats, listen carefully. You can hear the voice of the Master, whispering in your ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

# WINGS OF POWER



by Michelle Berthelette

Wings of Power has been bursting with activity the past few weeks. With the upstart of our new Spread Your Wings program we have new staff that has joined us. Cheryl Wong has started as an outreach worker for the program. Cheryl will be a real asset to the program as she brings with her a wealth of experience. We are fortunate to have her. Our new part time receptionist and program assistant is Bernice Kralka. You may have seen Bernice around Wings of Power; she has been a dedicated volunteer this fall. Bernice is right at home with our staff and family participants. What a perfect fit! Stop in some time to say hello. Bernice is sure to have a smile and hot cup of coffee just waiting for you.

## Breakfast with Santa

Friday, December 12 is a very special day. We are having a Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast will be served from

9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will be serving pancakes and sausage, along with juice and coffee. There will be door prizes, a game and free pictures with Santa. Our Junior Kindergarten class will also entertain us with a few Christmas carols. It is certain to be a fun-filled morning. Make sure to stop in!

## Reminders

Just a reminder that donations are being accepted at local stores, churches and school for this year's Christmas hampers. Your continued support of the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank all year through is also needed. For those who are in the position to give, please stop and take a moment to be grateful that you can. There are many families in our very own community who are not as lucky. If you can give, please do. A gift from the heart to someone in need is what this season is truly all about. Your generous support lends a helping hand to many, and puts a smile on many little faces, especially at this of year.

# Library Allard Book Nook



Library Allard took part in the Pine Falls Annual Christmas Craft Sale this year and it turned out to be quite a success. We had two fundraisers on the go and fun was had by all. We had a bake sale table with baking generously donated by members, staff & the Board of Directors of Library Allard/Beaches Branch, thank-you to everyone who donated baking for our bake sale table, your generosity is greatly appreciated. We also had asked Santa to take time out of his busy schedule and visit the children in our communities so that they could have their picture taken with him and do what he loves most: meet children and find out their Christmas wishes. Children were delighted to see Santa as he made a grand entrance at 10:30. We would also like to thank Heather & Marcelle for all their wonderful help - we couldn't have done it without you and Pine Pharmacy for their donations.

Wonderful reading material continues to arrive at Library Allard Beaches Branch in the way of donations and books

continue to arrive through our book club: "Seabiscuit" has arrived, this book by Laura Hillenbrand was the #1 New York Times bestseller and a box office hit about a legendary racehorse; many more are on the shelves for all age ranges. Many new junior & teen novels are on the shelves as well, we have some excellent reads for those teens & junior teens who love sci-fi - what better way to spend the Christmas holidays than to curl up with a good book in the evenings after a day of sledding, skating or snowboarding. Look for these titles soon to arrive: Danielle Steel's latest - "Safe Harbour"; "Holly" by Jude Devereux - a yuletide Cinderella story with a twist - sounds fascinating; "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom - a not so sad story about the death of a man who finds that instead of the pearly gates he meets five people - each of whom shares with him a fateful and significant connection, they later assure him of his life's purpose; "The Sinner" by Tess Gerritsen; turn your memories into keep-

sakes with "Scrapbooking" by Better Homes and Gardens - this picture perfect guide to this technique will inspire the beginner and encourage the experienced crafter with new ideas; "Jingle Bell Rock" - six of today's hottest romance writers dish up holiday treats in this delightful anthology; "Exit Wounds" by J.A. Jance; & last but not least "Heart Full of Lies" by Ann Rule.

Come in and check out our beautiful table display of Christmas inspired books from gift wrapping to baking to adorning your tree with hand-made ornaments (great for gift giving) to simply decorating the whole house inside & out. We have Martha Stewart's "Hand-made Christmas"; "Company's Coming for Christmas" by Jean Pare; Better Homes and Gardens "Cookies for Christmas"; and the Leisure Arts Presents series "The Spirit of Christmas" - this 8 book series will be sure to inspire the Christmas spirit in all of us...these are just to mention a few!

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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

RCMP report for the week of November 28st to December 5th, 2003



On the 28th of Nov., a report was rec'd of a possibly Impaired driver proceeding towards Lac du Bonnet from Beausejour. The vehicle in question was last seen at Beausejour. Patrols of the area, including 214 and 317 failed to locate the vehicle in question.

On the 28th of Nov., a request was rec'd to locate an adult male and two children who are living in the Detachment area, as the subject's estranged spouse wanted to locate him in order to have ac-

cess to the children. The subject was located and spoken to, but did not want his location disclosed to the subject.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of a gravel truck failing to stop at a stop sign in the Seven Sisters Falls area.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of a motor vehicle having an accident with a chain link fence on Anderson Road in the R.M. of Alexander. Investigation revealed the identity of the driver, and a Traffic Accident Report was

completed.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd from a resident of the Town of Lac du Bonnet of fraudulent usage of the complainant's credit card in B.C.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of a navy-coloured vehicle with a smashed front fender proceeding west on P.T.H. #44 near Beausejour pulling a boat, which was fish-tailing on the roadway and almost caused an accident. Call passed to Selkirk Detachment.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion alarm at a location in Pointe du Bois. Police attended and found same to be a False Alarm.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd that an older building was taken from a campground in the Rennie area by the former owner of the campground. Investigation continuing in an attempt to confirm who the actual owner of the building is.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a cottage at Dorothy Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Took place between the 16th and the 23rd of Nov.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of mischief to private property at a residence on Alexander in Pinawa.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of suspicious activity and subjects at a residence on Alexander in Pinawa. Police attended and found that all was secure and no-one

around.

On the 30th of Nov., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at Red Rock Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Found to be a False Alarm.

On the 30th of Nov., an adult male was arrested in the Town of Lac du Bonnet on the strength of an outstanding Warrant to Arrest from Wpg. River Detachment. The subject was released for Court.

On the 30th of Nov., a report was rec'd from Steinbach Detachment of an adult male resident of the R.M. of Whitemouth possibly being in possession of a stolen Firearm from the Steinbach area a number of years ago.

On the 1st of Dec., a report was rec'd of a deceased adult female at an apartment in Pinawa. Police investigation revealed that the subject passed away from natural causes.

On the 1st of Dec., a report was rec'd that an under-age female had run away from her foster home in Whitemouth on Sunday night. It was subsequently determined that the subject was at Vita, Manitoba, and police and Child and Family Services apprehended the subject at that location.

On the 1st of Dec., a report was rec'd that a vehicle had spun its tires in the yard of a church east of P.T.H. #11 in the R.M. of Whitemouth. This had taken place over the weekend, and caused two door windows on the church to break.

On the 1st of Dec., a report was rec'd from Pinawa that the driver of a vehicle was driving in a careless manner. The plate number of the vehicle in question was obtained at the time.

On the 1st of Dec., a report was rec'd that the windshield of a vehicle was broken while parked in Lac du Bonnet. This took place on the 21st of November.

On the 2nd of Dec., a report was rec'd of a disturbance taking place at a residence in Keystone Heights in the R.M. of Alexander. Police attended and found that an intoxicated adult male and an intoxicated adult female were arguing, but that no offence had taken place. The adult male was picked up at the location by his sister, which ended the argument for the night.

On the 2nd of Dec., a report was rec'd that a pager had been left at a business in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Forgotten at the location by a customer.

On the 2nd of Dec., a report was rec'd of the theft of a number of light bulbs from a string of Xmas lights at a residence on Burrows in Pinawa.

On the 2nd of Dec., a report was rec'd of a trumpet missing from the Pinawa Secondary School.

On the 2nd of Dec., a report was rec'd that the driver of a brown sedan was spinning tires and driving carelessly in

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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 367-8669.

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

**Lakeshore AI-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, 96 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 Dorcen 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 348-4611. 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 Contoy, Whitemouth 348-3505.

Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadesville.

**Little Day Buddies Nursery School** 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

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**NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Richard Macbarr, 345-2900  
Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass: 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass: 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass: 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Sandra Tankard 367-9530, church 345-2357  
Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - worship, 11:30 a.m. - first and third Sunday of each month, holy eucharist.

## Report from Legislature



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

**Has justice been done?**  
The Hells Angels became established in 2000 in Manitoba after taking over the Las Bravos motorcycle club. Since then the Hells Angels have taken over the drug and prostitution trade in Manitoba - encouraging our children to become addicted to drugs and preying on young women! Five Hells Angels Associates are being tried on offences ranging from conspiracy to commit murder to witness intimidation offences. They have chosen the most experienced criminal defence lawyers to defend them. They are not paying for their defence, the taxpayers of Manitoba are paying to defend them because they have been granted assistance through Legal Aid. The defence lawyers are not satisfied with the \$2.4 Million offered by Legal Aid for a two-year trial, they

want \$5 Million for the trial - all at the expense of the taxpayers of Manitoba. If the Province cannot settle with these lawyers and the Hells Angels for a satisfactory amount, Justice Holly Beard, who is hearing the case, has advised that she may "stay the proceedings", or drop all charges against these Hells Angels Associates! The Justice Minister has been tiptoeing around this issue for months. He has no plan and he has been avoiding the issue. This will not solve the problem - action, not hiding from the problem will solve it!

I introduced a Private Members Bill last week in the Legislature called "The Taxpayer Protection Legal Representation Act" which would prohibit criminal organizations and members of associates of criminal organizations from re-

ceiving Legal Aid assistance. This Bill will put an end to the mockery the Hells Angels have been making of our justice system because it would ensure that they no longer have access to Legal Aid funding. The Hells Angels are preying on our children and getting rich from criminal activity and they shouldn't have their defence paid for by the taxpayer.

Since the Doer government has been in office, the Hells Angels have established in Manitoba. They have also set up a club house, opened a store in the Justice Minister's constituency, have been involved in criminal activity, and now they are holding the justice system hostage. In spite of all this, taxpayers are being asked to spend millions of dollars so high-priced lawyers can defend them. Enough is enough! What do you think?

## Trim Your Tree with Inspiration

Give your Christmas tree a makeover this year. With some planning and preparation, you could achieve the lush look of a professionally decorated tree.

Whether real or artificial, it's important to match the size and shape of your tree to the room. If you have a lot of room, choose a bushy tree. If space is limited, consider a table-top version or a tall and thin alpine tree.

Lights are the next consideration. Determine how many you will need. Start with 100

lights per foot of tree - but plug them in before decorating to make sure that they all work. Create depth and dimension by wrapping lights around the branches as opposed to simply placing them at the tips. To do this, use a multi-socket extension cord, often called a holiday hookup - placed vertically along the trunk of the tree. These cords allow you to plug in several strings of lights that are controlled by a single switch.

When it comes to ornaments, consider a theme for



your tree. Make something special for the angler or gardener in the family. But don't limit it to ornaments. Look for cards, ribbons, bells or toys that can be placed on the tree. Strings of popcorn, dried cranberries or gold-coloured beads can be used in place of sparkly garlands. For the finishing touch, add a beautiful topper and a tree skirt to match the theme.

## On Parliament Hill



**Your voice in Ottawa**  
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

### Paul Martin's Wish List

In his bid to become the next Prime Minister of Canada, Paul Martin has evidently come to the conclusion that winning the votes of Western Canadians is necessary to his future success. No doubt this has been prompted by the threat the Liberals feel from the re-unification of conservatives into one national party.

In order to win western votes, Martin has promised to address feelings of western alienation, and in fact has even declared that he will not consider himself a successful Prime Minister until the ongoing problem of western alienation has been solved. However, like many of Mr. Martin's past promises, how he intends to remedy a problem that his government has been responsible for creating is not exactly clear.

There are at least three es-

sential changes that Western Canadians want to see from their federal government: increased democratic accountability, fiscal responsibility, and a true voice for Western Canada in Ottawa. Before casting a ballot for the Liberal Party, voters must ask themselves: How does Mr. Martin's past record measure up on these fronts?

On the matter of democratic accountability, Mr. Martin has already failed several tests. The 1993 Liberal Red Book, co-authored by Mr. Martin, included all kinds of promises that went unfulfilled for ten years. For example, the Red Book promised an independent ethics commissioner. But Paul Martin voted against an independent ethics commissioner in the House of Commons in 2001. You don't have to look

far to understand why. Just recently, the same handpicked ethics counsellor that has excused Liberal Ministers from wrongdoing for 10 years also excused Mr. Martin for having registered lobbyists on his transition team.

On the fiscal front, it was under Mr. Martin's watch as finance minister that we experienced massive, unilateral cuts to federal transfer payments for health care. At the same time, Martin left in place \$16 billion per year in questionable grants and contributions. As the man responsible for writing the cheques, he also allowed the federal long gun registry to spiral out of control. This is not how Western Canadians define fiscal responsibility.

Electing senators would provide Western Canadians with an important regional voice in Ottawa. However, Mr. Martin has already slammed the door on that one. Although Martin promised in 1990 that he supported a Senate that was elected and equal, just recently Martin's Western Canadian representative, Ralph

## Selective traffic enforcement program (STEP)

submitted by **Cat. Paul Homan**

Lac du Bonnet, Whitemouth, Pinawa, Manitoba RCMP from the above detachment areas are pleased to announce the beginning of the annual Christmas Check Stop Program. Our focus continues to be "High risk drivers - detection of alcohol and substance abuse impaired drivers".

Police remind those who indulge in alcoholic beverages to find alternate means of transportation. Call a cab, or have someone as a designated driver.

Check stops can appear anywhere and at anytime. Enjoy the festive season and get home safe.

## RCMP keeping roads safe

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to cover the cost of having the breathalyzer device installed, just for the privilege of using the vehicle after the appropriate driving suspension has been served.

"The bottom line is there is no need for anyone to be impaired when behind the wheel of a vehicle," Mitchell said. "Once you're caught, the party is over for a very long time and we strongly suggest that the public makes the appropriate arrangements regarding transportation during this holiday season."

"We'd like everyone to enjoy Christmas and New Years to the fullest but it is our duty to keep the roads safe for everyone," he concluded. "A major traffic accident resulting in death can destroy Christmas - not only for this year but for years to come."

Motorists can expect road blocks to be set up at random locations across the region over the next month. Besides the drinking and driving factor, RCMP report that they will be looking for seatbelt violations, as well as other driving and license violations. The Check Stop Program will extend beyond New Years, through to the first weekend of January.

Goodale, was asked if the new Liberal leader intends to appoint Bert Brown or Ted Morton, Alberta's elected Senators-in-waiting, to the Senate. In response Goodale simply dismissed these elected Senators and claimed he didn't believe in "provincial patronage" even though these two Senators-in-waiting received more votes from the people of Alberta than all Alberta Liberal candidates combined received in the last federal election.

If Paul Martin truly hopes to solve western alienation, he

cannot just make a "wish list", close his eyes, and hope for the best. A good start would be to actually carry out the promises he made in the past.

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, 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 [tcwswj@mls.net](mailto:tcwswj@mls.net)



Leon, 83672

If you are looking for a dog with a wonderful, laid back personality who is easy to walk and listens well, you need to meet Leon! He's one of our older residents and our longest term dog in adoption. He's been here way too long and needs desperately to get back into a family home environment. He is a very quiet dog who likes cats and dogs. Adoption fee is only \$40.00 plus tax to get him home!

## The Winnipeg Humane Society

If you or your family are interested in any of the listed animals here or others at the shelter, you can call us at 204-982-3551 or Fax 204-982-2047



Discover the Joy of a Friend Forever!

Molly, 86301

Molly was surrendered due to allergies in her previous home. She is going to make a great addition to any home. Rabbits can be taught tricks, littertrained and can learn to socialize with the other family pets. Our \$39.00 adoption fee includes Molly's spay!

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# Winnipeg River RCMP Report

## The report covers the periods of December 1 to December 7, 2003



**December 1**  
Little Black River - a youth was removed from a residence and lodged in cells for his own safety. The youth was extremely intoxicated and was

creating problems at home. Police were called for assistance when the youth would not calm down. He was released in the morning when sober to

parents. Police picked up a second intoxicated youth from the area who was in breach of a court order. He was charged accordingly and released in the morning when sober.

Premises. The man was intoxicated and continued to be argumentative both physically and verbally. The male was charged accordingly and remanded into custody.

**December 6**  
RM of Alexander - police charged 1 male with impaired driving. The vehicle and driver were stopped on Highway 304 wandering over the road.

A second male was arrested for refusing a breath demand after he was stopped for speeding in the area. The male became violent with police and proceeded to utter threats. He was lodged in cells for his own safety and charged accordingly.

Fort Alexander - a call of an unwanted male at a residence resulted in members transporting him to Pine Falls Hospital. The male was suicidal and needing treatment.

Police are investigating a vehicle fire in the area. The vehicle had been sitting at the location for several days prior to the incident.

Hillside Beach - a break, enter and theft at this location to a cottage was attended by police. Access was gained by the front door being kicked in. Investigation continues.

Grand Beach - police attended an insecure premises and found that a door simply blew open. No signs of forced entry and the cottage was secured.

**December 7**  
Powerview - a youth was reported missing but turned up later at her residence. The youth had failed to phone home and advise parents she was staying at a friends house for the night.

Fort Alexander - police attended an alarm at this location but found the business secure. A keyholder was contacted and the alarms were reset.

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.

### 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, Power-view meeting room.

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

**Library Affairs:** 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., whist every Thursday 1:30 p.m.

**Pine Falls Health Auxiliaries:** 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 756-2566.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**A & A-Amen:** The Beaches family group, Thursdays 8:00 p.m., Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, 1 Ateah Road, 756-8018 or 756-2101.

**Happy Tois 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:** Tuesday and Thursday 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. -call Dolores for info at 367-2945.

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

**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 (for child's) height, weight, infant nutrition, advice, immunizations (as necessary) and any other advice you may wish, please call 367-5406 for more info.

**Weight Watchers:** Effective October 8th Wednesdays at 4:45 weigh-in and at 5:30 Meetings.

### Winnipeg River Church Services

**NOTRE DAME, DULLAUS:** 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. Boh Rodger Minister Church 367-2633 or Cell 754-7220. Everyone Welcome Sunday School, September 7 at 11:00 a.m., everyone welcome.

**PINE FALLS, ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT:** Ph 367-9520 Rector, the Rev. Sandra Tankard 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, 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info call 635-2625 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

**ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION:** #8 Glenvale Avenue, Grand Marais. Mass 12:00 noon first Sunday of November to last Sunday of April. May through October mass 10:00 a.m. Sunday.

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

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

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

Fort Alexander - an intoxicated male was lodged in cells after being removed from a residence. The man would not leave when asked and continued to make a nuisance of himself causing a disturbance. He was released in the morning when sober.

Police attended a residence when a young male wanted to get into the home and began causing a ruckus damaging some property. The male continued to be uncooperative with police and eventually was lodged in cells for his own safety. He was charged accordingly, remanded into custody and transported to the Provincial Remand Centre. Investigation continues.

**December 2**  
Powerview - a noise complaint was actioned by police on this day. A extremely vocal canine was the cause and the owner was spoken to accordingly. No further police action was necessary.

Little Black River - a report of an assault had police attend a residence to try and locate a male youth involved in the incident. The youth was extremely intoxicated at the time and commenced to hit a family member. The youth could not be located and had left the area. Investigation continues.

Fort Alexander - an intoxicated male caused a disturbance at a residence and continued to be a nuisance when police arrived. The male resisted arrest and continued to argue with police. He was finally lodged in cells for his own safety and to prevent a further breach of peace. Police continue their investigation.

Police were called to a business when an male would not leave and proceeded to break a bottle outside the

premises. The man was intoxicated and continued to be argumentative both physically and verbally. The male was charged accordingly and remanded into custody.

**December 3**  
Powerview - a complaint of harassment was dealt with by way of a peace bond. The incident arose from a former relationship.

Fort Alexander - police are investigating a complaint of a bail violation by a male. The male was placed on conditions by the courts.

Grand Marais - a report of threats being uttered to a male is under investigation. The threat came via a telephone call to the residence.

Pine Falls - police attended a local business where 2 males had entered the place and stolen items. The suspect vehicle and 2 male youth were located at a residence, items recovered and charged accordingly.

**December 4**  
Fort Alexander - an intoxicated male was picked up along highway 11. The man was weaving into traffic as he attempted to walk down the roadway. He was lodged in cells for his own safety and released in the morning when sober.

**December 5**  
Fort Alexander - police transported a mentally unstable male to Selkirk Mental Health facilities after assessment at Pine Falls Hospital.

An abandoned vehicle left behind a residence was towed to the local compound.

Powerview - a male was observed to be driving irrationally and stopped accordingly. The male was found to be impaired and charged.

St. Georges - an attempted theft and vandalism of a vehicle in this area was reported. Further investigation revealed a suspect and charges are pending.

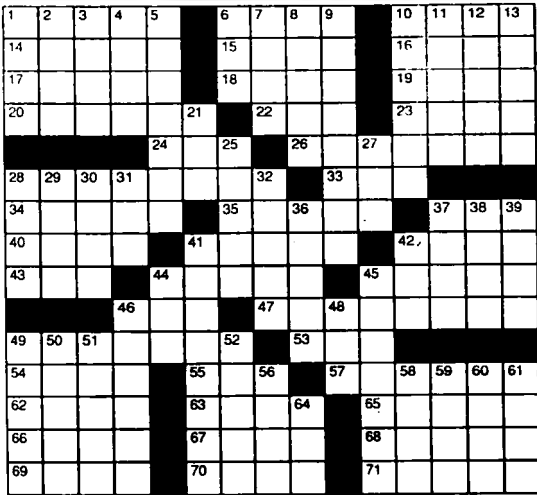
Traverse Bay - investigation into 2 cottage break and enters continues. Access was gained through a back window in one incident. Items stolen was not available until the owners could be contacted.

# Winnipeg River Echo

## News Tips

### Call 367-9468

# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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| 41. Strong            | 27. Beast of burden | 45. Forced out      |
| 42. Supporter         | 28. Among           | 46. Shored up       |
| 43. Water droplets    | 29. Wait            | 48. Elevated trams  |
| 44. Lukewarm          | 30. Skier's joy     | 49. Walls           |
| 45. Very special      | 31. Lubricate       | 50. Exchange        |
| 46. Offer             | 32. Weird           | 51. Extent          |
| 47. Lifting device    | 36. Confuse         | 52. Outcast         |
| 49. Odd               | 37. Sheed           | 56. Adolescent      |
| 53. Biblical judge    | 38. Singing voice   | 58. Breathing sound |
| 54. Mid-East country  | 39. Colorer         | 59. Chopping tools  |
| 55. External          | 41. Porcupine       | 60. Select          |
| 57. Small pieces      | 42. Pie mode        | 61. Fast planes     |
| 62. Dark and damp     | 44. Light metal     | 64. Female deer     |
| 63. Hurried           |                     |                     |
| 65. Cabs              |                     |                     |
| 66. Border            |                     |                     |
| 67. Margarine         |                     |                     |
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| 6. Meal list      | 22. Feline          |
| 10. Hurried       | 23. Western Indians |
| 14. Sea           | 24. Tax bureau      |
| 15. Astride       | 26. Church officers |
| 16. There         | 28. Complete        |
| 17. Begin         | 33. Inquire         |
| 18. Reduces light | 35. Peruses         |
| 19. Repetition    | 37. Unhappy         |
|                   | 40. Hero            |

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



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1. Overseer
  2. Play opener
  3. College head
  4. Clothing
  5. Involves
  6. Mire
  7. Saga
  8. Wanderer
  9. Wobbly
  10. Hit
  11. Snapshot
  12. Consumed
  13. Apparel
  21. Actress Joanne
  25. Belt



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet. See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation.

EXO ECMEX NBJJ HOE DKM RCXX Q  
ME RBCHE BE NBJJ ZBHH DKM KRR

**Last Week's Solution**

I WANT TO WALK THROUGH LIFE NOT BE DRAGGED THROUGH.

## Weekly Echo Horoscopes



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

After all, they may have valuable information to pass on. Travel and learning should be on your agenda this week. You will both have to bend if you want this union to work. You will drive your emotional partner crazy this week.



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

Your high energy, original ideas, and excellent memory will aid your accomplishments. Resist any idle chatter. Things will be emotional with your mate. You will impress new friends and acquaintances with your intellectual wit.



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

Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. You can offer your mate a commitment or promise that will help stabilize your personal life. You may win favors if you present your ideas and include your family. Sign up for courses that will bring you more skills.

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

Your generous nature could be taken advantage of. You can make a big difference to children if you are understanding of the difficulties they are experiencing. You will be attracted to unusual forms of entertainment and foreign cultures. You will have an inaccurate assessment of your status in society.



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

Think before you act if you wish to avoid friction. Opportunities may come up at prestigious affairs. Communication will be your strong point and you should be able to persuade others to see things your way. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way.



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

Sudden changes could result in estrangement's. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. It may not be the best day to confront employers or to present your ideas. Don't spend too much on products that promise amazing cosmetic results.



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

People trying to entice you to join in will be less than trustworthy. You can come up with solutions to the problems responsible for inefficiencies at work. Arguments with relatives may lead to a split in the family. Your willingness to help others can and will lead to fatigue if you don't learn to say no.

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

A change in position could be better than you thought. Someone may be trying to damage your reputation. Get involved in creative projects that could turn into moneymaking ventures. You will have a tendency to exaggerate, which will lead to major confrontations with loved ones.



*This edition covers the week of December 7th to December 14th*

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



Mingle with those who can help you get ahead. Be prepared to lose friends or alienate loved ones due to your stubborn nature lately. A female colleague may cause problems for you. Start sending out those resumes.

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



New romantic partners will evolve through group endeavors; however, the association may not be likely to last. You may not be able to help, but your support will be favorable. Strong willpower will come to your rescue. Try not to allow your partner to lead you astray or upset your routine.



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

Small business ventures can earn you extra cash. Travel will enhance romance and adventure. Rewards for past good deeds will highlight your day. You need to get out if you want to meet potential partners.

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



Sign up for courses that will bring you more skills. You will be prone to carelessness that could result in accidents. Don't get upset. You are likely to be left alone if you aren't willing to bend just a little.

# Echo Classifieds

### For Rent

**Woodland Place/DaleHaven Apartments**, 1 - 2 bedroom apartments for rent, utilities and parking included, coin laundry, very clean and well maintained, call after 6:00 p.m. 367-4922.

### For Rent

**Office space for rent**  
Above Pine Falls Post Office. c/w private washroom.  
**For sale:** One hospital bed. \$300.00. For more information call Denis at 367-8651. *TFV*

### For Sale

**Firewood for sale:**  
Seasoned firewood for sale. Cash and Carry or Delivered. Assorted sizes, and prices. Call 367-2479 or 367-8892. *TFV*

### For Sale

**1987 Nissan Pick-up** - extended, with canopy. Cruise control, 5 speed, 4 cylinders, sony am/fm cassette, safetied, perfect glass, new front windshield, new muffler and tail pipe, new front rotors, new shocks, new seat covers, new tires. Runs smooth. Call 367-9171. *TFV*

### For Sale

For Sale in Powerview, 2 bedroom riverfront condo, appliances included. Contact Dan Gelinat at 367-2349. *TFV*

### Healthcare

**Mark's Medi Wheel**, 659 Park Avenue, Beausejour, MB. Mobility and home healthcare store serving the North Eastman Region. Sales, rentals, and service. Christmas Special \$100.00 off electric lift chair recliners. Now available - magnetic therapy products, great for gifts. Toll free 1-800-438-9301. *TFV*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER  
**NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE**  
The Public is hereby advised that the R.M. Of Alexander - Administration Office located in St. Georges, Manitoba will be closed on Friday, January 2, 2004.  
BY ORDER OF COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER.

### Auction

**Auction Sale for Mr. Joe Mercier of Ste. Rita, MB**  
**Sat., Dec. 20, 2003, 11:00am**

Located from Anola, Mb. 15 miles East on Hwy. #15 or from Elma, Mb., 18 miles West on Hwy. #15. Some items listed: Prince Albert Foundry 50" Saw Mill (Cummins 185 Hp. Diesel Engine, 46" Simmons Head Saw (single blade), 12' Carriage Manual Set Works, Hyd. Carriage Drive, 27' Slap Conveyor and Saw Dust Blower - good working cond.); 1974 Case "350" Industrial Crawler Loader (188-D Case Diesel Engine, Power Shift, 3/4 yd. Bucket); Grapple Attach. fits Case Loader (sold separate); 1966 Timber Jack "225" Skidder; 1987 Ford F-350 1 Ton Truck w. 11' Flat Deck (360 cu. in., 4 spd., Std., Dual Wheels, 144,721 km., safetied); 1987 Ford F-150 1/2 Ton (runs); 1976 IH 5-Ton Truck w. 15' Grainmaster Flat Deck & Hoist, Large Qty. of Rough cut Pine Lumber (various sizes); Approx. 10 cords of Pine Firewood; Logs (8' lengths); Hiab "174" Truck Mount Folding Telescopic Lifts (16' reach); ROP Canopy (fits J.D. Crawler); 3 pth. Saw Mandril; 22' Wood Conveyor; 42" Saw Mill Blade; FarmKing 7 3 pth Angle Blade (like new); Indust. 230 amp. AC and 180 amp. DC Elec. Welder; Hyd. Cyl's, Fuel Tanks, etc. Watch next weeks paper for full listing. For more information or fax list call:

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

### Memoriam



**Reta Parisian**  
**December 11, 2000**

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### Memoriam

**Bobbie Jo Smith**  
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### Memoriam

**Bobbie Jo Smith**  
**November 29, 1974 - December 10, 2002**  
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### Memoriam

**Bobbie Jo Smith**  
**Passed**  
**December 10, 2002**  
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I miss you so much, Terri

### Obituary

**Ada Bernard Malo**  
**July 26, 1912 to November 28, 2003**  
On Friday, November 28, 2003 at the St. Boniface Hospital Ada Malo age 91 years beloved wife of the late Art Malo. She leaves to cherish her memory her children Jean Palmquist (Carl) of Pine Falls, Man., Mell Watson (Frank) of Saskatchewan, Alice Jackson (Jim) of Pine Falls, Man., Dianne Malo of Calgary, Lawrence Malo of Winnipeg, 37 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Ada was predeceased by her husband Art in 1970, her children Denis, Bobby, Franky, Dora, Terry, Elaine and Denise. Cremation has taken place and no formal services will be held at this time. Her cremated remains will be interred in Pine Falls Cemetery next summer. Russell Crematorium of Beausejour, Manitoba are in care of arrangements. Call 1-866-424-6271 (toll free) or 268-2263.

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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report - from pg. 10

the Town of Lac du Bonnet. A male passenger exited the vehicle and

video-taped the performance in question.

On the 2nd of Dec., a report was rec'd of a disturbance taking place at a residence in Keystone Heights in the R.M. of Alexander. Police attended and found that an intoxicated adult female was arguing with a sober adult male. No offence had taken place. The adult male went to his sister's for the night.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd that a fence had been pulled down and bulbs stolen from a string of Xmas lights at a location on Lorne in Pinawa. This had taken place on Saturday. The complainant also

reported that the same fence was pulled down again on Tuesday night, and a wooden deer was knocked over.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd of 911 receiving two hang-up calls from a location on Willis in Pinawa.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of 911 receiving two hang-up calls from a location along PTH #11 near Great Falls in the R.M. of Alexander. Police attended and determined that a child had been playing with the phone.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd that harassing telephone calls had been rec'd at a location in Pinawa.

On the 4th of Dec., a re-

port was rec'd that a vehicle had passed another on the Wpg. River Bridge on P.R. 313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The plate number was obtained by the complainant.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd from the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet Office that a subject had reported a dog barking in the night at a location in Fisher's Grove in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 4th of Dec., a request was rec'd from the office of the Chief Medical Examiner to locate a subject in the Seven Sisters Falls area, and pass on a message with respect to the death of a subject.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a motor vehicle accident on Anderson Road in the R.M. of Alexander. Po-

lice attended and found that the adult male driver was under the influence of alcohol. The subject was arrested for Impaired Driving, and returned to the Detachment. He refused to provide Breath Samples, and was lodged to sober up. The vehicle was impounded, and the subject was charged accordingly, with applicable Driver's License suspension.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a black Ford truck crossing P.R. 214 at a high rate

of speed. This took place in the vicinity of the gravel pits in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police patrolled the area, but the truck was not located.

On the 5th of Dec., a report was rec'd that a knife was found on the person of an adult male in a Licensed Premises in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The knife in question was taken from the subject by personnel from the Premises. The incident took place on the 26th of November.

## Southeast Blades Player Profiles

### Jonathan Finsson



**Birthdate:** May 23, 1984  
**Height:** 6' 2"  
**Weight:** 230 lbs.  
**Shot:** Left  
**Position:** Left Wing  
**Last team played for:** St. James Canadians  
**Hometown:** Arborg, MB  
**Favourite Movie:** Black Sheep

**Favourite NHL'er:** Steve Yzerman  
**Favourite Food:** Pizza  
**Favourite Music:** Rock/Country  
**What do you want for Christmas:** Clothes



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