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## In the spirit of Christmas

by Charles Norman

The Christmas hamper volunteers got a real boost this year.

Colin Osis, son of Mike and Natalie Osis, a Powerview Grade 2 Student who has just turned seven, bought all of the oranges for the Christmas hampers this year – and he did it with his own money.

He told guests at his recent birthday party to bring money instead of gifts and that he would use the money to buy oranges for this year's hampers. He collected enough to buy twenty-five boxes of oranges – then took time off from school to work to help pack the hampers for the 72 people on the list this year.

The really great thing was that, truly in the spirit of Christmas, it was his own idea – he didn't get any prompting from anyone.

Perhaps a sign of the times – there were 72 names on the list this year – twenty more than last year. Hampers contain everything necessary for a traditional Christmas dinner – frozen turkey, dressing, potatoes, fruit, candy and canned goods collected by the schools, churches and stores around



Colin Osis, age 7 (left centre) donated \$130 he received for his birthday to the local area hampers. The money was used to purchase all the oranges and candy for this year's Christmas hampers

and bread. Couples might get a ham instead of a turkey. Candies for this year's hampers

included are mitts, gloves and scarves knitted by volunteers in the community.

many of the previous drives, were Marlene Jackson, Shirley Finkbeiner, and Linda Kembhall.

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# Manitoba will not support proposed softwood lumber agreement

by Charles Norman

The Manitoba government will not support the proposed agreement reached between Canada and the United States with respect to the softwood lumber dispute that would involve the implementation of an export quota regime for softwood lumber shipments to the United States.

Manitoba's decision not to support the proposed agreement was communicated last Friday to federal International Trade Minister James Peterson by Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade Minister MaryAnn Mihychuk.

Conservation Minister Stan Struthers and Aboriginal and Northern Affairs Minister Oscar Lathlin joined Mihychuk to announce the government's decision.

"Manitoba has supported efforts to negotiate a long-term resolution to the softwood lumber dispute," said Mihychuk. "However, this agreement would hurt the forest industry's

short and long-term viability and it is therefore unacceptable to Manitoba."

The decision follows more than a week of consultations with industry officials, First Nation organizations and labour representatives.

"We have discussed the federal package with key stakeholders in Manitoba and their clear prevailing view is opposed to this agreement," said Struthers. "Manitoba industry officials, First Nations and labour representatives all have deep concerns about the proposal and its implications for the forest industry."

"Manitoba has been working with our First Nations and northern communities toward providing them with opportunities to build capacity in this sector and generate valuable employment opportunities," explained Lathlin. "The proposed deal threatens local industry and provides no assurances for workers and communities dependent on the forest industry."

Mihychuk said that while the proposed agreement and quota allocation cannot be supported by Manitoba, the Manitoba government remains open to working with the federal government on a long-term, adequate and equitable agreement.

All provinces except British Columbia have informed the federal government of their decision not to support the US lumber industry's proposal. The BC forestry industry is deeply divided on the issue. The federal government does not need provincial agreement, but it is generally accepted that the government of Canada will turn down the proposal this week.

# RCMP to set up random checkstops

## Release

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# We want our hospital back!

Dear Editor:

The citizens of Pine Falls, Powerview and surrounding districts that use the facilities of the Pine Falls Hospital, have been watching the denigration of our hospital since the inception of NEHA.

Over the last 70 years, we have had our babies born here, we have had minor operations performed here, we have always had an excellent and hard working Hospital Auxiliary and we have had our share of excellent doctors.

Since NEHA, we have lost the opportunity of having our babies in our hospital. We have lost our operating room. We are having a hard time keeping the medical staff that was brought here by our local Hospital board. This is due to the loss of having babies born here and operations performed. These doctors move to areas that allow them to perform duties that they have trained years to do. Also the Medical

Staff we now have are being worked and worked and worked, to a point that they have no life outside the hospital. How long do we expect doctors to stay around under these circumstances. Why are we having all these problems since the inception of NEHA? Are our taxes paying this arm of government employees for a government agenda?

We now have our Emergency room closed for two weeks. Citizens who depend on the Emergency Room for their heart problems or other emergencies have had to go to Winnipeg for the next two weeks to be close to Emergency. This is unacceptable to the people of this area.

We want our Hospital back to the vibrant Health Complex it once was. With enough nurses and nursing aides to staff all beds in the hospital and the required number of doctors to allow the doctors to have a life outside of the hospital like

all citizens of this province.

We would appreciate an explanation as to why our hospital has been short of doctors and nurses since NEHA had been given the job of looking after our hospital. Why, when we had our own hospital board, they were able to attract excellent doctors? Does the government have another agenda, like slowly taking away our hospital? These and other questions we have, need answers. We are all taxpayers in this area and telling us the reason they are closing the Emergency Room for two weeks because they couldn't get doctors, just doesn't cut it. This problem should never happen. What is NEHA doing? Can't they see this problem arising? Or is there another agenda. Is your agenda to have one Central Hospital in another area? Not without a fight.

Yours truly,  
S. Lavallee

## Opinion

# Bizarre timing for NEHA Seasons Greetings



by Charles Norman

NEHA has chosen the eve of the shutdown of the Pine Falls Hospital to issue the December issue of the NEHA Pulse. The NEHA pulse is a four-colour tabloid size publication containing four or more pages of NEHA self-promotion. Essentially its function is to tell NEHA region residents how good NEHA is.

NEHA needs the publication - no one else is praising NEHA right now. They are managing to get awards from here and there, but the here and there is not around here.

In a Christmas message NEHA board Chairman Bill Boonstra and Jim Hayes describe 2003 as an excellent year for North Eastman - they

got the Manitoba Quality Networks Gold Level Award for Excellence and the Canadian Council of Health services accreditation had "high praise for our best practices."

If shutting down a hospital constitutes "an excellent year" and wins them a gold award, we have to be very grateful that NEHA did not get a silver award.

The Christmas message goes on "The new year will be full of challenges and opportunities as we continue to provide quality health services that are accessible, timely and cost-effective." What a wonderful Christmas present that is. They shut down the hospital, and then promise to carry on the good work.

Until NEHA took over health services in this area were excellent. Since the regional

health authority took over the Pine Falls Hospital operating theatre has closed, the hospital operated at 40% capacity for several months, expectant mothers were told to go elsewhere to deliver their babies, NEHA has established abominable relationships with its health professionals and they have closed the emergency room in the Pine Falls Hospital for two weeks over the Christmas Holidays. - We have to wonder what type of organization gives a gold award for a record like this.

For the last three elections the NDP has come within 150 votes of taking this riding, but unless the Minister of Health does something about the management of our regional health authority, Lac du Bonnet is likely to become the safest Tory seat in the Province.

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# Faulty alarm postpones annual concert

## Alarm bells replace Christmas bells at Centennial School in LDB

by Jim Hampshire

It was an alarming situation for students at the Lac du Bonnet Centennial School last week, when a computer glitch in the fire alarm system led to the postponement of the annual Christmas concerts.

According to school sources, the alarm system failed at 12:20 Tuesday afternoon, just six hours before the Christmas concert was set to take place. Despite efforts by school staff, alarm bells rang throughout the school for nearly 12 hours before service technicians from Sunrise School Division were able to locate the problem and silence the alarm.

"Basically it all came down to a faulty sensor in the fire system," school principal Doug Craig said from his home in Beausejour. "We were on the phone with the alarm company immediately but all efforts to solve the problem failed miserably."

Principal Craig reports that the Sunrise maintenance supervisor arrived at the school at 3:00pm Tuesday and began tracing through the fire alarm electrical system, inch by inch, before the faulty sensor was discovered.

"It is a complicated system to say the least," Craig noted. "It took two people crawling through the attic for more than six hours to find the problem."

Meanwhile, Centennial School students were evacu-

ated to the nearby Luthern Church earlier in the day, once the alarm sounded during the noon hour lunch break. Fire department members, who always respond in these situations, told Principal Craig that the evacuation procedure was text-book perfect.

"The students were moved from the Luthern Church to the Senior School to board the buses," Craig explained. "And we made it a point to tell the parents that we couldn't be more proud of the students because of the orderly way they conducted themselves during the evacuation."

Notices were also sent home with students, explaining to parents that the Christmas concert would be postponed for one day. Despite the bad news, Craig remarked that the students took the entire ordeal in stride.

"We always plan for an extra day when it comes to our Christmas concerts," Craig offered. "Usually we need an emergency postponement day because of stormy weather, so the students understand that opening night could be put off for one night."

Once the first performance got underway last Wednesday, Craig reports that the students put on an admiral performance, enhanced by extra boom mikes provided by the Sunrise audio and visual department.

"I can't say enough about this year's concerts," the principal said. "We had an audi-

ence member come all the way from Gimli and he told us it was the best concert he had ever seen."

Principal Craig also reports that, despite the delay, attendance for the two-day concert series neared capacity with

upwards of eight hundred people in total taking in the Wednesday and Thursday night performances.



Despite an alarming delay, the students at the Lac du Bonnet Centennial School put on a dazzling performance at their Christmas concert series last Wednesday and Thursday evening

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# Fire destroys home

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Janice Warren who rented the home from Louis and Noella Fenez, lived there alone. There was no one in the home at the time.

It took about four hours to extinguish the fire, but by this time the home had been totally



The remains of Janice Warren's home which burnt to the ground Sunday evening

destroyed. The cause of the fire has not been determined but indications are that it started in the kitchen.

## Hampers bring holiday happiness

By Jim Hampshire

While the average family can relax and look forward to the holidays this Christmas Season, many dedicated volunteers are working feverishly to make sure less fortunate families have something to look forward to this Christmas Season, as well.

The Lac du Bonnet Hamper Society is made up of several of these dedicated volunteers, who overtime to make Christmas a little more meaningful for those who have some financial trouble providing Christmas for their children. Over the years, with the help of public donations, the society volunteers have picked, packed and sent hundreds of gift hampers for families in need across all parts of the region over the years.

This year is no different. In all, the hamper society received applications for 64 hampers within the municipality of Lac du Bonnet. Hamper society chairperson, Sharon Sveinson, reports that the hampers have been sent out to recipients from the entire municipality, extending from Great Falls southward, to the Pinawa junction in the Brookfield area.

"This year we have had an extensive order to fill, which will serve 110 adults and 93 children," she remarked. "That was about the same as last year's order but it is usually different people, facing different circumstances."

Sveinson notes that each

hamper contains a variety of food items, as well as gift merchandise for children. She says the toy merchandise is bought from cash donations made from the general public, which is important at this time of year.

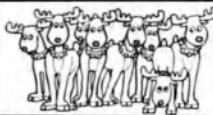
"We always supply a turkey or chicken with each hamper, but it is always a pleasure to provide Christmas gifts for the children at Christmas," she explained. "We also try to supply the basic kitchen food items that will last well through the season and into the new year, so we know these hampers will go a long way to ease the family food budget."

Sveinson knows the toy merchandise is especially welcome by the families, which is

why, she says, cash donations are particularly important this time of year.

"The hamper society makes sure every child, 15 years and under, has something to unwrap on Christmas morning," she offered. "We truly try to bring the Christmas spirit into every home in the region."

Although the good work by the hamper society might be over for another year, their legacy will live on for the months to come. Whenever there is surplus food, Sveinson reports that the society donates the leftover items to the Lac du Bonnet Regional Foodbank, where it can be further enjoyed by families in need.



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# WINGS OF POWER

by Michelle Berthelette

Wings of Power has been bubbling with festive activities all week long. All of our parent groups had Christmas themed classes/parties. There was food, music, gifts, crafts, sharing of ideas and traditions, and plenty of good wishes and laughter.

Families that participated in our Break fast with Santa

stopped by to pick up their children's pictures with Santa. The pictures all turned out beautifully - the kids are just sooo cute.

Mrs. Spiers Junior Kindergarten class entertained residents at Sunnywood Manor Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. The children sang carols and brought Christmas cards for the seniors that they had made

in class. The children and residents were then treated to juice and cookies while they had a chance to visit and get to know one another. The spirit of the season was easily seen in the eyes of both young and old alike.

As you can see we are all just one big family. Our family is continuing to grow and we are very happy about. Someone asked me recently what my Christmas wish for Wings of Power was. There are a lot of things that come to mind; we are always striving for better (on budget of course). My wish however would be simple. Next year I would like to see even more people utilize our services and programs. Whether it is our lending library, the thrift store, one of our parent programs or one of the many other wonderful services we offer, everything is always richer when *you* are a part of it.

So whether you are a regular participant at Wings or someone who has never had



Santa and the Wings of Power Staff wish you a very Merry Christmas.

## Gorrie gets voter's nod

### Tanco employee wins council seat in Lac du Bonnet

By Jim Hampshire

The Town of Lac du Bonnet welcomed their newest council member last Thursday, at a special swearing-in ceremony at the Town chamber office. Scott Gorrie, a twelve-year resident of Lac du Bonnet, managed to hang on to win the by-election of December 10, edging out Vivian Nespor and Ted Mathers for the vacant councillor position.

Town CAO, Colleen Johnson, reports that all mem-

bers of council were on hand for the inaugural ceremony, as were many members of the public.

"We had a full house in council chambers last Thursday," Johnson noted, "And it is wonderful to see the public take interest in local government."

According to the numbers, 335 out of a possible 940 eligible voters turned out on the rather cold election day and by the time the polls closed, Gorrie gathered 146 total votes, with Ted Mathers and Vivian Nespor picking up 113 and 76

respectively.

Gorrie joins Mayor Paul Chapman and current councillors Roger Lavoie, Gene Typa and Norm Plato to round out the Town Administration over the next three years. The vacant councillor seat was created when longtime councillor Paul Chapman stepped up to fill the Mayor's seat in the by-election this past September.

Gorrie, a Tanco employee who moved his family to Lac du Bonnet from Winnipeg 12 years ago, is also Chairman of the local Arena Board.



the pleasure to stop by, the Wings of Power staff would all like to wish you and your fam-

ily a very merry holiday season and we hope to see you soon.

Just a reminder that our holiday hours will be as follows:

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## You Can't Be Serious

by Jim Hampshire

Each year it's the same story. We decorate, we cook, and we clean. But no matter how careful we are, or how much we attend to every last detail, something is bound to go wrong. Why? Because it's Christmas Day and your house is full of people, silly!

I've often thought Santa Claus had a weird sense of humor. When you think about it, he's given full access to your home on Christmas Eve, and sure he goes about his work, and there's no question he's completely trustworthy, but why is it that kids have all the fun at Christmas while you, as parents, are left pulling out your hair at the end of the day?

It's never been proven but I personally suspect that, even though Santa brings Christmas magic to all the good little boys and girls, he brings a little magical chaos to your home also, in order to help entertain the children as you cook dinner.

Actually, there might be proof in this age-old fable I'm about to make up, and if you're a parent or even a pet owner, you might find some truth in the following composition. *THE GRINCH ATE CHRISTMAS*

You've planned every detail and now you're prepared.

You've washed the fine china and polished silverware! The time is now near and your children will shriek.

"Santa is coming in the middle of this week!"

You fuss and you worry - a last gift to wrap?

Does Santa have your address on his Christmas Eve map?

The worry is over, every last detail is done.

The tree lights are on and the stockings are hung!

Now it's off to bed, you leap with a bound,

But sleep is easy with children around.

The next thing you know, you wake up to the stare,

At the children wondering why you sleep in underwear? "Santa was here!" your children exclaim.

It's five in the morning but you dare not complain!

You roll out of bed and collapse in a heap.

"I'll be down in a minute!" and then you fall back asleep.

The kids grab your arms, and then grab your hair!

They drag you into the hall, and then down the stairs!

Once you stop bouncing, you wake up to see,

The old family dog, and he's watering the tree!

The spirit then moves you, to pick up a gift.

It seems to be screeching and it's awkward to lift!

With a quick little shake, you discover that,

Your crazy aunt Edna has gift-wrapped her cat!

The wife's in the kitchen and you can tell by her screams.

Something isn't right - terribly wrong, so it seems.

The Butterball turkey that sits on the floor,

Wasn't quite the same bird you bought at the store!

One wing was missing, both drumsticks are gone.

At the very same moment, the dog messed on the lawn!

The old pooch was in pain - it started off slow.

"Could that be some tinsel... AND IS THAT MISTLETOE?"

You could see by his eyes, he felt bad for his deeds.

He then passed a glass ball and some Christmas tree beads!

Yes, your dog just ate Christmas, and the point of this song?

It just wouldn't be Christmas unless something goes wrong!

## Library Corner

### Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



This is our last opportunity before Christmas Day to wish you all the blessings of this special season and to thank our community for their support and patronage of the library.

We do so on behalf of the Library Board and Staff — Jack Halliday, Linda Rowbottom, Norma Hladki, Kim Perron, Gene Typa, Terry Howard, Lynn Carter, Kathy Derksen, Albena McLean, Vickie Short, Heather Cottrell, and Dorothy Maslow. There will be a couple of changes on our Board in the new year, and our appreciation goes out to those who serve, and have served, in this voluntary capacity.

Just in time for your holiday traveling needs, a new shipment of audiobooks (CD and cassette) have just been received from Public Library

Services. Check out titles such as *The Fourth Hand* by John Irving, *Trojan Odyssey* by Clive Cussler, *Grand Passion* by Jayne Ann Krentz, "*B*" is for *Burglar* by Sue Grafton, *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff, and many more.

Anticipate some quiet time after the Christmas festivities, and pick up a new hardcover fiction title to enjoy. We have some by your favourite best-selling authors and a few new authors to try. Read *A Perfect Day* by Richard Paul Evans, or *The Wedding* by Nicholas Sparks.

*Deafening* is a remarkable and absorbing first novel. "Grania, a deaf girl growing up in a small Ontario town, is a truly memorable character, and the story of her love for her young soldier husband is brilliantly recounted."

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*Desert Fire* and *Critical Mass* are written by David Hagberg, who, we are told "now takes his rightful place alongside Tom Clancy and Clive Cussler."

More stories to enjoy, by Stuart McLean in *Vinyl Cafe Diaries* - "Learn all about the secret lives and hidden passions of the seemingly ordinary folk from the radio show."

With the kids at home for the holidays, plan to visit the library often - give the television and computer a rest and encourage some reading instead! The library will be closed from Dec. 24-27, and on January 1st. We look forward to meeting all your reading needs!

## Merry Christmas!

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Coreen, Monique, Janice, Kim,  
Dawn, Kim, Holly, Tara

## Outdoor Christmas decorating contest

For the first year of the Outdoor Christmas Decorating Contest, there were many entries. If you haven't been out to see the lights make sure you do! The judges have made their selections and the winners are:

- Most Original: Wilbur Monkman, Grand Marais
- Most Effort: Marcel & Lila Dubé, St-Georges
- Participation: Paul Boulet, St-Georges
- Participation: Gerald & Donna Dupont, St-Georges
- Participation: Jean Dupont, St-Georges
- Participation: Sylvio Chevrefils, St-Georges

*Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all participants.*

### Concours de décoration de noel extérieur

En cette première année de concours de décoration de Noël extérieure nous pouvons dire que nous avons eu une bonne participation au concours et que nous pouvons admirer de très belles décorations extérieures.

- Nos juges ont choisi les gagnants. Les voici:
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- Participation: Gerald & Donna Dupont, St-Georges
- Participation: Jean Vincent, St-Georges
- Participation: Sylvio Chevrefils, St-Georges

Félicitations aux gagnants et merci à tous les participants.



## A Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

### Christmas - A Supernatural Event

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated 'God with us.'" Matthew 1:23

The story of Christmas is both mysterious and glorious. The coming of the Son of God is no ordinary story. God chose Mary, a young girl, a virgin to be the mother of our Lord. She was a young woman who delighted herself in the Word of God and made herself subject to it. When the angel of the Lord brought the message to her, that she would conceive and bring forth a Son, she asked the question, "How can this be, since I have not known a man intimately?" Mary was the first person to question the virgin birth. She could not understand how this could be, but she responded in faith and said, "I am the Lord's servant, let it be to me according to your word."

The mystery of the birth of Christ goes beyond the natural laws of human conception. Daniel Webster (the dictionary man) was asked if he understood this and he answered like this: "No, if I could, I should not want Him (Christ); for if I could comprehend Him, he would be no greater than myself, and such is my sin that I

feel that I need a super-human Savior."

How then is this possible? The Word of God gives us the answer in Luke 1:35. "The Holy Spirit of God shall come over you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also the Holy One, who is born will be called the Son of God." It was necessary for the Redeemer to be born of a woman. (Gal. 4:4) It was imperative that He was born without sin if He was to reconcile God and lost humanity. (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 7:26) G. Campbell Morgan said this; "God is not imprisoned within that which humans call natural, but, for His own purposes, He can act in

a way that humans can only describe as supernatural."

The purpose of the Christmas event is given to us in the name given to this Holy Child; "Jesus, for He shall save his people from their sins" - Matthew 1:21. Jesus came to do that what no church or religion can do, that is to save us from our sin and give us the gift of eternal life. John 3:16, sums up the supernatural event of Christmas this way; "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." This Christmas receive God's gift of love to you, by believing in the Christ of Christmas and you will have a gift that lasts forever.



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- January 1, Open, 9:00am to 9:00pm



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- December 26th - Boxing Day open regular hours
- December 31st - New Year's Eve - Open Regular Hours
- January 1st - New Year's - Open Regular Hours

## Pine Falls dragon boat team throws New Year's Eve fund-raiser

Dragon Boat races originated centuries ago in Japan and has gained popularity in recent years. There are races around the world in China, South Africa, USA and Canada. The Dragon Boat team involves twenty paddlers, a steerman and a drummer on a twenty five foot long boat. The twenty paddlers must work in unison to move the boat along the water over a distance of 500m.

A group of twenty five Pine Falls and surrounding areas

heard about the sport and entered a team in to a competition in July, 2003. The entry fee of \$800 and other money raised for the race went to charity. Amazingly the team from Pine Falls did extremely well. They placed second ahead of forty other boats with years of experience. The Pine Falls Dragon team was established at teh event and was eager to race again.

The team entered a second competition in September 2003 and once again did very well

with a second place finish. The race took place in Brandon with an entry of \$800 but all proceeds went to Manitoba Charities such as Cancer Care, Rainbow Society, Kids Sport, etc...

The Pine Falls Muay Thai Dragon Boat (a non-profit organization) team is currently raising money to purchase a dragon boat of their own. Team captain Larry Sharpe says that it will allow the team to train more frequently and reduce travel to Winnipeg, where the team had to travel to train. In addition it will allow others in the community to be introduced to teh sport and access to a dragon boat. Larry Sharpe is already planning to introduce the high school students at Powerview School to the sport this summer.

The Dragon Boat team's first fund-raiser will be a New Year's Eve Social held at the Pine Falls Curling Club. Music will be by Poco Man Sound. The tickets for the event are \$15.00. Transportation for the event via the handi transit will be provided. Come support the club and ring in the new year.



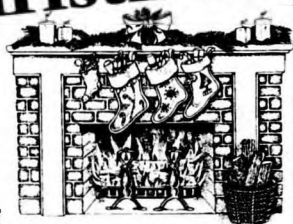
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## The business of Christmas

### Lac du Bonnet merchants report a mixed shopping bag on local spending

by Jim Hampshire

Depending who you talk to, local Christmas cash isn't making the connecting commute to some local cash registers. And while many Lac du Bonnet business owners are experiencing heavy consumer traffic, most agree that the spending trend is down compared to other years.

"We are finding business fairly slow this year and we really can't pinpoint why," one longtime business owner said on the condition of anonymity. "The Christmas shopping season is pretty much over for this year as we aren't open on Boxing Day, so it's not a good bottom line."

Although most Lac du Bonnet business owners will admit they do well during the summer tourist season, the Christmas shopping season is espe-

cially important to help sustain businesses through the post-Christmas spending freeze, also known as the January and February.

As you might expect, Lac du Bonnet business owners are not criticizing the public for shopping for better deals in Winnipeg, and as another anonymous business owner explains, conditions are perfect for bad business on the local front.

"Who could blame the public for taking advantage of good road conditions," the shop owner said on the condition his business isn't named. "Generally we find that the public is loyal to local business but the weather has been such that many local shoppers are hitting the malls in the city."

On the flip side of the coin, one upstart gift shop is doing quite well, according to the owner of Canadian Gusto in Lac du Bonnet.

"This is our first Christmas Season in business and we're quite busy like you might expect at this time of year," owner Pat Johnston said this week. "We had a busy summer and a bit of a lull at the end of September, but it's back to business as usual this Christmas Season."

Johnston says that any new business is unpredictable during the first year but her gift and art emporium has attracted a surprising amount of consumer traffic.

"I really didn't know what to expect in terms of sales in December, but we have seen a definite upswing in terms of sales," she said. "I would hope that every business did well in Lac du Bonnet because, together, we need to provide a variety to keep local shoppers interested in shopping locally."

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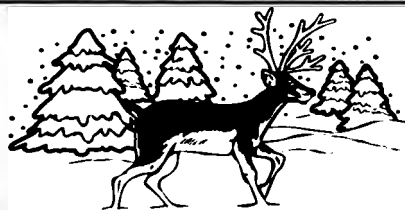
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# Recreation Ramblings

## The Holiday season top ten

10. Do some simple exercises at the buffet table - squats are a good one, lunges too, then pile up your plate with food.

9. Curl up and read a new book... apparently East of Eden is a good one and it's pretty thick book too - should consume a good portion of the holidays.

8. This one always hits my list of to do's - go tobogganning - that is worth a few giggles.

7. Practice your Pilates.

6. Did you learn some funky hip hop moves this Fall? Why not share them with family and friends. Have each person show a signature move.

5. Cook/bake something new and share with your neighbors (inspired by the Barefoot Contessa).

4. She may be in trouble, but Martha always has some great holiday craft ideas. Bring out the Martha in you and make some crafts with family.

3. Group stretches - instead of sitting around on the couch - get everyone up and into stretching. How about the alphabet (I know some of you do it everyday already).

2. Ok, this one is a little lame but I still need to put it in register for a program in our Whiz into Winter Rec brochure (be kind and register a friend too).

And the #1 thing to do this holiday season.... have a nice, relaxing holiday season and best wishes for a healthy, happy and active New Year!

## Whiz into winter 2004

It is time to get moving into a physically active 2004! So

how do you do that? Check out our winter flyer of recreation opportunities and register today. Don't have a flyer? Call the rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639. Remember, registration is on a first come, first serve basis! See what we have going for you this winter!

## Pilates - Intermediate and Beginner

In LdB on Mondays, classes from 6-9pm at Centennial School. In Pinawa, classes on Wednesdays, from 5:15 - 8:15pm at Pinawa Secondary School. Beginner classes are the first time slot, following 2 time slots are for intermediate pilates.

## Shotokan Karate

Learn the art of self defense on Wednesdays and Saturdays commencing January 14 for 18 weeks at Centennial School

## Gym in LdB.

## Theatre

Learn the basics of theatre and improve in this exciting new course running Saturdays. January 17 to March 6 for 8 weeks at LdB Senior School Theatre. 8-10 yr olds from 10:30am - 12:30am and 11-14 yrs of age from 1:30 - 3:30pm

## Cardio Kickboxing

Move your body in this 16 week program running Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays - January 12 to May 7 at Centennial School Gym in LdB.

Fencing - a new one! Learn the fundamentals of foil in this Saturday program running March 20 to May 22 from 12noon to 2pm - that's right 2 hours of fencing every Saturday for 10 weeks at Centennial School Gym in LdB.

## Swing Dancing

One evening of swing dancing on Friday, February 6 from 7-9pm at Pinawa Community Centre.

## Sushi

An evening of sushi with renowned chefs from Edohei. Monday, January 19 from 6-8pm at Pinawa Secondary School Home Ec Room.

## Yoga

Same program - new night! Wednesdays, January 14 to March 17 from 7-8pm at Gilbert Gym in Pinawa.

## Stress, Stretch and Ball Routine

A low impact total fitness program running Tuesdays, January 13 to March 16 from 8-9pm at Gilbert Gym in Pinawa.

## Hip Hop

Back by popular demand this cool, hip program on Tuesdays, January 20 - March 23 at Centennial School Gym in LdB. 5-8 yrs of age form 6-7pm and 9 and up from 7-8pm.

Great wines to entertain with

An evening of wine analysis with Kenaston Wine Market on Tuesday, March 2 from 7:30 - 9:30pm at Pinawa Motor Inn.

## 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!

## Pinawa jackrabbits

Every Sunday meet at the Pinawa club. Open to ages 6-14yrs. For more info contact Bruce Goodwin at 753 8393.

May Christmas and all the joy it brings be yours throughout the coming year!

Our wish for health, happiness and a safe holiday season,


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## Sexual Assault Recovery and Healing (SARAH) Program Volunteers Needed

Survivor's Hope Crisis Centre Inc. currently operates the SARAH program out of the Pinawa Hospital 24/7 for sexual assault survivors in crisis in the hospital catchment area. The program is being expanded in February to support survivors coming into the Pine Falls and Beausejour hospitals. Survivor's Hope is looking for women interested in training as SARAH volunteers, supporting sexual assault survivors in crisis in their communities.

SARAH's primary role is to provide crisis intervention, support and education to survivors and secondary victims of sexual assault. The SARAH volunteer supports the sexual assault survivor by providing the following services:

- Emotional support for

- the Client and secondary victims for recent or historical sexual assaults, normalizing their responses.

- Client options regarding police and medical involvement.

- Hospital accompaniment and support through the forensic exam.

- Support through police statement taking where possible.

- Information on sexual assault and what to expect physically and emotionally following an assault.

- Information on the SARAH program and referrals to other organizations providing follow-up support and crisis support.

- Clothing to leave the hospital if items seized for evidence.

- Personal grooming items to use before leaving hospital or at home.

- Assess Client's lethality, previous history of attempts, to intervene if Client is unable to keep herself/himself safe from suicide.

- Assess Client's safety after leaving the hospital, to assist with making a protection plan where necessary, to provide referrals to shelters.

If you are interested in learning more about becoming a SARAH volunteer please attend our SARAH Volunteer Presentation at the Pine Falls Health Complex, Thursday, January 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room or call Holly Parcey, Program Director, at 753-3150. SARAH volunteers train February 6-8 in Pinawa.

## A Student Perspective

by Jarret Pachkowsky

Christmas is approaching very quickly, and the staff and students at Ecole Powerview School wish you a very Merry Christmas!

In the past 2 weeks, there has been many activities and events taking place in the school. On Thursday, December 11th, our annual Christmas concert took place and was once again a big hit. All the students that participated did a great job and thank the members of the community for their support! The Grad class of 2004 put on their annual Christmas formal dance on Friday, December 12th. The grads would like to thank all the students who came and showed their support. For the first time in a long time, we never had

any drunken students at the dance, WOW! Although we had one grad who decided to sing along to "because I got high" on the microphone, the students all seemed to be having lots of fun!

Our high school drama class has decided to do a famous play that we all know, yes they are going to be acting out "Grease". The students are looking forward to performing the musical. Ha-ha, a musical, I'm sure that will be "great" since everybody I know can sing very well. Well good luck and have fun! I'm sure Hebert will give it two good laughs and maybe two thumbs up.

Mrs. Leroux has been our vice-principal since the beginning of the 2003/2004 school year. Earlier in the school year, Mr. Magnan announced that he would be leaving the school, and taking on a new position. Powerview School was now looking for a Principal to fill his shoes. After a month of looking, the School hired a new principal by the name of Ms. Julien. The staff and students would like to welcome her and hope she enjoys working at the school! Well that's how the cookie crumbles, as Bruce Almighty would say.

A reminder to 40S English class that your provincial English exam is the first week of school, after Christmas holidays. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and fun New Year, please don't drink and drive, you might spill! No! I'm just kidding! It's a very stupid thing to do! Have a good one!

**SEASON'S GREETINGS**



Wishing you a relaxing and joyful holiday season, all the best in the New Year

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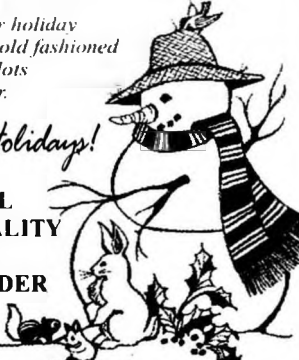
Christmas is a time for sharing old memories and creating new ones.

We hope your holiday is filled with old fashioned warmth and lots of good cheer.

Happy Holidays!

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# The Christmas Orphan

by Kendra Darby (10 yrs old)

## Christmas Eve

"We're going out now, are you sure you are going to be alright?" Said the mother of three year-old Ally.

"Yes, yes fine; now run along or you'll be late for your party." Replied the maid Lucille.

"Oh, alright, but make sure Ally gets to bed on time."

"I know, I know, eight o'clock." Said Lucille.

"OK just making sure."

Lucille heard the door shut.

Good, they're gone, thought Lucille, now I can go and get that chocolate box I really wanted. Oh, but what about the dog? I know! Lucille whistled to the family dog, Tidbit. Then, when he didn't come, she shouted, "Come here you mangy, good for nothing DOG!"

Tidbit came, but stayed as far away as he could from the maid. Lucille walked over to Tidbit, took him by the collar and placed him in Ally's room as if he were a toy. Ally was in her bed sleeping, but when she heard Lucille slam the door she

woke up and said, "Hi Tidbit." In fact Tidbit was the first word that Ally learned.

Tidbit let out a tiny bark and lay down on the peach coloured carpet that was by Ally's bed.

Soon, Ally fell asleep and Tidbit kept watch over her because he cared about her the most and would never want her to get hurt.

Click, click, click.

"Huh!?" Ally was half confused from the sound of the door opening. Tidbit wondered what was up too, but didn't bother barking since it could just be Mr. and Mrs. Hayes back from their party, but why would they be back so early?

"Shh, shh there could still be someone here."

"I don't know, their car doesn't ....."

"Shut up you moron!" said the robber. "There could be someone here! Now come on!"

The two robbers tiptoed into the other room where a six foot tall fully decorated, present loaded Christmas tree stood.

"Alright! Look at those presents." Said the first robber.

"Who needs Santa to bring us

presents?"

"Yeah, who needs him?"

"You don't have to say anything you idiot! Now, lets get the presents and go."

"I'm going to check upstairs." Said the second robber.

"Fine, but there's probably nothing there."

"I'm going anyway."

"Well don't take too long."

When the robber started coming up the stairs, Tidbit barked so the robber went into Ally's room where Tidbit was guarding Ally. The robber picked up Tidbit by the collar and threw him into Ally's walk-in closet. Tidbit kept on barking until the robbers left, taking Ally with them.

You see, they weren't ordinary robbers. They worked for a fake orphanage that actually was a training place for children to be sold when they were ready to be chimney sweeps or maids.

## The day before Christmas Eve, seven years later

"So you're sayin' you had a dog named Tidbit?"

"Yes, explained Ally, his

name was my first word."

All the kids gathered around Ally to listen to what the kids at the fake orphanage called a "my life before the orphanage story."

"That's a pretty stupid name for a dog." Will said.

"Well what would you call it?" Asked Ally

"I would call it: Terminator!"

"Now that's a stupid name." Shot back Melanie, Ally's best friend. Ally, now ten years old, had met Melanie in the sleeping room because they were beside each other. At sleeping time they talked a lot, the trainers scolded them for talking instead of sleeping, but he still yapped away.

They mostly talked about how awful it was to make kids get trained for maid service.

"Well I for one would rather be back together with my parents." Melanie said longingly.

"Yeah, me too agreed Ally. But Ally was really thinking about Tidbit.

"Do you think Tidbit is a stupid name?" Ally asked Melanie.

"Naw." Said Melanie. "I think it's a cute name."

"Melanie?"

"Yeah."

"Do you want to go to sleep now?"

"OK" and soon they were

in deep slumber.

## Christmas Eve

"Alright." Said Stacey (one of the trainers). "Today you will be assigned to a house."

A groan went up from the whole room. Stacey quieted everyone down and started calling the kids up to get their cards with the addresses on them. Melanie got 279 Lakeshore Road and Ally got 67 First Avenue.

"Hey" said Melanie, "I lived on First Avenue before, but it was 767 First Avenue," said Melanie sadly.

"Well I hope you find your parents." Said Ally comfortably.

"C'mon lets get our equipment." Said Melanie, and Ally went with Melanie to the "maid room."

You see, there were two rooms, a chimney sweep room and a maid room. So they got their brooms and mops and dusters and went off to their assigned houses. It was sort of funny, because there were all these young maids and chimney sweeps walking around on the streets. Ally walked with Melanie until they had to go their separate ways.

Soon, Ally found the house she was assigned and was

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# The Christmas Orphan

from previous page

welcomed in by someone very familiar. There was a dog that kept on barking and also stayed by Ally's side all the time.

Ally was very curious what the dog's name was, so she decided that when she was finished she would ask the lady there.

"What's the dogs name?" Asked Ally.

"Well," said the lady. "His name is Tidbit, and he was a very good friend with .....Oh!" and she burst into tears but quickly calmed down. "You see, it's a very sad time for us because seven years ago from tonight we lost our beloved daughter .... Ally Hayes"

"My name is Ally Hayes" "Oh don't be a silly girl, you can't be our daughter; why, you're a *maid*."

"But, but, Tidbit," said Ally. "He tried to protect me but the robber threw him in my walk-in closet."

"Well if you are who you say you are then why don't you stay overnight and we'll go to the police and find out if it's true or not."

"OK. But where would a maid sleep in a house like this?"

"You can sleep in one of the seventeen bedrooms upstairs."

"Wow," said Ally in amazement, "that's a lot of bedrooms."

"Yes, yes, now run along and pick out your favorite and I'll be up in a minute."

So Ally went upstairs and picked a very small and comfy room just big enough for her.

Tidbit, of course, followed and waited until Ally was in bed and jumped up on the end of it when she lay down.

Soon after, Mrs. Hayes came up to tuck her in. She knocked on the door and then opened it. "Are you all settled now?"

"Yes."

"Well, instead of kissing you on the cheek, I'll just kiss you on the hand. Mrs. Hayes lifted up her hand and paused and stared at a diamond ring that Ally had on her ring finger.

"Where did you get this ring dear?"

"I got it from *you* on my third birthday."

"Well, let me see it because it had your initials on the bottom."



We heard through the grapevine that a travelling special house calls in the area. If you see this jolly fellow be sure to say hello.

*Holiday Greetings*

Warm wishes  
to all for a  
Safe &  
Happy Holiday  
New Year!

**Tembec**

# Midget News

by Jarret Pachkowsky

The Jr. Pine Falls Paper Kings midget hockey club would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and thank the members of the community for their recent support over the past couple of weekends! This past weekend on December 20, and 21st, the boys played 2 home games which were two very important games for the boys.

On Saturday December 20th, the boys squared off against the Labroquerie Habs. The boys came out flat and quickly found themselves behind 3 to 0 after two periods of play. They knew they had to pull their crap together, well they knew what had to be done and in the third period, quickly executed!

Although Labroquerie came out with the first goal in the third period, the

next shift was nothing but Kings as #4 Payton Richardson, and #15 Jarret Pachkowsky quickly popped in 2 goals on one shift to put the boys back in it down only 2 goals. Shortly after, #7 Blaine Dube buried a beautiful shot from the point that found nothing but net! The boys bounced back and were down one goal now, was it getting good or what! With good, always has to come some bad as the Habs would find the net one more time before the buzzer went to end the game in a 5 to 3 loss. The boys needed to have a solid game of hockey if they wanted to win, but just could not come through.

On Sunday December 21st, the boys knew it was going to be a tough one! They were up

against the undefeated Portage Terriers. Despite losing 10

to 3 in the first meeting between the Kings and Terriers, the boys came out flying, and they knew what had to be done, and they did it! The boys played very well and kept the game close until in the third when

they tied it up at 4 goals a piece! The Kings were pumped, playing hard looking for the win, unfortunately the boys were setback by a Portage goal to take the lead, which was clearly offside. The game ended in 5 to 4 loss, yes the goal was offside but that's hockey, the Kings played a solid game and know what they are capable of! Hope you can all make it out to our next home game on January 10th, 2004. Thank you!

## Player Profiles

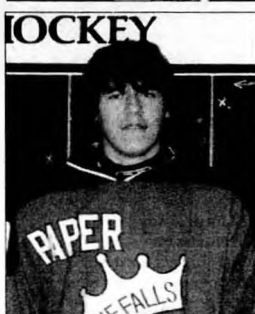
### Cassandra Flanagan #5

Age 15  
Position: Defense  
Shoots: Right  
Height: 5'7"  
Weight: 125lbs  
Favorite NHL'r: Todd Bertuzzi  
Favorite Food: Chocolate Chip Cookie Doe Ice Cream



### Justin Wilcott #2

Age: 15  
Position: Defense  
Shoots: Right  
Height: 5'10"  
Weight: 140lbs  
Favorite NHL'r: Peter Forsberg  
Favorite Food: Pizza



Ho Ho Ho

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Best wishes for the New year!

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Wishing you a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

From the Management and Staff of...

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Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year

from **DUFOUR DAYCARE**

# Blues come up short against Arborg

by MP

The Lac du Bonnet Blues hosted the Arborg Avalanche on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>, losing 7-5 in spite of a hat trick performance from Dwight Hirst.

The Blues had most of the offensive drives during the first period. Defenceman Cam Sokoloski delivered a great centering pass that enabled Dwight Hirst to skate in all alone to open the scoring for the Blues.

Jay Seymour won the face off in the Arborg zone, passed to Hirst who took advantage of a screened play to add another Lac du Bonnet goal. Aaron Wold came close when his initial shot was mishandled by the Arborg goalie but trickled just wide of the open net.

Arborg's speed created a near break away that goalie Shane Hintz opted to check the skater as the puck trickled untouched into the left corner, opening the scoring for Arborg.

The second Arborg goal came on a miscue by Hintz who opted to skate to the oncoming loose puck, only to be beaten to the puck by the Arborg player who made a quick move around Hintz and easily scored, tying the game at two apiece.

Arborg grabbed the go

ahead goal on plenty of action behind and around the Blues net, the goal being tipped in at the corner. Minutes later Cam Sokoloski broke up another Arborg strike when he intercepted a pass directly in front of the net on a two on one attack.

Aaron Wold tied the game assisted by linemates Abraham and Tease, to close the first period at 3-3.

The fast pace continued into

the second period, Cam Sokoloski got the go head Lac du Bonnet goal on a pass from Wold, Usackis also assisting on the play. While both teams were closely checking, the pace of the game saw attention by both teams more on play making then on rough necking. The referee chose to call a string of cheap penalties (slashing, two interference and one charging penalty) against the Blues that saw the momen-

tum go Arborg way. Arborg tied the game on a power play and got the go ahead when the puck was stolen from the Blues defenceman who was attempting to carry the puck out of the Blues end.

Down by one goal, the Blues increased the pressure. Fans were treated to some impressive skating by Dwight Hirst who seemed to be everywhere all the time. Usackis delivered a perfect pass to Jay Seymour who was unable to convert.

Arborg's speed never slowed during the third, they continued to create turnovers and quick offensive strikes. One such play resulted in a two on one. Brendan Arseneault took the puck carrier who passed to the open skater. Hintz was in place to challenge this player but a quick rising shot entered the net just over Hintz glove.

Now behind by two goals, The Blues pulled the goalie with two minutes remaining but

could not put the puck past Arborg goalie Greg Greeves who seemed to be in the right place at the right time all night.

Arborg got an empty net goal just before Dwight Hirst got his third goal with only 1 second left in the game. Final score 7-5 Arborg.

Blues defenceman Josh Abraham watched the game from the sidelines with a dislocated knee. He commented on what a good game the boys delivered.

Lac du Bonnet's skating and speed was evident throughout. With a slightly longer bench the fans were hoping the Blues would tire out the Avalanche, but such was not the case. Arborg's pace never slowed Arborg took advantage of every opportunity. The Blues had their chances, but the victory eluded them.

Defenceman Courtney Phillips was not at the game, nor was winger Tyson Papineau. Sean Reynolds was dressed playing defence.

**Holiday Wishes**

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas & a joyous New Year!



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**Holiday Greetings!**

Thinking of you during the holidays, we wish you a safe and joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.



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# The History of the Candy Cane



So, you buy candy canes for the kids or for the decorations every year but do you really know where they come from? The candy cane is a Christmas tradition that many hold dear

but nobody really knows why. Let's face it — the only things we really know about candy canes is that they taste good and that they are red and white.

Whether the story of the candy cane is a legend or if it is true is not certain, but this is how the story goes: About two hundred-thirty years ago at the Cologne Cathedral, the children that went to church there were really loud and noisy. They often moved around and would not pay attention to the choirmaster.

This was especially difficult for the choirmaster when they

were supposed to be sitting still for the long living Nativity ceremony. So to keep the children quiet, he gave them a long, white, sugar candy stick. He couldn't give them chocolate or anything like that because the people at that church would think it was sacrilegious. So he gave them the stick and he bent it on the end to look like a cane. It was meant to look like a shepherd's cane, and so it reminded the children of the shepherds at Jesus' birth.

In 1847, a German-Swedish

immigrant in Wooster, Ohio put candy canes on his Christmas tree and soon others were doing the same. Sometime around 1900 candy canes came to look more like what we know them as today with the red stripes and peppermint flavoring.

Some people say the white color represents the purity of Jesus Christ and the red stripes are for the wounds he suffered. They also sometimes say that the peppermint flavoring represents the hyssop herb used for purifying and spoken of in

the Bible. The shape also looks like the letter "J" for Jesus, not just a shepherd's cane. It is possible that these things were added for religious symbols, but there is no evidence that is true.

Around 1920, a man in Georgia named Bob McCormack wanted to make candy canes for his family and friends. He later started mass-producing candy canes for his own business which he named Bob's Candies. This is where many of our candy canes come from today.

# The Legend of the Poinsettia

A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consol-

ingly. Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.



As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene.

Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season.

Today, the common name for this plant is the poinsettia!

**Holiday Wishes**  
Have a  
*Happy & Healthy*  
*Christmas Season*

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December 25 & 26, Closed  
December 27, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
December 29 & 30, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
December 31, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
January 1, Closed

*May joy & happiness fill all your days!*

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*

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**Season's Greetings**

*Best wishes for a joyous holiday season!*

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Management & Staff

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**Merry Christmas!**

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# The Happy Tots Place

by Kathie Duff

The children at the Happy Tots Place are counting the sleeps till Christmas and are very excited about Santa coming.

The highlights of the month for November were: Nov. 3-7 We talked about how to be safe in everything we do, and we also talked about how awful war was and how much better it was to be friends, during our Remembrance Day theme this week. Nov. 10-14 We talked about colors and we played fun games about colors (I spy, Do you know the color..song) Nov. 17-18 We talked about all the fun things you can do during winter and winter recreation: skating, skiing, snowmobile riding, sledding, building snowmen, snowflakes or igloos, snow

angels.

Now that the snow is here the children are having a great time playing outdoors making snow people, snow angels and trying to make a hill to slide on. They are very busy with the snow shovels creating snow items and having a great time.

Our theme during December is Christmas. The children are busy making special crafts for their loved ones and they are busy making party items for our Christmas party on that was held on Dec. 19. The children enjoyed snacks, and entertainment by Carolyn's daughter Azariah who entertained the children by playing Christmas songs on her keyboard until the Jolly old man arrived with his sack full of candies for the children.

Keeping Christmas in mind

please remember us, we appreciate any used wrapping paper, ribbons, bows and cards. We appreciate your donations will use them for crafts next year.

I'd like to end by writing a few lines on the spirit of giving. The holiday time has arrived and we are busy making our gift list. Some people are very close to us; others are more distant yet each gift reflects our thoughtfulness. Keeping in mind our own personal budget; the gift itself does not matter; it's the thought that counts. So when we choose a gift it reflects what we think of the recipient and the message we wish to convey.

We at Happy Tots Place would like to extend a very merry holiday season and all the best for 2004!



## 8 Ender

Skip, Nick Ogryzlo (left) with his team of Wayne Carriere, third, Murray Neufeld, second, and Neil Armstrong, lead scored a perfect eight ender at the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club in their regular men's league.

*Happy Holidays!*

*With fondest wishes for health and happiness we send our friends and customers our sincere thanks.*

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# Christmas Memories

*Endearing thoughts to all in our community for your friendship, loyalty and support.*

*Let the richness and excitement of the season embrace you and yours.*

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FROM CONNIE, CURTIS & STAFF

# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

RCMP report for the week of December 12th to December 19th, 2003



On the 12th of Dec., police attended to Whitemouth to assist with traffic & crowd control while the "Christmas Train" was in the community.

On the 13th of Dec., police on patrol observed a vehicle go into the ditch near McArthur and Thorne in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Investigation revealed that an adult male was driving and was noted to be under the influence of alcohol. The subject was arrested, and subsequently released for court on charges of Refusing the Breathalyzer, Impaired

Driving and Assaulting a Police Officer. Vehicle impounded and driver's license suspended.

On the 13th of Dec., a report was rec'd that harassing telephone calls were received at a residence in Pinawa.

On the 13th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle driving around Pinawa and the occupants waving stop signs out the windows. Investigation revealed that same were stolen from the snowmobile trails, and the vehicle was identified. The vehicle in question was

checked at the Teen Centre, however, the driver denied any involvement and the signs were not found in the vehicle.

On the 13th of Dec., a report was rec'd that two windows were broken on a cottage at Red Rock Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. A hammer was found inside the cottage, and it appeared that the premises had not been entered. This took place between Thanksgiving and the 7th of Dec.

On the 14th of Dec., a report was rec'd of vandalism in the area of the Fish Ladder near Pinawa. A cell phone was found at the scene.

On the 14th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at the Pro Shop at the Pinawa Club. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 14th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an adult male assaulting an adult female at a residence in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The subject in question was arrested for the assault, and also on the strength of an outstanding Warrant for Arrest from Lac du Bonnet Detachment. He was subsequently released for court by a Magistrate.

On the 15th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a business on Third Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet sustaining damage to the front area of the building and steps by an unknown truck or snow plough.

On the 15th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a subject in the River Hills area of the R.M. of Whitemouth not responding to a LifeLine call. Police investigation revealed that the subject was away.

On the 15th of Dec., a report was rec'd that a vehicle

was vandalized while parked in Auglen Park in the R.M. of Alexander. This took place on the 4th of August, 2003.

On the 15th of Dec., a report was rec'd of under-age subjects sliding off Blueberry Rock and creating a traffic hazard on the Blueberry Rock Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 15th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that this was a False alarm.

On the 16th of Dec., a report was rec'd that a vehicle was scratched while parked at a residence on Leslie in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The complainant suspected a group of youth who had attended at the residence.

On the 16th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a fire alarm at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Police and the Fire Dept. attended and found that there was no fire, but that a smoke bomb had been set off in the premises. Police investigation continuing in an effort to identify this culprit.

On the 17th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a cottage at Barrier Bay in the Whiteshell Prov. park. Police attended and found that this was a False Alarm.

On the 17th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a cottage in the Cape Coppermine area. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 17th of Dec., a report was rec'd from an under-age female that she was threatened by an adult male at a location in the downtown area of the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

The subject was arrested and released for court.

On the 17th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a house on fire on Tower Road in the R.M. of Whitemouth. A neighbour rescued the single occupant of the residence, who was unharmed. The residence was consumed by the fire.

On the 18th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a wounded deer in the bushes near Pinawa. Police attended, but the deer in question could not be located.

On the 18th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a residence on Corrigan in Whitemouth. Police attended and found that this was a False alarm.

On the 18th of Dec., a Check-Stop was conducted on P.T.H. #11 in the R.M. of Alexander. A number of vehicles were checked and one adult male was charged with Open Liquor in a Vehicle.

On the 18th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle in the ditch along P.T.H. #11 just to the north of McArthur Falls in the R.M. of Alexander. Police attended and found that the vehicle was no longer at the scene, as it was pulled out by an unknown party.

On the 19th of Dec., police on patrol located 3 dogs on P.T.H. #11 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. As the dogs were presenting a traffic hazard, and for their own safety, same were taken into custody. The owner was subsequently located and reunited with his charges.

On the 19th of Dec., a resident of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet reported forged cheques and a possible fraud involving a Power of Attorney. The suspect is an adult male who does not live in the area.

## Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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

**Cooking for better health:** Lose weight, gain energy and prevent illness. Classes begin for every five people registered. Cindy Reimann, certified in nutrition, call 268-2168. **PACE 7-1375:** meets first Tuesday of the month. **Chicken Chef:** Power-view meeting room. **Stit and Be Fit exercise class:** Thursdays, Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club, 1:00 p.m.

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

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

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

**Horicultural Society** meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Centennial School.

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

**Lakeshore Al-Anon Group** Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre. 89 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, Beauvejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.

**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

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**  
Pastor Jake Doell, church 345-2934, home 345-9766  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - morning worship; 6:30 p.m. - Upper Room.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
Church/office 345-8654  
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - worship service

**NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Richard Macburn, 345-2900  
Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass: 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass  
Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass

**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Sandra Tankard 367-9520, church 345-2357  
Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - worship; 11:30 a.m. - first and third Sunday of each month, holy eucharist.

# Merry Christmas



Wishing you and yours  
a joyful Holiday Season,  
And our best in the  
New Year

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

## Little Ornament Boxes

Shiny little boxes made from coated paper and filled with inexpensive gifts can decorate your tree until they're given as

favors to holiday guests. Or use the boxes on an exciting "Adventure tree" for children: attach stick on numbers to the

boxes and hang them on your tree, then open one for each day until Christmas.

Look for coated paper (a light weight tag board with colour or foil on one side) in art supply stores. From a 20 by 26 inch sheet you can make four boxes, each about 2 inches on a side. You'll also need a pencil, ruler, hole punch, compass, art knife, scissors and gold string or cord for hanging the boxes on branch tips.

To make the boxes, rule a grid of 2 inch squares on the back side of a sheet of coated

paper. Draw the boxes on the grid following the pattern below and using a compass to draw the rounded tabs. Cut out the boxes with an art knife or scissors. Lightly score the fold lines (dotted lines on the pattern) with a shape point. Punch holes in the tabs as shown below: cut 1 inch slits for the tabs where indicated in the pattern. Fold the sides inward to form the box.

To decorate the boxes, use gummed or adhesive stickers (gold stars, numbers, or animal shapes) from a stationary store. Or cut your own designs from adhesive plastic.

After you have filled the boxes with little gifts or candies, simply fold the top pieces closed so the tabs protrude; then add a string for hanging. Designed By Françoise Kirkman

Fig (1)

On the reverse side of a sheet of coated paper, rule a grid of 2 inch squares. Then draw the boxes (use a compass to outline the tabs) and cut them out.

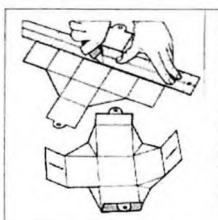
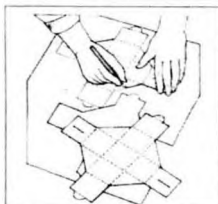
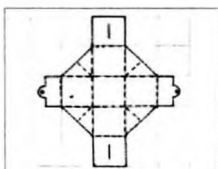
Fig (2)

Lightly score the dotted fold lines using a ruler and a sharp

point. Punch holes in the tabs, cut slits to fit the tabs through, and fold to form a box.

Fig (3)

Cut-out Illustration. Use this as your template.



## On Parliament Hill



Your voice in Ottawa  
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

### Celebrating our Faith

Over the past several decades in Canada, we have seen a shift away from Christmas celebrations in schools, shops, and municipalities, in favour of secular "holidays" or "winter" celebrations.

City halls have erected "Holiday Trees", schoolchildren have performed "Winter Pageants", and shops have steered away from playing traditional Christmas carols and trained their staff to greet customers with neutral salutations. This trend has been based on the notion that a reference to Christmas would isolate and offend people of other faiths.

However, this trend is being questioned, at least by one Toronto-area school board.

Last month, Jim Grieve, education director of the Peel District School Board - the second-largest public system in Greater Toronto, covering Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon - sent schools a memo encouraging them to organize faith-based celebrations. That includes Christmas, but also other important religious events such as Hanukkah for Jews and Ramadan for Muslims.

By trying not to offend anyone's beliefs, officials say that the schools had erred on the side of caution and ended up celebrating nothing. With people shying away from using terms that are known to children, the children actually felt less comfortable with the secu-

lar celebrations. In the end, the director decided that it's not only acceptable to talk about faith, it's important to do so.

While all Canadians do not share the same religious faith or celebrate the same religious festivals, most Canadians would agree that to specifically exclude any reference to our religious beliefs and celebrations would leave all Canadians poorer throughout the year. Congratulations to the Peel District School Board for its positive contribution to Canadian society by encouraging the celebration of religious faith during this special time of the year.

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 203-323 Main Street,

## Perfect Pairs!



Bingo & Candy,  
86701 & 86702

These two wascally wabbits were part of a rabbit family turned over to us. They are already neutered and ready to make the transition into your home. We have many rabbits currently available for adoption, including Bingo & Candy's parents! Adoption fee includes a vet exam, spay/neuter, owner handbook and 2 week health period.

## 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



Bucky & Phantom,  
83564 & 83562

These two very special companions DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP to know what it's like to be normal dogs. Housed for nearly a year in a garage they came to us barely able to walk, terribly neglected and very, very needy. Now, after months of rehab and loads of effort, the two pals need a home together. In a special effort to get them into a permanent "home for the holidays", their joint fee is only \$94.24!

**Merry Christmas**  
and a  
**Happy and Healthy New Year**

from the Board of Directors and Staff  
of the North Eastman Health Association Inc.

**NEHA**

- \* Corporate Office
- \* Ambulance Services
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- \* Beausejour Health Centre
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- \* Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home
- \* Pinawa Hospital
- \* Pine Falls Health Complex
- \* Whitemouth District Health Centre

## Season's Greetings to All!

Thank you to all of our patrons for your continued support

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# Winnipeg River RCMP Report

The report covers the periods of December 15 to December 22, 2003



**ADVISORY:** Winter Road Conditions can be treacherous. Use caution, slow down or don't drive at all in severe weather conditions.

Have a safe and happy holiday! And remember please don't drink and drive!  
RM of ALEXANDER -

police intercepted a vehicle and charged 1 male for impaired driving.

**POWVIEW** - 1 male had been charged with possession under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. A small quantity of marijuana was found in a routine check of a vehicle and driver.

**December 16:**  
**HOLLOW WATER** - Manitoba Hydro was called out to this area after a vehicle was found to have collided with a hydro pole. No one was injured in the incident and investigation continues.

**LITTLE BLACK RIVER** - police are investigating a spousal assault which occurred in the early morning hours.

**RM of ALEXANDER** - a theft of animal traps & vandalism was reported to police.

**December 17:**  
**FORT ALEXANDER** - a call to a residence to remove an unwanted house guest had police apprehend 1 male. The

male had been drinking and was starting to argue with others at the home. He was lodged in cells for his own safety and released in the morning when sober.

- police patrolled an area after reports of an intoxicated male walking into traffic were received. The male however had made it home and no further police action was necessary.

**December 19:**  
**FORT ALEXANDER** - a report of a possible impaired driver had police search the area the vehicle. The vehicle was located at a residence but no driver.

- a break, enter and theft occurred to a residence. A tv was taken in the incident. Investigation continues.

**MANIGOTAGAN** - police attended a spousal assault in progress at a location. Both male and female had been drinking when an argument escalated to the assault. 1 male has been charged as police continue to

investigate.  
**POWVIEW** - a complaint of theft of a camera from a local school was reported to police.

**LITTLE BLACK RIVER** - police charged 1 male for breach of a court order. The male had been at a residence, was extremely intoxicated and started to fight with a female.

**December 20:**  
**HILLSIDE BEACH** - an attempted break and enter occurred at a cottage in the area. A front porch screen & door was broken but no access was gained to the cabin.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - police attended a house to remove 2 unwanted males. Both men were escorted home and no further police action was necessary. Alcohol was not involved in the incident.

- police are still investigating an incident of forced entry to a residence where a fight broke out.

- police removed a youth from a residence after he was causing problems and fighting. He was lodged until sober and released.

**December 21:**  
**RM of ALEXANDER** - 1 male was stopped in the check stop program and charged with impaired driving.

**POWVIEW** - police charged 1 male for a bail violation. 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.

## 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 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. whist every Thursday 1:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Mental Illness Support Group:** meets second Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m. Wings of Power office. **Beaches HELP Centre** (seniors service) 756-6471, Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

**Winnipeg 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 5:30p.m., call Dolores for info. at 367-2945. **Foster Homes** Open your heart and home to a foster child, foster homes needed in Pine Falls and surrounding area, call Debby at 268-6158.

**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.

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

## Winnipeg River Church Services

**NOTRE DAME D'ULAIUS:** Powerview - Saturday evening 7:30 p.m. (English), Sunday 10:00 a.m. (English), Sec'd - Sunday 12:00 noon.

**PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH:** Sunday service 11:00 a.m. Bob 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, Greenwald on Hwy. #12, 1 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations) For info call 635-2625 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

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

**SAGKEENG CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** - 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.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Gendarmerie royale du Canada

### WINNIPEG RIVER DETACHMENT

• Hope all have a Safe Holiday Season!

• Wishing everyone the Best of Luck in 2003.

• Please Remember Don't drink & drive.

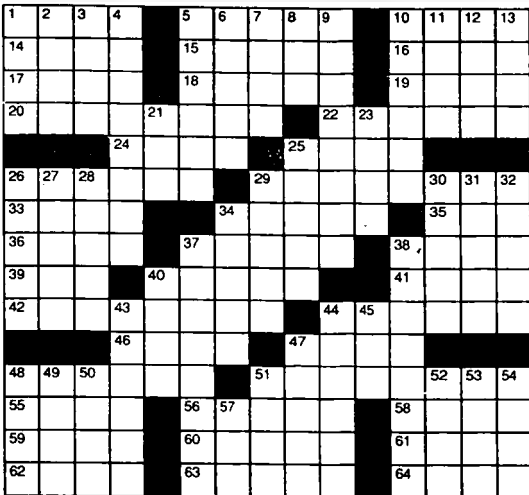
*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, glory be to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.*  
Like 2:13-14

Wishing you a blessed holiday

**RUSSELL FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORIUM**  
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# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



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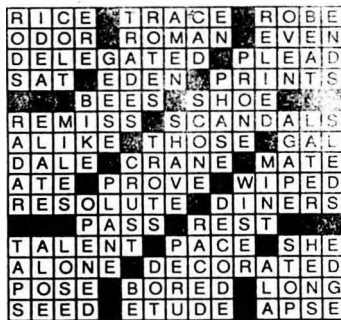
- 1. Frolic
- 5. Rescues
- 10. Kettles
- 14. Above
- 15. Danger signal
- 16. Great Lake
- 17. Source of poi
- 18. Forfeiter
- 19. Large bundle

- 20. Pachyderm
- 22. Strolled
- 24. Employ
- 25. Small bottle
- 26. Funny drama
- 29. Gives permission
- 33. Cry of woe
- 34. Appraises
- 35. Lubricate
- 36. Compassion

- 37. More chaste
- 38. Conflagration
- 39. Adam's mate
- 40. Became wan
- 41. Secondhand
- 42. Reconstructed
- 44. Embrace
- 46. Historic periods
- 47. Dawn
- 48. Washes away suds
- 51. Opened up to view
- 55. Mine passage
- 56. Harangue
- 58. Small bay
- 59. Burrowing animal
- 60. Sweetheart
- 61. Paradise
- 62. Entreated
- 63. Prophets
- 64. Dispatched

- 26. Prance
- 27. Oily fruit
- 28. Spouses
- 29. Felt concern
- 30. Din
- 31. Becomes fatigued
- 32. Toboggans
- 34. Governs
- 37. Light umbrellas
- 38. Heating appliances
- 40. Gaze intently
- 43. Tried out
- 44. Movable lids
- 45. Exist
- 47. Rhythm
- 48. Stopping roadway
- 49. Deity
- 50. Egyptian river
- 51. Talk wildly
- 52. Vein of ore
- 53. Odd or \_\_\_
- 54. Slight depression
- 57. Fish eggs

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



**Down**

- 1. Mechanical routine
- 2. Ellipse
- 3. No more than
- 4. Foretell
- 5. Wages
- 6. By oneself
- 7. Waistcoat
- 8. Before
- 9. Kitchen sieve
- 10. Small rounded stone
- 11. Verbal
- 12. Roofing stone
- 13. Grain to plant
- 21. Concealed
- 23. Bulk
- 25. Cast a ballot



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

Z BYCCW DVCXERBZE RF ZGG ZTM  
RF ZGG Z NFFM TXNVR.

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**

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT ANYTHING NICE TO SAY ABOUT ANYBODY COME SIT NEXT TO ME.

## Weekly Echo Horoscopes



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

Spending too much time talking to friends or relatives could easily turn into a debate that could lead to estrangement. You mustn't give too much to your children. Try to enlist the support of your coworkers first. You must make sure that all your personal documents are in order.

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

Property investments, insurance, tax rebates, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Take some time to change your house around. Your partner's a little jumpy. Minor accidents could cause trauma and major setbacks.

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

You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes. You'll look guilty if you don't lay your cards on the table. Either way, you're up for a passionate encounter with someone special. Your emotional reaction will be dependent upon your partner's responsiveness.

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

A quiet restful day just staying in bed or catching up on reading will be your best bet. Opportunities for new partnerships will develop through the organizations you encounter. Coworkers may not be on your side. If you are not already, think about going into business for yourself.



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

Be sure not to reveal private information to the wrong individuals. Be sure to find out all you can before you commit to anything. Relatives will not agree with the way you are dealing with your personal problems. Your attitudes at work will open new avenues for you.



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

Be prepared to neutralize any threats. Talk to an older, established individual about your present situation. Work quietly on your own and you will forge ahead. Deal with the needs of children and get into groups that deal with self-awareness.



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

Be prepared to overcome frustrations and obstacles at work. Uncertainties regarding your home and family are evident. You can win points with children if you take the time to show interest in their accomplishments. You may not be as well received in group endeavors if you try to force your will on others.



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

Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation. You can make a huge difference to children if you are able to put yourself in their shoes. Don't vacillate about asking for assistance if you need it. Avoid lending or borrowing.

*This edition covers the week of December 22nd to December 28th*



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

You can make major decisions regarding your professional direction. Your dynamic, determined approach will win favors as well as a helping hand. You may want to try your hand at a little creative writing. Don't let your boss get the better of you. Your fickle nature may cause jealousy.



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

You have so much to offer: open up and let your thoughts be known. Be very careful while in transit or while traveling in foreign countries. Travel will be in your best interest. This will not be the time to give too much to your children.



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

You may want to take a look at courses offered at a local institute. Don't let someone try to bully you into doing things their way. Recognition will be yours if you meet your deadline. Y Direct your energy wisely.



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

Find a way to consolidate. Your best gains will come through helping others emotionally. Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. Financial limitations will not be as adverse as they appear.

# Echo Classifieds

**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. *TEN*

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

**Accommodations**  
**Rooms and Suites for rent.**  
 Weekly and Monthly rates  
 available. Hydro and satellite  
 included, call Omer at 367-  
 9991 or 367-4210. *TEN*

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

**Prayer Corner**  
 May the Sacred Heart of Je-  
 sus and the Immaculate Heart  
 of Mary be praised, adored,  
 and glorified everyday through-  
 out the world forever.  
 -Amen  
 Say six times a day for nine  
 days and promise publication  
 and your prayers will be an-  
 swered no matter how impos-  
 sible they may seem by the  
 ninth day.

**Card of thanks**  
 A big thank you to Brock and  
 Aaron Fontaine for winning me  
 a cute stuffed red puppy at  
 Broadlands Restaurant. I  
 named him "woof".  
 Drake Pachkowsky

**Card of thanks**  
 Wings of Power would like to  
 thank all those who helped  
 make our Breakfast with Santa  
 a huge success. Special thanks  
 to the Northern for donating the  
 pancake mix and sausages.

Thank you also to the following  
 for their generous contributions:  
 Great Falls Foods, Dancyt's,  
 Midway, Winnipeg River  
 Justice Committee, Tembec,  
 and our special volunteer - Mel  
 Laurilla.

**Card of thanks**  
 A big thanks to those that  
 planned and attended my fund-  
 raising social at Great Falls hall.  
 It was an extraordinary  
 success, I would like to  
 acknowledge the contributions  
 made by the following:  
 Broadlands Restaurant/  
 Convenience, Clarks Corner,  
 Great Falls Foods, Napa Auto  
 Parts, Northern, Papertown  
 and Pro Hardware. A heartfelt  
 thanks to all those who helped  
 out, your generosity and  
 support are greatly  
 appreciated.

Thank you,  
 Evan Breton



**Memoriam**  
**In loving memory  
 of my Dad,  
 Harold "Jack" Starr  
 December 19, 1998**

They say that time heals all  
 sorrow.  
 Wish that were true, Dad.  
 It's been 5 years.  
 And it still hurts like the day.  
 That the Creator called you  
 home.

Loving and missing you.  
 Your daughter Darlene  
 and family

**Meal Program**      **Meal Program**

**SILVER HAVEN MEAL PROGRAM**

Open to all seniors \$5 and over. You are welcome to bring a guest. All meals are \$4.50. Meals are at 12:00 noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your name must be put on the list the day before by calling  
**Silver Haven at 367-4620**

**Monday, Dec. 29**  
 Soup, barbecued pork chops, red cabbage, mashed potatoes, apple crisp.

**Wednesday, Dec. 31**  
 Soup, shepherds pie, coleslaw, coconut cream pie.

**Friday, January 2/04**  
**Closed for New Year's  
 Happy New Year!**

**Monday, Jan. 5**  
 Soup, roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, chocolate pudding.

**EVERGREEN**  
 M.B.S.  
**Rob Oakes 345-4828**  
 (204) 348-2955

**46 MCDUGALL AV.  
 ST. GEORGES.**

Approx. 1344 sq. ft. 3 bedroom bi-level on approx. 3.25 acres. This home includes: built-in oven, stove (on island), dishwasher, 3 bathrooms, central air, alarm system, wood/elec. forced air heat, wet bar, 18 ft. dia. above ground pool, 650 sq. ft. of deck space, 10x20 insulated workshop. COUNTRY LIVING IN TOWN!!



**PINE FALLS,  
 9 POPLAR ST.**  
 Approx. 1220 sq. ft. 11/2 storey 3 bdrm. home. This home includes: fridge, stove, washer, dryer, freezer, & air conditioner. This renovated home also has a 24 x 26 garage and a large den.  
**GREAT FAMILY HOME!!**  
 \$81,000.00

*Merry Christmas &  
 Happy New Year*  
 From Evergreen Realty

*The spirit of Christmas is all around. We thank you for your valued patronage.*

Closed - Christmas Eve at 6:30pm  
 Closed - Christmas Day & Boxing Day  
 Closed - New Year's Day

**Manitou Lodge**  
 Pine Falls — 367-2252

**Season's Greetings**

*All our best for the Holiday Season*

**Celebrations Unlimited**  
**Pine Florist**

Located in Pine Plaza  
 Downtown Pine Falls  
 Call 367-9010

**Sunrise Bakery**

**Season's Greetings**

*Dainty Trays are now Available Don't be disappointed Order Today!*

**Store Hours**  
 Pine Falls  
 Tuesday to Saturday  
 8:00am to 5:30p.m.  
 Lac du Bonnet  
 9:00am to 5:30pm

**367-8019**

# The cab ride

Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living.

When I arrived at 2:30 a.m., the building was dark except for a single Light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, then drive away.

But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself.

So I walked to the door and knocked. "Just a minute", answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor.

After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pill-box hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out

to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman.

She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness.

"It's nothing", I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated".

"Oh, you're such a good boy", she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly.

"Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in a hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice".

I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening.

"I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long."

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were

newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creating the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now."

We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico.

Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse. "Nothing," I said.

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you."

I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, the door shut.

# ECHOES FROM THE Heart

It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't

think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments.

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