



## Ring in the New Year Lac du Bonnet Legion works double time for holiday event

by Jim Hampshire

It is often called the biggest night of the year and that was evident on New Year's Eve when more than 100 patrons ventured out to the Lac du Bonnet Legion in a bid to welcome 2004. This year marks the first time the Legion has hosted a New Year's Eve function in decades, giving way to other groups and organizations that have booked local banquet facilities over the more recent years. And as newly elected President Norm Rimmer explains, this year was an opportune time for the local branch to host the gala evening.

"I can't remember the last time the Lac du Bonnet Legion held a New Year's Eve dance, to be honest," Rimmer confided. "We decided it was time we offered our members and guests an inexpensive evening out on New Year's and the membership responded as we had a very nice crowd."

Normally, local organizations won't hold social events on the same evening, so as not to divide the dancing public. Rimmer notes that the annual Lions Club dinner and dance was not in the works this year and the Legion stepped up to fill the void.

"We do have a very loyal group of members and we have a wonderful facility," he said. "It made perfect sense to host this event and give the our members a place to go on the biggest night of the year."

With individual ticket prices set at only \$10.00, Rimmer says it was a good crowd considering that more people are electing to stay home on New Year's Eve as compared to years gone by. The event wound up by 2:00am with a revolving taxi service waiting to take patrons home, and although RCMP were patrolling the area as expected, there were no reports of any alcohol violations or traffic mishaps during the overnight hours.

The Lac du Bonnet Legion then regrouped and reopened on New Year's Day as they hosted their annual meet and greet New Year's Day Levee. Rimmer points out that this is a longtime military tradition, observed by many Legions across Canada.

"The New Year's Day Levee is held at a number of Legions across the country, and for us it gives our membership and guests a chance to meet the new executive as we line up and welcome the public at our branch," Rimmer ex-

plained. "We've held it many years here but this is the first time we've tied the two New Year's events together and I congratulate our Ladies Auxiliary for all the hard work they put in to make this twin bill a success."

During the New Year's Levee, the Lac du Bonnet Legion took time to honour some longtime members for their work and accomplishments over the years. District Commander Rita Bell of Whitemouth joined Sergeant at Arms Bob Hampshire in receiving the Meritorious Service Award for years of dedication to the Legion and community. Rimmer points out that this is the highest honour awarded by the Royal Canadian Legion, which recognizes decades of service.

"I believe they were truly surprised," Rimmer observed. "Both recipients have a long history of dedication to the Legion and to the community through Legion programs. There isn't two people more deserving"

Although plans for next year are tentative, Rimmer said he would like to see the New Year's Eve dance become an annual event for the Lac du Bonnet Legion.



Legion Vice President Lloyd Jones (center) presents Bob Hampshire and Rita Bell with the Meritorious Service Award at the New Year's Day Levee, held at the Lac du Bonnet Legion last week.

## Former Advisory Council wants to be reinstated

Where are the audits? Ask some  
by Charles Norman

Letters are flying around Pine Falls full of innuendoes and allegations, some of them close to slanderous.

The essence of all the innuendoes and allegations is to garner public support for the re-instatement of the former Pine Falls Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee had been set up by Tembec to oversee the transition of Pine Falls from company town to municipality. Its members were elected by Pine Falls's residents to accommodate Tembec's desire for public representation during the process.

Prior to the establishment of the Advisory Committee Pine Falls residents had voted overwhelmingly to join the Village of Powerview after being told by Tembec that remaining a company town was no longer an option.

After three years Pine Falls was still a company town, and was no closer to incorporation as a municipality. In October 2002, Tembec, despairing of a resolution to the issue abandoned the Advisory Council and asked Pine Falls to elect a "Merger

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The new Legion Executive was on hand on New Year's Day to welcome members and guests to the annual Levee.

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## Reader meets with NEHA

Further to my tirade on NEHA in the December 23rd issue of the Winnipeg River Echo.

On January 6th, I met with Judy Coleman, VP of Programmes, and Services for NEHA to discuss the closing of the Emergency during the holidays along with the loss of surgical and obstetrics on our hospital. I left this meeting after an hour with a better understanding of the events mentioned above.

Blue Water Medical Clinic was unable to hire doctors for the area not from lack of trying. It was pointed out that hiring doctors from South Africa or Australia is a tiring job, as you are talking to people in the middle of our night due to time change. Also two of our doctors were leaving on their holiday. Thus it became impossible to have two doctors working all day and be ready for emergency. Judy said three doctors have now been hired and have arrived in Winnipeg. It was pointed out to me, that doctors coming into our province have to write an exam before they can practice here. I enquired why other provinces, like Ontario

and Saskatchewan, don't require this exam. Doctor's do not have to write in these provinces when they arrive, but eventually have to write exams. Manitoba law say they have to write before they practise. I also asked if Tembex was not concerned and was told they were concerned and that NEHA met with them to explain the situation. NEHA had three ambulances equipped with EMS people to handle emergency situations and that nurses were also on emergency alert. That NEHA did not like the situation and would hope that this situation would not arise again.

I was assured that our hospital is a very necessary part of our community and would always be a part of the community.

Re: having babies born here and having minor operations performed here: Doctor's have to want to deliver babies or have to be trained for surgical procedures. They also have to carry heavy malpractice insurance when they do these procedures. We now know the world we live in today, is to sue for anything we feel might gain us some monetary help to over-

come our "grief" is something goes wrong.

Also young people today want the best of equipment when they are having babies and this equipment is very expensive. It would be impossible to have all small hospitals equipped with latest up to date equipment. There is some talk about having midwives, with a doctor to back them up. Our grandmothers and mothers had their babies at home.

I asked if the government of Manitoba Health would help local students who want to be doctors, by paying some of their University in lieu of having them work in the province for maybe 5 years. Answer: This is a nice thought, but with Human Rights, if a student changes his mind about working 5 years, Human Rights would step in. So lawyers letting us sue for honest mistakes or maybe no mistakes but "just the way the cookie crumbles" or having a Human Rights Commission to run to when we don't like the ways the "cookie crumbles" we have just complicated our lives to the point we are at with our hospitals.

I still feel sad that we have lost many things in our hospital, that was took for granted. I guess we can't stop "progress".

Thank you to NEHA and Judy Coleman for a very informative meeting.

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## Emergency room shutdown



**Opinion**  
 by Charles Norman

### What does priority mean?

About eighteen months ago, when the Pine Falls Hospital was operating at only 40% capacity. The Echo, in a series of articles on NEHA and the Pine Falls Hospital, accused NEHA of wanting to close the Pine Falls Hospital.

I got a call from NEHA CEO Jim Hayes who denied the accusation and described the articles as inflammatory. He arranged for a meeting with himself, NEHA Chairman Bill Boonstra and myself in Pinawa.

We met for lunch at the Pinawa Golf Club. I was told that the closing of beds in the hospital really was due to a shortage of nurses and not the beginning of a plan to do away with the hospital.

I looking me straight in the

eye, Boonstra said, "Pine Falls is a priority."

Pine Falls should be a priority to NEHA. The hospital serves three First Nations and five other communities - a total of about eight thousand people - and far far more during summer when thousands of vacationers fill their cottages on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. It is a far more important hospital than the Pinawa Hospital, for example, which serves only a fraction of the people served by the Pine Falls Hospital.

Where was that priority over the Christmas holidays?

For two weeks NEHA shut down the emergency room in the Pine Falls Hospital claiming that there was a shortage of doctors. It is true that the Blue Water Medical Clinic could not provide coverage over the holidays, but it is not their responsibility. The hospital, and the staffing of the hospital is NEHA's responsibility, and it is wrong of them to try to deflect criticism to our local doctors.

Had NEHA wanted to, they could have kept the emergency room open at the Pine Falls Hospital by simply closing the emergency room at the Pinawa hospital and transferring their staff doctors to Pine Falls for the holiday period. NEHA is the Regional Health Authority. It is their job to deliver medical services to the people of the region - the entire region. Regional Health Authorities were set up for exactly that reason - to ensure that scarce medical resources were delivered to where they were needed most. If they cannot do that then there is no need for regional health authorities in the first place.

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# The Perfect Storm

## Latest blizzard is big boost for snowmobilers

by Jim Hampshire

If you heard the weather forecast prior to Jan. 2, that Friday night fracas was supposed to be little more than an extended snowflurry with an attitude. Happily, for snowmobile owners, the weather department underestimated the pending blizzard and up to 20 centimetres of white gold fell throughout the Eastman region, giving snowmobile trails the substantial snow base needed for proper grooming.

The SnoPals snowmobile club maintains the trails throughout the Lac du Bonnet region and this latest winter storm has the club's two groomers working overtime to ensure these trails are in top shape.

"This storm couldn't have come at a better time," club member Ray Lansard said this week. "We started to lose some snow base due to the rain and melting over Christmas but this latest snowfall has provided plenty of snow out on the trails."

Lansard, who regularly operates one of the club's two groomers, says he was out on the trails prior to the snowfall

nearly two weeks ago. At that time he said conditions were pretty good for grooming but he welcomed the small blizzard in early January. And although this latest storm covered the miles of groomed trails he had already worked on, he says he especially enjoys being out working after significant snowfalls.

"We started grooming on New Year's Day and we worked our way towards Pine Falls," Lansard explained. "It turned out we had to go back out over the weekend and get right back to work, thanks to the storm. But that's the nature of the business. Now we have some good deep powder to work with."

So far, since the snowstorm, Lansard reports that the groomer has been as far as Seddon's Corner along the old railway track bed, as well as the trails leading north to Pine Falls. Overall, the club maintains 380 kilometres of trails on the west side of the Winnipeg River, in a network which links Lac du Bonnet to several other communities, including Pinawa, Whitemouth and Elma.

"We have club members



from all over the Eastman area and we keep our second groomer in Pinawa where members there work the southern trails," Lansard continued. "It's a big area but we have some pretty good people to work with."

Another club member, Cory Solnes, notes that it is getting difficult to recruit new members, while the current membership continues to fall off. According to Solnes, all snowmobile club memberships are dropping off across the province due to the mandatory

trail fees charged to sled owners.

"Several years ago our own club was made up of over 100 members but we've dropped to around 40 members," Solnes offered. "Since sled owners have to pay for the Snapass fees anyway, they see no need in joining clubs to help maintain trails."

Solnes notes that the SnoPals have approximately 15 dedicated volunteers who come out each year to work the trails but new help is always welcome in order to expand or

even maintain the existing trail systems.

"These trails are open for use because of hard work by our membership," he concluded. "We invite everyone to come out and use them, but also remember that it takes a lot of labour to keep the trails in top condition and we can always use the extra help."

The SnoPals also report that they are working in unison with clubs from Pine Falls and the Beach area to host a Poker Derby, scheduled at the end of January. Public support is most welcome.

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Winnipeg River Detachment wishes everybody a Safe and Happy New Year.

# Snowstorm hampers Highway driving

## Tow trucks work overtime to keep motorists moving

by Jim Hampshire

What started out as a mild winter melt, turned into chaos for many motorists around the Lac du Bonnet region over the holidays. The rain and slush over Christmas made for treacherous conditions when temperatures dipped back below freezing just before the New Year. The icy conditions were only compounded further when a blizzard tracked northward from the United States following New Year's Day, dumping up to 20 centimetres of snow on roads in some areas east of Winnipeg.

Derrick Tumak of Lac du Bonnet Towing said that he had a particularly busy holiday season, with calls ranging from traffic mishaps, through to frozen starts in recent days.

"The first thing I did was get up early and follow the grader," Tumak said of the morning following the snowstorm. "At one point I had to get a grader operator out of bed so I could tow

an ambulance at 2:00 in the morning."

According to Lac du Bonnet RCMP, an ambulance was on route to Winnipeg when it slid off the Pinawa Highway during the early hours of Jan. 3. Lac du Bonnet Towing was on the scene to rectify the situation with the help of a grader operator, allowing the ambulance to continue on to Winnipeg with an expecting mother onboard.

Besides the obvious ditching incidents, Tumak said he was also busy with a long list of frozen vehicles waiting to be boosted.

"At one point during the cold snap we were backed up four hours with all the calls coming in," Tumak estimated. "I guess because it was the holidays, there was a lot of visitors around town and that was reflected in the 18-hour days we've put in."

Bob Solnes, owner of Brookfield Towing, agreed.

"We are always busier during cold weather spells and we can expect a lot of early morning calls," Solnes said from his Brookfield Autobody office before leaving to make another service call.

The cold snap of last week was also responsible for extending the Christmas Holidays for school children across most of Southern Manitoba. Sunrise School Division decided to keep their schools closed on January 5 when temperatures dipped dangerously close to -40 C, which has been division policy for some years now. Schools were reopened on Tuesday of last week, however, when overnight temperatures moderated somewhat.

Meanwhile, Lac du Bonnet RCMP noted there were only a few highway mishaps over the holidays - the most serious being vehicle roll-over with no major injuries reported. Staff Sergeant Mel Mitchell said he commends the driving public for driving responsibly over the holidays and for keeping off the roads when the snowstorm hit on the evening of Jan. 2.

"We had a number of police cruisers out on checkpoints over the last few weeks and we found only one impaired driver, which speaks volumes for the care and caution taken by drivers around Lac du Bonnet over the holiday season," Mitchell noted.

# RCMP conclude Snowmachine campaign

Winnipeg River RCMP Detachment have concluded their Holiday Snowmachine campaign. In total, Police travelled over 200 miles of Snowman trails, checked over 75 riders, laid 2 Offroad Vehicle Act charges, and 12 warnings. Two snowmachine accidents were reported and one had minor injuries. Police were very encouraged to see a high percentage of riders in full compliance of the Off Road Vehicle Act, the Highway Traffic Act and the Crown Lands Act (Snowmachine Trail Regulations). Police were well received by riders and were encouraged to continue making patrols on Snowman trails.

Police will continue their winter campaign to provide a safe environment for all riders by continuing patrols at social functions and during anticipated frequent rider occasions. If you have any questions regarding any regulations, you are encouraged to contact your local RCMP detachment.

For more information, please contact Cat. Jarrid St. Pierre or Sgt. John Duff.

# Pineview Recreation

submitted by Rachel Raymond, Pineview Recreation Director

Holidays are gone, routine is back and the cold is still here.

Hill walking in Powerview School is a good way to escape the cold and still stay active so come out and join in 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Skating is another good form of activity, check the rink schedules. St. George Pond or the Village Green. A big thanks goes out to all who helped getting the outdoor skating going.

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Muck Hill is always fun for the snowboarders & toboggans, young & old so enjoy. All regular season activities are in full swing and any other activities that you would like to see happen just call the office @ 367-9142.

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# You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

## New Year Revolutions

And so that was Christmas. Or was it Easter? Based on the spring-like conditions and the amount of rain that fell over the holidays, it seemed more like early April than late-December.

But, as they say, 'all good things must come to an end' and in true January fashion, the thermometer hit the floor faster than an over zealous drinker at a New Year's Eve party. But enough about my holiday highlights! Right now it's time to look ahead at the coming year and make some rather daring predictions - you know, like the supermarket tabloids do at this time of year in order to boost sales. Where they might run headlines predicting that a giant asteroid will collide with the earth on April Fool's Day, just to pick up reader interest. It's quite shameful, really.

And for the record, let me state with uncertainty, that this column is no different. Yes, we can also make daring predictions in order to sell newspapers. For instance, we could write a headline predicting: "Comet Destroys Saturn in 2004!" Actually there's a good probability that might happen, especially if a 1973 Comet collides with a 1999 Saturn somewhere on the roads of North America. We doubt the Saturn would be worth repairing.

But that could be considered a "sensational prediction," worthy only of tabloid reporting. Here at The Echo, we believe we can make more credible predictions, dealing with issues closer to home and closer to our reader's concerns. So without further delay, let us tell you the future as we see it.

For my first prediction I will go out on a limb and say, with all the confidence and the accuracy of Kreskin, that the winter of 2004 will be the longest, compared to the winters over the last three years. I am so confident of this prediction, in fact, that I am willing to take

on all wagers, but you must act now! Operators are standing by!

Ah geez. My editor informs me that I can't make public wagers without the risk of some substantial jail time. Something to do with gambling permits and a nasty visit from the Provincial Gambling Commission. Or whatever. All bets are off!

Moving right along, my second prediction for 2004 would have been that I might've become a very rich man this year because it's a no-brainer! The winter of 2004 will be the longest since the winter of 2000, which was also a leap-year, meaning that February 29 2004 adds another day to the winter calendar. Curses, I say to the Provincial Gambling Commission.

My third prediction for the coming year involves the Provincial Gambling Commission and a recent curse I uttered in the last paragraph. I predict that 2004 will see provincial gambling profits slide even further - not so much because of my so called curse, but because

the province is expected to place no-smoking swastikas on all beverage rooms across rural Manitoba next October. Now I'm no Einstein but you might expect to find the odd nervous gambler clamouring for a cigarette, in order to calm the jitters in between winning hands. But as it turns out, the government doesn't want you to have that cigarette because, if you quit, you might have more money to gamble.

With this strategy in mind, I predict both the bars and the province will lose millions, while thousands of reformed VLT gamblers will get to keep their homes - as smoky as they may be.

My final prediction for 2004

is that, after months of failed enforcement, the provincial government will retreat to a caucus meeting in frustration and light up pack of Number 7's to calm their nerves before deciding to reverse the smoking ban across the province.

Okay, we admit that isn't about to happen word for word, but if it's true that the government is spending millions on shiny new VLT machines in order to renew public interest, while still working on a plan to open VLT gambling on Sundays to recoup losses, I predict the public approval rating of this government will hit the floor faster than that over zealous drinker I was talking about earlier. And you can take that last prediction to the bank.

## Manitoba Horticultural Association convention

It's almost here - the event of the year for members of 28 garden clubs across Manitoba. It's the 106<sup>th</sup> annual Manitoba Horticultural Association Convention and it takes place Jan. 29 to 31 at the Legion Hall in Lac du Bonnet. Agassiz Horticultural Society is the host organization assisted by the other garden clubs in eastern Manitoba, namely Terra Gardeners, Thalberg; Prairie Roots Garden Club, Beausejour; Selkirk and District Garden Club, Steinbach and Area Garden Club, and Grunthal Gardeners at Heart.

All gardeners in the area are welcome to come and enjoy the speakers, auction of garden paraphernalia, banquet, seed exchange, photo contest, and Company Store, as well as informal exchange of gardening information. The convention theme "The Four Seasons" features topics particular to our geographical region as well as those appealing to the eclectic interests of home gardeners.

Advance registration deadline is January 16, but walk-in registration is welcome. Meal tickets are only available with advance registration, but there are plenty of restaurants close to the facility if you come at the last minute.

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## 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 to 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 town. Hampers also include peanut butter, honey, margarine and bread. Couples might get

a ham instead of a turkey. Candies for this year's hampers were donated by Tembec and the Knights of Columbus. Also included are mitts, gloves and scarves knitted by volunteers in the community.

Organizers for this year's hamper drive, and for many, many of the previous drives, were Marlene Jackson, Shirley Finkbeiner, and Linda Kenhall. They were helped by more than twenty other volunteer packers working in the Powerview Church basement. They are delivered by the Pine Falls Fire Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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# A Student Perspective

by Jarret Pachkowsky

Hey! Welcome back to school everyone, we are almost half way through the school year and hope that everybody had some good times during the holidays. All the students and staff would like to welcome Ms. Julien as our new principal and hope she enjoys working at our school with the staff and students.

There is only 2 weeks of school left before the end of the first semester, that means it's almost exam time, isn't that just great!!

Ya right! Whether we like or not though, exams are almost here and that means more tests, reviewing, and lots of other boring stuff. The 40S E.L.A. provincial English exam is the first week back to school after holidays that consisted of drinking loads of "pop" and eating heaps of what the French people like to call "poulet et les pommes de terre". I like to pretend to know what I'm talking about!

As for sports, well I better get with the program I guess cause I don't even know what's really going on right now! I do know there is basketball and that nobody ever shows up for practices, but I guess I didn't have to say that! To bad because I did, sorry guys!

The grads will be delivering their meat orders hopefully very soon in the near future. The class would like to thank everybody in the community who show their continuous support and generosity. Well I guess there really isn't much more I can say at this point, but until next time, this is Hal Johnston and Joanne Macleod, keep it and have fun! Haha! Have A Happy New Year!

# Library Corner

## Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



Are we ready for the challenges of a new year? It is always good to have a plan - whether for the start of a new day or a new year! This is an opportune time to look at the year in review and then move forward with new ideas and resolve for the days ahead. So.....how can the library better serve our community? Give us your suggestions, or offer your assistance as a volunteer - together we can make the library an even better asset to our community. At present we are looking for a volunteer to represent the town of Lac du Bonnet on our Library Board. Anyone interested in more information is asked to call the library.

Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets for our annual Christmas Draw which took place on December 17th. Winners were: Connie Bruneau (afghan), Brayden Duke (Gingerbread House); Tryston Blais (Wreath); Irene Gendre (Candle Centrepiece)

and Jean Martel (Snow Lady). Congratulations!

January is the month in which we celebrate Family Literacy Day! Created by ABC CANADA Literacy Foundation in 1999, this is a national initiative that promotes the importance of reading and learning together as a family. For 2004, author Robert Munsch is the Honorary Celebrity Chairperson for this event. A special display of information and reading material will be set up - get the whole family involved in extra reading and activities that promote reading!

Are you familiar with the "Canada Reads" program? It sets the stage for another battle of the books: five panelists, five works of Canadian fiction...and a week of feisty debates to be broadcast on CBC Radio One and televised on CBC Newsworld. From February 16th to the 20th, five prominent Canadians each will defend the one book they want all of Canada to read. The

shortlist of books is as follows: *The Last Crossing* by Guy Vanderhaeghe; *Le coeur est un muscle involontaire* (The Heart is an Involuntary Muscle) by Monique Proulx; *Barney's Version* by Mordecai Richler; *Green Grass, Running Water* by Thomas King; and *The Love of a Good Woman* by Alice Munro. Check out these titles and pick up an informational bookmark the next time you visit the library!

Many Manitoba libraries will also be participating in their own "Battle of the Books". Regional teams are being organized for this competition to see which area has the largest percentage increase in circulation. Watch for more information and be prepared to support your local library by reading as many books as possible in the month of February!

This promises to be a great year for libraries...you can be a part of it all!

# Pine Falls 5 Pin Bowling news

## Week #6

The ladies high games were Doris Kahle 233, Nicole Lavoie 225, Nancy Breton 218.

The mens high games were Kirk Courchene 274, 240, Todd Jesseau 259, 240, Lawrence Abraham 242, 216, Don Powell 236, 203, Dan Coss 214, Ron Knott 213, Bob Hebert 212, Darryl Spence 205, Dwayne Duff 201, Robbie Desautels 210.

The female bowler of the week was Della Clark 190, who was 59 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the

week was Kirk Courchene 274, who was 101 pins over his average.

The legion special was won by Split Ends 3324.

High triples were Todd Jesseau 691 and Don Powell 629.

## Week # 7

The ladies high games were Nancy Breton 221.

The mens high games were Dan Coss 271, Kelly Zacharias 253, Lawrence Abraham 257, 227, 202, Jason Sippola 215, Graham Gauthier 208.

The female bowler of the week was Nancy Breton 221,

who was 48 pins over her average. The male bowler of the week was Kelly Zacharias 253, who was 86 pins over his average.

The legion special was won by Thunder 3195.

The high triples were Lawrence Abraham 673, and Dan Coss 638.

## Week #8

The ladies high games were Evelyn Dodds 203.

The mens high games were Darryl Spence 259, Mike Coss 257, Dan Coss 248, Lawrence Abraham 251, 238, 217, 211, Graham Gauthier 233, 231,

Carl Palmquist 231, Cory Doyle 229, Rob Desautels 220, 220, Denten Normand 216, George Dodds 213, 202, JC 210, Dwayne Duff 206, Greg Gervais 200.

The female bowler was Donna Lusty 173, which was 45 pins over average.

The male bowler of the week was Mike Coss 257, which was 91 pins over his average.

The legion special was Smoke n' Bowl 3361.

High triples were Lawrence Abraham 652, 615, Graham Gauthier 652, Mike Coss 630, Rob Desautels 602.

The legion special was won by Split Ends 3351.

High triple games were Dwayne Duff 705, Nancy Breton 651, Todd Jesseau 646, Lawrence Abraham 631.

## Week #10

The ladies high games were Nancy Breton 220, 215, 190, Wanda Berthelette 218, 212, Sharon Mignon 218.

The mens high games were Kelly Zacharias 277, Todd Jesseau 271, 232, 213, Kirk Courchene 241, Jason Sippola 235, Ron Knott 233, 222, 213, Darryl Spence 229, Greg Gervais 222, Mike Coss 220, Denten Normand 219, Lawrence Abraham 217, 213, George Dodds 212, Derek Anderson 209, Carl Palmquist 205.

The female bowler of the week was Sharon Mignon 218, which was 73 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Kelly Zacharias 277, which was 110 pins over his average.

The legion special was won by the Thunder 3337.

The high triple games were Todd Jesseau 716, Ron Knott 668, Nancy Breton 625, Jason Sippola 616, Wanda Berthelette 611, Kelly Zacharias 607.

## Week #9

The ladies high games were Nancy Breton 249, 240, Heather Adams 207, Evelyn Dodds 201.

The mens high games were Dwayne Duff 289, 215, 201, Derek Anderson 245, Todd Jesseau 245, 224, Lawrence Abraham 229, 206, Ron Knott 211, Carl Palmquist 211, Denten Normand 217.

The female bowler of the week was Nancy Breton 249, which was 109 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Dwayne Duff 289, which was 109 pins over his average.

# Southeast Blades

Southeast Blades games and January 17/04 against the OCN Blizzard is know being played in

**Beaujour Sungro Centre at 4:00pm**



as part of the last day before the ice is changed over to curling for the Tournament of Hearts. Their Will be two fans buses leaving the Sagkeeng Multiplex at 2:00pm with a cost of \$3 per person using the bus.

*Please come and support the boys. Thank you*

Junior "A" Hockey Club

# A Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

## What Do You Value The Most?

Everyone of us has a value system. There are things that we value more dearly than others. Somewhere on that list will be money. Money has value because we exchange some of our time and energy for it and in exchange for that expenditure we receive a paycheck. Money has buying power but there are some things money cannot buy.

For example: Money can buy - A bed but not sleep; Books but not wisdom;

Food but not an appetite; Cosmetics but not beauty;

A house but not a home; Medicine but not health;

Pleasures but not peace; Luxuries but not character;

Amusements but not joy; A church building but not heaven

A crucifix but not a Savior.

The other day I read an interesting story about some pranksters who broke into a local department store. Instead of stealing some of the merchandise, they just switched the prices on many of the articles in the store by changing the prices on the scanner system.

Next day the owner of the store noticed something strange, when a customer brought a toaster to the till and

it rang up at \$249.95. What was even stranger when another customer brought a \$1000.00 TV and it rang up at \$49.95. The values of many of the stores items were hopelessly scrambled.

How many of us had something similar happen to our value system for our lives, by assigning a wrong value to who we are and to the possessions we have. It is easy to put a great value on what we do but disregard the value of a good character. Jesus Christ said it this way: "What does it profit a person if they gain the whole world but lose their own soul."

One of the heroes of the early church had his value system re-arranged when he had a personal encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9). Paul thought he was pretty "cool" coming from a prestigious family heritage and having received one of the best educations available in his day. He even thought he was doing God a favor by having some of those "Christ followers" put to death. In one short moment his whole value system got re-arranged. All the things that he had put a high price tag on like his reputation, his education,

yes even his family heritage were suddenly all marked down to ZERO. In fact he said they were of no more value to him than the rubbish that was taken out to the dumpster. The other side of the coin was that the things which he had valued very little now had a price tag that could not be paid for with all of earths treasures. His greatest concern for himself was knowing and having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. (Philippians 3:7&8)

My friend what things do you value the most in life? The things that money can buy lose their value when we come face to face with the reality of the brevity of life. The "Good News" is that God has provided for us to "live happily everafter." Allow God to adjust your value system by putting your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. God has promised us that if we will put Him first in our value system then all the other things we have need of will be given to us. (Matthew 6:33) Plus, God throws in the gift of everlasting life in a totally perfect environment called heaven. Let me encourage you to put your values upon those things that last forever.

# ECHOES FROM THE Heart

We were the only family with children in the restaurant.

I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking.

Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, "Hi there!" as he pounded his fat baby hands on his high chair tray.

His eyes were crinkled in laughter and excitement and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin, as he wriggled and giggled with merriment. I looked around and saw the source of his merriment.

It was a man whose pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes.

His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map. We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled.

His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists.

"Hi there, baby; Hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster," the man said to Erik.

My husband and I exchanged looks. "What do we do?"

Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi, hi there."

Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room:

"Do ya patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo."

Nobody, especially my husband and I thought the old man was cute.

He was obviously a bum and a drunk.

My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments.

We finally got through the meal and headed for the door.

My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot.

The old man sat poised be-

tween me and the door.

"Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik," I prayed.

As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to sidestep him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's "pick-me-up" position. Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man's.

Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their love relationship. Erik in an act of total trust, love, and submission laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder.

The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes.

His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labor, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back with a gentle love I could not describe, but I felt in my soul.

No two beings had forever loved so deeply for so short a time.

I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms and his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, "You take care of this baby."

Somehow I managed, "I will," from a throat that contained a stone.

The old man pried Erik from his chest unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain, and handed him to me. I received my baby, and the man said, "God bless you, ma'am, you've given me my Christmas gift."

I said nothing more than a muttered "thanks." With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I was saying, "My God, my God, forgive me" over and over.

I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes.

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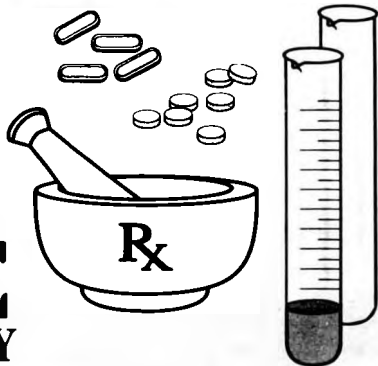
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# Peguis comes from behind to grab victory at Lac du Bonnet area

by MP

A great fan turnout watched in disappointment as the Peguis Hawks came from behind to grab the victory on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lac du Bonnet Arena, scoring three unanswered goals in the final period.

The Blues proved they could skate with the best in the league. Defenceman Marty Desrochers opened the scoring early in the first period assisted by Seymour and Dancyt. Devin Turner replaced the missing Aaron Wold on Jay Abraham's line, but Turner played only one shift before realizing a problem with his skate blades. Assistant Coach Abrahamson tried various combinations to replace Turner, eventually moving defenceman Brendan Arseneault to forward.

Peguis seemed to shine during the Blues power plays, including one that saw the Blues with a two player advantage. Not only did Peguis nullify Lac du Bonnet's offensive attempts, they managed several shots on Blues goalie Donavan Henzel who delivered a steady game between the pipes, coming up big on several occasions.

Top league scorer Mike Spence got his team on the scoreboard with a power play goal seconds into the middle period to tie the game at one

apiece. Jay Seymour showed off his scoring skills when he found himself alone just four feet in front of the Peguis net. He picked his spot and converted a wrist shot into the top corner on the glove side to add another Blues goal unassisted.

Devon Turner borrowed some skates and returned to the lineup mid way through the second period. He applied some great pressure checking deep in the Peguis zone to force a turnover that was picked up by Dwight Hirst who got a quick shot on the goal that was stopped. The rebound was passed by Hirst over to the defenceman who delivered another quick shot that Andrew Bear got a toe save on. The play moved out of the Peguis zone, but Lac du Bonnet quickly returned to see Cam Sokoloski assist on Dwight Hirst's lone goal that moved the Blues ahead 3-1.

Peguis again opened the final period on a power play. Lac du Bonnet drawing a two minute slashing penalty after the whistle that ended the second period. Dejavue as once again Mike Spence took advantage to add another Peguis goal during the power play.

The Blues forward line of John Dancyt, Jay Seymour and Dwight Hirst applied offensive pressure throughout the game. Jay Usackis shone on defense,

his skating abilities quite evident both on some offensive drives as well as defensive plays. Usackis broke up two major Peguis scoring drives late in the third period, using his speed to get back into position to check the player.

Peguis tied the game on a shuffle in front of the net, Mike Spence assisting on the play. With only 1:50 remaining, the Hawks got the go ahead goal when the Blues defense passed behind the net to be quickly picked up by the Peguis forward who passed back in front for a shot that

Henzel had little chance on.

The Blues did not give up though. Peguis was assessed an interference penalty with 52 seconds remaining. Once play returned to the Peguis end, the Blues goalie was replaced by another forward. Peguis gained control with 10 seconds on the clock to shoot rink wide to the empty Blues net, the puck just inches wide. Dwight Hirst found himself in a race with the Peguis player to get to the loose puck, Hirst won the race, but time ran out on Lac du Bonnet.

Coach Siefried was disap-

pointed in the penalties his team took at the end of the first and second periods, after the whistles. "Peguis is great for creating these situations after the whistle, but our guys were stupid to get taken in, especially after we talked about these types of penalties." The Blues started the second and third periods shorthanded, both times Peguis took advantage to score on these power plays. Siefried was also frustrated by the Blues inability to finish around the net. He was satisfied with Donnie's play between the Blues pipes.

## Recreation Ramblings

### Whiz into Winter

**Shotokan Karate:** Learn this ancient Art of self defense Wednesdays and Saturdays. Classes start on January 14 and take place at Centennial School Gym. LdB. Kids ages 6-9 Wednesdays 5pm-5:30pm. Youth and Adults Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:30pm and Saturdays 10:30am-11:30am. This program runs for 18 weeks.

**Cardio Kickboxing:** Tired of things that jiggle? Get active with this vigorous workout geared for all fitness levels. Classes start January 12 and take place at Centennial School Gym, LdB. Mondays and Fridays 6pm-7pm and Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:30pm. This program runs for 16 weeks.

**Fencing: On Guard! Ready! Fence!** Learn the fundamentals of Foil during this 10 week course- 2hrs/wk. (includes 1 hour of group fencing lesson & 1 hour of open fencing)

Classes start March 20 and take place at Centennial School Gym, LdB from 12pm-2pm. This class is for ages 10 and up.

**Pilates: No Pain! No Sweat! Yet Results!** This is what you

### get from Stott Pilates!

Mondays in LdB starting January 19 in the Centennial School computer lab.

Beginners 6pm-7pm Intermediate 7pm-8pm Intermediate 8pm-9pm.

Wednesdays in Pinawa starting January 21 in the Secondary school Home EC room. 5:15pm-6:15pm beginners 6:15pm-7:15pm Intermediate 7:30-8:30 Intermediate. This program runs for 10 weeks.

**Yoga:** If you don't know a tree pose from the Shiva posture it's time to get with the program. The Yoga program that is! Classes begin Wednesday January 14 at Gilbert Elementary School. 7pm-8pm. This program runs for 10 weeks.

**Stress, Stretch, Ball Routine:** Try this low impact total fitness program. Starting Tuesday January 13 in the Gilbert School Gym 8pm-9pm. Course runs for 10 weeks.

**Theatre: Hear Ye! Hear Ye!** Learn the basics of Theatre and play improv games at this exciting new course. Classes begin Saturday January 17 in the LdBSS Theatre. 8-10yr

olds 10:30am-12:30pm. 11-14yr olds 1:30pm-3:30pm. This program runs for 8 weeks.

**Hip Hop Jr.:** Learn Hip Hop in this cool 10 week dance program for boys and girls alike. Starting Tuesday January 20 in the Centennial School Gym, LdB. Ages 5-8 6pm-7pm and Ages 9-12 7pm-8pm.

**Jam Can Curling:** The Spring Break tradition continues for school age kids (k-12) Playing fun non-competitive curling. March 29 & 30 at the Orville Acres Pinawa Arena.

**Sushi: Wasabi! Sake! Nori!** Learn the art of Sushi making with the renowned chefs from Edohei. Monday January 19 6pm-8pm. This class takes place in the Pinawa Secondary School Home EC Room.

**Swing Dancing:** Don't quite feel like Fred and Ginger on the dance floor? Get comfortable when you cut up the rug with swing dancing. Friday February 6 7pm-9pm at the Pinawa community Centre.

**Great Wines to Entertain With:** An evening of wine tasting and analysis with Kenaston Wine Market. Cheers! Tuesday March 2 at the Pinawa Motor Inn. 7:30pm-9:30pm.

## Found Property in Lac du Bonnet

This is to advise the public that as of 2004-01-01 any found property will be picked up by the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Besides the immediate Town, the boundary lines have been extended to PR502 to the Winnipeg River Bridge and Lavoie Road.

For any property with a high value it is requested the RCMP in Lac du Bonnet be notified.

Should there be any questions or concerns please contact either the Lac du Bonnet Town Office during business hours at 345-8693 or the RCMP in Lac du Bonnet at 345-6311.

## 2003-2004 Selective Traffic Enforcement Programs (S.T.E.P.)

Lac du Bonnet, Whitemouth, Pinawa, Manitoba. RCMP from the above detachment areas are pleased to release the results of their annual Check Stop program. The program ran from December 01, 2003 to January 5th 2004. The results from the checkpoints conducted were as follows: there were 333 vehicles checked, 0- impaired drivers, 1-24 hour suspension, 1 Liquor Act offence and 1 other traffic offence.

In closing we hope that everyone enjoyed a Merry Christmas and wish everyone the very best in the New Year.

## Midget "A" DOUBLE HEADER



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Friday, January 16 7:30pm Pine Falls Arena

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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

RCMP report for the week of December 19th to January 8th, 2004



The following constitutes the Police Report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of the 19th of Dec. to the 24th of Dec:

On the 19th of Dec., a report was rec'd from Molson, in the R.M. of Reynolds, of a black Lab dog running around a residence and knocking over bird feeders. The dog in question was taken to its owner in Molson and the subject was cautioned on the necessity of keeping the dog under control.

On the 19th of Dec., a report was rec'd of three snowmobiles driving illegally on a street in Elma. No precise description was available, nor plate numbers, however, police patrolled the area in an attempt to locate and charge. No snowmobiles were located.

On the 19th of Dec., a report was rec'd of youth smoking marijuana at the Lac du Bonnet Youth Centre. Police attended and found an Xmas party in progress, but no evidence of marijuana usage.

On the 19th of Dec., a vehicle was stopped on P.T.H. #11 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and found to contain an adult female who was subject of an outstanding Warrant to arrest from the Wpg. Police Service. The subject was arrested and released for Court as per the instructions of the Wpg. Police Service.

On the 19th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle off the road

on P.R. 313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police subsequently located the occupants at a business in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, and charged one for no Driver's License and one for Open Liquor.

On the 19th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a large number of youth congregating in a parking lot along McArthur Ave. in the Town of Lac du Bonnet, and concern expressed by the complainant over the presence of the group. Police attended the area, and the group dispersed.

On the 20th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle in the ditch along Smith Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended the scene and found Open Liquor in the vehicle, but no-one present. The driver was subsequently located at a residence in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 20th of Dec., a report was rec'd that a vehicle was at a business in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, and it was felt that the vehicle may be stolen. The plate number given did not match the Vehicle registration, but was not stolen.

On the 20th of Dec., a report was rec'd from a residence in Elma that a harassing telephone call was rec'd at the residence.

On the 20th of Dec., a request was rec'd to check on the well-being of an adult male. The subject's daughter had not been able to make contact with him at his residence in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, and she was worried that something may have happened to him. Police investigated and found that the subject was in fact at work and was fine.

On the 20th of Dec., a report was rec'd of two adult males walking across the ice near the Marina in Pinawa. The pair were subsequently located and it was ascertained that they were ice fishing and they felt that they had plenty of ice. It was pointed out to them, however, that the current in the Wpg. River made ice thin in some locations and that their actions were extremely hazardous.

On the 20th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle in the ditch along P.R. 502 in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and determined that no-one was in the vehicle. The Registered Owner was determined to be at his residence, and he made arrangements to remove the vehicle.

On the 21st of Dec., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to Crow Duck Lake Camp, with approx. \$3,000.00 worth of tools stolen. Off-Road Vehicle tracks were present at the scene.

On the 21st of Dec., a report was rec'd of a suspicious vehicle in the Whiteshell Prov. Park, and it was felt that the vehicle may have a connection to the break and enter at Crow Duck. Police located the vehicle in question and checked it, however, no evidence involving the break and enter was found.

On the 21st of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle in the ditch along P.R. 211 in the L.G.D. of Pinawa and the complainant felt that the driver could be impaired. Police attended and found that the driver was sober and had swerved to miss a deer.

On the 22nd of Dec., a report was rec'd of under-age subjects drinking at an outdoors location in Pinawa. Police attended to the area in question, however, the subjects had departed and were not located.

On the 22nd of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business in Pinawa. Police attended and determined that this was a False Alarm.

On the 23rd of Dec., a report was rec'd of damage to a hydro pole along P.R. 502 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This was caused by a hit and run driver, and it was not known exactly when it took place.

On the 23rd of Dec., a report was rec'd that a bear sculpture was stolen from a business in the Town of Lac du Bonnet within the past two weeks.

On the 23rd of Dec., a report was rec'd from a location on Fourmet Drive in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet that two adult males had attempted to sell a vacuum cleaner this past Sunday. The home-owner asked the subjects for identification and was advised that they had forgotten it. It appeared that the "salesmen" were checking the premises for valuables.

On the 24th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a missing under-age female in Pinawa. The subject returned to the residence shortly after the report was made.

On the 24th of Dec., a report was rec'd of vehicles going through stop signs, doing power-turns and fish-tailing in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. This took place during the past 3 evenings.

On the 24th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a hunting cabin along P.R. 214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This took place within the past two weeks. Nothing stolen.

The following constitutes the Police Report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of the 24th of Dec. to the 9th of Jan.

On the 25th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business premises in Pinawa. Police attended and determined that this was a False Alarm.

On the 25th of Dec., a report was rec'd of broken glass and other items deposited on a driveway in Whitemouth.

On the 25th of Dec. a report was rec'd of a lost winter jacket in Pinawa. This took place at the outdoor rink.

On the 26th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a possible break and enter at a cottage at Brereton Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. A call to the complainant's cell phone was traced to the cottage.

Police attended and found that no break and enter had taken place, and all was secure.

On the 26th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an under-age female missing from her residence in Pinawa. The subject subsequently returned to her residence.

On the 26th of Dec., a request was rec'd from Lac du Bonnet Detachment to locate an adult male in the Lac du Bonnet Detachment area, and arrest the subject for an offence at that point. The subject was located, arrested, and released for Court as per the request.

On the 27th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a 911 hang-up call from a residence on Zolondeck Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended to find an adult male and adult female having a disagreement over the male's driving. No offence had taken place.

On the 27th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a single vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident on P.R. 307 in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. The vehicle went off the road and hit a rock face and a hydro pole, causing minor non life-threatening injuries to the occupants.

On the 27th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a single vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident on P.T.H. #44, 10 km. west of Rennie in the R.M. of Reynolds. Police and the ambulance attended, and the occupants were taken to Beausjour Hospital for treatment of non life-threatening injuries.

On the 27th of Dec., an ambulance en route to the accident on P.T.H. #44 came across a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident 15 km. west of Rennie in the R.M. of Reynolds. This involved a roll-over, with one passenger being ejected. Miraculously, no-one was killed, and the occupants were taken to Beausjour Hospital for treatment of various non life-threatening injuries.

On the 28th of Dec., a report was rec'd from Brereton Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park of a dog running at large. This matter was forwarded on to Natural Resources.

On the 29th of Dec., a report was rec'd from a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet to the effect that hang-up telephone calls were rec'd at the residence in question. This was traced to a location in the Pine Falls area, and follow-up was done with the occupant of that residence.

On the 29th of Dec., a report was rec'd of snowmobiles illegally trespassing on private farmland along the Lee River Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

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## Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

<p><b>Health Concerns?</b> Call 268-3235 to book your seat</p> <p><b>Cooking for better health</b> Lose weight, gain energy and prevent illness. Classes begin for every five people registered. Cindy Reimann, certified in nutrition, call 268-2168</p> <p><b>PACE 7-1375:</b> meets first Tuesday of the month. Chicken Chef. Power interview meeting room.</p> <p><b>Sit and Be Fit</b> exercise class Thursdays, Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club. 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Prenatal classes:</b> held regularly at Lac du Bonnet. Please register with Gail 268-6106 or call your local public health nurse.</p> <p><b>Lac du Bonnet Lions Club</b> meets the first and third Monday of each month. 7:00 p.m. LdB Community Centre</p> <p><b>Lac du Bonnet Regional Library</b> 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</p> <p><b>Great Falls Women's Institute</b> meets first Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m. Great Falls Hall. Pat 367-2596, Leone 367-8569</p> <p><b>Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164</b> meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall</p> <p><b>LdB Committee on Family Violence and Abuse</b> meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Contact person 345-2664</p> <p><b>Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164</b> general meetings third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall</p> <p><b>Horticultural Society</b> meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Centennial School</p> <p><b>St. John's ACW</b> meets first Monday of every month 1:30 p.m. parish hall</p> <p><b>Lakeshore AI-Anon Group</b> Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre, 89 McIntosh. Call Teri 345-8712</p> <p><b>Lakeshore AI-Teen Group</b> For further information, Phone Kathie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days)</p>	<p><b>Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings</b> second and fourth Thursday of the month</p> <p><b>Lakeshore A.A. meetings</b> 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</p> <p><b>Ladies A.A. Meetings</b> Thursdays 1:00 p.m. 18 McDermot, Pinawa Doreen 753-8357</p> <p><b>Battered Women's Crisis Line</b> 1-800-362-3344</p> <p><b>Lac du Bonnet Health Centre Auxiliary</b> meets fourth Thursday of the month. Health Centre 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association</b> temporary meets at the call of the chair. Call Peter 345-6190 for information</p> <p><b>New to town?</b> Drop in to the Craft Basket on 4th Street and pick up your Welcome to Lac du Bonnet gift, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><b>Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Pioneer Club</b> meets first Monday of month 9:30 a.m. Pioneer Club</p> <p><b>RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings</b> second Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. and fourth Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Alzheimer Society</b> Theresa Conroy, Whitemouth 348-3505</p> <p><b>Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausjour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville</b></p> <p><b>Little Day Buddies Nursery School</b> 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</p> <p><b>Agassiz Horticultural Society</b> meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month, except January, July &amp; August. Centennial School, 7:00 p.m. All gardeners welcome</p>
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**Lac du Bonnet Church Directory**

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL**  
 Pastor Jake Doell, church 345-2934, home 345-9746  
 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 Muehler, 345-3988  
 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 347-9520, church 345-2357  
 Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - worship; 11:30 a.m. - first and third Sunday of each month, holy eucharist.

## New Friends news

by Barbara Sabanski

I would like to thank "The Winnipeg River Echo" for publishing New Friends News for the past four years. We rely on the local media to make our program known. Our Mentors are adults from Seddon's Corner, Seven Sisters, Pinawa, Lac du Bonnet, Powerview and Pine Falls. This forms a loop of dedicated people with gifts, talents, energy and resources who want to make a difference in the lives of our children. Our characters are

both developed and revealed by tests and all of life is a test. What Mentors basically do is help children at risk make better decisions. This is achieved by listening without judging, being a role model, teaching life skills, praising and encouraging a child's efforts. The Mentee in turn knows they have a special adult friend who cares.

To find out more about our organization, please call 345-2867 or 753-2406. It's not easy doing life. Be a mentor!

## Team Canada ringette selection camp

January 15-18, 2004, Maples Community Center, 454 Adsum Drive

The Manitoba Ringette Association is excited to host the 2004 Team Canada Selection Camp January 15-18, 2004. There will be approximately 55 athletes traveling from across Canada to Winnipeg to compete for the opportunity to be selected on Team Canada. This National team will be traveling to Finland in November 2004 to defend their title as "World Champions."

Ringette Canada provides several opportunities for female ringette players to attend camps and tryout for Team Canada. Coaching staff will evaluate athletes over the course of the weekend and determine potential athletes to attend the final camp.

Fifty-five athletes selected from the regional identification camps will be invited to attend this centralized camp. Final selection of the Team Canada squad (30 athletes) will take place in the spring of 2004, followed by the 2004 World Championships in Finland that fall. In the past we have had several Manitobans make the team and represent Canada on an international stage. This year we will once again have several Manitobans at the camp working towards a chance to make Team Canada.

We have many exciting events planned for this event including inter-squad games, fitness testing, and a banquet. There will also be a feature game with our own Provincial Team participating and our future Team Canada players.

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

### RCMP need your help

RCMP Detachment would like your assistance in solving the following offence:

On the 23rd of December 2003 it was reported to Lac du Bonnet RCMP that a Bear Statue valued at \$300,000 was stolen from the Jewellery Arts Studio in Lac du Bonnet. The statue is approximately 5 inches by 5 inches. The Bear is made from Manitoba Soap Stone and is coloured a dark gray slate. The statue of the bear is on all fours and has its head turned to the side. It has descriptive markings and can be readily identified by police. If you or someone you know has information on this crime please contact your local RCMP detachment.

## CRIME STOPPERS

If you have any information and want to remain anonymous to any of the above crimes, please call CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-8477

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000.00 in cash for information leading to an arrest in this or any other unsolved crime in Manitoba. Callers never have to reveal their identity and Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to caller ID.

### Winnipeg River Echo News Tips

call 367-9468

Email: [theecho@mb.sympatico.ca](mailto:theecho@mb.sympatico.ca)

## On Parliament Hill



Your voice in Ottawa  
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

### Kyoto and the Environment

Paul Martin knew that a definitive, detailed plan to improve the environment was necessary in order to ensure that the billions of taxpayers' dollars committed by the Liberals for the implementation of the Kyoto Protocol were properly spent. When they voted in favour of ratification a year ago, Mr. Martin and his colleagues were adamant that they had produced a definitive, detailed plan. However, Mr. Martin's

hypocrisy on this issue has recently become apparent for all Canadians to see as a result of his recent admission that Canada does not have a plan for implementing Kyoto. While everyone should be concerned about the global environment, Kyoto is not the answer. Kyoto does not address smog, water quality, airborne particulates or any other meaningful environmental concern. With a cost to our economy likely to exceed \$40 billion by 2010, Kyoto's financial burden will be massive.

The Canadian Alliance has consistently raised concerns about the Kyoto Protocol's ability to improve the global environment. The Canadian Alliance believes that taxpayers' money would be better used in research and development, conservation and alternate energy. With Mr. Martin's recent admissions it is becoming apparent that instead of a "Made-in-Canada" program that would actually reduce greenhouse gases or air pollution, Kyoto is a bureaucratic nightmare that has already cost taxpayers over \$2-billion with next to zero environmental improvement.

Recent spending announcements for Kyoto indicate that it will cost taxpayers around \$1.25 billion, to reduce 20 megatonnes from Canada's

240-megatonne Kyoto commitment. That's \$62-million per megatonne. As Canadian Alliance Environment critic Bob Mills stated: "Where is the clear plan this government promised it had before it ratified Kyoto a year ago? This isn't a plan. It's part nightmare and part public relations exercise. Any environmental benefit will be by accident. At \$62-million in spending per megatonne reduction of carbon dioxide, residents of Canada will be sorely disappointed when they see no reduction in smog next summer, or in summers to come, because Kyoto has nothing to do with reducing smog."

What happens now? Is Mr. Martin planning on starting from scratch, despite the fact that the Liberals have already blown billions on Kyoto? The Canadian public deserves answers. It appears the Liberals have no qualms about flushing billions of dollars down the drain in useless public relations exercises when they should have been effecting real beneficial environmental changes with taxpayers' money. What a waste!

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,

Steinbach, MB R5G 1Z2, by fax at 204-346-9874, or by e-mail at [toewsv1@mts.net](mailto:toewsv1@mts.net)

## Perfect Pairs!



Eugenie is a 2 year old, female/spayed cat. She will stay in a foster home until she gets adopted as the shelter environment makes her nervous. Eugenie likes other cats and does not mind getting her nails clipped. Eugenie enjoys a good brushing and is a very clean cat. Eugenie loves to eat but still keeps a slim physique. Food is truly the way to this cat's heart. Eugenie is a princess and expects to be treated like one. For more information, please call Melissa @ 982-2049.

## 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



Queenie is a 9 month old female cat. She came into the Winnipeg Humane Society in November with her two babies. The two babies have now been adopted and mom is now awaiting her turn. Queenie is a shy cat but warms up very fast. With some extra TLC she'll be your best friend. Queenie likes to cuddle up close to you on those cold nights. Queenie is available for adoption from her foster home. For additional information, please call Melissa @ 982-2049.

# Winnipeg River RCMP Report

The report covers the periods of January 5 to January 11, 2004



January 5:  
**MANIGOTAGAN** - police are looking for a missing youth from a halfway house

in Winnipeg. The male youth is known to have relatives in this area. The public is asked to report any unfamiliar youth

hitchhiking or around the area.

**LITTLE BLACK RIVER** - a call of a male in breach of bail conditions who attended a residence caused police to respond. Upon arrival the male could not be located nor was there anyone at the house.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - police were called to a residence when a male was ignoring a court order to stay away from the home. Investigation continues.

January 8:  
**BERESFORD LAKE** - 2 break and enters and a 3rd attempted break in were reported in this area. A shed and garage had side doors kicked in. The third cottage lot no access was gained.

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.

**POWERVIEW** - a break and enter of a local business was reported. A suspect was identified however police continue their investigation.

January 10:  
**POWERVIEW** - a 1998 black Pontiac Sunfire was stolen from a residence.

**PINE FALLS** - a camper trailer burnt at a residence. 2 youth were scene in the area but could not be identified. Damage is estimated at approximately \$1,000.00.

January 11:  
**FORT ALEXANDER** - police were called to a residence when a male began to cause a disturbance. Upon arrival the male suspect had left and no further police action was necessary.

**PINE FALLS**  
 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 367-2218.  
**PACE 7-1175:** meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Power-view meeting room.  
**Prenatal classes:** held regularly at Pine Falls. Please register with Gail 268-6116 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, meat raffles held at Legion on Fridays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
**Pine Falls Masonic Lodge #154:** meets second Friday of every month. Pine Falls United Church, except January and February.  
**Badminton:** Pine Falls School gym, Sunday and Wednesday nights 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
**Powerview garbage pickup:** every Wednesday, recyclable pickup first and third Thursday of each month.  
**FAA:** 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 Atch 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 Atch Rd., Victoria Beach:** General meetings second Tuesday of the month, 756-6468 for more info.  
**Mental Illness Support Group:** meets second Wednesday of the month 7:00 p.m. Wings of Power office.  
**Beaches HELP Centre (seniors service):** 756-6471, Wednesday 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
**Powerview Parent Advisory Council:** meets first Thursday of every month.  
**Great Falls Hall workers - Tuesdays and Thursdays:** from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
**Pine Falls Library:** open 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.  
**Weight Watchers Meeting:** Every Thursday - weigh-in at 4:45 to 5:30pm, call Dolores for info at 367-2945.  
**Foster Homes:** Open your heart and home to a foster child, foster homes needed in Pine Falls and surrounding area, call Debby at 268-6158.  
**Child Health Clinics:** will be provided by area Public Health Nurse every Thursday afternoon at the Pine Falls Complex, Community Health Office assessments of babies (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.

January 6:  
**POWERVIEW** - police are investigating a spousal assault.

**RM of ALEXANDER** - a patrol of Highway 304 in search of several youth who had broken down on the road was conducted. A passerby saw the group and alerted police because of weather conditions and the crew being scantily dressed. Upon arrival police did not locate the threesome who had gotten transportation home.

January 7:  
**ST. GEORGES** - a possible internet fraud is being investigated.

**HOLLOW WATER** - a break and enter at a residence was reported. Access was gained through a window. A DVD home theatre system was stolen in the incident. Investigation continues.

**GRAND MARAIS** - culprits caused some property damage at a local school. A shed lock was chiseled open and a satellite receiver broken. Police are investigating.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle around 06:00 pm this evening. The male youth was taken to Pine Falls Hospital for treatment. Police continue to investigate.

## Report from Legislature



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

### Citizens on Patrol program

Over the past few months, many of you have voiced concerns about the amount of theft, vandalism and other crime-related activity in our communities. One part of the strategy to combat crime in our neighborhoods is a strong Citizens on Patrol Program (COPP). The Citizens on Patrol Program is a crime prevention program where community members act as extra "eyes and ears" of the community through deterrence, prevention, education and awareness.

Volunteers in the Citizens on Patrol Program identify suspicious activity and behaviour and notify the local police. They provide a presence in the community by patrolling in vehicles, on foot and/or on bicycle. All these activities help deter and prevent crime in the community. Volunteers provide public

education and crime awareness by providing safety tips on crime prevention to business and private property owners in the community.

Volunteers in the Citizens on Patrol Program are interested in making a difference in their community by doing their part to enhance community safety. Participating in the program provides an opportunity for volunteers to get to know their community better. Volunteers are provided the necessary training and equipment to make their community a safer place to raise children, to live and to conduct business.

Acting as a community, we CAN stand up to thefts, break and enters, graffiti and vandalism. In addition, we CAN make our community a safe and welcome place to live. I urge you to join our Citizens on Patrol Program. We currently have several Citizens on Patrol Pro-

grams and Crime Watch Programs operating in the constituency.

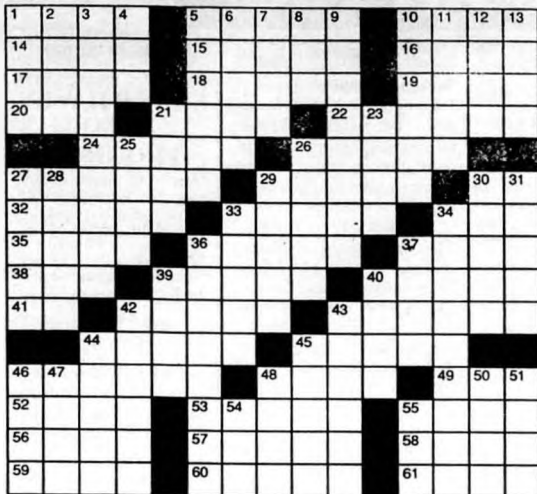
Gerald Kraynyk from Pine Falls, together with the RCMP in Powerview is attempting to start a Citizens on Patrol Program in the Pine Falls Powerview area. Gerald brings lots of ideas and plenty of enthusiasm and energy to the program. An informational meeting about the new Citizens on Patrol Program will be held at the Pine Falls School on Monday, January 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. If you require further information, call Gerald at 367-8014, and please make the effort to attend the meeting - you will be glad you did!

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

### Winnipeg River Church Services

**NOIRE DAME DE LAUS:** 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 367-2613 or Cell 754-7220. Everyone Welcome Sunday School, September 7 at 11:00 am, 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 Sundays 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 #104, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwald on Hwy #12, 11 miles north of junction with #317. Sundays 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:** Pitt Road - Traverse Bay, 11:30 a.m. Sunday additional mass mid-June through Labour Day 7:30 p.m. Saturday - Closed November 1 to April 30th.  
**ST. ALEXANDER R.C. CHURCH:** located at Sargeant First Nations Sunday mass 10:00 a.m.  
**ST. THERESA, R.C. MISSION:** #8 Glenvale Avenue, Grand Marais, Mass 12:00 noon first Sunday of November to last Sunday of April. May through October mass 10:00 a.m. Sunday.  
**SAGKEENG CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH:** Lloyd Gairmond (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 Gandy for information 367-2531.

# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. Fine net fabric
- 5. Rascal
- 10. Pound
- 14. Press
- 15. Mystery solving facts
- 16. Sea eagle
- 17. Discover
- 18. Reddish brown
- 19. Sharpen
- 20. Make lace
- 21. Small watercraft
- 22. Unfasten
- 24. Mistake
- 26. Grim
- 27. Yearly
- 29. Baby
- 30. Military rank (abbr.)
- 32. Appraised
- 33. Oxeye \_\_\_\_\_, flower

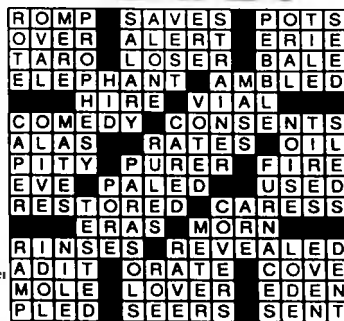
- 34. Also
- 35. Courier and \_\_\_\_\_
- 36. Write block letters
- 37. "\_\_\_\_\_ Lisa"
- 38. Unhappy
- 39. Lying flat
- 40. Lost colour
- 41. Elevated railway
- 42. Drudge
- 43. Contract additions
- 44. Accommodations
- 45. \_\_\_\_\_ Plan
- 46. Empty
- 48. \_\_\_\_\_ Jones's locker
- 49. Breeze
- 52. Poet \_\_\_\_\_ Khayyam
- 53. Likeness
- 55. Poker state
- 56. Telegram
- 57. Provide food
- 58. Frosted
- 59. Snow
- 60. Rub out
- 61. Short note

**Down**

- 1. Raise
- 2. Operatic solo
- 3. Satisfied
- 4. Conclude
- 5. Learning institution
- 6. Free from clouds
- 7. Uncle's wife
- 8. Adult male humans
- 9. Sacred song composer
- 10. Look
- 11. Irregular
- 12. Actress \_\_\_\_\_ Bancroft

- 13. Adolescent
- 21. Thin wire nail
- 23. Greasy
- 25. Regrets
- 26. Gleam
- 27. Get up
- 28. Of sea forces
- 29. "The \_\_\_\_\_ Mutiny"
- 30. By oneself
- 31. Frog's warty relatives

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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

CMXTB AMX UQZKBO ABNB CMXGFC CW  
 LB AGSCB SZTQZB LI CMXTB AMX  
 KXGJU KXC MBQN CMB PGTSK.

**Last Week's Solution**

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT.

## Weekly Echo Horoscopes

This edition covers the week of January 12 to January 18

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 - April 20)  
 Someone may be trying to damage your reputation. I Don't let siblings put pressure on you. Love could develop at social events that are work relate. You could expand your circle of friends if you get involved in unusual activities.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - may 21)  
 You can make financial gains if you are prepared to take a risk. You should make special plans for you and your lover. Think of joining a health club that will benefit your physical appearance. You will have good ideas for home improvement projects.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)  
 Opportunities may come up at prestigious affairs. Changes in your home environment may cause friction. Opportunities will come through behind the scenes activities. Social events will be rewarding.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 22)  
 Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests. Try not to get into disputes that will lead to estrangement's. Your creative ideas must be put to good use. False information is likely if you listen to idle chatter or gossip.

**LEO** (July 23 - Aug 22)  
 Invite people home to discuss your plans for group fundraising events and outings. Your irritability will lead to family squabbles. However, you should be concerned about what they want in return. You will have to make some changes regarding your direction if you wish to keep on top of your career expectations.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Get involved in the activities of children. They will teach you far more than you expect. Your desire for excitement and adventure may be expensive. You're in the mood to get out and visit friends. Residential moves will be hectic and may be unsatisfactory.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 Your talent will be recognized. Don't let friends convince you that you should contribute to something you don't believe in. Contracts will not be as lucrative as you think. Friends may not understand your situation.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 You should look into making some physical changes, such as new hair color or toning up your body. Only offer to do the things you have time for. Luxury items will cost you more than you can truly afford. If they don't want to get involved, work by yourself. Take the time to do your job correctly or you may find yourself looking for a new one.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec 21)  
 Be diplomatic and honest, and that person will only be made to look bad. You can enjoy the company of others and come in contact with an ideal mate, if you get out and mingle. Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. You can pick up information that will give you an edge.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)  
 You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. You may think gifts will win their heart, but it could add stress from lack of funds. Make any necessary changes to your insurance policy. Be honest if you wish to solve the problem.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 Follow your gut feeling regarding your business ventures. Your versatile mind and common sense will allow you to come up with various solutions. You need to sit back and enjoy. Be cautious while traveling to foreign countries.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)  
 You will have to check your cash flow before you decide to indulge in hobbies or entertainment that may be beyond your budget. You will be emotional about family matters. You could be misinterpreted if you're not careful. You can make a difference if you offer your help at functions that involve children.

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ninth day.

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celery, brownies.

**Wednesday, January 21**

Soup, roast turkey,  
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potatoes, cauliflower and  
carrots, strawberry  
shortcake.

### Sunrise School Division Kindergarten Registration and Grade 1 Beginners - For September 2004



Eligibility Requirement For

Kindergarten: Children must be five (5) years of age on or before  
December 31, 2004

Grade 1: Children must be six (6) years of age on or before December 31,  
2004. Children previously enrolled in Kindergarten classes DO NOT need  
to be re-registered

**Dates of Registration: Monday to Friday, February 9 to 13, 2004**  
**Mornings: 9:00am to 12:00 noon Afternoons: 1:00pm to 3:30pm.**

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Centennial School	345-2462	English
Ecole Dugald School	853-7929	English & French Imm
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Hazelinde School	755-2214	English
Oak Bank Elementary School	444-2473	English & English/Ukrainian
Ecole Powerview School	367-2296	English & French Imm.
Reynolds School	428-888*	English
Whitemouth School	348-2595	English
Grafton Colony School	268-2507	English
Greenwald Colony School	265-3522	English
Heartland Colony School	755-2342	English
Richland Colony School	866-3293	English
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Whiteshell Colony School	348-7055	English

Note: Proof of age must be presented at time of registration. **Birth  
Certificates** would be preferred. However, if a birth certificate is  
unavailable, then a Baptismal Certificate will be accepted.

Parents are invited to attend a French Immersion/Ukrainian Bilingual  
program informational evening on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 from  
7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Ecole Dugald School, Beausejour Early Years  
School or Powerview School.

Entry into the French Immersion and English/Ukrainian Programs is open  
to all children of Kindergarten and Grade 1 age who possess little or no  
knowledge of the French or Ukrainian language but who wish to become  
bilingual by learning French or Ukrainian as a second language.

### North Eastman Health Association Inc. Board of Directors Call for Nominations



The North Eastman Health Association Inc. is responsible for delivering  
and administering a broad spectrum of Health Programs and Services  
to a multi-cultural population base of approximately 40,000 residents

The North Eastman Health Association's Mission and Vision Statements  
are:

**Mission:** "The North Eastman Health Association strives to promote  
effective, equitable, accessible, integrated, responsive and cost efficient  
health programs and services to meet the needs of our population."  
**Vision:** "Working together to empower individuals, families and  
communities to pursue optimum health through healthy lifestyles."

One third of the board member positions become vacant on April 1,  
2004. In accordance with the Regional Health Authority Act, the  
Minister of Health will appoint directors to fill these vacancies. The  
appointments will represent a broad cross-section of interest, experi-  
ence and expertise. Geographic representation will also be considered.

The board members will be selected from nominations received from  
organizations and individuals interested in improving health for  
Manitobans, and who are prepared to make the time commitment  
required of a director of the board.

Any resident of the North Eastman Region may, for the board of the  
North Eastman Health Association, nominate a person or persons,  
including him or herself.

Information regarding qualifications, general responsibilities of board  
members, and the nomination form for appointment are available at the  
North Eastman Health Association Corporate Office. Nomination forms  
are also available at Community Health Offices or Health Facilities  
within the health region.

**Submission deadline is January 31, 2004.** Completed and signed  
nomination forms can be mailed to the North Eastman Health Associa-  
tion Corporate Office, W.B. Lewis Business Centre, 24 Aberdeen  
Avenue, P.O. Box 339, Pinawa, Manitoba R0E 1L0 or directly to the  
Minister of Health. **(A resume, CV or any additional information  
should be submitted with this form.)**

For more information call the North Eastman Health Association office  
at 753-2012 or toll free 1-877-753-2012, or Manitoba Health.

# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

## RCMP report for the week of December 19th to January 8th, 2004



was rec'd that articles were removed from a residence on Scott Crescent in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. This involved a dispute over the ownership of the effects of a deceased subject. The parties involved were referred to the Office of the Public Trustee.

On the 30th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an under-age female missing from her residence in Pinawa. This subject was subsequently located by the police and turned over to her mother.

On the 30th of Dec., a report was rec'd from an adult female that she was assaulted by an adult male at a residence on Riverland Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The adult male in question was arrested for assault and released for Court.

On the 30th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at a business premises in Pinawa. This was determined to be a False Alarm.

On the 30th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a white cube van backing into the driveway of a residence along P.T.H. #44 in the R.M. of Whitemouth. The occupant of the van spoke to the owner of the residence and then departed on #44.

On the 31st of Dec., a report was rec'd that a dog was hit with an axe at a location in the R.M. of Reynolds. The dog was running loose at the time, and an under-age male was believed to be the suspect.

On the 31st of Dec., a report was rec'd that antennae on a number of vehicles were broken overnight. This took place in the parking lot of an apartment building on Burrows in Pinawa. Tracks led from the scene to a residence in Pinawa.

On the 31st of Dec., a report was rec'd from the Dept. of Highways that a white Nissan was sitting along P.T.H. #44 north of Elma in the R.M. of Whitemouth. This vehicle was in this location from more than a day and was interfering with snow-ploughing. Same was towed.

On the 31st of Dec., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at a business premises in Pinawa. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 1st of Jan., a report was rec'd of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident at McArthur and Centennial in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Investigation revealed that an under-age male was driving and was under the influence. The subject was subsequently released for Court on a charge of Driving Over .08, with Driver's License suspended and vehicle impounded.

On the 1st of Jan., a report was rec'd of a possibly Impaired Driver in the Seddon's Corner area of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The vehicle was proceeding west on P.T.H. #44, and the info in question was forwarded to Beausjour Detachment.

On the 1st of Jan., a report was rec'd that a plastic snowman was stolen from outside a residence on Park Avenue, in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 1st of Jan., a report was rec'd of a domestic disturbance taking place at a residence along Bird River in the R.M. of Alexander. Police attended and found that no offence had taken place. Firearms were taken into police possession

at the time for safe-keeping.

On the 1st of Jan., a report was rec'd of an under-age male leaving a residence off P.R. 502 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The caller expressed concern that the subject could be suicidal. Police located the subject at another residence and determined that he was not at risk at the time.

On the 1st of Jan., a report was rec'd from a residence on Dufferin in Pinawa that an unknown adult male was observed lifting the cover from a snowmobile in the back yard of the residence in question. The subject made a hasty exit when discovered, and departed the area in a dark Chev S10, extended cab, with two other occupants, and a noisy muffler. Police patrolled Pinawa, but did not locate a vehicle matching this description. It was felt at the time that this was an attempt to steal the snowmobile in question.

On the 2nd of Jan., a report was rec'd of an under-age female missing from her residence in Pinawa. Police located the subject at a residence along P.R. 502 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, and returned her to her mother.

On the 2nd of Jan., a report was rec'd of an under-age male threatening suicide at a location along P.R. 502 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found the subject fighting with his sister outside the residence in question. He was arrested and subsequently taken to Pinawa Hospital.

On the 2nd of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intoxicated adult male interfering with an adult female leaving her place of employment in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that both had departed, however, were subsequently called to another location where the subject was causing a Breach of the Peace. Police attended the second location, and the subject in question departed, but was not located at the time.

On the 2nd of Jan., a report was rec'd of Off-Road Vehicles being operated illegally on Massey in Pinawa. Police patrolled, but none were located.

On the 2nd of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Police attended and determined that same was a False Alarm.

On the 2nd of Jan., a report was rec'd of a red Chev S10, 4x4 with a roll-bar driving erratically in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. No plate number was available.

On the 3rd of Jan., a report was rec'd of a family of 5 missing from a cottage at Tall Timber in the R.M. of Alexander. A search was undertaken, which involved the Bird River Fire Dept., and the family was subsequently located visiting at another cabin in the area.

On the 3rd of Jan., a report was rec'd of an Ambulance in the ditch along P.R. 211 in the L.G.D. of Pinawa, due to heavy snow conditions on the roadway. The ambulance had a pregnant subject on board. Police attended, and the ambulance continued on its way, with no-one the worse

for wear.

On the 3rd of Jan., a report was rec'd of an injury snowmobile accident on a trail in the Whiteshell Prov. Park, 5 km. south of P.T.H. #44. An adult male was transported to Beausjour Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

On the 4th of Jan., a report was rec'd that an adult male was overdue in returning from a hiking trip on the Mantario Trail in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police attended and found the subject digging his vehicle out of the snow in the parking lot. He was, however, taken to Hospital in Ste. Anne for treatment of frozen toes.

On the 4th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at the Pinawa Secondary School. This was determined to be a False Alarm.

On the 5th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at a residence on Samuel Hearne Crescent in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that this was a False Alarm.

On the 5th of Jan., a report was rec'd of two adult males overdue from a hike on the Mantario Trail in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police confirmed that their vehicle was still in the parking lot at the north end of the trail, and were in the process of making arrangements to have the pair searched for, when they arrived from their hike safe and sound.

On the 5th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a possibly Impaired Driver proceeding east on P.R. 317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police patrolled and stopped the vehicle in question, and found that the driver was, in fact, sober.

On the 5th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at a business in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 6th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a snowmobile being brought to the Lac du Bonnet Senior School in contravention of the Town of Lac du Bonnet By-Law.

On the 6th of Jan., a report was rec'd from a subject in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet that he did not want another subject on the complainant's property any longer, with a request that the police follow up with the subject to impart this information. This was done in compliance with the request.

On the 6th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an adult male assaulting an adult female at a residence on Lake Ave. in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and arrested the subject in question. He was subsequently released for Court.

On the 7th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a possibly Impaired Driver proceeding northward on P.R. 214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police patrolled and stopped the vehicle in question and found that the driver was, in fact, sober.

On the 8th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an adult male threatening another adult male at a business in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 8th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a garage at a residence on Belluk Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police investigated with the property-owner and found that no

break-in had taken place.

On the 8th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at a residence near Malson in the R.M. of Reynolds. Police attended and found that same was a False Alarm.

On the 8th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at a residence at Amy's Cove in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that same was a False Alarm.

On the 8th of Jan., a report was rec'd that a subject in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet had rec'd harassing telephone calls.

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