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## Nixdorf rink takes 2004

by Jim Hampshire

Despite some very blustery weather, a record field of 44 teams overcame the elements to compete in the Ladies Bonspiel at the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club over the weekend. Draw organizer Marlene Watson was quick to praise all competitors who braved deplorable road conditions to make the Bonspiel the biggest event in the history of ladies curling at the local level.

"It goes to show you how popular this event is and the determination these ladies have to travel and participate in this Bonspiel in spite of the weather," Watson said. "We only had three cancellations but we were easily able to fill all the draws from the waiting list."

The event was so large in fact, organizers had to book ice at the Pinawa Curling Club on Friday and Saturday in order to accommodate all teams. And although highway visibility was severely reduced, Watson reports that all teams took the trip in stride.

"Once again it goes to show the tremendous spirit these ladies have," Watson continued. "We worked it out that no team had to make the trip to Pinawa twice and we had no complaints whatsoever."

It was announced that next year the Ladies Bonspiel will hold draws locally all day on Friday in order to keep all Bonspiel draws at the Lac du Bonnet rink - a scheduling change that went over well with the visiting teams.

After two nights and two days of curling, the Main Event final showcased two Lac du Bonnet teams, as the Pat Nixdorf rink managed to steal in the ninth end to cruise to an 8 to 4 victory over the Brigette Budgell team.

The Second Event saw Karen Martin win a squeaker against the Penner team from Steinbach, while Bella Lefteruk won handily against the Faye Berthelette foursome to claim the Third Event.

One of the highlights off the ice included the Saturday evening banquet at the community centre hall, where prizes were awarded for best team costume. And while male reporters were not allowed into the 'Ladies Only' extravaganza, it was reported that the rock group (Miss?) KISS wowed the audience to win Best Overall costume. Most Enthusiastic honours went to the Dalmatian Divas, while a group of Penguins picked up the Most Humorous award.

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Main event winners of the Lac du Bonnet Ladies 56th Annual Bonspiel Shelly Dubois, Cheryl Halvarson, Gwen Veilleux and skip Pat Nixdorf

## Fewer people attend Coalition meeting

by Charles Norman

Only twenty Pine Falls residents attended last Sunday's public meeting of the Pine Falls Community Coalition - down from twenty-six a week earlier.

On the surface this appears to indicate that only about four percent of Pine Falls residents support the attempt by the Coalition to get the Pine Falls Advisory Council reinstated - and that that support is slipping away, however, the people present appeared to be confident that many residents are behind them.

At the outset, Kristy Sharpe, who chaired the meeting, stated that the meeting was about reinstating the Advisory Committee, and not about the merger committee or its working towards a merger with Powerview. She said the governance of Pine Falls and the

merger with Powerview were two completely separate issues.

A significant number of those at the meeting believe that Pine Falls is no longer a company town, but is, if not formerly incorporated, at least under the jurisdiction of the Advisory Committee. They believe the Advisory Committee is the only legitimate government of Pine Falls. They believe that when they were elected and sworn in - in much the same way as a municipality - they actually became one.

Warren Kane told the meeting that, according to the Municipal Act, an Advisory committee elected prior to a normal election date could remain in office until the subsequent election. He held up seven fingers to indicate that the committee could remain in place for seven years if necessary.

When challenged on this being in the Municipal Act, Angela Enwright corrected him and said it came under the Northern Affairs Act.

(Ms. Enwright must have been mistaken, there is no mention of either advisory committees, or elections for them, anywhere in the Northern Affairs Act. The only mention of advice is that the Minister can appoint community members to advise him. The Minister of Northern Affairs, Eric Robison, has written to the Advisory Board informing them that Pine Falls does not meet the requirements for incorporation under the Northern Affairs Act.)

Warren Kane said he does not want to interfere with the merger process, but he did say that he wants it done right - "even if it takes 42 years."

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Main Event runner up: Brigette Budgell, Cheryl Lidfors - Karklin, Vickie Short, and Bryce Sogran

# Snowmobiles raise money for sight

## Local Sledder rides in support of Lions Eye Bank

By Jim Hampshire

Riding a sled across the province each winter has become second nature for one Lac du Bonnet resident, and while the journey can be more than a little taxing at times, 64 year-old Rudi Gretschan says he finds his determination in raising funds for the Lions Eye Bank at the Misericordia Health Centre in Winnipeg.

"The most challenging part is never knowing what the weather will do," Gretschan said last Wednesday before leaving Thursday to join other fund-raising riders at Steinbach. "In past years there hasn't been adequate snow and that makes for a rough ride for both the machine and driver. It can be a tough trek but it's worth the effort when you look at the dollar figures we raise in support of the Eye Bank."

The three-day ride across the province, which leads through Altona and Portage la Prairie en route to Brandon, can have its share of pitfalls. Participants in the ride can risk anything from sled breakdowns to sore backs as they navigate backwood trails and rough roadside ditches, especially in

instances of inadequate snowfall. This year, however, Gretschan reports that snow levels were too excessive, making it difficult for lead riders to cut new trails.

"It was a little deep out there on the trails," Gretschan conceded. "The worst part was the freezing rain last Friday as we drove west from Portage la Prairie. It would build up on the windshield and we were forced to stop every five miles to clean ice off the machines and visors."

Compared to past years, Gretschan says the rain and excessive snow were just minor annoyances. Prior to 1998, Gretschan would trailer his snowmobile up north to Flin Flon, to embark with riders from the northern leg of the Journey For Sight fund-raising campaign.

"We used to encounter -45 below temperatures, and that's without the windchill," Gretschan laughed. "It got so cold you couldn't pull on the starter cord to start the sled."

Considering the frigid northern elements and Gretschan's age, he decided it was better to help organize a more manageable trip



Lac du Bonnet Lions President Vi Enns-Preston offers a \$500 cheque to Rudi Gretschan last Wednesday for the Journey For Sight fund-raising campaign.

which embarked from the eastern region of the province over the last six years. Over the course of those six years, Gretschan helped to raise an

estimated \$34,000 along with other riders from the Eastman region, in aid of the Lions Eye Bank. In total, the Journey For Sight campaign has raised

\$810,000 province-wide.

After 11 years with the Journey For Sight campaign, Gretschan is unsure whether he will participate in the future. Last April he underwent by-pass surgery and had corrective knee surgery in September. His decision whether to continue is complicated by the fact that, this year, he was the only rider to represent the Lac du Bonnet - Pinawa region, raising over \$2,000 in the process.

"My doctor told me not to change my recreational habits to follow my by-pass surgery, so it's a tough decision," he admitted. "I have a year to think it over and we'll see if we can't pick up more interest from other riders in the region. It would be nice if this area continued to be represented in the Journey For Sight."

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## Nixdorf takes 2004

from front page

Organizers went on to thank all sponsors and volunteers who donated to make the event a success, with special attention directed to Dancyt's Foods for their longtime association as sponsors

for this event. Organizers also made special mention on ice conditions throughout the four-day Bonspiel, noting that the ice crew headed by Randall Foulbert did well to provide consistent ice on all four

rinks over the course of the event.

Curlers of the female persuasion will now have a few weeks to catch their breath before converging on the Pine Falls Curling Club for their Ladies Event on the weekend of Feb. 13 and 14.



B Event winners: Skip Karen Martin, Deb Bassham, Kathy Karasiuk and Val Allard



Third Event winners: skip Bella Lefteruk, Marlene Smith, Heather Winsor and Luc du Bonnet resident Marie Foulbert

## Fewer people attend Coalition meeting

from front page

Glen Logan accused Kane of being in a conflict of interest. He said the Coalition's activities would interfere with the merger.

Bob Yatkowsky challenged the group on the attempt to separate the merge from the issue of governance of Pine Falls during the amalgamation process. He said the two could not be separated and the Merger Committee would no doubt recommend an implementation process along with their conclusions with respect to the other details of the merger.

Kane responded by saying that the only function of the merger committee was to determine a price for the Pine Falls infrastructure - and nothing else.

Kristy Sharpe was adamant, as were several other people present, that only the Advisory Committee was competent to collect and look after her taxes.

When the Advisory Committee was established, taxes, or service fees, were set at the same mil rate as Powerview. This has resulted in

more money being collected than has, in fact, been used for Townsite services. There was a strong indication at the meeting that many residents are unhappy about this and are confused about terms surplus and reserve.

There is a very real feeling amongst those present that their legitimate and elected government has been illegally taken away from them by Tembec. They have written to Premier Doer to ask him to intervene on their behalf. Kristy Sharpe is taking copies of the letter door-to-door in Pine Falls asking residents to sign them. As she gets signatures she will mail them to the Premiers office.



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# Christmas Hamper Wrap up- 2003

submitted

The last days of lists, sorting, packing, and delivering got off to a great start with the story of a boy and his birthday party. Colin Osis celebrated his birthday by asking for donation to the Hamper fund instead of gifts. His birthday party total of \$130.00 was spent on 25 boxes of oranges and the remainder on candy treats. Thank you Colin. You are a wonderful example to all-adult party givers and partygoers.

We packed 71 hampers this year. 19 more than last year. These 71 hampers totaled 117 adults and 149 children. Ironically, with so many more pack there was considerably less food and cash given this year, but we did have some generous help:

Dave and Robbie at the Sunrise Bakery donated 85 loaves

of bread, complete with Christmas greetings labels,

Mike and Brent Osis once again gave us 10 turkeys.

Laurie and Kim Wilson again sent 250 pounds of potatoes.

The Great Falls Recreation Association holds a special bingo and collection of non-perishable food every year and this is divided between the hamper projects in Lac du Bonnet and in Pine Falls.

36 Tembec employees donated there company Christmas gift turkeys.

Employees at the Powerview District Manitoba Hydro, donated \$200.00

The Royal Canadian Legion #64 and the Auxiliary of this branch: the Pine Falls Manitou Lodge, and Pine Falls Health Auxiliary were generous with cash donations. Schools, Powerview and Pine Falls, col-

lected money and food items.

The Pine Falls Fire Department members deliver most of the hampers, and members of the powerview Detachment R.C.M.P. deliver to Bisette, Manigotogan and Seymourville. A special thank you to Fire Chief Willie Kemball for his continuing interest, and for he organized his volunteers and keeps the many boxes moving out and in the right order!

Women at the Brightstone Hutterite Colony have helped us for years by sending up wonderful boxes of knitting and warm quilts.

And to each individual who came to help sort and pack and to those who donated cash and food and those who took the time to knit so many warm articles, many thanks.

We thank the churches in Pine Falls, Powerview and St-

Georges for allowing us to place food collection boxes there.

These people all have "Christmas hearts". We are so grateful to each of you for helping us send out a bit of Christmas to families who needed it. And Colin was truly special because he reminded us that Christmas is all about caring and sharing.

## Local United Appeal has successful campaign for 2003

People of the Pine Falls and district area can be proud of themselves. Once again residents of this area reached deep into their pockets and gave approximately \$50,000.00 towards thirteen health-related charities. This will contribute to improving the quality of life for those in need in our community.

Volunteers fanned out in various areas of the district, canvassing for donations to the United Appeal Trust Fund during the month of October. Their hard work paid off as individuals and local businesses contributed \$6,600.00. Tembec continued with tradition, giving a helpful corporate donation of \$5,000.00. This money was added to the payroll deductions made by employees at both the paper mill and the hospital throughout 2003.

At the end of the year, one hundred percent of every donation received was divided equally between the Canadian Cancer Society, Epilepsy Manitoba, Canadian Red Cross, Alzheimer's Society, Canadian Institute for the Blind, Multiple Sclerosis, Arthritis Society, Muscular Dystrophy, Salvation Army, Manitoba Heart and Stroke Foundation,

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The weekend will be filled with events for all ages to enjoy. We are starting the Carnival with a ticket raffle with 3

great prizes donated by Tembec. RM of Alexander & The Village of Powerview. I will keep you posted on events being held through out the weekend.

Well we can't complain that we don't have enough snow for outdoor activities. Snowmobiles, Cross-Country Skiers, your trails are ready and waiting. Muck Hill is a blast for all ages and anyone wanting to attend a meeting for future development of the hill, please attend on Thurs. Jan. 23-04 @7:30p.m., St. George Mall.

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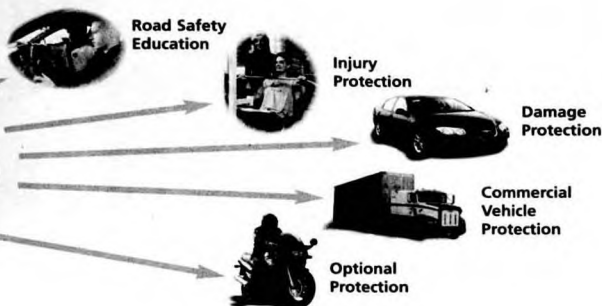
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# Senior funspiel sells out

By Jim Hampshire

A full compliment of 24 senior curling teams gathered at the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club on Monday of this week to celebrate a day of curling and camaraderie at the first annual Senior Funspiel. This inaugural event was planned and presented with perfection as curlers met and mingled both on and off the ice, and later in the evening at the event banquet.

One organizer, Cliff Franklin, said this mid-season smoker would be just what the doctor ordered for his curling colleagues after attending a similar event in Pine Falls last month.

"I took a team out to Pine Falls for the annual municipal Funspiel, put on by the RM of Alexander in December,"

Franklin explained. "We had so much fun at that event, we thought we could host one of our own for the senior league here in Lac du Bonnet."

The idea caught on with league members and the event was well organized in only four weeks.

"There was a lot of immediate excitement among our members because most can't compete with players half their age in a serious Bonspiel," Franklin said. "The Funspiel is a perfect format and we had no trouble signing up teams to take part."

Franklin credits his co-organizers for travelling to different municipalities to drum up regional interest and the leg work payed off in spades when several teams came in from Pine Falls and Grand Marais.



Peter and Violet Friesen (l to r) join team mate Dwayne Witman at the prize table as they claimed top spot in the Senior Funspiel on Monday.

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Thanks also to Diane Baström for the great meal Saturday evening. The men's club for the excellent bar service and all the ladies who helped make our bonspiel successful.

"This is beyond expectations when you think about how fast this was put together," Franklin remarked. "The real credit goes to Wes Martin and Steve Byzuk for the work and planning they put in."

Each team played three four-end games with a total point tally to declare the winner. As it turned out, a random draw was needed to break a two-way tie to declare the Peter Friesen rink the overall winner and the privilege for first pick at the prize table, which

carried a smorgasbord of gifts to accommodate every single player.

Franklin also acknowledged the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club for generously donating the ice and extended thanks to the newly retired Randall Foulbert for working with the ice in between his own draws.

Although money numbers haven't been crunched yet, Franklin noted that the event did well financially, hinting that the curling club would receive a donation for their generosity.

Many of this events organizers and volunteers will be at work again on Saturday Jan. 31, as the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre presents their third annual Family Funspiel and Casino. Teams are still welcome to sign up and participate in either the curling event or the family bowling tournament, also at the centre. Proceeds for this family fun day go to the community centre.

## February 13, 14, 15

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Company officials noted that historically low newsprint prices, combined with the strengthening Canadian dollar and high energy and fiber costs in the province of Ontario had led to the decision.

Tembec also announced that it will be raising newsprint prices in the United States by US\$50/tonne, effective February 1, 2004.

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## The colour of friendship

Once upon a time the colors of the world started to quarrel. All claimed that they were the best. The most important. The most useful. The favorite.

Green said:  
"Clearly I am the most important. I am the sign of life and of hope. I was chosen for grass, trees and leaves. Without me, all animals would die. Look over the countryside and you will see that I am in the majority."

Blue interrupted:  
"You only think about the earth, but consider the sky and the sea. It is the water that is the basis of life and drawn up by the clouds from the deep sea. The sky gives space and peace and serenity. Without my peace, you would all be nothing."

Yellow chuckled:  
"You are all so serious. I bring laughter, gaiety, and warmth into the world. The sun is yellow, the moon is yellow, the stars are yellow. Every time you look at a sunflower, the whole world starts to smile. Without me there would be no fun."

Orange started next to blow her trumpet:

"I am the color of health and strength. I may be scarce, but I am precious for I serve the needs of human life. I carry the most important vitamins. Think of carrots, pumpkins, oranges, mangoes, and papayas. I don't hang around all the time, but when I fill the sky at sunrise or sunset, my beauty is so striking that no one gives another thought to any of you."

Red could stand it no longer he shouted out:

"I am the ruler of all of you. I am blood - life's blood! I am the color of danger and of bravery. I am willing to fight for a cause. I bring fire into the blood. Without me, the earth would be as empty as the moon. I am the color of passion and of love, the red rose, the poinsettia and the poppy."

Purple rose up to his full height:

He was very tall and spoke with great pomp: "I am the color of royalty and power. Kings, chiefs, and bishops have always chosen me for I am the sign of authority and wisdom.

People do not question me! They listen and obey."

Finally Indigo spoke, much more quietly than all the others, but with just as much determination:

"Think of me. I am the color of silence. You hardly notice me, but without me you all become superficial. I represent thought and reflection, twilight and deep water. You need me for balance and contrast, for prayer and inner peace."

And so the colors went on boasting, each convinced of his or her own superiority. Their quarrel became louder and louder. Suddenly there was a

## ECHOES FROM THE Heart

startling flash of bright lightning thunder rolled and boomed. Rain started to pour down relentlessly. The colors crouched down in fear, drawing close to one another for comfort.

In the midst of the clamor, rain began to speak:

"You foolish colors, fighting amongst yourselves, each trying to dominate the rest. Don't you know that you were each made for a special purpose, unique and different? Join hands with one another and

come to me."

Doing as they were told, the colors united and joined hands. The rain continued:

"From now on, when it rains, each of you will stretch across the sky in a great bow of color as a reminder that you can all live in peace. The Rainbow is a sign of hope for tomorrow."

And so, whenever a good rain washes the world, and a Rainbow appears in the sky, let us remember to appreciate one another.

## A Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

### Who is the Greatest?

Boxing fans will remember the words of Mohammed Ali: "I am the greatest." He punched, jabbed and won the title of world heavyweight champion a number of times. Yet the time came where someone else took that title away from him by beating him at the very skill that put him at the top. Many others have made similar claims for themselves. Alexander the Great conquered much of the Europe

and Asia and yet he died as a failing alcoholic at age 33. Who is the greatest? Is it the conqueror, is it the one with great skill or even great intelligence?

The Bible gives us God's answer to that question. One day when the disciples of Jesus were arguing as to who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of God, Jesus gave them this answer: "Kings like to throw their weight around and people in authority like to give themselves fancy titles. It is not going to be that way with you. I, et the senior among you become like the junior: let the leader act the part of the servant." (Luke 22:24-26)

In God's order of things the one who is seen as the greatest, is the one who is willing to be the servant. This is a very difficult thing to do, without a good example or role model to

follow. When Jesus was approaching the hour of His death, He washed His disciples feet without complaint. (John 13:5) In other words Jesus practised what He preached.

One of my favorite authors, John Maxwell put it in these words:

The secure are into towels - The insecure are into tiles.

The secure are people conscious - The insecure are position conscious.

The secure want to add value to others - The insecure want to receive value from others.

My friends, if we want to be great, let us begin by serving others. By being willing to serve others we demonstrate the value that God has placed on each person. Take some time this week to serve someone.

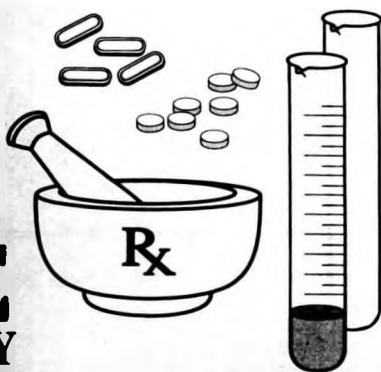
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# Jennifer Sharpe off to Afghanistan

by Charles Norman

Jennifer Sharpe, daughter of Kim and Lynn Sharpe who was raised in St Georges, and went to school in Powerview, is leaving for Afghanistan tomorrow.

She moved to Stonewall, Manitoba in 1997, graduated from High School there in 1999, she then took creative communications at Red River Community College in a joint Red River/University of Winnipeg course. She is two credits short of a degree in Communications.

Her major is advertising but she currently works as a journalist for the Canadian Air

Force newspaper. She is a civilian working at 17 Wing in Winnipeg.

In Kabul Jennifer will be working as a cashier in the Canex store, a convenience store on the base, and as a waitress in the officers, sergeants and other ranks messes. She said that the job was posted at the Winnipeg base and she applied and got the job. She told the Echo, this is the first time she will be away from home for an extended period and she is getting more excited as the time she leaves gets closer.

She leaves for Quebec City

via Air Canada on Wednesday. Travels to the Middle East in an Air Force Airbus. The final stage, into Kabul will be in an Air Force Hercules.

While in Kabul she will not likely get to see much of the city or of the surrounding area. Interaction with the local people is discouraged for security reasons. If she leaves the compound it has to be with an armed escort. She said there is a very, very slim chance that she will be able to join Canadian soldiers on patrol.

The weather in winter is not as cold as the prairies - about



Jennifer Sharpe, is excited to be leaving for Kabul, Afghanistan this week.

ten below at night and around zero during the day, but the summer is excruciatingly hot during the day although it tends to cool off at night.

## RCMP increasing radar on Highway 11 and Art Street

The Winnipeg River Detachment, Powerview Community Office have received notification that citizens have expressed concern relating to traffic on Highway #11, and Art Street in and approaching Powerview. The concerns deal with heavy trucks (semi) and other vehicles travelling at speeds greater than the posted limit. In response to this the RCMP will be increasing the number of patrols with radar enforcement in these areas.

Police would like to also remind the public that the cost of speeding fines has increased quite dramatically of late, and still includes the loss of points. This is above and beyond the dangers that may be present due to excessive speeding. Please buckle up and drive safely.

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## Recreation Ramblings

**Beat winter**  
Got the winter blahs? Feeling tired? Achy? Bored with winter? Get out and get active and make the winter pass by fast! Check out the Winnipeg River Recreation District's Whiz into Winter activities and call the rec office today to sign up!

**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 fun-

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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. Start date postponed. To run Tuesdays at Gilbert School Gym in Pinawa from 8pm-9pm. Course runs for 10 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.

**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.

**FITNESS THEORY COURSE:** Become a certified fitness instructor in this nationally recognized program. March 19 - 21 AND April 30 to May 2 at LdB Senior School. For more info or to register contact the rec office at 345 8816 or 753 2639.

On the Horizon... **A Day for Women - Embracing midlife and beyond!** A full day full of sessions and activities on Thursday, April 15 at the LdB Community Centre. Registration information and session details to follow.

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# Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

RCMP report for the week of January 9th to January 16th, 2004



The following constitutes the Police Report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of the 9th of Jan. to the 16th of Jan:

On the 9th of Jan., a report was rec'd of the theft of money from a business in Pinawa. This offence was suspected to be internal in nature.

On the 9th of Jan., a report was rec'd from Great Falls that a vehicle was keyed on the side while parked on a street.

On the 9th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a disturbance at

a residence on Horbatiuk Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that two adult males were arguing over a number of issues. No offence was committed and police attempted to mediate the dispute.

On the 9th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an under-age female missing from a residence at Great Falls. The subject was believed to be with her boyfriend in Winnipeg, which was subsequently determined to be the case.

On the 9th of Jan., a report

was rec'd of a break and enter to a garage at a location on Tagesen Blvd. in the R.M. of Alexander. Investigation revealed that the lock was pried off the door, and tools were stolen. Took place since Sunday, the 4th of Jan.

On the 10th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a truck in the ditch along P.R. 313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended to the location in question, however, the truck was gone.

On the 10th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a hit and run to a vehicle in Pointe du Bois.

On the 10th of Jan., a report was rec'd from Pinawa of an attempted suicide by a subject, who was admitted to Pinawa Hospital.

On the 11th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an under-age female running away from a foster home in Whittemouth. Police located the subject at a residence in Whittemouth, and returned her home.

On the 11th of Jan., a report was rec'd of vandalism to a vehicle parked along P.T.H.

#11 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, just south of McArthur Falls.

On the 11th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a single-vehicle roll-over along P.R. 313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet, near P.R. 520. Police attended and found that the adult female driver was shaken up. She was the only occupant of the vehicle, and was taken to Pinawa Hospital via ambulance for a check-up. Another example of a life being saved by the usage of a seat-belt.

On the 11th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a cottage along Brookfield Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The door had been damaged, and two key rings missing. This had taken place since the 29th of Dec.

On the 13th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an intrusion alarm at the loading facility along the tracks in the vicinity of Molson in the R.M. of Reynolds. Police attended and found that a truck was at the facility unloading.

On the 13th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an adult male acting irrationally at a residence in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and arrested the subject under the Mental Health Act. He was taken to Pinawa Hospital, and then to the Health Sciences Centre.

On the 14th of Jan., a report was rec'd of an adult male not returning to his residence in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police investigated and found that he was stuck in the bush with his vehicle.

On the 15th of Jan., a request was rec'd from an adult female for a Peace Bond involving an adult male, both residents of the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The information in question was sworn and a Summons issued, which was served on the subject.

On the 16th of Jan., a report was rec'd of a truck in the ditch at the corner of PTH #11 and P.R. 211 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended to find that the vehicle in question was gone.

## Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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**PACE 7-1375:** meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Power-ercise meeting room  
**Sit and Be Fit exercise class** Thursdays, Lac du Bonnet Pioneer Club, 1:00 p.m.  
**Prenatal classes:** held regularly at Lac du Bonnet. Please register with Gail 268-6106 or call your local public health nurse  
**Lac du Bonnet Lions Club** meets the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., LdB Community Centre  
**Lac du Bonnet Regional Library** open Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Wed. and Fri. noon to 4:30 p.m. Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. ph 345-2653  
**Great Falls Women's Institute** meets first Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m. Great Falls Hall Pat 367-2586, Leone 367-8569  
**Ladies' Auxiliaries** Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall  
**LdB Committee on Family Violence and Abuse** meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Contact person 345-2664  
**Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164** general meetings third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall  
**Horticultural Society** meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m., Centennial School  
**St. John's ACW** meets first Monday of every month 1:30 p.m., parish hall  
**Lakeshore Al-Anon Group** Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre, 89 Melnosh Call Teri 345-8712  
**Lakeshore Al-a-Teen Group** For further information, Phone Kathie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days).

**Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings** second and fourth Thursday of the month  
**Lakeshore A.A. meetings** every Sunday and Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, 86 McArthur, Lac du Bonnet. Last Sunday of the month open to the public. Call Ted 345-2839, Ron 353-8403  
**Ladies A.A. Meetings** Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermot, Pinawa Doreen 753-8357  
**Battered Women's Crisis Line** 1-800-362-3344  
**Lac du Bonnet Health Centre Auxiliaries** meets fourth Thursday of the month, Health Centre 1:30 p.m.  
**Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association** temporarily meets at the call of the chair. Call Peter 345-6190 for information  
**News to town?** Drop in to the Craft Basket on Second Street and pick up your Welcome to Lac du Bonnet gift, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce  
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**Pioneer Club Meets** first Monday of month 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Club  
**RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings** second Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. and fourth Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m.  
**Alzheimer Society** Theresa Conroy, Whittemouth 348-3505  
**Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beauport, Whittemouth, Oakbank, Hadsaville**  
**Little Day Buddies Nursery School** Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Community Centre Janice 345-8979  
**Agassiz Horticultural Society** meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month, except January, July & August, Centennial School, 7:00 p.m. All gardeners welcome

**Lac du Bonnet Church Directory**  
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**NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 Father Richard Moschura, 345-2900  
 Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass: 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass  
 Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass  
**ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
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## WINGS OF POWER

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by Michelle Berthelette

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ternatives to TV, ideas on safe places for children, as well as learning reading and writing. For more information or to register, please contact Michelle at 367-9641. A few LAPS may be just what you were looking for.

Are you expecting a baby? The Blue Water Mobile Prenatal Team would like to invite you to join them at Wings of Power for their weekly Prenatal Drop-Ins, Thursdays from 11:30 - 1:30. Free milk and juice are available. Expectant parents also have access to information, a lending library, baby clothes exchange and much, much more.

If you are a parent with a baby between 0 - 6 months old, why not join our postnatal group. Resources available to postnatal participants include: car seat, snugly and breast pump lending, clothing exchange, free milk, as well as information on what to expect in the first six months. It is an opportunity to meet with other parents who are experiencing the same things you are. Postnatal meets every other Tuesday from 11:30 - 1:30, Gerry, a registered dietician, and Donna, an early childhood edu-

cator, form a team that's hard to top when it comes to their friendly approach and knowledge. So whether you are an expectant parent, or a parent of a newborn, come and see what the Blue Water Mobile Prenatal Team has for you. Drop-in or call 367-8855 for more information. Everyone is welcome and they would love to meet you.

Spread Your Wings News  
 Spread Your Wings is having an information night for community resources on Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 at Wings of Power. If you are a service provider, organization or business that would be interested in partnering with the Spread Your Wings Program, please stop by to find out how you can help youth in our community. Mentoring, job training and experience are only a few ways you can help make a difference. Why not offer your experience and wisdom to guide our youth. It may turn out to be an enriching experience for the both of you. If you would like more information or have any questions, please call Cheryl or Andrea at 367-9641. "In youth we learn, in age we understand."



# A Students Perspective

## A Smoke Free School, or Not?

What happened? Where do we put them? What else can we do? These are questions that are being asked more and more frequently everyday. Smoker's at Powerview School have been an arising problem since the beginning of the school year and it seems that nobody is ever pleased with the fallout. Last year our school became a smoke free environment, which meant students were no longer permitted to light up on school property. Well a group of students would like to know what happened, why are they back on school property? Response from teacher's and bus drivers is that it is a "safer" place for the smoker's and they are not in the way of departing buses. Sure it may be safer, but now they are back on school property in the parking lot, back to square one! A recent quote from a grade 12 student was "ya, now they are off the road and safe, but they are in the corner of the parking lot, BACK ON SCHOOL PROPERTY! Why not just put them back in the pit where they belong because now they are no longer in the way of busses but in the way of students leaving and entering the parking lot" Another student also commented on the new idea, saying "really? how is a parking lot any safer?" The students bring up good complaints but we need good solutions, not only complaints!

The issue is becoming very irritating and must be resolved. Students like every other human being, have the right to smoke, and nobody can take that right away from them. However, as a smoke free school we must remain a smoke free school. We must evaluate the situation and come to an agreement to resolve the issue of, where they should be smoking, and where they shouldn't be! If it is a smoke free school then why are they smoking on the property? Is it really safer? In all reality, a parking lot is not a very safe place to be standing around.

The current smoking section in the parking lot was a good idea on behalf of some students, but also a bad one according to some others. The Principal and teachers are just trying to do the best they can, and at the same time look out for the safety of the students. If you have any positive feedback or solutions for the issue, please email the student body at [pvs\\_students@hotmail.com](mailto:pvs_students@hotmail.com), thank you!

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This super cuddly fella was brought in when he was found outside chilly and shivering. He's since been neutered, cleaned up and vaccinated for Rabies. Midnight is about 1.5 years old. Fully vaccinated, he's anxious to begin his "new life" very soon. Our adoption fee includes a vet exam and microchip!

## 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



#### Willibee, 84134

Willibee is a very good natured, neutered male dog. He is almost two years old and is a Labrador Pitbull cross. Willibee has a great personality and is wonderful with people of all ages. Kongs are a must as they are his favorite toys and will keep him busy for hours. Willibee has never been destructive when left alone in a home on a regular basis, he is kennel trained and loves going for walks. Vacuums and vehicles scare Willibee and should be kept away from him. For further information, please call Melissa @ 982-2049.

## Blues news

Reports taken from [www.eteamz.com](http://www.eteamz.com)

### Jan 18 Lac du Bonnet 8 at Peguis 6

A six point effort from Dwight Hirst propelled the Blues to victory in Peguis.

Hirst scored four times and assisted twice for Lac du Bonnet including a natural hat trick as he scored his teams final three goals in the third period.

Lac du Bonnet built a 2-0 lead before the game was two minutes old on goals by Devon Turner and Tyler Tease. Mike Spence scored twice for the home team to even the score and the Hawks went up by one when Gilbert Daniels dented the twine with 4:47 to play. Jay Abraham evened the score when he beat Andrew Bear with 1:27 left in the period.

Blues starting goalie Donovan Henzel was out cold after taking a shot to the head late in the first period. Henzel was

replaced by Shane Hintz.

The Blues held a 5-3 lead at the mid point of the second thanks to goals by Hirst and Jay Seymour. Steve Spence made it a one goal game when his shot eluded Hintz on a power play with just under six minutes remaining in the period.

The Hawks tied it early in the third on an even strength goal. Five minutes later, Hirst scored and the Blues regained their one goal lead which they held for just three minutes before Peguis scored on a powerplay. Lac du Bonnet went up to stay at 4:01 when Hirst shovelled in a power play goal and then added an insurance marker less than a minute later.

Jay Seymour also had a huge game for the Blues as he collected four assists.

### Jan 17 Lac du Bonnet 3

### at Ashern 5

Ashern led 2-1 and 3-1 at the period breaks as they continue to lead the league in wins.

Andrew McPherson, Chris Arns, Ivan Roulette, Jedd Crumb, and Darcy Pelletier all scored for the Hornets.

Scoring for the Blues were Aaron Wold, Dwight Hirst and Jay Seymour who also added two assists.

Shane Hintz was in goal for Lac du Bonnet and for Ashern it was Kent McPherson.

### Jan 9 Lac du Bonnet 8 at Stonewall 2

A hat trick by Jay Seymour and a five point night by Dwight Hirst carried the Blues over the Flyers.

Hirst scored two and assisted on three for Lac du Bonnet who scored four first period goals and led 6-1 after two periods of play.

Also scoring for the Blues were Devon Turner, Tyler Tease, and Jay Abraham.

Shane Hintz picked up another win in goal and Scott Miller took the loss.

# On Parliament Hill



Your voice in Ottawa  
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

## Reinventing History

lion social care cut (CHST) he executed while Minister of Finance, such as seniors stuck waiting for health services or persons with disabilities desperate for assistance.

At the same time, Mr. Martin tried to present himself as a fiscal conservative. But again, the record is clear that despite massive cuts to essential social services like healthcare and education, he continued to increase spending on questionable federal government programs. After cutting essential social programs in his first three years, in his final six years as Finance Minister, government spending rose by 22%. Although Mr. Martin has recently announced a spending freeze, this should come as no reassurance to those who hope that Mr. Martin has changed. The simple truth is that there was no choice. Past irresponsible spending has left no room for either tax cuts or appropriate levels of increased funding for essential programs.

Mr. Martin spoke about the need for greater democracy, but he is far from credible on democratic reform. While in office Mr. Martin consistently opposed an independent Ethics Commissioner, even though he co-authored the 1993 Red Book, which promised an independent Commissioner responsible to Parliament. Mr. Martin was a key member of a government that shut down debate on important social is-

ssues in the House of Commons by invoking closure and time allocation a record number of 84 times. His promise of an elected Senate is long forgotten.

Mr. Martin talked about building bridges with other levels of government: ironic, considering he burned bridges with provinces and municipalities during his time in Finance. Cities were especially hit hard by federal transfer payment cuts and the subsequent downloading of responsibilities. In many provinces, federal transfer payments were slashed by more than 36 percent between 1993-1998. Now Mr. Martin claims to want to share a portion of the federal gas tax with municipalities. The Canadian Alliance pressured him for 9 years to do just that, but instead he chose to hoard federal gas tax revenue, putting as little as 2.4% back into Canada's roads of the \$4 billion he collected annually.

Mr. Martin's 11th hour promises fly in the face of his long track record of waste, mismanagement, and misuse of power. Canadians cannot be expected to simply swallow his sugar-coated history of his last ten years as a key figure in the Liberal administration.

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 email at [toewsv1@mts.net](mailto:toewsv1@mts.net)

# Winnipeg River RCMP Report

The report covers the periods of January 12 to January 16, 2004



January 12:  
**LITTLE BLACK RIVER** - police are investigating a break in at the Health Centre. An undisclosed amount of cash

was taken from a locked desk. RM of **ALEXANDER** - a patrol of Highway 11 for an older model black truck was conducted. A passerby

avoided a crash with the vehicle after it wandered into the other lane and back again several times. The vehicle and driver could not be located at the time by police.

January 13:  
**FORT ALEXANDER** - a theft of a tool chest off of a contractors truck parked at the Band Hall parking lot. Police however were able to recover the tools and chest later in the day from several tips received. The tools replacement value was estimated at approximately \$4,500.00.

January 14:  
**HOLLOW WATER** - police are investigating a disturbance by a male at a residence. The male was intoxicated and causing problems for the family.

## 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 367-2206.

**PACE 7-1375:** meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Power-view meeting room.

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

**Library:** **Allard:** Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Beaches Library:** Tues 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thurs 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Fri 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sat 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Knights of Columbus:** meetings every second Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Powerview, Church basement.

**Silver Haven Club:** cribbage every fourth and fifth Monday 1:30 p.m. whist every Thursday 1:30 p.m.

**Pine Falls Health Auxiliary:** meetings first Tuesday of every month 1:30 p.m.

**Cottage Country Business Assoc.:** meets first Monday of the month 7:00 p.m. October through May, phone 756-2596.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Pine Falls Library** open 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday.

**Weight Watchers Meeting:** Every Thursday, weigh-in at 4:45 to 5:30pm, -call Debby for info at 367-2945.

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

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

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

## Winnipeg River Church Services

**NOÏRE DAME DU LAIS:** Powerview - Saturday evening 7:30 p.m. (English), Sunday 10:00 a.m. (English), Stead - Sunday 12:00 noon.

**PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH:** Sunday service 11:00 a.m. Bob Rodger Minister Church 367-2633 or Cell 754-7220. Everyone Welcome Sunday School, September 7 at 11:00 a.m., everyone welcome.

**PINE FALLS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT:** Ph 367-9520 Rector, the Rev. Sandra Tankard, Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH:** Thalberg, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Junction #12 and #104. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwald on Hwy #12, 1 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations) For info call 635-2625 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

January 15:  
**FORT ALEXANDER** - police charged 1 male after he was in breach of a court order to have to no contact with his ex spouse.

**POWERVIEW** - a request for assistance from Winnipeg Police services in locating a female was received. Police attended a residence and made inquiries but the woman could not be located. Winnipeg Police Services was advised accordingly.

January 17:  
**POWERVIEW** - a call of intoxicated female youth causing

problems at a business was received however before police attended a parent had been contacted and the situation was under control.

**FORT ALEXANDER** - police responded to an assault where a female was hit by another female with a bottle. The female victim was treated at Pine Falls Hospital for her injuries. Investigation continues.

**LITTLE BLACK RIVER** - a complaint of a theft of a chainsaw was received. The incident occurred at a cutting area Northeast of Little Black River.

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.

# You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

I was wondering when old man winter would arrive. I didn't say I was looking forward to it but I was curious, just the same. They say January can be cruel month but so far 2004 has proven to be a real stinker.

But that's the nature of our Manitoba climate. A somewhat mild December lulls you into a false sense of security, and then one day the deep freeze hits and even your dog won't go outside. "Come on, Fido! Let's go out and violate the shrubs again!" is what you tell your pet as he watches you from the cozy confines of the living room couch. Naturally he doesn't twitch from his curled position and all further commands are met with a yawn of indifference.

This is a big problem if you're a dog owner. I mean, cats can always retreat into the basement and do their business discreetly in a little box of sand, but what do you offer a St. Bernard?

Actually it's not very often that our own dog doesn't leap at the chance for a walk on the leash but it's easy to tell that he's getting up in age, especially during a winter cold snap. It used to be that our

dog would bolt from the house with an unfortunate family member in tow. Most often it was the wife and most often she would find herself airborne in a horizontal position. That doesn't happen in cold weather. Instead, the dog just sits on the carpet in front of the open door and growls at the ice crystals as they float by.

Truth be told, I can't say that I blame him, basically because we have a lot in common. For one thing we're both past our prime and our most active years are behind us. And another thing. We both like the comfy confines of the living room couch.

Now, as any responsible pet owner would know, you can't let your dog get lazy and complacent during these cold winter days. Personally, I can grow out of cold winter complacency by mid-March at the latest, which is usually when I drag my patio furniture out of the basement. Unfortunately my complacency returns as soon as I set up my patio lounge, but that's of little interest and I think get back on topic and focus on the dog.

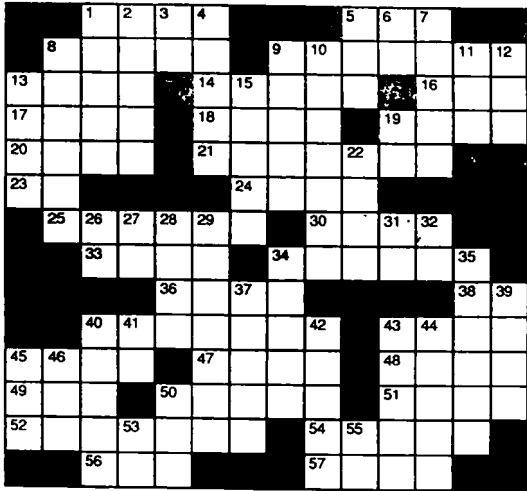
So far this year has been relatively mild and our dog has been relatively active. It wasn't until last week that I discovered the hound sniffing around the basement, looking for a cat box, no doubt. With this discovery, I

decided to implement a rigorous exercise program that would involve both of us. Of course I researched the various pet manuals available and consulted with some of the leading experts on animal behavior before deciding on a workout routine for our dog and I must say we've already seen the results in just a few days.

Now the system can be a little involved so I will carefully explain the details in the event that you'd like to adopt the program for your pet. First I monitor our dog's diet very closely, keeping in mind that he should be fed precisely at the same time each day. Obviously it's not recommended to encourage the dog to become too active immediately following his dinner, so I continue to monitor the animal for any signs of gas over the next hour or so. Now, once you hear that first rumble, you should pick the dog up off the couch and run outside. Once he has finished his business, you can both sprint back to the couch and enjoy the invigoration of the great workout.

Okay, I'll admit it's not a marathon workout, but me and the dog get exhausted just trying to push open the door, when you consider the mountain of new snow that heaps up on the doorstep on a daily basis.

# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. Did, created
- 5. Camp sleeper
- 8. Cantaloupe
- 9. Marked
- 13. Opposite of heaven
- 14. What's it all, Alfie?
- 16. Much About Nothing
- 17. Pitch of a voice
- 18. \_ on the cob
- 19. Sound like a boo
- 20. Not found
- 21. Capital of New Jersey
- 23. Scoring play in football
- 24. One of the Great Lakes
- 25. Pulled out suddenly
- 30. NY basketball team
- 33. A nickle or dime
- 34. Set off, like a fire
- 36. Male deer

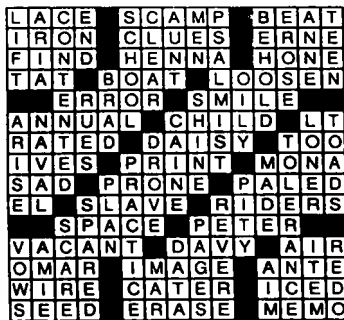
- 38. Not wrong again
- 40. Exchange for money
- 43. Scorch
- 45. Davy Crockett's \_ skin hat
- 47. Chaotic demonstration
- 48. Brief\_ (for carrying papers or books)
- 49. Pie\_ mode
- 50. Coffee\_ milk?
- 51. Paydirt
- 52. Time spans
- 54. Presses clothes
- 56. Where a pig lives
- 57. \_ up (stimulates)

**Down**

- 1. What the sun does to ice
- 2. Apportion, give out
- 3. Oh what shall I\_?
- 4. Put into effect, like a law
- 5. Felix the
- 6. Your money your life
- 7. Locomotive
- 8. Tune
- 9. More bruised
- 10. Shrewdness
- 11. Wynn and Sullivan
- 12. \_ and don'ts
- 13. Stop!
- 15. Worned, uninterested
- 19. What Santa says
- 22. \_ager

- 26. Opposite of DC
- 27. Not yes
- 28. White-faced rock group
- 29. Went in
- 31. Fa, sol, la
- 32. Like a road
- 34. Eskimo's house
- 35. Gets rid of a written mistake
- 37. Phony name
- 39. French for very
- 40. What the lion does
- 41. Printer's measure
- 42. Disrobe
- 43. One\_ of ice cream
- 44. Works for
- 45. Kind of hat
- 46. Burling about
- 50. Plaything
- 53. He, she, and\_
- 55. With reference to

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

HZEPUQ AL AH KBO ONO ZR KBO CO  
BZQ IOP

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

**Last Week's Solution**

THOSE WHO DANCED WERE THOUGHT TO BE QUITE INSANE BY THOSE WHO COULD NOT HEAR THE MUSIC.

## Weekly Echo Horoscopes



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

You will be uncertain of your feelings. Don't ignore any emotional issues that could be causing problems. You may find that your plans will cost a little more than you had expected. Travel and social activity will bring about interesting talks, not to mention contacts.



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

Don't let domestic problems interfere with your objectives. Uncertainties regarding your love life will surface if you have neglected your mate. Your best efforts will come through investments concerning your home. Observations will be far more productive.



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

Things will be emotional with your mate. Insincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. Your fickle nature may cause jealousy. Catch up on your reading and correspondence.

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

You can help them with difficult projects. Your romantic inclination should lead to a committed relationship. You should try to elaborate on an idea you have regarding a product or service for the home. You may have to take a short trip to visit someone who hasn't been well.



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

You don't need to pay out in order to have fun. Don't be too eager to cut those who have disappointed you from your life. Your communication skills may win you points. False information from someone trying to start problems is likely.



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

Don't hold back; go with the flow and take a bit of a chance. Do not make rash decisions about your personal life. You will be well looked upon due to your compassionate and giving nature. Your home may be in an uproar and you are best to stay out of the line of fire if at all possible.



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

Your love will not be willing to listen to your criticism. Your stubbornness coupled with your mate's jealousy don't make for a favorable time. Don't be too eager to spend what's left over; more unexpected expenses are evident. You will find it easy to learn and excel.



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

Stress coupled with diet will add to stomach problems. Family may not want to get involved but an entrepreneur will. Your mate may want to pick a fight but if you're persistent with your affections their anger should dissipate. Do your own research and be prepared.



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

Take the initiative and go after your goals. Get into some activities that will help you in making new friends. Invite friends in for a visit. Keep your cash in your pocket and offer them sound advice rather than your financial assistance.

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

Don't let your health suffer because of worry. Talk to someone you trust. Financial gains can be made through wise investments. You will be too quick to point your finger at your mate. Entertainment should include your whole family.



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

You are best not to confront situations that deal with in-laws or relatives. Be sure to take care of the needs of youngsters. Don't let others try to create unwarranted guilt if you can't meet their demands. Sudden changes in your financial situation are likely.

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

Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Don't spend too much on products that promise amazing cosmetic results. You need to make changes that will raise your self esteem, such as a new hairstyle or a new image. Don't let your personal problems interfere with your professional responsibilities.

# Echo Classifieds

**For Sale**

**1997 Formula Z 583 Skidoo** - Excellent Condition, Always stored indoors. 2383 miles, cover, garage cart, hand and thumb warmers. #3490.00 OBO, call 345-8835.

**For Sale**

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

**Engagement**



**KINGHORN McMURREN**

Mac & Shelagh Kinghorn and Judy LeRoye & Max Pichor along with Kevin & Helen McMurren are extremely pleased to announce the Christmas Engagement of their Children Michelle & Devin. This is something we have all been waiting for and are so happy to see. A December 2005 wedding is being planned.

**Birthday**

**Happy 18th Birthday Stephanie, January 22**

I remember so well when you were 10 months old and you jumped over your high crib wall and ran happily to my room, delighted in your new found freedom. I remember so well your soft bouncy hair falling over your inquisitive eyes, your little rosebud lips quietly laughing at things you found funny. Your little rosy cheeks and your boundless energy...

That was 18 years ago and everyday it is taking on new dimensions as you struggle to find your way. You always work so hard to do your best, while given your entire mind and heart to the new avenues you try. We are so very proud of you Steph and we want you to have fun, be happy and most importantly enjoy all that life has to offer you.

We love you,  
Lots of love,  
Mom and Dad

**Meal Program**

**SILVER HAVEN MEAL PROGRAM**

Open to all seniors 55 and over. You are welcome to bring a guest. All meals are \$4.50. Meals are at 12:00 noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your name must be put on the list the day before by calling

**Silver Haven at 367-4620**

**Friday, January 23**

Soup, pizza (bacon, cheese, mushroom, green onion, tomato) lemon pie.

**Miscellaneous**

**Bankruptcy Info-line** free, confidential. Call 1-800-463-8371. www.letaylor.net

This is a community service offered by I.C. Taylor & Co. Ltd., Trustee in Bankruptcy.

**For Rent**

**Office space for rent** Above Pine Falls Post Office, c/w private washroom.

**For sale:** One hospital bed, \$300.00. For more information call Denis at 367-8651.

**For Rent**

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

**Accommodations**

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

**Miscellaneous**

**Ladies - Is your Bra comfortable?** Custom fitted bra clinic in Pine Falls, January 22. There are 200 Bra sizes available (30AA - 52KK), plus breast prosthesis and enhancers. For information/ appointment/location call The Bra Lady at 1-800-254-3938.

**To place your ads in the Echo Classifieds, call 367-9468.**

**WINGS OF POWER**

**Junior Kindergarten Teacher - Term Position**

Wings of Power has a term position available for a Junior Kindergarten Teacher, starting April 1, Tuesday - Friday afternoons until the end of June. Successful candidate will be working in a classroom setting with four year-old children. Knowledge of early childhood development and ability to work with families is required. Please submit resume's to: Andrea Chevrefils, Executive Director, Box 66, Pine Falls, MB, R0E 1M0 no later than January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**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.**

Programs in Three (3) Languages Offered to all children beginning in Kindergarten or Grade 1 at the following centres:

Anola School	866-2962	English
Beauséjour Early Years School	268-2664	English & French Imm.
Centennial School	345-2462	English
École Dugald School	853-7929	English & French Imm.
Gillis School	268-4353	English
Hazelde School	755-2214	English
Oak Bank Elementary School	444-2473	English & English/Ukrainian
École Powerview School	367-2296	English & French Imm.
Reynolds School	426-888*	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
Springwell Colony School	345-6410	English
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 École Dugald School, Beauséjour 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.

**EVERGREEN**

**Rob Oakes 345-4828**  
(204) 348-2955



**POWERVIEW, 29 LAURA ST.**  
Approx. 1144 sq.ft. 3 bdrm. Bungalow. This home is completely renovated and includes: fridge, stove, washer, dryer, central vac, dishwasher, large deck, double lot, forced air heat. THIS HOME IS COMPLETELY RENOVATED!!



**PINE FALLS, 1 BALSAM ST.**  
Approx 2448 sq.ft. 2 storey home situated across from the Village Green. This home includes: 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, dishwasher, oak cupboards, oak trimming, hardwood floors, finished basement, fenced yard, single garage, fireplace, screened porch, large deck, lots of storage space. TOO MUCH TO LIST!! SERIOUS INQUIRIES!!



**TRAPPER RESEARCH COORDINATOR**



The Manitoba Trapper Association, in conjunction with the Manitoba Model Forest and other partners requires the services of a coordinator to assist in developing a long term research project on the comparative value of harvest areas to the trapping community.

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Work closely with trappers, Model Forest reps, scientists and Tembec reps to determine the scope of the project.
- Develop a work plan for the period April 2004 to March 2005.
- Develop a budget for the period April 2004 to March 2005.
- Develop funding proposals for additional funding to achieve the proposal activities as outlined in the 2004/05 Work Plan
- Develop a plan outline for the period April 2005 to March 2007

The successful applicant must have:  
A working knowledge of the fur industry  
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Please forward resumes and tender details outlining expected costs and remuneration to complete the above terms of reference to:

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Email: mta@mts.net

Preference will be given to applicants residing within the Model Forest Area.  
Lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

Deadline for applications is 4:00p.m. Monday, January 26, 2004

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Brokenhead River Agricultural Conference, February 4

by Marilyn Zarecki

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year in 2004.

As you can see from the title of this news column, the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Brokenhead River Agricultural Conference is fast approaching. The date is Wednesday, February 4, at the Brokenhead River Recreational Complex in Beausejour.

We have made some significant

changes to the trade show and the agenda. We even have a theme . . . "Now is Next Year". The grand door prize is a chain saw donated by the Brokenhead Agricultural Society. This chain saw is valued at over \$700.00!

Les Kletke, the well known agriculture commentator, will be the first speaker. His topic is "Change or Change!" The next topic is "The New Risk Management: CAIS and Production Insurance". John

Gavloski, the provincial extension entomologist, will speak on "Dealing with Outbreaks: Flea Beetles in Canola and Grasshoppers in the Rest". Just before lunch, Glen Blahey, provincial farm safety coordinator, will speak on "Staying Safe on the Farm in 2004". This topic is especially relevant due to the number of farm accidents we have had around Beausejour recently.

Following lunch, the Agassiz Soil & Crop Improvement As-

sociation will briefly hold their annual meeting and elections. If you are not interested in attending this program, the displays will remain open.

Gary Naurocki, technician of ASCIA, will follow with a presentation on "Local Information That Makes the Difference in 2004". Following Gary is a speaker on the topic "Canola Markets? Past - Present - Future". The new forage special-

ist in our Beausejour office, Dwayne Summach, will be speaking on "Beyond the Fenceline - Where the Money Is". The last topic of the day is "Where's the Beef?" by Les Kletke. Following Les is the Agricultural Society door prize and industry draws.

All this takes place between 8:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. A full hot dinner is included for the price of \$10.00. What a deal!

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More home fires start in the kitchen than anywhere else. Never leave food unattended on the stove. Wear clothes with tight-fitting sleeves while in the kitchen and be sure to tuck appliance cords to the rear of the counter.

In the laundry room, be sure to clean the lint trap in the clothes dryer and be sure all ducts are free from obstructions.

Smoke alarms are a critical part of home safety. Install one on each floor of your home near sleeping areas. Be sure to change the batteries twice a year.

## PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF POWERVUEW SNOW REMOVAL

The Village of Powerview hereby gives notice that any party who deposits snow upon a highway or the shoulders thereof, may be in contravention of Section 217 (2) of the Highways Traffic Act, which reads as follows:

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As the practice of cleaning private lanes and driveways and leaving of snow on the road and/or shoulders creates hazardous driving conditions, the Village of Powerview will take whatever action is necessary to enforce the above mentioned section of the Act.

NOTE: The term "highway" applies to all roads and streets within the Municipality, both Provincial and Municipal.

Mayor and Council  
VILLAGE OF POWERVUEW

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LAC DU BONNET TERM POSITION CLERK (1 YEAR TERM)

The Chief Administrative Officer and the Assistant Administrator require the services of a Clerk to help in the performance of duties. The Term Position Clerk will report to and take direction from both the Chief Administrative Officer and the Assistant Administrator. The position offers 35 hours of employment per week. Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Salary as per IOUE Local 987 Collective Agreement, that effective January 1, 2004 allows for a starting salary of \$10.50 per hour. Additional salary increments may include twenty five cents per hour for each course completed of the CMMA University of Manitoba Continuing Education Division Program. Note: the incumbent is not required to have completed or be enrolled in the CMMA program.

Minimum skill requirements as follows:

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- Must have a minimum of 80 wpm typing.
- Must be proficient in data processing.
- Must have ability to work in a team setting.
- Must take direction effectively.
- Must be able to work independently attending to duties and assignments.
- Must have a pleasant phone manner.

Interested persons are requested to submit a resume for the above noted position to the Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, Box 100, Lac du Bonnet, MB R0E 1A0 on or before Thursday, January 29, 2004 at 4:00pm.

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