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Victoria Beach fire forces evacuation

By V. Anderson

Strong winds blew a tree onto hydro lines which started a fire last Saturday at Victoria Beach. The fire spread rapidly, and burned approximately 35 acres of land and forced some residents out of their homes. The Victoria Beach fire department were assisted by Sagkeeng, Pine Falls, Grand Beach fire fighters, and local residents who came out to help combat the blaze.

The fire began on Pine Street and spread out along Ateah Road behind all of the residents homes. "It was so hot and intense the Jack Pine trees were just exploding into huge balls of fire," said Dave Henderson. Henderson resides on Ateah Road and owns and operates the Pine Greenhouse. "I lost five skidoos in my back yard. The machines burned within minutes, it was so hot it just melted the aluminium right off the skidoos. The fire was so intense and close it was very scary, my greenhouse which is ready for

the season, burned along one corner, for about 20 feet before we could extinguish the fire in my yard." There was also damage to other residents along Ateah Road, the Hलगren family's home had fire damage along their back wall, and another home had extensive smoke damage.

"I am amazed by the heroic efforts of the volunteer fire fighters, they combated over 120 hotspots that jumped the road," said Terry Niedermayer. "People were coming from all over to help fight the fire, Jimmy Chapel was great, he had his D6 Cat here and went right into the blaze to make a fire break, he pushed down burning trees, he was remarkable. Everybody was helping, I am amazed that nobody lost their homes or got hurt."

Fire fighters, hydro workers, and volunteers worked long into the night to help ensure the fire was extinguished and didn't have a chance to start



Dave Henderson shows his five skidoos in his back yard which burned in Saturday's fire at Victoria Beach. Twenty feet along the Pine Greenhouse was also damaged by the blaze.

up again. The Duck Unlimited fund-raiser which has been held in Victoria Beach for many years was forced to cancel its festivities, "We were

turned back at Traverse Bay Corner around 5:00 p.m. or so and told that residents were being evacuated and everything was cancelled" said

Gord Sokoloski of Powerview. As of press time the echo could not confirm when or if the fund-raiser would be rescheduled.

MS Walk exceeds expectations

by Jim Hampshire

Unlike the Bone-chilling temperatures and lashing rain of last year, more than 150 participants enjoyed a little better weather for the Walk for Multiple Sclerosis, held in Lac du Bonnet this past Sunday. According to organizers, 165 walkers turned out for the Sunday afternoon trek, which eclipsed last year's total by more than 50 participants. And with larger participation, organizers were happy to report that pledge dollars were also up, with totals reaching \$34,000 and still counting.

"This is our biggest year so far in terms of money raised," longtime walk participant Paul

Chapman said following the fundraising event. "We had groups come in from Pine Falls and the Beach region, and they brought tremendous pledges and support with them."

One such group - the Renee-gades from Pine Falls - brought in an estimated monetary total of \$9,000 thanks to the efforts of Lionel and Elaine Vincent, who had a family member diagnosed with MS earlier this year.

Another notable entry brought in \$9,000 which is astounding considering it was a solo effort. Lac du Bonnet Mayor Paul Chapman, mentioned earlier, was able to surpass the \$7,700 he raised in

2003 and he is setting his sights even higher next year.

"The MS Walk is growing every year as people become more aware that it afflicts people within our own communities," Chapman noted. "We have new people coming in board each year to help raise funds and the charity is growing in profile as a result."

The walk participants were escorted through the mapped course by RCMP cruisers, starting at 1:00pm from the Lac du Bonnet Arena. Walkers choosing the longer leg of the event were able to complete the 10km course in two hours, in time to be back at the arena for the afternoon barbecue that

followed.

The Lac du Bonnet MS Walk has the dubious distinction as being one of the largest MS walks in the province outside the City of Winnipeg. Last year the Lac du Bonnet Walk was able to raise \$27,000, which was up from the year before. This year totals are expected to balloon to \$36,000 as many pledges are still being totalled as of press time this week.

"No doubt we have a very dedicated group of participants who work for weeks raising money," organizer Phil Lussier said. "We really have to take the time to thank the businesses who also support this event

each year. Because of them we have virtually no overhead and the funds we raise can go directly to aid the families who have to deal with this disease."

Organizers estimate that 80 percent of the money raised goes directly to care and research, while the remaining 20 percent will go to administration costs, which is a remarkably low ratio when compared to other charities.

"The MS Society relies heavily on volunteers and that way more money can go to patient comfort and research to help find a cure," organizer Phil Lussier said



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Bill 40 threatens democracy in rural Manitoba

Dear Editor:

Bill 40 The Planning Amendment Act will come up for discussion in the legislature any day. This legislation threatens democracy in rural Manitoba.

About twenty years ago, the PC government and its agency The Manitoba Pork Council, decided to make Manitoba the hog capital of Canada. The NDP replaced the PCs, but under the direction of the Department of Agriculture, the hog agenda continued.

Huge barns sprang up overnight in rural municipalities. Soon the landscape was dotted with fetid open pit liquid manure lagoons. When rural residents threatened these malodorous operations with legal action, the government retaliated with the Farm Practices Protection Act which took away the right to sue a farmer for noxious odour.

Initially, the farm community defended these intensive hog operations, believing their interests were the same as those

of the family farm. Then, with government "encouragement", Maple Leaf built a huge processing plant in Brandon and vertical integration of the hog industry proceeded. The feed company and barns were now owned by the processors and the hogs were grown under contract to Maple Leaf.

Realizing that these factory farms were contaminating the air, land, and water, driving down property values, squeezing them out of business, and destroying their quality of life, they united with non-farm neighbours to urge their councils to control their expansion and practices. When an application for an intensive hog operations came before council, the Planning Act provided for public input into the approval process. The conditional use hearing is the forum for Council to listen to the proponent of the operation and the residents who would have to live beside the barns and lagoons. Using their legitimate authority under the conditional use provision,

councils began to place restrictions on operations to ameliorate their effects on the community. Sometimes they even turned them down.

The province proceeded to license Maple Leaf for a second shift. Two million more hogs per year were needed. How was this to be accomplished if rural residents were saying "no" to factory farms? The answer was to amend the Planning Act.

Here is how Bill 40 will affect municipal councils and the people they represent:

1. Bill 40 defines anything over 10 animal units as a "livestock operation" There is no distinction between the family

farm and the factory farm.

2. It takes away power from the Municipal Board and increases ministerial control over the content of rural development plans.

3. It eliminates the conditional use hearing, thereby eliminating public input into the approval process for intensive livestock operations.

4. It gives more weight to the technical review of a livestock application, while disallowing the public the right to speak to the technical review.

5. It takes all control over odour and manure handling and storage away from the rural council. Progressive rural municipalities are prohibited by

law from requiring intensive livestock operations to implement less hazardous manure handling systems. This effectively entrenches hog sewage lagoons into the law of Manitoba.

With Lake Winnipeg in a sorry state and boil water orders increasing every day, rural Manitobans no longer trust the province to look after our environment. We demand the right to save our own communities from the ravages of factory farms. Call your local and provincial politicians today. We must kill Bill 40.

Yours sincerely,
 Carol Clegg
 Ph. 345 8419

FAQ's about 9-1-1 and your new civic address

What is my new house number?

Your new number is on your last Village of Powerview Water & Sewer bill.

It is also in the newest telephone directory. If you can't find it, please call the office and we will give it to you.

Why did the house numbers have to change?

Many of the old house numbers were in incorrect sequence and in order to provide E 9-1-1 services to Powerview, they had to be revised.

How big do the numbers have to be?

The new Civic addressing by-law requires the numbers to be a minimum of 4 inches in height, but if you wish they can be larger.

Who is required to supply your new number?

The property owner. If you are a tenant, contact your landlord. Check with your neighbour, you may be able to trade.

What if my house is far back from the road?

The Civic Addressing By-Law states that you are required to mark your house. If you wish to mark your driveway as well, you may. It will make your number easier to find.

What about Manitoba Hydro and other utilities?

The list of new civic addresses have been given to Hydro. There may be a lag in the change on your bill but it will be changed.

What about my Certificate of Title?

Your Certificate of Title shows your legal description, that is, Lot, Block and Plan.

This has not changed. Your Address for Service on your title is your mailing address.

What if I call 9-1-1 and forget my new number?

The Enhanced 9-1-1 system shows the name, telephone number and (new) address that you are calling from to the dispatch operator. This is where they will send Emergency Services. They may ask you to verify this information depending on the nature of your emergency.

Is it true that my 9-1-1 call is answered in Brandon?

Yes. The Rural 9-1-1 centre is located in Brandon. These are trained Emergency dispatchers with all of the information necessary to dispatch the correct Fire, Ambulance and Police Services for our area. This centre has been operating for a number of years and services most of Manitoba outside of Winnipeg.

What if I call from a cellular phone?

If you call 9-1-1 from a cell phone, make sure you tell the operator that answers, that you are calling from Powerview or rural Manitoba. They will connect you to the 9-1-1 centre in Brandon.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any other questions, please call the Village Office at 367 8483 or contact our 911 Coordinator - Fire Chief Willy Kembell.



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Watoto Child Care Ministries Choir

The Watoto Children's Choir performed at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School in front of a huge crowd this past Thursday.

In 1983, Gary and Marilyn Skinner, Canadian missionaries, moved with their family to Kampala, Uganda where they established an English speaking church in the heart of the city. Kampala Pentecostal Church, now a 10,000 member cell-based community church, is touching the city and nation with the love of God.

Uganda has endured the scourge of civil war and the

deadly Aids epidemic. Approximately 2 million children in Uganda have been orphaned by these calamities. Currently there are 880,000 Ugandan children living as orphans. In 1992 the Skinners were moved with compassion for Uganda's parentless children and started Watoto Child Care Ministries to address the Ugandan orphan crisis.

Watoto is a holistic program targeted towards meeting the essential needs of parentless children. Their goal is to provide spiritual, physical, educa-



The Watoto Children's Choir, from Uganda delighted the audience at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School last Thursday evening. All proceeds go towards helping the orphaned children of Uganda.




tional and emotional care for every child so that each one will become a responsible Christian and productive citizen of Uganda. Watoto is committed raising the next generation of

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Pine Falls School spring tea

Pine Falls School held their annual Spring Tea last Thursday in the Pine Falls School Gymnasium. The event was once again a huge success.

The K-Grade 2 students started the entertainment dressed as an assortment of insects from butterflies to bees and ladybugs. They sang a variety of songs about insects; the Itsy Bitsy Spider, The Ants go Marching, etc... They did a fabulous job. The Grades 3-6 followed with a musical performance which featured recorders. They too were fantastic.

The teachers should be acknowledged for a job well done

and their countless hours of preparation that must be needed to organize such large groups of kids for these fantastic performances.

The Silent Auction and Bake Sale were once again a hit with many parents, guests and students who tried their luck at a chance to win a wonderful prize.

Tables were set up to buy a variety of items such as crafts made by the students, books, and used items.

Organizers should be proud for once again hosting a fun filled event for students, parents, guests and teachers. Fun was had by all.



Kindergarten to Grade Two students perform a variety of insect songs



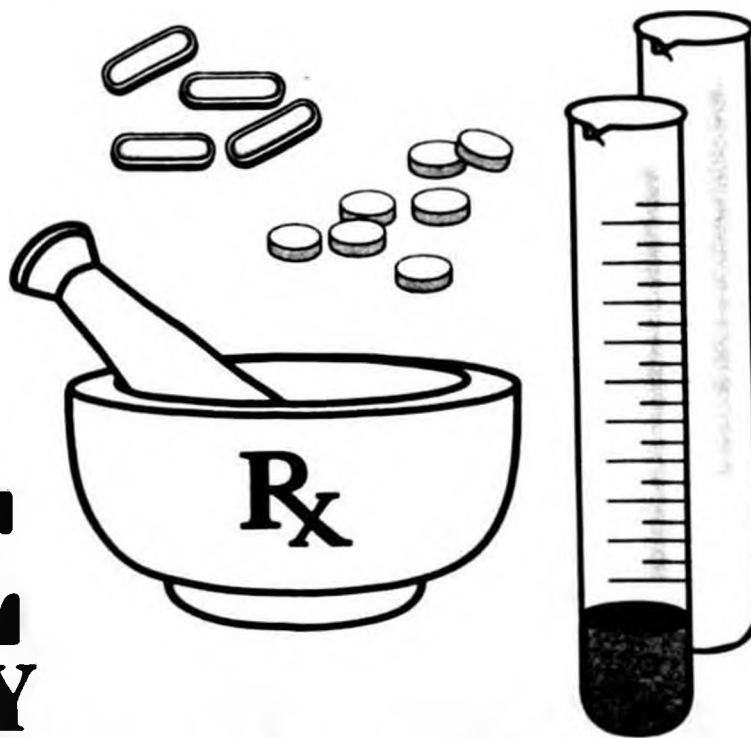
Grades three to six students entertain at the Pine Falls School Spring Tea



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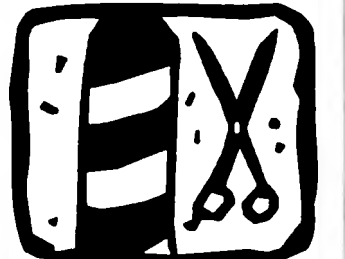
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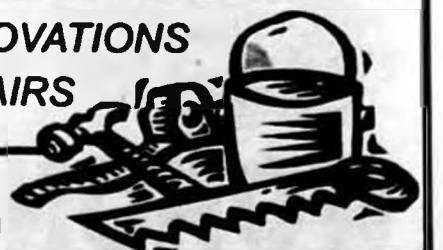
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Bowlers salute another successful season

No spare seats at LDB awards banquet

by Jim Hampshire

The Lac du Bonnet bowling leagues capped off another busy season with their annual awards dinner and banquet over the weekend. The Saturday evening gala, catered by the staff at Lakeview, attracted nearly 200 local bowlers as the league handed out the hardware to the top teams and individual performances worthy of recognition.

As always, the Barry Nixdorf Memorial Award opened the awards portion of the program, and as always, the Southern

Comfort Team stepped to the podium to receive the Grand Aggregate Plaque once again this year. This award is presented to the top team over the course of the regular season and the Southern Comfort Crew, consisting of Kevin Clarke, Kevin Nally, Lee Valentonis, Bob Becker and Art Meade, continue to post the highest averages year after year.

Runners up in this category goes to C.R. Balls, led by Carl Nilsson, Len Bellin, Lloyd Bellin, Vic Stamler and Vic Lussier.

Although high scoring averages can guarantee the Grand Aggregate

Award, the year-end Roll Offs are another matter. This year the Roll Off competition was captured by The Bloopers, who slid by the Hi Fives to win the A-side event.

In a rare town vs. town matchup, the Pinawa based Pin Hoppers rolled over the Odd Balls of Lac du Bonnet to win the B-Side Roll Off event.

In the individual awards category, Art Meade of the Southern Comfort Crew hit the Men's High Single Award twice, both with and without handicap, winning the Helmer



Southern Comfort wins the Barry Nixdorf Memorial Award for yet another year as they posted the most points during regular season play at the Lac du Bonnet Lanes

Bellin Memorial Award in the process.

On the Ladies side,

Kim Valentonis bowled a 312 to win the Ladies High Single, while Gail St.

Amant picked up 375 pin points to win the Ladies High Single. *See BOWLERS/page 8*



Kim Valentonis won the Ladies High Single award, presented by John Van Gerwen at the bowling banquet in Lac du Bonnet this past weekend



Carl Nilsson won numerous awards, including Men's High Average, presented by Jackie Hampshire

Thank You...

We would personally like to thank Marlene Watson and the RM of Lac du Bonnet for nominating us for the prestigious "Premier Volunteer Service Award". There was a lot of work done to put the presentation together and we are truly honoured as recipients. For the letters of recommendation, Janice Enright, Shirley Bruchanski, Bob Becker, Robert Bruneau, Karen David, Chuck Reynolds, Gil & Denis Godin, we appreciate and were touched by the kind words. We are fortunate to live in this community where so many contribute their time and energy so effortlessly year after year.

Sincerely,
Connie and Curtis Dancyt

BUDGET 2004

TODAY'S CHALLENGES
TOMORROW'S OPPORTUNITIES

Budget 2004 is a balanced fiscal plan that continues to invest in your priorities. For the first time since the introduction of balanced budget legislation, the budget is balanced under the law and commits to paying down debt and pension liabilities without a planned draw from the fiscal stabilization fund.

WORKING HARD ON HEALTH CARE

- New resources are being dedicated to reduce waiting times in emergency rooms
- The number of nurses graduating has tripled since 1999 — more funds are being allocated to further expand nursing programs
- The number of doctors has increased each year since 1999 — Budget 2004 allocates \$5 million to provide additional education for health professionals

MAKING YOUNG MANITOBBANS A PRIORITY

- Since 1999, \$228 million has been provided for 8 new and 11 replacement schools as well as 33 renovations or additions
- Funding for public schools will increase for the fifth straight year — spending has increased by \$105 million since 1999
- Support for colleges and universities increases by 3.5%
- The university and college tuition rebate will be retained, keeping post-secondary tuition 10% lower than in 1999

SUPPORTING MANITOBA FAMILIES

- More funds for child care — bringing the five-year increase to \$26 million and 3,500 new funded spaces
- The Supported Living Program for Manitobans with disabilities will receive an 11% increase of \$12.3 million
- A new Children's Therapy Initiative has been created to improve early access to services such as speech and language therapy

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- Manitoba's five-year \$600 million highway program is in its third year — \$10 million will be added this year and another \$10 million in 2005
- Twinning of the Trans Canada will finish in 2006, Highway 6 from the Interlake to Northern Manitoba will undergo major resurfacing and extending the twinning of Highway 59 South will begin in the next three years
- The planning phase has begun for one of the largest capital projects in Manitoba history — the Red River Floodway expansion

MAINTAINING TAX RELIEF AND KEEPING OUR ECONOMY GROWING

- The Education Support Levy is being reduced in 2004, providing \$10 million in savings — in 2005, farm education property taxes will be reduced by 5%
- With the \$39 million reduction to personal income taxes made in January 2004, personal tax cuts since 1999 now total \$311 million annually
- Small business taxes will decrease, bringing business tax reductions since 1999 to \$74 million annually
- The commitment to affordable government continues — the majority of departments will reduce spending or hold it below inflation
- Since 1999, Manitoba's strong economic performance has earned two credit rating upgrades
- At 5%, Manitoba's 2003 unemployment rate was the lowest in Canada
 - Manitoba is an increasingly attractive place to live and work — total net migration to the province hit a 20-year high in 2003

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You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

Pitching the tent caterpillars

If you were to believe leading entomologists, our regions of Eastern Manitoba could see the return of the Forest Tent Caterpillars this spring. I know, I know. They were all but wiped out last spring due to some very dry conditions, but apparently these critters are fairly resilient, whereby they can sleep for a couple of years and then awake with enormous appetites. That's nothing new of course, especially if you have a teenager at home. The question is, how do we protect our yards from a gah-zillion hungry teenaged caterpillars with appetites bigger than the common backyard birch tree.

In order to help you better understand these critters, I have risked severe brain damage while reading scientific studies, complete with scientific terminologies containing many syllables, so you might get some well needed sleep while I list some common caterpillar information in this column.

The actual scientific name for this little pest is "Malacosoma Disstria" but the scientific community quickly

changed it to the more common "Forest Tent Caterpillar," mostly because Malacosoma Disstria is too hard to pronounce. During peak infestation periods, homeowners could be seen at the local hardware store, trying to explain their caterpillar problems with much difficulty.

"Me and the wife have an outbreak of 'Melancholy Dysentery' and we need to spray," is what most homeowners would say as they fumbled with the proper pronunciation. Of course the hardware store owner would usually respond by taking three steps backwards and then threaten to call the police.

"No, you don't understand... we have worms!" the homeowners would plead, but to no avail. In order to eliminate confusion, the Forest Tent Caterpillar was adopted as the common name and the arrest rate is down sharply at the local hardware store.

Still, the caterpillar infestation problems persist and residents could soon be seen slipping and sliding along greasy bug-infested sidewalks as they

race to purchase different chemical-based solutions to fight the Tent Caterpillars. Malathion - the most popular chemical deterrent - works well to rid your backyard of these critters, but homeowners are cautioned to read directions carefully before an all-out ground assault. It is recommended that you cover any lawn furniture, toys, fishponds, birds, bees, pets, or children you might have in the backyard. Unfortunately, this stuff is a bit toxic.

Aerial spraying is out of the question for most Municipalities because, among other things, it requires permission from every resident and landowner in the vicinity before permits are issued.

Oddly enough, there's a lesser known product on the market and if its spelling is any indication, it will remain unknown because Latin isn't one of Canada's official languages. According to environmental studies, Bacillus Thuringiensis is an effective biological threat to the Forest Tent Caterpillar and is considered friendlier to the ecosystem. The bacteria-based spray doesn't harm birds, pets, fish, or other insects and environmentalists are optimistic it will replace Malathion as the popular choice in the future. That is, once people learn how to pronounce Bacillus Thuringiensis.

In the meantime, if you're hesitant to use a chemical-based product in your own backyard, there are a few simple methods that will help protect your broadleaf trees over the next infestation period. For instance, if the caterpillars are migrating to your property from another location, you can

wrap a tinfoil collar around the tree trunks and then "goop" the tinfoil with a generous amount of petroleum jelly. This not only stops the caterpillars from climbing the tree; it also helps to discourage the neighbor's dog from sniffing around.

If the tree in question is currently occupied by tent caterpillars, simply mix some dish soap with water and spray all branches within reach. In order to spray the top branches, it is suggested that you borrow your child's "Super-Soaker" squirt gun and make a game out of it! Leading entomologists aren't sure why this is effective, but they suspect the soap gets in the caterpillar's eyes, after which, the critter usually vacates the tree in search of a towel.

That is the long and short of it, and if you would like to learn more about the Forest Tent Caterpillar, you are asked to contact someone else because, right now, my brain hurts.

Library Corner

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



LIBRARY CORNER - Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

(For the week of April 26, 2004)

It's a wrap-up - The Battle of the Books, a challenge to see which libraries could increase their circulation the most. *took place in February, and the final tallies are in! Rural Manitoba Libraries signed out an amazing 167,560 books! This is up 24,788 from 2003!*

The organizing committee met in Brandon on April 8th to compile donations and distribute prizes. Our sponsors were amazing! Donations included: \$7,910 in books; \$2,950 in cash and gift certificates; and \$490 in gifts in kind! Not to mention numerous donations made in communities across the province for local prizes!

First place went to Central and Parkland with a 20.3% in-

crease in circulation. This region will receive \$200 in books.

Second place to Westman and Norman with a 17% increase, who will receive \$150 in books.

Third place to Interlake and Eastman with a 15.3% increase. They will receive \$120 in cash to purchase books.

Battle of the Books was designed to increase local and provincial awareness of the variety of services offered in libraries. Was this achieved? Absolutely! Most librarians are reporting a continued increase in circulation, memberships and requests for special services. Plans are already underway for Battle of the Books 2005! Special thanks go out to all of the generous sponsors, and also to library patrons everywhere!

Our Spring Draw is another event which could not be possible without the generously

donated prizes. Tickets are now on sale - enter to win a pair of "rooster" lawn ornaments crafted by Debbie Bridges, a "Welcome" garden rock painted by Doris Desautel, a bird house & garden sign courtesy of Ron & Brigitte Skoglund, and a pastel afghan crocheted by Doris Carter. This draw will take place in conjunction with our Annual Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Tea on Friday, May 28th. Watch for more information!

Manitoba Book Week has come and gone, but all of the great books written by Manitoba authors are still on our shelves! Did you do the research to answer our quiz questions and enter our draw? Winners will be announced next week!

Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 18 to 30, 2004

The North Eastman Health Association is pleased to extend an invitation for you and a friend to attend a

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

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Volunteer Appreciation dates and locations are as follows:

- Lac du Bonnet Community will be held on **Monday, April 19 at 2:00pm** At the Lac du Bonnet Personal Care Home, Lac du Bonnet, MB
- Pine Falls and Victoria Beach Communities **Tuesday, April 20, at 2:00pm** At Sunnywood Manor Personal Care Home, Pine Falls, MB
- Springfield Community **Friday, April 23 at 2:00pm** At Kin Place Personal Care Home, Oakbank, MB
- Beausejour Community **Tuesday, April 27 at 2:00pm** At East-Gate Lodge Personal Care Home, Beausejour, MB
- Whitemouth Community **Thursday, April 29 at 2:00pm** At East-Gate Lodge Personal Care Home, Beausejour, MB
- Pinawa Community **Friday, April 30 at 2:00pm** At Pinawa Alliance Church Hall, Pinawa, MB

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Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

Do You Know Where You Are Going?

The other day I read an advertisement for "cruises to nowhere." Perhaps you've been on one of them. People board a cruise ship and instead of heading for an exotic island they sail out to sea and travel in circles for several days. During this time they dine on sumptuous foods, lay around the pool and just concentrate on having a good time.

That is a similarity to how some people live their lives. They are on a trip with no destination in mind. The story is told about Oliver Wendell Holmes, a former Supreme Court Justice. Holmes was travelling by train and to his

dismay he had misplaced his ticket. When the conductor came by to collect his ticket, Holmes frantically tried to locate his ticket, but to no avail. Finally the conductor told Holmes, "Your Honor, if you can't find your ticket, you can mail it to the railroad. To which Holmes replied,

"I'm not so concerned about finding my ticket. I just want to know where I am going."

The question we all need to ask ourselves is, "What destination have I set for my life?"

Am I going on a cruise that goes in circles for a while engaging in pleasure and activities that don't have any lasting

benefit for myself or for others?" Travelling in circles may bring pleasure for a while but it doesn't get us anywhere in the long run. A "cruise to nowhere" may be a fun way for a vacation, but it's no way to spend a lifetime.

One good way of arriving at your planned destination is to have a good road map. Setting goals for our lives helps us to stay on track for the trip of life. Just as a game of hockey without goalposts goes nowhere, so our own lives must have some goals by which we can stay on track. Katherine Porter made the following comment, "I am appalled at the aimlessness of

most peoples lives. Fifty percent don't pay attention to where they are going; forty percent are undecided and will go in any direction. Only ten percent know what they want, and even all of them don't go toward it." Setting goals helps us to keep on track to reach our proposed destination. Perhaps one of the greatest benefits of goal setting is the motivation. A train that is standing still can be prevented from moving by putting small blocks under the locomotives drive wheels. However once that same train is travelling fifty miles per hour, a concrete wall of several feet thick cannot stop it.

My friend, have you set a destination for your life? Does it seem like you are "cruising in circles" and you are not

sure of your destiny. Maybe you are hoping for the best but deep down inside you are not sure of where your life will end up. The Bible gives us a sure direction for us to go. As Jesus Christ was preparing to go back to heaven to prepare a place for all who put their trust in Him, He told his followers; "And you know where I am going, and how to get there." (John 14:4-NLT) Thomas who is known for his doubtfulness said; "We haven't any idea where you are going and how to get there."

Jesus reply to him was; "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me." That is the roadmap that will get you to a heavenly destination.

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Premier Gary Doer

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to extend congratulations to all Manitoba students who are poised to graduate from high school this year. Each and every one of you embodies the pride and promise of our next generation.

Celebrating this accomplishment with friends is often a memorable part of the graduation experience but it is vitally important to do so safely and responsibly. Planning ahead is imperative to ensuring all your memories are positive ones. It is a great tragedy to lose a young person to drinking and driving.

Students, I am asking for your help in making this year's graduation season the safest and most enjoyable yet by encouraging you to take part in SAFE GRAD.

What is SAFE GRAD? It is students, parents, and teachers getting together to plan responsible graduation celebrations. In this case, however, it is the students who take on many of the leadership roles as well as do the planning and scheduling of events.

I often have the honour of talking to parents and teachers about what the future holds and how we can make it even better for all Manitobans. We are all in agreement - the future begins with you. Please, be responsible.

Again, congratulations to the Class of 2004. Let us work together to make graduation safe.



For details on Safe Grad, please call Mr. Keith Thomas of the Manitoba Association of School Trustees (MAST) at (204) 233-1595.



Bowlers salute another successful season

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High with Handicap.

Other notable categories included the Men's High Triple Award, picked up by Carl Nilsson with his three-game total of 766, while Anne Struss rolled a 721 to win the Ladies High Triple.

Neil Podolsky threw a three-game total of 949 to capture the Men's High Triple with handicap, and Gail St. Amant nearly matched that total as she picked off 940 points to win the Ladies High Triple - handicap included.

Other individual award winners included Dean Champagne, who won the Myrna Skoglund Memorial Award, while Carl Nilsson and Mars

Law picked up the High Average Awards in their respected genders.

The Southern Comfort Crew spent the last half of the trophy presentations at the podium picking up the High Single, the High Triple, the High Single and Triple with Handicap, and finally the High How Are Ya - The Echo Newspaper Award for the most photographed team.

The Most Improved Bowler Awards - also known as the award which cannot be won by a member of Southern Comfort Crew because they are way too good already - went to Neil Podolsky (Men's) and Alice Bonne (Ladies) as they both posted the most improved



David Dooley presents the Roll Off winners, Lil Dowell, Ethel Cottrell, Anne Struss, Rose Fift and Robert Pitman with the A-Side Plaque

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averages this year.

The coveted 2004 President's Choice Award was presented to the team of Gert Borchart, Erna Borchart, Peggy Sigurdson, Hans Miller and Connie Miller, who among other things, waited patiently until the end of the banquet to be honored.

Finally, a special award was unveiled for the first time this year, bringing audience members to their feet in a gripping

moment of emotion. Werner Franz received a special plaque, presented to the only bowler who didn't win anything, but would like to.

League Chairman, Lee Valentonis closed the ceremonies by encouraging bowlers to use the off season to promote the sport and help the membership drive. This past season saw another slight drop in league membership, with 35 teams competing overall.

These numbers are down from the 48 teams that turned out during the inaugural season of 1999 and the drop could result in higher registration fees next season. New teams and interested individual bowlers are welcome to attend the annual AGM, set for August 17 this summer.



Art Meade receives the Helmer Bellin Memorial Award from Greg Bellin at the bowling banquet on Saturday evening

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NEHA thanks local volunteers

North Eastman Health Association held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Day, at the Sunnywood Manor last Wednesday. The tea featured a number of NEHA representatives thanking the volunteers.

The Master of Ceremonies was Lori Martin who welcomed all the guests and visitors and thanked the volunteers for their countless volunteer hours and dedication. This year's theme was "Making a Better Tomorrow Today". "By every gesture you make today you are enhancing the lives of someone not only today but tomorrow. It's just like in Spring when you plant a seed it grows into something beautiful tomorrow. Planting a seed of kindness today helps in making tomorrow a better day"

said Martin.

"Volunteers play a critical role in the enhancement of programs and in helping to create health, happy communities. Today we want you to know how much we appreciate you all. Every second you volunteer you have made a difference in not only the client or resident's life but in the lives of our staff. You touch the lives of many. Volunteers do so many things - The simple smile or visit that cheers folks for a while. Bringing meals or running errands for people who are unable. Just being there for someone who needs a friend. Helping out with programs or assisting in anyway possible. Within the North Eastman Health Association we have many volunteers who play



Guests were treated to dainties and beverage at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea held last Wednesday at the Sunnywood Manor

it be companion, helper, fundraiser, spiritual care, entertainer, providing services to seniors, palliative care, meals

on wheels, visitor and program. You each play an integral part in our health care system, you enhance the quality of life of the people you are involved with and the community as a whole." added Martin

Vice President of Support Services, Raymond Pang also addressed the crowd on the importance of volunteers to the community. Other speakers acknowledging the volunteers hard work and commitment were Care Team Manager of the Pine Falls Personal Care Home, Bridgette Budgell,

Services to Seniors Resource Coordinator, Tina Polischuk, East Beaches Services to Seniors Resource Coordinator, Dee Rickner, Adult Day Program Coordinator Doris Popiel, and Palliative Care Coordinator of Volunteers Susan Barnett.

The speeches were followed by a wonderful slide show presentation of volunteers from the area. Guests were then treated to coffee and dainties in an afternoon of socializing to reflect on the past year of volunteering.



Guests and Staff Members enjoying themselves at the Volunteer Appreciation Tea



Raymond Pang, Vice President of Support Services for NEHA thanks the volunteers for the continued commitment.

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Winnipeg River RCMP Report

Police report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of April 19 to April 25



April 19:
BELAIR- police were called to a break & enter at a cottage. - It was undetermined at this time if anything was stolen. Investigation continues.
FORT ALEXANDER - a report of an assault on a female caused police to attend a residence. An intoxicated male was lodged in cells to prevent any further problems. Investigation continues.
PINE FALLS - a shoplifter was apprehended at a local business. Merchandise was recovered in the incident.
POWERVIEW - police

attended a residence when an intoxicated female refused to leave upon request. Upon arrival police learned the female had left the residence already.
TRAVERSE BAY - police are investigating a theft of cash from a business in the area.
RM of ALEXANDER - a patrol of the area near Broadlands Mall was made after an incident of youth running out in front of vehicles was made. Upon arrival police could not locate anyone fitting the description and returned to the detachment. No further calls were received in connec-

tion.
GRAND BEACH - a break and enter to a cottage was reported. Further investigation revealed nothing was stolen in the incident. Point of entry was a screen door on the porch.
HILLSIDE BEACH - an attempt to break into a cottage was made in this location. Culprits were not able to gain access after attempting to pry locks open. No further damage was reported.
April 20:
ST. GEORGES - police received a report of a fraud which is being investigated.
POWERVIEW - police attended a residence to remove an unwanted guest only to discover the male had already left. No further police action was necessary.
TRAVERSE BAY - a complaint of a theft of a chainsaw on the North East Road was received. The saw is described as an orange husquavarna 49 cc.

April 21:
SILVER FALLS - a theft of a GPS and a Locater off of a boat at this location was reported to police. The incident occurred sometime over the winter months.
POWERVIEW - a theft of cash by unauthorized use of a bank card was reported to police.
FORT ALEXANDER - an assault was reported when investigation into another incident was in progress. Police were able to locate and charge 1 male accordingly.
April 22:
HOLLOW WATER - a complaint was made when a male breached his court order. Police charged 1 male accordingly in the incident.
FORT ALEXANDER - a vehicle was checked by police when a complaint was made of unlicensed drivers operating the vehicle.
April 23:
POWERVIEW - police at-

tended a local hotel on a noise complaint after a patron was disturbing other guests.
 - a residence was attended after complaints of a loud party in progress were made.
PINE FALLS - a report of a noisy vehicle in the area causing a disturbance. Police made a patrol of the area in this instance.
TRAVERSE BAY - a break, enter and theft occurred at a cottage. Items taken included a TV, VCR, Stereo, Surround Sound System and movies. Point of entry was a front window that was smashed open. Investigation continues.
HOLLOW WATER - a pool game got out of hand when an "8" ball was used to assault a male. Investigation continues in the incident.
April 24:
PATRICIA BEACH - police were called when an emo-

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Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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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' Auxillary Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 meets first Tuesday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.
LdB Committee on Family Violence and Abuse meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Contact person 345-2664.
Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 general meetings third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.
Horticultural Society meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m., Centennial School.
St. John's ACW meets first Monday of every month 1:30 p.m., parish hall.
Lakeshore Al-Anon Group Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre, 89 McIntosh. Call Teri 345-8712.
Lakeshore Al-a-Teen Group For further information, Phone Kathie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days).

Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second and fourth Thursday of the month.
Lakeshore A.A. meetings every Sunday and Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, 86 McArthur, Lac du Bonnet. Last Sunday of the month open to the public. Call Ted 345-2839, Ron 753-8403.
Ladies A.A. Meetings Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermot, Pinawa, Doreen 753-8357.
Battered Women's Crisis Line 1-800-362-3344.
Lac du Bonnet Health Centre Auxillary meets fourth Thursday of the month, Health Centre 1:30 p.m.
Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association temporarily meets at the call of the chair. Call Peter 345-6190 for information.
New to town? Drop in to the Craft Basket on Second Street and pick up your Welcome to Lac du Bonnet gift, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.
Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. Call Pat at the Lac du Bonnet office, Health Centre at 345-1227 or 348-4610. Services: driver escort, lifeline personal response system, friendly visitors, fee-for-service handy helpers.
Pioneer Club meets first Monday of month 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Club.
RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. and fourth Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m.
Alzheimer Society Theresa Conroy, Whitemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.
Little Day Buddies Nursery School 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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 Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass; 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass
 Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass
ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
 Rev. Sandra Tankard 367-9520, church 345-2357
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On Parliament Hill



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Reforming the Senate

As another election looms on the horizon, Liberals in Western Canada are looking around for a few nuggets that will assist them in an attempt to shore up their support. On a national landscape littered with scandals and boondoggles amounting to several billions of tax dollars Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan has kicked over a few rocks and suddenly discovered an interest in Senate reform.
 After more than ten years of failing to make any meaningful changes to the Senate, while holding some of the most powerful cabinet positions in the federal government, McLellan has now stated that it is "unsustainable to have an un-elected upper house of whatever kind at the beginning of this century." Her apparent enthusiasm is such that she has even suggested that the federal government should be the one driving these reforms, stating: "I would like to think that the government of Canada might take the initiative to come up with a bold Senate reform proposal."

Although talking boldly, she has failed to make even small attempts at senate reform. For example, despite two Alberta vacancies in the Senate, the Liberals have refused to appoint two "senators-in-waiting" who were chosen some years ago by the people of Alberta in a province-wide vote to represent them in the Senate.
 Furthermore, McLellan's talk of senate reform contradicts what her own boss, Paul Martin, has recently stated. Rather than the federal government showing any leadership on this matter, Martin says he wants the provinces to come up with a proposal on their own. While indicating a theoretical interest in senate reform, Martin has simply punted the ball over to the provinces in order to see if they can achieve an agreement. In the absence of federal leadership this tactic will achieve at most an interesting debate.
 Senate reform has always played an important part of the Reform/Alliance policy. The commitment to this reform has now continued with the policies

of the new Conservative Party. The Conservative Party will support the election of senators because, like the Reform and Alliance parties before it, it believes in an equal Senate to address the uneven distribution of Canada's population and to provide a balance to safeguard regional interests.
 Along with free votes on matters of conscience, meaningful participation by Parliament in the selection of Supreme Court of Canada judges, and fixed election dates every four years, Senate reform is part of a larger package of democratic reforms being advanced by the Conservative Party in order to ensure that our government in Ottawa is responsive to the needs of Canadians. The Conservative Party believes that meaningful democratic reforms should not simply be a promise made by politicians desperate for reelection.
 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

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CPP benefits while earning an income and - as a collector of CPP benefits - you are no longer required to make contributions to CPP. The situation is a little different for the Quebec Pension Plan system.

The choice of whether you want to collect your CPP/QPP benefits sooner or later will depend on your situation and retirement lifestyle. Your financial advisor can help you determine the best course of action fits your needs and can recommend the right investment vehicle. Just remember to plan ahead. As a rule, we recommend that you submit your application to your CPP/QPP office six months before you want to begin receiving your benefits.

Stephen A Kulyk is an independent financial advisor with Kulyk Insurance and Financial Services and can be reached at 367-9572. His office is located at 2 McDougall Ave. in St. Georges Mb.

"Down By the Sea" at Ecole Powerview Spring Tea

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If you missed your winter vacation to the south this year, you'll forget all about it when you come to the Ecole Powerview School Spring Tea on Wednesday, May 5th.

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will feel the warm, southerly breezes of hospitality. Come out to Powerview's Open House in the morning, and meet friends and family in the school gym for tea and dainties from 11:30 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. in the afternoon. The Children's Fish Pond and Play Centre, White Elephant Sale and

Raffles, Cookie and Bake Sales, Silent Auction and Guessing Games, and the Art Display will all take place in the gym. You will enjoy the nautical theme of the entertainment this year as well. Remember...vacation at Powerview's Spring Tea this year! See you there!



Grades Three and Four students prepare the decorations for the Ecole Powerview Spring Tea

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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Police report for Lac du Bonne Detachment for the period of April 19 to April 25th, 2004

The following constitutes the Police Report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of the 19th of April to the 26th of April:

On the 19th of April, a re-

port was rec'd from a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet that the property-owner had returned to find two under-age males outside of his hog barn, and two dogs inside the hog

barn. The dogs had killed and injured a number of pigs.

On the 19th of April, a report was rec'd of Off-Road Vehicles being operated on the Trans Canada Trail between Rennie and P.R. 307 in the Whiteshell Prov. Park, and doing damage to the Trail in the process.

On the 19th of April, a report was rec'd from Pinawa of a vehicle failing to stop at a stop sign. The driver was identified and follow-up was done as per the wishes of the complainant.

On the 20th of April, a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a cottage on Dobals Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This took place between the 5th of April and the 18th of April.

On the 20th of April, a report was rec'd that a 25 hp Mercury outboard motor was stolen from a boat parked over the course of the winter at a cottage at Betula Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park.

On the 20th of April, a report was rec'd that the hood ornament was broken off a vehicle parked at a residence on Lake Avenue in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Took place over the past week.

On the 21st of April, a report was rec'd that the Teen Centre in Pinawa was broken into overnight.

On the 21st of April, a report was rec'd that windows were broken on two vehicles parked at a residence on Prescott in Pinawa. The vehicles were rummaged through, but nothing stolen.

On the 21st of April, a report was rec'd that a window was broken on a vehicle parked at a residence on Dufferin in Pinawa. The vehicle was rummaged through, and it appeared that an attempt had been made to steal it.

On the 21st of April, a report was rec'd that a cottage and shed had been broken into at a location on Totem Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Took place between the 10th of March and the 31st of March. Nothing appeared to be taken from the cottage and shed, however, an Express View satellite dish was stolen from a post at the location.

On the 21st of April, a report was rec'd that an adult male had threatened an adult female at a business in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Reported for information purposes.



On the 22nd of April, a report was rec'd of a smaller Honda vehicle speeding and not stopping at a stop sign in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. License plate number obtained and follow-up to be done with the Registered Owner.

On the 22nd of April, a report was rec'd that a bird feeder was damaged at a residence on Hrincescu Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 23rd of April, police on patrol stopped a vehicle on McArthur in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The adult male driver was noted to be under the influence of alcohol and was arrested for Impaired Driving. The subject was held overnight to sober up, and released for Court on a charge of Driving While Over .08, with License suspended and vehicle impounded.

On the 23rd of April, a report was rec'd of an Intrusion alarm at a location on Spruceland in the R.M. of Alexander. Police attended and ascertained that this was a False Alarm.

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Pine Falls Community Billboard

Fort Alexander Health Centre: Diabetes Clinic 4:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Blood sugar check, nutritional counselling, phone 367-2208.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pine Falls Legion: meetings held second Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion, meat raffles held at Legion on Fridays 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Village of Powerview: meets second Tuesday of each month.

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

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

AA & Al-Anon - The Beaches family group, Thursday 8:00 p.m., Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, 1 Ateah Road, 756-8018 or 756-2101.

Happy Tots Day Care 367-2601, board meetings last Monday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the daycare.

Senior Scene Inc. #1 Ateah Rd., Victoria Beach General meetings second Tuesday of the month, 756-6468 for more info.

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

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

Powerview Parent Advisory Council: meets first Monday 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 5:30 p.m., call Dolores for info at 367-2945.

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

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

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

Winnipeg River Church Services

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

PINE FALLS UNITED CHURCH: Sunday service 11:00 a.m. 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 ADYENI: 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.

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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, Scantbury, on Hwy #59.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Report from Legislature

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

2004 / 2005 Budget tax increases

The Budget introduced in the Legislature last Monday by the government creates a multitude of tax increases for you. So much so that middle-income Manitobans who earn between \$40,000 to \$60,000 annually are now the highest taxed Canadians west of New Brunswick. The taxes on cigarettes and alcohol increased again, but so did Land Transfer Taxes. So when you buy a house, be prepared to pay substantially more to the Land Titles Office. For the 2005 property tax year, your Manitoba Homeowners Rebate of \$400.00 on your property tax bill will be reduced to approximately \$175. So in 2005, your property tax bill on your home will increase by \$225.00. This is another slap in the face to the property tax payers of the Constituency who have already endured increases in the school taxes of approximately 17% over the last 2 years, and will endure another substantial

increase in their school taxes for 2005 as a result of the forced amalgamation of the school division. The skyrocketing property tax bills are the direct result of the actions of the Doer government. I am not confident that those on fixed incomes, particularly seniors, or those who have low income, such as our farmers will be able to continue to pay these high taxes and afford to live in their homes.

Pharmacare deductibles will increase by 5% effective July 1st. As a result, the cost of prescription drugs will increase 5%. This is a direct attack on low-income Manitobans, especially Seniors who are the highest users of prescription drugs. The cost of vehicle registrations will be increased another \$23.00 per vehicle per year. If you require legal, engineering, accounting or architectural services, your services bill will now have added to it the 7% Provincial

Sales Tax. The PST is slowly becoming like the GST. Not only did the Government add 7% PST to the labor portions of plumbing, electrical and mechanical bills last year, but now they are adding PST to your legal, accounting, engineering and architectural bills!

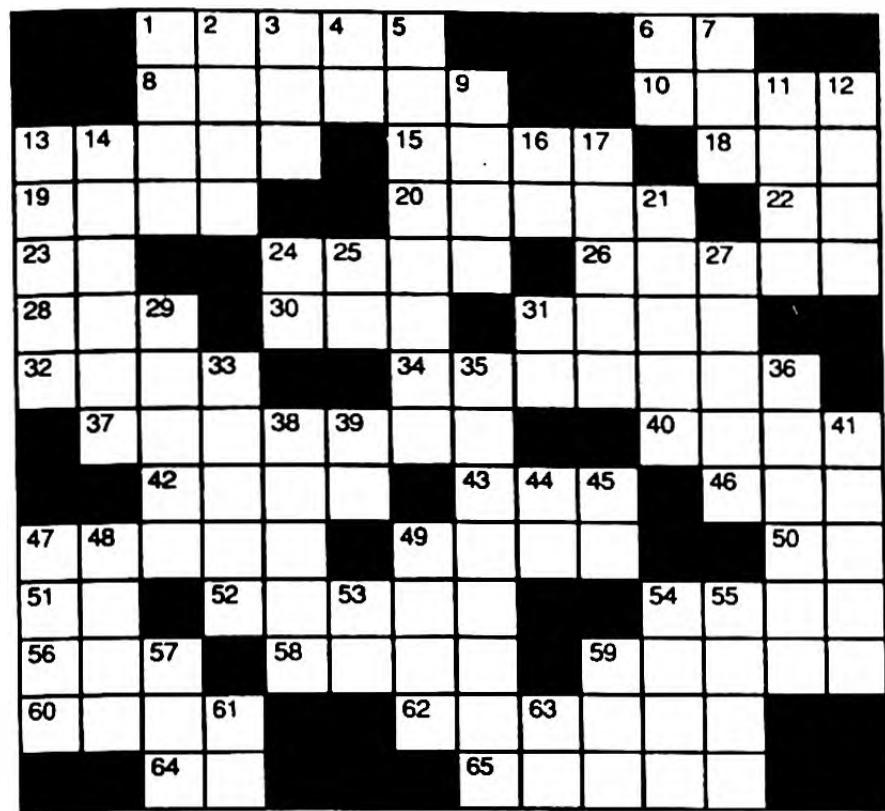
The Government also increased provincial taxes on diesel fuel - a direct attack on those who make their living transporting goods, and on farmers.

All this from a Premier who has publicly stated many times that he was not elected to raise taxes!

These are just some of the tax increases. Look for further articles from me for more on this important topic.

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 Box 430, Beausejour, MB, R0E 0C0, email me at gerald@geraldhawranik.com or visit my website at www.geraldhawranik.com.

WEEKLY CROSSWORD



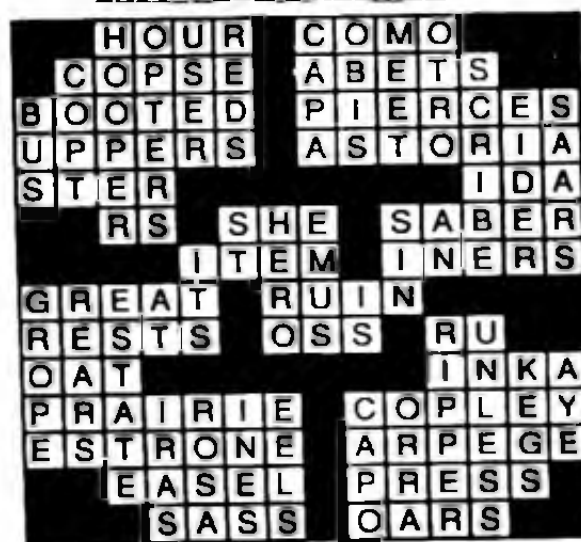
31. Kind of street sign
 32. Soul singer Redding
 34. Pauline letter
 37. Parts of flowers
 40. A ___ rain's gonna fall
 42. Fibbed
 43. "Much ___ About Nothing"
 46. In addition
 47. Bottoms of ships
 49. At a good ___ (fast)
 50. M.D.
 51. Printer's measure
 52. City in the Bible
 54. Joyce's "___ the Penman"
 56. German article
 58. ___ contendere
 59. Requires
 60. Chief God of Memphis
 62. Whirlpools
 64. Exist
 65. Dog's shrill cries

16. Prosecutor
 17. Does it to a fly
 21. Has two of three toes
 24. Bigger than a hill
 25. Mr. Milne
 27. Rics on a chair back
 29. Name
 31. Yes, in Seville
 33. Voyages
 35. Art of singing like David
 36. Wore away
 38. Particle
 39. Mr. Ames
 41. Rooms for students
 44. Didymium
 45. Kind of art
 47. Retain
 48. Send out
 49. Nat King ___
 53. Make, effect
 54. Ooze through
 55. Rudolph or Myra
 57. Catch, as a cop might
 59. Nothing
 61. Any man
 63. Of, in Paris

- ACROSS
 1. ___ rope
 6. Darkness ___ Noon
 8. Bet on the ___
 10. Nudge emphatically
 13. Agnew
 15. Helps
 18. Goes with yang
 19. Ms. O'Neil
 20. Eats away
 22. Football position
 23. Tropical plant
 24. Female horse
 26. Toos
 28. Dynamite
 30. Scottish to

- Down
 1. ___ like a top
 2. Carlos Williams ___ In Hell
 3. Daughter of Cadmus
 4. Irrational number
 5. Brilliant color
 6. Edgar ___
 7. Plaything
 9. Word in trig
 11. Prefix for volt or gram
 12. Chemical suffixes
 13. Kind of voce
 14. ___ of interest

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



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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
 HAPPINESS IS WITH IN.

Weekly Echo Horoscopes

This edition covers the week of
 April 26 to May 1



ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)
 For now just do the best you can. Uncertain changes regarding your personal life are evident. You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes.



TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21)
 You will be confused about the intentions of someone you work with. New romantic partners will evolve through group endeavors; however, the association may not be likely to last.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
 Don't take advantage of your expense account. Get more involved in group efforts at work. You can utilize your versatile mind and dazzle others with your speed and accuracy. You can make changes to your living quarters, but not everyone will be pleased with your efforts.



CANCER (June 22-July 22)
 Stress may cause minor health ailments. Things at home may be somewhat rocky. You are better off visiting friends or relatives than entertaining at home. Be sure to take care of any minor ailments.



LEO (July 23-Aug 22)
 Trips, educational pursuits, or projects that could lead to new outlooks should be on your agenda. Travel and creative hobbies will be your best outlet. Friends may not understand your situation.



VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)
 If you're already in a relationship, use this added energy passionately. Spend time getting to know each other. Do not let others exhaust you financially. You will find that you can work progressively at improving yourself this week.



LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)
 You may find yourself mixed up in a triangle of sorts. You may want to stay in the background this week. Your suggestions for fund raising events will be well received. Hide your cards and learn to say no.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 They will jump at the chance to do something without you if it sounds like more fun. Travel will be on your mind, but you should be sure that you've got all your work up-to-date. Travel will also entice you. You mustn't give too much to

your children.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)
 Your emotions are soaring and if you don't get your way, look out world. Contracts will not be as lucrative as you think. Sudden changes regarding friendships are likely to occur if you have tried to change others.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20)
 You will be able to make favorable changes in your living quarters. Don't hesitate to visit someone who hasn't been well. Your partner may make you feel jealous and unloved. It won't take much to upset your lover.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)
 Opportunities to upgrade your living standards will come through your lover or through joint financial investments. Don't overspend on children or on large purchases. If you act with anger you may blow the relationship.



PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
 You won't impress anyone by being overly generous. Take care of any pressing health problems. You will enjoy events that lean toward theater, art, or music this week.

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Soup, Salmon patties, pasta
with cheese sauce and
mixed vegetables, apple
crisp.

Monday, May 3
Soup, meat loaf, mashed
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Wednesday, May 5
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potatoes, peas and carrots,
brownies.



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**Saturday, May 8, 2004
12:00 noon to 3:00pm**

Winnipeg River RCMP Report

from page 10

tionally disturbed male was at-
tempting suicide at a residence.

VICTORIA BEACH -
RCMP were contacted to as-
sist Victoria Beach Fire De-
partment, Police and Grand
Marais Fire Departments when
high winds pushed a raging fire
into the community. Residents

were evacuated from the area
accordingly and crews were
able to extinguish the fire with
a minimal amount of damages
to the whole community! The
team work by all is to be
commended!!

April 25:
POWVIEW - a blue/
grey Cherokee boys bicycle
was turned into the Power-
view Detachment.

GRAND MARAIS - a
break and enter of a cottage
was reported however noth-
ing was taken in the incident
which occurred in the last 2
weeks. A padlock was bro-
ken to gain access.

SUMMARY: Police also
attended 7 false alarm calls
over the past week.

Provincial Court was also
held at the Powerview Arena
this week with a very full
docket.

Police request that if you
have any information with any
of the above noted incidents,
or any other criminal matter,
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nipeg River Detachment at
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To control weed growth in
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and at Pine Falls Generating
Station:

To control weed growth in
switchyards and storage yards
using 2,4-D, Dicamba, Imazapyr
and Glyphosate

The projected dates of applica-
tion will be from May 3, 2004
to September 30, 2004.

Anyone wishing to send a
written submission relative to
the above program may do so
within 15 days of the publication
to the following address:

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Pesticide/Fertilizer Approvals
123 Main Street, Suite 180
Winnipeg, MB R3C 1A5

Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

from page 12

On the 23rd of April, a report was rec'd that a dirt bike is operated by an unidentified youth on the roadway in Molson in the R.M. of Reynolds. Takes place after school and on weekends.

On the 23rd of April, police located a ward of CFS walking on P.R. 211 in the L.G.D. of Pinawa with a suitcase, apparently leaving Pinawa due to a disagreement with other youth at his foster home. Police returned the subject to Pinawa and were able to arrange for a temporary replacement foster home for the subject.

On the 23rd of April, a report was rec'd that a white BMX bicycle was stolen from the Gilbert School in Pinawa.

On the 23rd of April, a report was rec'd that unidentified youth were consuming liquor in the bushes behind the Pinawa Teen Centre. Police attended the area and the youth in question scattered, however, no liquor was located.

On the 24th of April, a re-

port was rec'd of a break and enter to a location at Betula Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police attended and found that the garage had been broken into, with an outboard motor stolen from a boat. Also revealed that the next-door cottage had been subject of a break-inj, but nothing appeared stolen.

On the 24th of April, a report was rec'd that an adult male was possibly assaulting his under-age daughter at a location on Alexander in Pinawa. Police attended the location in question but no evidence of an assault was uncovered.

On the 24th of April, a report was rec'd of a large fire in the vicinity of Red Rock Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police were in the process of attending when advised by Natural Resources that the fire was smaller than initially reported, and that police attendance was not required.

On the 24th of April, a report was rec'd of a break and enter at a cottage on Anderon Road in the R.M. of Alexan-

der. The back door was forced open, but nothing appeared to be stolen.

On the 24th of April, a report was rec'd that an adult female had crossed a subject's yard on Leslie in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. When the subject was advised not to do this by the home-owner, she swore at the individual. Police became involved in the matter and the female apologized for her actions.

On the 25th of April, a report was rec'd that an adult female was in difficulty at a location in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police and the ambulance attended, and the subject was transported to Pinawa Hospital.

On the 25th of April, a report was rec'd that roofing nails were spread on the roadway in the vicinity of Dorothy Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park.

On the 25th of April, a report was rec'd of a possibly stolen Off-Road Vehicle in the gravel pits in the Seddon's Corner area of the R.M. of

Reynolds. Police attended and found that the Off-Road Vehicle in question was not stolen.

On the 25th of April, a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a financial institution in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that all was secure.

On the 25th of April, a report was rec'd from an under-age female that she was assaulted by her mother at a location on Leslie in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The under-age female did not want a

charge laid, and police attended to mediate the situation.

On the 26th of April, a report was rec'd of a suspicious vehicle at a location on Brookfield Road in the R.M. of Whitemouth. The complainant found this to be a break and enter in progress at a cottage at that location. This caused the suspect to take off from the area. Vehicle described as a red, 1991, Ford F-150 with Sask. Plates. Police patrolled the area, but the truck in question was not located.

Women's Wellness day - Blue Water District

Marilyn Zarecki, Home Economist

This Women's Wellness Day (don't get confused with the one held in Lac du Bonnet on April 15) is to be held in Pine Falls at the Pine Falls Health Complex on Thursday, May 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You need to give yourself permission to take this day for yourself. The bottom line is you are responsible for your own health. If you

don't look after yourself, you can be sure that no one else will either.

If you haven't had a pap test in the last year, or a breast examination, then all you women should plan on attending this Wellness Day. Two female nurse practitioners will be on site to do the pap and breast exams in a caring and sensitive manner. You must register ahead for an appointment by calling the Pine Falls Health

Complex at 367-5401. There will be break out sessions and presentations on food safety, body image, depression, nutrition and cancer. There will be displays, door prizes, special prizes and lots of food! You will learn a lot and take charge of your own health!

So, plan to attend on Thursday, May 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For an appointment or more information please call 367-5401. I hope to see you all there.

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