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Gary Mysak lands catfish derby title



(left to right) Neil Morgan, Gary Mysak - winner of the Cecile Chevrefils Memorial Catfish Derby and Leon Bouvier

The Cecile Chevrefils Memorial Catfish derby was held this past Friday, August 20th.

The annual catfish derby has been running for approximately seven years and it takes place on the Winnipeg River along St. Georges and area. This year's derby had twenty seven entries.

Gary Mysak was this year's winner with a catfish weighing in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Second place was Adam Houston, 6 pounds, 3 ounces and third place was Raymond Houston, 6 pounds, 1 ounce.

All fish that were caught during the derby had to be under 24 inches in length. The derby followed the catch and release rules.

"It was a great derby and very well organized. But it is too bad, with the new catch and release rules we weren't able to have our fish fry after the derby" said Mysak. "I am sure we will all be back next year."

Special thanks is extended to Leo Nolin and his group of volunteers who help make the derby run so smoothly year after year.

"We had a real good time running the derby, it is lots of fun for everyone. The fishing was good and the weather was not too bad." said Nolin.

Organizer's hope all come out once again to participate and that even more fishing enthusiasts come out to join in on the fun.

Manitoba's first human West Nile case

The first human case of West Nile virus infection this year has been identified in Manitoba. The individual, a Winnipeg resident in his sixties, is currently in hospital. The individual has been reported to Health Canada as a probable case of West Nile neurological syndrome.

Although a resident of Winnipeg, the individual is known to also have spent time in the area of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements during the period of probable exposure.

Usually, people infected by West Nile virus have no symptoms and do not become ill. Of those who do become ill, most will develop West Nile fever, an illness with symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue and body aches. Less frequently, the virus can cause more serious illness (West Nile neurological syndrome) including encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain.

Encephalitis can have serious complications. These complications may include weakness, paralysis, confusion, coma and

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Emergency measures organization

by Barry Kemball, Emergency Measures Coordinator

As the Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) is a new identity within our communities, I feel it is incumbent upon us to identify the members of the local Emergency Planning/Control Committee and the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Management Team. Their area of responsibility referred to as "The District" is comprised of: The Beaches; Pine Falls; Powerview; R.M. of Alexander - in-

cluding St-Georges, Great Falls, White Mud Falls, Stead, Chevrefils District, Broadlands and Bird River.

The Control Group is made up of 10 persons who represent the five (5) distinct areas within the District. Tembec, who is a corporate citizen and a huge player in our plan is also represented.

Your list of Representatives are:

Don Schmidt - Beaches area, Council Member
Wilfred Kemball - Pine Falls, District Fire Chief

Bev Dube - Powerview, Council Member

Dan Gelinax - Powerview, Council Member

Edgar Desautels - Human Resources Volunteer Manager

Ed Forsyth - R.M. of Alexander Council Member

Marcel Rivard - Bird River area, Council Member

Sgt. John Duff - RCMP

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- ★ Mill/Hydro Tours
- ★ Market Square
- ★ Kite Flying

- ★ Parade
- ★ Fireworks
- ★ Fish Derby

Watch for a complete list of events in next week's Echo!

Pine Falls/Powerview West Nile Virus Unification Committee update

Release

Your duly elected Unification Committee has been very active in coordinating a successful Merger between our communities. The elected members of the Unification Committee are: Bev Dube, Michelle Bruneau, Ted Pichor, Danny Gelin, Henry Ostrowski Jr. (Mayor), Sean Kemball, Paul Pelland and Jack Shwaluk (Chairperson).

A comprehensive document which spells out the intricate details of the annexation has been submitted to the Municipal Board on July 15, 2004. Copies have been circulated to all Government departments and to all local authorities. Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the proposal may pick one up at the Pine Falls Townsite Office or at the Powerview Municipal Office.

The Unification Committee has been divided into two sub-committees in order to deal with transition issues.

1. Administration Transition Committee:

Bev Dube (Chairperson), Michelle Bruneau, Danny Gelin, Jack Shwaluk

Some of the issues which are currently being addressed are: merging computer systems, merging tax rolls, insurance liability, office equipment, inventory, streamlining utilities, utility billing, collection of unpaid fees, service contracts, transition budget, audits, lease agreements, by-laws, policies, zoning, planning and development, staffing, along with the normal day to day administration of both offices.

2. Public Works Transition Committee:

Ted Pichor (Chairperson), Sean Kemball, Paul Pelland, Henry Ostrowski Jr.

The Public Works departments of both Powerview and Pine Falls have been cooperatively working together in sharing services, personnel and equipment. This committee is

currently developing a model which integrates the employees from both communities. Plans are being developed to address infrastructure problems.

The first priority is the storm sewer project which is scheduled to proceed in the spring of 2005. At this point in time a feasibility study has been completed and is currently being reviewed. A detailed engineering plan (Functional Design) is scheduled for completion by the end of January or early February 2005. A call for tenders for the construction of the storm sewer project will take place at the beginning of March 2005. Construction is to commence in Spring/Summer 2005, weather permitting.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact members of the Unification Committee. A big thank you to the citizens of Powerview and Pine Falls for your continuing support.

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death and are more likely to occur among older adults and people with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems.

There is no vaccine or specific treatment for West Nile virus. Milder symptoms of West Nile fever usually improve without medical care. Anyone experiencing severe symptoms (such as persistent high fever, muscle weakness, headache) should seek medical attention promptly for diagnosis and care.

Mosquito surveillance in southern Manitoba indicates that the activity of Culex tarsalis, the mosquito that carries West Nile virus, decreased in all regional health authorities during the week of Aug. 8 to 14.

The average trap counts for Culex tarsalis in regional health authorities gathered during the week of Aug. 8 to 14 are: Assiniboine, 17; Brandon, four; Central, two; Interlake, one; North Eastman, one; Parkland, eight; South Eastman, two; and Winnipeg, 32.

Infected mosquitoes have been found in the following communities: Winnipeg, Brandon, Souris, Deloraine, Killamey, Winkler, West St. Paul and East St. Paul. The infection rate of trapped mosquitoes remains low, usually less than one per 1,000 mosquitoes.

The risk of exposure to WNV in Manitoba increases as the number and activity of infected Culex tarsalis mosquitoes increase. The activity of Culex tarsalis as indicated by trap counts is affected by many factors including the number of mosquitoes in the area, temperature, humidity and wind speed. In 2003, the majority of the human cases were exposed during the first two weeks of August.

At this time, it is still considered important to consider taking personal protective precautions against mosquitoes and to reduce standing water around your home.

To reduce the risk of West Nile virus infection, Manitobans can protect themselves against mosquito bites by:

- wearing light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and long pants;
- using mosquito repellent containing DEET;
- educing the amount of time spent outdoors during peak mosquito hours between dusk and dawn; and
- keeping mosquitoes out of indoor spaces by checking door and window screens to make sure they fit tightly and are free of holes.

Manitobans can reduce the number of mosquitoes by emptying standing water that may collect in backyards, old tires, children's toys, pet bowls, wading pools or stagnant ponds, eaves troughs, under flowerpots, etc.

Larviciding continues in several communities in southern Manitoba through the province's cost-sharing program.

Birds from the NORMAN Regional Health Authority, the Burntwood Regional Health Authority and the Churchill Regional Health Authority will continue to be considered for WNV testing to establish the presence of WNV in those areas. No further birds are required for testing from southern Manitoba.

Public information about West Nile virus is available by calling Health Links-Info Santé at 788-8200 in Winnipeg or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257. Additional information is available on the Manitoba Health website at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv>, which is updated with surveillance data weekly.

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Lac du Bonnet Open's another success

Extra prizes donated to upcoming golf tournament

by Jim Hampshire

The weather didn't turn out as predicted but that was good news for the 76 golfers who turned out at the Pine Falls Golf Club on Sunday for the 48th annual Lac du Bonnet Open. According to the weekend forecast, golfers expected a cool, rainy day on the links but that was not to be when skies cleared before the 10:00am scheduled start.

And although greens and fairways were soft in the beginning, many golfers were heard commenting on the favourable conditions at the Pine Falls course throughout the day. If anything, it was the strong north wind that hampered play and in the end, a score of 75, by Joe Pedrick of Winnipeg was best of the day.

As always, the Ron

Sydorko Memorial Trophy is awarded to the best score by a Lac du Bonnet resident and this year Stan Werestiuk carded an 82 to take top local honours.

Subsequent prizes were distributed using the Flight system with Cam Hampshire winning the Second Flight on a count back with a score of 89, while Glen Hibbert of Pine Falls shot a 94 to pick up the Third Flight prize, along with the relatively new Jack Visca Trophy.

The Visca Trophy, named for longtime player and supporter, Jack Visca, was presented for the first time last year to Gary Nadolsky of Lac du Bonnet. The award is specifically presented each year to the Third Flight winner,

a category and score range that Jack Visca was most familiar.

"The Third Flight is where Jack was always most comfortable," presenter Peter Humble said, "And it's only appropriate that this trophy is awarded to a player in this category."

Other prizes were awarded for longest drive (Joe Pedrick), longest putt (Doug Silvester), and closest to the pin, which was awarded to Cliff Veilleux. The most honest golfer, an award that is seldom disputed, went to Dick Campbell of Lac du Bonnet.

The awards banquet was held at Lakeview in Lac du Bonnet following the tournament and organizers report that this year's tournament had tremendous support from

sponsors. So much support, in fact, that the prizes outnumbered the participants. As a result, organizer Martin Orvis noted that the remaining prizes will find their way to another popular Lac du Bonnet tournament in early September.

"It turns out we did very well at the Lac du Bonnet Open, and we're happy to announce that the remaining prizes will be donated to the first annual Rod Demoline Golf Tournament next month," Orvis told the gathering at Lakeview.

The Rod Demoline event will be held on September 11 at the Pinawa Golf Club, with proceeds going to the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. Rod Demoline, who was Mayor of Lac du Bonnet when he succumbed to cancer in June 2003, was instrumental in making the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre a reality, working first in the planning stages and then, later, serving on the community centre board.

For more information on this tournament and other upcoming events at the community centre, please call Michelle at 345-6737.



Ben Friesen accepts the the Lac du Bonnet tournament trophy for winner Joe Pedrick of Winnipeg



Stan Werestiuk of Lac du Bonnet won the Ron Sydorko Memorial Trophy for low score by a local resident



RM councillor Robert Bruneau takes a look at the green from above on the sixth tee at Pine Falls during the Lac du Bonnet Open on Sunday



The fifth hole at Pine Falls was the stage for the longest drive contest, where Randall Foubert of Lac du Bonnet gave it a rip on Sunday

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Skateboard Park takes center stage

LDB project skates along at high speed

by Jim Hampshire

A bid to find a recreational hotspot for the younger generations in Lac du Bonnet is shaping up quite nicely as a pipe dream has turned into a quarter-pipe reality.

Nearly six months ago a group of Lac du Bonnet parents began actively campaigning for a local skateboard park, where teens would have a meeting place to call their own. From its inception, the idea of a skateboard park has been met with anything from a lukewarm reception by area councils, to a cool "no thank you" from some residents who would rather not see any such teen attraction invade their otherwise peaceful neighborhoods. But after a series of meetings and delicate negotiations, the Lac du Bonnet Skateboard Park has found a home and several financial supporters, as it turns out.

"It all fell into place quite quickly," Winnipeg River Rec Director Michelle Chudd said this week. "I think we had our first meeting in April, just to discuss the possibility of a park and the response was incredible."

Chudd reports that both parents and kids of all ages turned out at the April meeting and although it seemed a

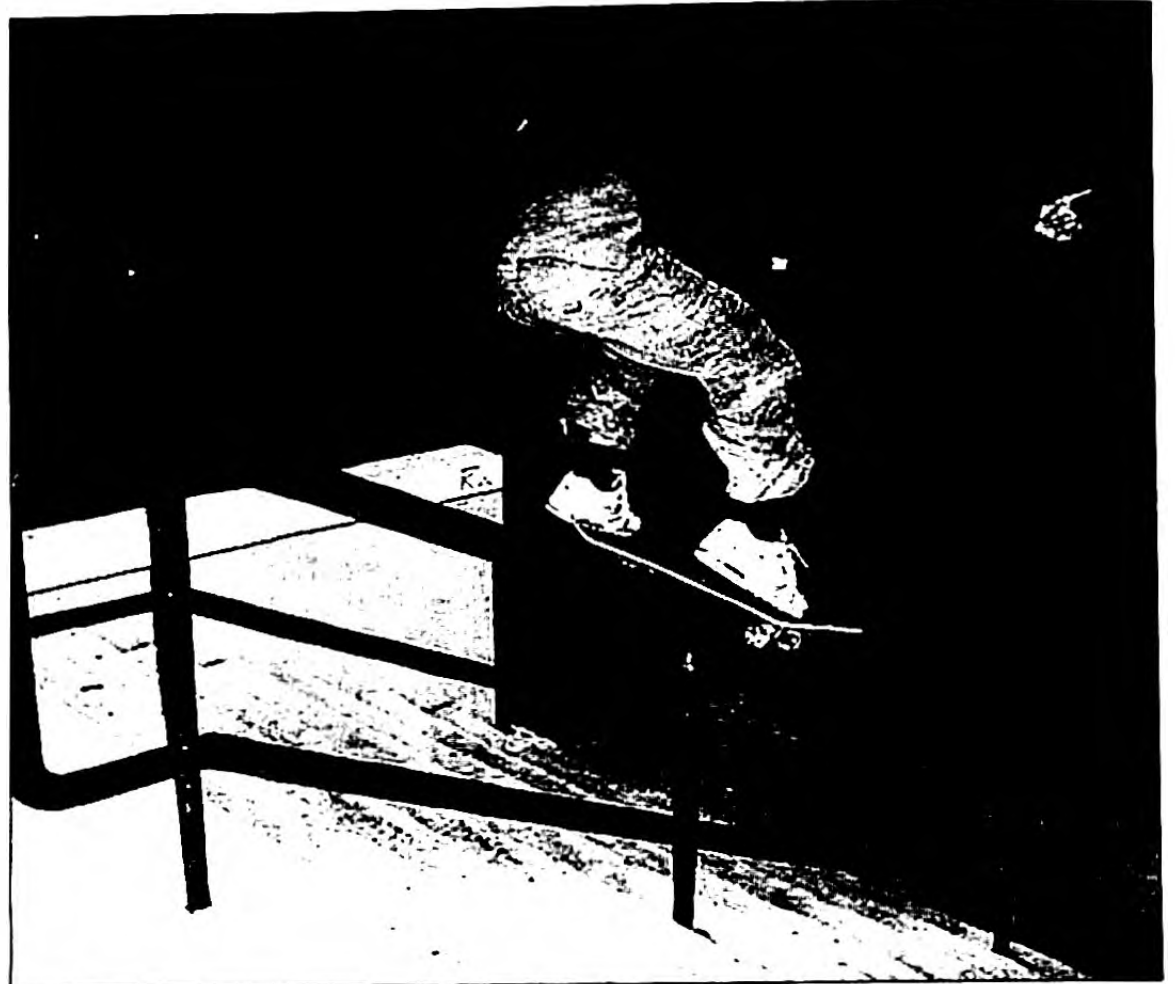
little out of reach at the time, both councils and local businesses made welcome donations to get the project off the ground.

"There is a lot of community involvement behind this project," Chudd explained. "Both councils got the ball rolling with donations of \$5,000 each and local businesses responded generously to get us this far."

As it is laid out, the skateboard and BMX bike concrete pad, located behind the Lac du Bonnet Arena, is 1,600 feet square, and supports three popular pieces of equipment synonymous with the sport of skateboarding. The pieces, which include a quarter-pipe, a grind bench and a rail system, were installed last Friday and by all accounts, were well used over the weekend.

"We didn't quite know when we would get the chance to pour the concrete pad this summer because of the weather," Chudd offered. "Once the pad was in, we were able to contact Barkman Concrete and they just happened to have these three components available and we put them in with a moments notice."

Chudd points to the ground-work by parents and children alike, who were motivating factors in getting the project mov-



ing from the beginning. She says early raffles and fundraisers sparked interest immediately.

"Everyone involved pulled together quickly and we took little time to throw together a raffle for Canada Day," she

said. "It sort of snowballed from there and everyone was confident it would become a reality sooner than we expected."

So far Chudd says that no government grants have been received and there are plans to search out new sources of revenue this winter. She expects that there might be enough new revenue available to double the size of the original concrete pad and add new improvements

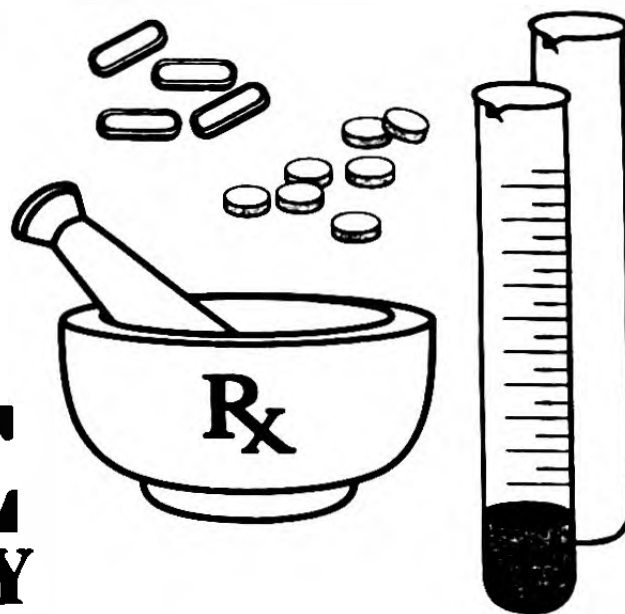
next summer.

"You might say that we are just getting off the ground this summer," she concluded. "We have all winter to work on fundraising and we believe this project will continue to expand in size and popularity."

"Not only is it all worthwhile project for the kids to be involved in, but it's also a place they can call there own."

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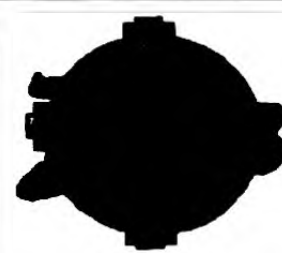


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Beach Bass and Bluegrass festival

The Beach Bass and Bluegrass Festival was held this past weekend at the Grand Beach Entertainment Centre.

Some of the bands featured were: Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Don Rigsby & Midnight Call, Clyde Bowling & The Southern Bluegrass Boys, Blue Moon Rising, Laurel Mountain, The Dry River

Boys, Doug and Jess, The Morrow Gospel Singers, The Carriere Family and the A-Train Band from the Beaches area.

The A-Train band will also be playing at this year's 4P Festival Jamboree which will be held on Friday, September 3rd under the big tent in Powerview, Manitoba.



The A-Train band performing at the Beach, Bass and Bluegrass Festival this past weekend

Emergency Measures Organization

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tions Centre will involve the following persons, however, not limited to them only as the type of Emergency/Disaster may dictate additional personnel be in attendance:

- Emergency Coordinator - Barry Kemball (alternate required)
- Public Information Officer To be designated
- Police/RCMP - Sgt. John Duff
- Fire - Wilfred Kemball
- Ambulance - Designated Member
- Human Resources - Edgar Desautels (alternate A.Kemball)

Telecommunications - Warren Kane

Transport/Public Works - Louis Fenez

Security - Pic Boiteau
Others who may be involved within the Operations Centre could include: Hydro, Forestry, Medical Services, Highways, Tembec.

An Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has been constructed in the basement of the R.M. of Alexander Administrative building located in St-Georges. The alternate location, should the need arise, would be in the Fire Hall located in Pine Falls. It has been determined by the control group that the District should be prepared for four (4) possible hazards:

FIRE: Which would cause partial or total evacuation and severe property damage.

CHEMICAL SPILL: Which may require evacuation and

extensive clean up prior to re-entry.

SEVERE WEATHER: During summer and winter months, including loss of power for a prolonged period.

FLOOD: Dike or dam failure which may require evacuation of certain areas within the district.

Additional plans covering other disaster possibilities will be looked into and drawn up accordingly.

Should ever the situation arise that it becomes necessary to evacuate one or more areas in our district, it would be incumbent upon the other areas to provide shelter and sustenance to the evacuees. Your district has also entered into Mutual Aid Agreements with other districts to provide assistance as required, with resources and/or act as hosts to evacuees if necessary. Should either of the above mentioned

ever become necessary, it will require a number of volunteers from our district. The volunteers would be asked to assist in the following areas:

Formal registration and inquiry organization that would keep track of evacuees, their location and re-unite families which have become separated and answer related questions. This function would require some training by the Red Cross.

The Red Cross has been contacted and they are more than willing to provide the necessary training. A date for the training will be made when we have a sufficient number of volunteers - fifteen to twenty would be ideal, however, the more the better.

We also have a need for volunteers who are the proud owners of 4 x 4 trucks, offroad ATV's and snowmobiles. These vehicles would be very helpful in times of emergencies

for a number of reasons should our roads become impassable for normal modes of traffic.

We would also appreciate hearing from any one in the communities mentioned in the District that have had previous training with the Provincial Emergency Measures Organization or in any related field which would be beneficial to our organization. If you have had no previous training and wish to become involved, please do not hesitate to call as all volunteers are welcome. Should you wish to volunteer, please call B. J. Kemball at 367-8857 or Edgar (Chick) Desautels at 367-2369.

In conclusion, may I say that should disaster ever strike this area, we have to be prepared. By being prepared, we may reduce the risk to life and health and reduce the damage to property and environment that often results from an emergency.

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You can't be serious



by Jim Hampshire

The Sky is falling

Sure it is. But it's normally referred to as RAIN, and if you're to believe the folks down at Environment Canada, this unusually wet weather will last only until November... when its expected to turn to snow.

I'd like to know how a person gets a job at Environment Canada? I mean, how can people be so consistently wrong and never get fired? I could work there!

I only ask these questions because I always turn to this National Weather Service for long-range forecasts, and then of course, I carefully copy all

this information and pass it along to you, the reader. In return, you, the reader, often throw things at my car as I drive by, and shout things like, "You said we'd have a drought this summer, you jack-ass!"

The point is, last April, Environment Canada predicted a severe dry spell for late spring and early summer (didn't happen) and above normal temperatures during that same period (also didn't happen). I then wrote an article last April stating these facts and took a big chance that I wouldn't end up looking like a boob (did happen).

Now, as we bid farewell to a rather damp and vague summer, it's time to dial up our friends at Environment Canada and see what the next several months have in store for us! Based on passed accuracy, it's best we think: "opposite!"

According to the latest information, Environment Canada predicts a mild autumn with below normal precipitation. Technically, they call for above normal temperatures for all of Canada, but right now we'll settle for "mild."

Looking further ahead, this weather service calls for normal temperatures this winter, with above normal readings in western Manitoba. On the bright side, they're calling for a heap of snow (remember:

we're thinking "opposite") and the moisture is expected to extend into the spring season (read: drought).

As far as temperatures go, the spring season is expected to be normal, although we can expect an early thaw. According to long-range weather models, temperatures throughout western Canada will be above normal most of the winter and that influence will be felt in our region by late February.

By now you're probably asking yourself "How can anyone predict the weather six months from now?" Well,

based on the latest, most sophisticated scientific equipment and data, the answer is simple. There's no possible way they can. Not even close. I think they proved that last spring when they predicted a hot dry summer.

In any case, I still feel it's my duty to document this information and pass it along to you, the reader. And in return, you can throw snowballs at my car as I drive around in October. One accurate prediction I can make is you'll probably be shouting, "You said it was supposed to be a mild autumn, you boob!"

Finding Copper Pennies

There was a small boy who when walking down the street one day found a bright copper penny. He was so excited that he found money and it didn't cost him anything. This experience led him to spend the rest of his days walking with his head down, eyes wide open, looking for treasure.

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ECHOES FROM THE Heart.

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Who do you know that is living like this?: Head is bent down burdened with trivial things afraid of pain and criticism and fear of things that

never happen hoping to find that copper penny...for nothing.

If you have an Echoes From the Hearts Story (Inspirational story) that you would like to be published in the Echo, please fax us at 367-9468 or mail to: Box 550, Pine Falls, Manitoba, R0E 1M0.

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The Children's Summer Program at Library Allard is over already. Time sure flew this summer! The children got "carried away with books" while exploring the fascinating world of "bugs." They enjoyed a variety of craft activities including making "chia pet" ants that grow grass, spider web dream catchers, and ooey-goey treats made into the shape of bugs. We also went to the St Georges beach twice to check out the aquatic and "beach" bugs. We went to the St Georges Museum for a scavenger hunt (thanks again to Nicole Boulet), and we had a great piñata party to wind up the program.

Amanda Boulet and Karen Green would like to thank all the children and parents who made this year's Summer Program such a great success. Without you and all your support, it wouldn't have happened! We'd also like to say congratulations to Foxx Dubé for his excellent attendance! Foxx will be enjoying his Grand Prize for the rest of the summer. We'd also like to thank Lesa Filep, Julie Lavoie, Angie Nault, and Bernice Kralka for

their hospitality, support, and fun times at the library.

Let's hope next summer will be just as fun and exciting at Library Allard's Children's Summer Program. Remember to sign up your children in July so that they can enjoy arts and crafts, outdoor fun, and movie nights. Registration is free for members of the library. Hope to see you all next year!

New books arriving remains consistent and we do hope that we are meeting the needs of our Patrons. Here is a list of our newest titles: Danielle Steel's latest *Safe Harbour* is on our shelves; Joy Fielding's *Lost*; for those of you who follow Lillian Jackson Braun's suspense novels we have her latest - *The Cat Who Talked Turkey*; *Fatal Tide & Dead Aim* by Iris Johansen; *Blind Side* by Catherine Coulter; *Wild Orchid* by Jude Deveraux; *Reversible Errors* by Scott Turow; *Seizure* by Robin Cook; and one of my favorite authors - Nicholas Sparks newest *The Guardian*. Some of these books are in large print, we are trying to improve our selection of large print books to meet the needs of patrons preferences. If you are looking for a new hobby: *Learn to Knit* by Penny Hill is a great beginner's guide with 11 easy projects.



The Cross-Stitcher's Complete Companion published by Crafter's Choice has 500 motifs for every occasion. If you're planning on re-decorating your home - *Easy Decorating Makeovers* or *Small House/Big Style* by Better Homes and Gardens will definitely get you started with some great ideas. Entertaining children, no matter what the

weather may be can sometimes be a challenge. *Family Fun Boredom Busters* by Family Fun Magazine is filled with 365 games, crafts & activities for every day of the year!

We also have purchased a few new VHS movies - *Holes*, *Bringing Down the House*, *School of Rock*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Kangaroo Jack & Wild America*.

Library Allard is always willing to accept donations in the way of books, however, due to the shortage of space we catalogue books that are 10 years old or newer (unless it is local history). If you are looking for an alternative place to take your used books, The Canadian Diabetes Association

does pick-ups through-out the area.

Starting after September Labor Day weekend, Library Allard will be opening at noon from Wednesday's to Friday's. We're hoping that those of you out doing your banking and mail pick-up at lunch time will also have some time to per-use the library. All other hours remain the same. Current hours are: Tuesday - 10:30 - 5:00; Wednesday & Thursday - 1:00 - 5:00 & 6:30 - 8:00; Friday - 1:00 - 5:00; Saturday - 10:30 - 4:00. Beaches hours will remain the same: Tuesday - 1:00 - 5:00; Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 & Saturday 10:00 - 2:00.

Don't forget that we have photo-paper and can print your summer vacation photos from your CD!

Library Corner

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

The wind-up celebration for our Summer Reading Program was a lot of fun! Thank you to the 21 children who attended and the parents who brought them. Thanks, as well to Abundant Life Chapel for the use of the church grounds and basement facilities! We had a combination indoor-outdoor picnic due to overcast weather. As our reading statistics indicate, we really did get "buggy" over books! A combined total of 760 books were read by this enthusiastic group of kids!

Libraries all over Manitoba were sponsoring similar reading programs this summer. We thank Winnipeg Public Library and South Central Regional Library who partnered with Public Library Services to provide the bug theme that was used! We enjoyed finding 'bug' craft ideas, 'bug' snacks and 'bug' stories - all in the books found on our very own library shelves! Keep reading, kids!

Hot off the press in the adult best-seller section:

Stay of Execution by Quintin Jardine "takes you deep into the heart of an organized criminal underworld and deep into the troubled conscience of our law enforcers."

Visions in Death by Nora Roberts writing as J. D. Robb - a "futuristic romantic suspense series which features Lieutenant Eve Dallas and Roarke."

Lost City by Clive Cussler is another Kurt Austen adventure. "An enzyme that will dramatically prolong life has been discovered two thousand feet down in the North Atlantic, in an area known as "Lost City." But why are the people attempting to harvest it getting killed?"

Author Alex Kava has written *One False Move* (her fifth novel). She lives in Omaha, Nebraska and is enjoying great success as a mystery writer.

It is said that her stories have "enough twists and turns to keep the reader guessing until the last page."

Carmen Bin Laden "reveals the intimate secrets of the most powerful clan in Saudi Arabia" in her book *Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia*. She married Yeslam Bin Ladin (older brother of Osama) in 1974.....In 1988, in Switzerland, Carmen Bin Ladin separated from her husband and began one of her toughest battles: to gain the custody of her three daughters."

Now that summer activities are winding down and children are preparing for back-to-school, we find that our thoughts are turning to our annual fundraiser, The Fall Supper! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 2nd and watch for further updates on this special event!



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Faith Perspective



by Pastor Jake Doell

Four Friends That Made A Difference

One of my favorite Bible stories is found in the Gospel of Mark 2:1-12. The news that Jesus was in town had spread and many people were thronging the house where He was preaching the Gospel. Four men were carrying their sick friend on a stretcher, tried to get into the house. Finding the house jam-packed with people, they climbed up on the roof, tore it up and lowered their friend on the stretcher close to Jesus. The story finishes on a happy note with the sick man being healed by Jesus and going home to his family with great joy. My question is, "What kind of guys would be willing to tear up a roof to help a sick friend?" Allow me to suggest some characteristics of people who would dare to do that.

1. Unselfishness To bring their sick friend to Jesus meant that they would have to care enough to be inconvenienced by thinking more of their friend's well being than the

blessings they could receive. They actually put a higher price tag on their friend's health and happiness than their own. We need more of this character trait demonstrated in our world that is more concerned about putting ME first.

2. Co-operation It took all four of them to bring their friend to Jesus. Success could only be achieved if each of them continued to hold up their corner of the stretcher. They had to cooperate to get the job done. Their first realization was they needed each other to be successful in their task. Coming together was only the beginning, it was their cooperation to work together that got the job done.

3. Faith that acts The conviction that only Jesus could take care of their friend's disability gave the four men great boldness and determination to get the job done. They could have said "The crowd is too big." or "Jesus is too busy to

look at our friend." Either way they would have missed a miracle. They believed that Jesus cared enough for their friend to heal him. So they put their faith into action, climbed on the roof, tore a hole into it so they could lower their friend down to Jesus. Faith does not always act in conventional ways

4. Right Priorities These guys made it their priority to get their friend to Jesus. So up on the roof they went. Thoughts like, "What will people think?" or "We mustn't disturb Jesus" were not able to stop them. They would not be sidetracked. Why? they had a job to do that was greater than the fear of being different.

I thank God for people who are willing to tear up the "proverbial roof" to get a greater task done. They are above average because of their determination to see great things getting done. Yes sometimes they will be criticized because they are willing to do some things that haven't been done before. But the most important thing is that the end result is worth it. This man was healed by Jesus and from that day on he could live up to his God given potential. I encourage you to step out in faith and bring a friend to Jesus, he can change their lives not only for now but for eternity.

Do your homework before you buy a new appliance

Whether you have a new home or plan to renovate your kitchen, you may need to shop for appliances. Since this is a big investment, it pays to research various brands and models in order to get the best possible deal. Consider appliances with a Energy Star label to get a good deal on both your purchase price and operating costs.

Power Smart appliances will reduce energy consumption and save you money over the life of the appliance. Keep in mind that you'll likely own your appliances for a very long time. A refrigerator will last an average of 17 years and a freezer can last up to 21 years. Choose wisely and your appliance will deliver savings year after year.

First decide on the size and features you want. Remember that extra features will use more energy and add to the purchase price. Then consider the size of your family, your lifestyle and the budget you have to work with. If your children are nearly grown and may leave home soon, an extra large refrigerator may not be the best choice.

From there you can check the EnerGuide rating on the appliance. This label gives an estimate of how much energy the

appliance will use in a year and also compares it to similar models on the market. Always choose the appliance with the lowest number. It means your operating costs will be kept in check. That can add up to a lot over the lifetime of the appliance. Additionally, an Energy Star label on an appliance means that it delivers the best performance for your energy dollar.

Before you buy, ask about warranties, repairs, factory service and delivery costs. And make sure your new appliance will fit through your doorway before it's delivered. Lastly, if you are unsure about whether or not the electrical circuits in your home can handle your new appliance, contact a qualified electrician for an expert opinion. You don't want to risk an overload.



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WINGS OF POWER

Back to School

by Michelle Berthelette

It is that time of year again. The days are getting shorter, the evenings longer and you can definitely feel that fall chill in the air. It is time to start preparing for back to school. This has been the topic of our last two parenting sessions. If you weren't able to attend, here are just a few of the many useful and practical tips that were prepared and shared by our program facilitator, Ginette McMullen.

About 2 weeks before school starts begin going to bed and getting up on a school schedule.

Try a school bus run. Let your child know what to expect and what will be expected of them, whether they will be taking the bus or walking.

Make a master list of Mom and Dad's phone numbers along with doctors and emergency numbers. You are sure to need these several times.

If your child has medical concerns make sure to meet with the school prior to the first day, especially if medicine must be given at school.

Get a couple of rolls of quarters and dimes. Put them in the cabinet so you don't have

to hunt for change at the last minute.

Save 35mm film canisters for change in lunchbox.

Make a checklist of items easily forgotten at the last minute and hang it in an obvious place.

Put up several hooks for backpacks, jackets, and lunchboxes. Don't hang them too high!

Label, label, label; all items that will be taken to school or worn and taken off at school!

Make a list of rules and adjustments for school days: Homework schedule, TV schedule, bath time, bedtime, etc.

Make sure to arrange after school daycare.

Make sure older children know how to stay safe if they will be home alone, even if it is only for a short period of time.

Make a calendar to place in a visible spot; fill in events and school vacation days.

Make a special box for your children to place forms from school which need special attention.

Ginette McMullen has been with Wings of Power for two months now. She is the Office Manager and Program Developer. Ginette has



worked part time at Wings of Power in the past and has also been very involved as a volunteer. We are very glad she has returned as a full time member of our staff. She has been doing an excellent job and has many wonderful things planned for the upcoming months. Be sure to check them out!

Picnic In The Park

Don't miss out on this year's Picnic In The Park. It promises to be bigger and better than ever, thanks to all the work and planning done by the Pineview Recreation Association. Wings of Power will be offering many of the activities we have in the past, face painting, games, prizes, juice and snacks. This year there will also be live entertainment. Robin Chestnut will be there to demonstrate his incredible juggling abilities. Professional children's entertainer, Aunt Maddy, will be performing for children of all ages, and Mr. Artist Man will be on hand to do caricatures. If you want to try something fun and a little different, you can have a real henna tattoo done by a professional. The Pineview Recreation Association will also be selling hot dogs and drinks. The fun starts at noon, on Friday August 27 until 4 p.m. at the Pine Falls Village Green. Bring the whole family; you'll be glad you did!

Recreation Re-Boot!

Summer Programs are in full swing so check the calendar for weekly activities that are going on!!!

Summer Programs are unfortunately coming to an end, so check the calendar for weekly activities to find out what is left for you to enjoy.

With less than ideal weather, some dampen on some activities. So unfortunately this week you will be able to enjoy the outdoor activities that we have planned & rescheduled.

The events that are taking place in the next 2 weeks are listed below:

- Youth**
 - Teen Polo** - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7pm to 9pm @ Pine Falls Pool
 - Lacrosse** - Wednesday August 25th 9:00am - 12:00pm @ Powerview School
 - Beach Volleyball Tourn** - Wednesday August 25th, 03:00pm @ St. Georges Beach
 - Survivor Challenge** - Thursday August 19th 11:00am - 03:00pm @ St. Georges Beach
 - Soccer** - Monday August 23rd 9:00am - 12:00pm @ Powerview School
 - Ball Hockey** - Monday August 23rd 1:00pm - 03:30pm @ Powerview Arena
 - Volleyball Tournament** - Wednesday August 25th 1:00pm @ St. Georges Beach
 - Picnic in the Park** - Friday August 27th 12:00pm - 4:00pm @ Village Green
 - Pool Day** - Saturday August 28th 12:00pm - 4:00pm @ Pine Falls Pool
- *Please register as soon as possible for ANY activities because if any changes need to be made we know who would like to participate, so please contact the Rec Office @367-9142*

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Winnipeg River RCMP Report

Police Report for the period of August 9th to August 23rd, 2004



August 9:
PINE FALLS: - a stolen golf cart was returned home to its owner after several hours. 4 youth involved in the incident were spoken to by police including their parents. No charges were laid in the incident.

FORT ALEXANDER - an assault which occurred to a female by a family member was reported to police. Investigation continues in the incident.

POWerview - police assisted Kenora Aboriginal Family Services in apprehending a runaway female youth. The youth was located and turned

over to them.

GRAND MARAIS - several reports of theft and vandalism occurring in and around the community. Items like flags, signs, flower arrangements and a license plate, etc.. have been either taken or damaged. Police are asking the public to advise them of any suspicious vehicles or persons in the area.

August 10:
GRAND MARAIS - 1 impaired driver was charged accordingly in the early morning hours.

August 11:
VICTORIA BEACH - police attended an alarm at the golf course but all was secure.

Weather conditions may have tripped off the alarm.

GRAND BEACH - a call of a forest fire in progress was relayed to Natural Resources Dept.

FORT ALEXANDER - a black dodge neon was stolen in the early morning hours. A limited amount of gas was in the vehicle at the time. Police believe the vehicle is somewhere in the surrounding area.

- an aggravated assault causing bodily harm occurred to a female. Police investigation revealed further information that the woman was at a residence and tried to intervene when a male there assaulted a small child. The adoptive parents of the child a male and female began attacking the victim and at one point had a rifle at the victim's head. The female pulled the trigger on the weapon but it did not go off. The pair continued to beat on the woman leaving her unconscious. She awoke some time later, managing to escape the residence and make her way to police. A male and female have been charged with numerous offences and were remanded into custody at the Winnipeg Remand Centre. Alcohol was a factor in the incident.

POWerview - a theft from a vehicle occurred at a local motel. Further information has revealed several suspects involved in the incident. Investigation continues.

August 12:
FORT ALEXANDER - an assault causing bodily injury was reported to police. 2 males were involved in an altercation where alcohol was involved. 1 male's ear was severed in the incident. He was transported to Health Sciences Centre for treatment. Another male has been charged so far as the investigation continues.

- complaints of threats being uttered to a male was reported to police.

HOLLOW WATER - an abandoned vehicle on a side road was reported to police. The vehicle however had simply broken down and the owner had not recovered it. The owner was advised by police to collect it before any vandalism occurred.

GRAND BEACH - a complaint of a possible break and enter to a cottage was unfounded. Investigation revealed high winds had popped open a window. And the cabin was all secure.

BLACK RIVER - the local band constable found a male walking down the highway highly intoxicated obstructing traffic. He was transported to Powerview where was lodged in cells for his own safety and released in the morning when

sober.

August 13:
GRAND MARAIS - police were contacted to attend a cottage where continuous loud music was playing annoying other residents.

RM of ALEXANDER - a query to locate a possible missing person turned out to be a matter for the civil courts. The adult male had disappeared packing up his belongings, leaving the community and a few debts behind.

PINE FALLS - a tackle box was turned into police. It was found on Sharps Point Rd.

- an intoxicated male was lodged in cells after attempting to wake up a resident banging on a door. He was released in the morning when sober.

HILLSIDE BEACH - a break and enter occurred to a cottage. Nothing was taken in the incident however several drawers and items in the house had been tampered with and moved around.

August 14:
FORT ALEXANDER - police attended a location where 2 males, 1 being in brach of a court order were disturbing neighbours banging on a window of a residence. Upon arrival though the culprits had disappeared nor could they be located after several patrols.

POWerview - a request from child and family services to locate a missing female caused police to attend a residence. The female in question was not at the location and CFS was advised accordingly.

GRAND MARAIS - a motor vehicle accident occurred at the highway 12 junction. Police found the driver to be impaired and charged him accordingly. Airbags were deployed on impact and no one was seriously injured in the incident.

August 15:
HOLLOW WATER - Police received a report of a dog attacking a female youth.

POWerview - Police continue to investigate the tragic incident of a complaint of sexual assault on a young female. The woman was in the community on holidays at this time. A male suspect was identified in the assault and charged accordingly.

FORT ALEXANDER - a male child was turned over to police after he was found to be wandering in the roadway. Police contacted CFS and returned the child to a foster home.

PINE FALLS - a report of vandalism to a building caused police to investigate the incident. Several youth were paint balling the business.

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.

GENERAL: **WINNIPEG RIVER DETACHMENT** welcomes the following new members to the community. Cpl. Jeff MOYSE, Cst. Mike OAKES, Cst. Brian GULAY and Cst. Lacey CLARKSON.

A transfer and promotion party was held for Sgt. Doug SMITH at Grand Marais on July 28, 2004. We also bid a fond Farewell to Cpl. Carl DINSDALE and Cpl. Terry HAMELIN and congratulations on their promotions!

And we also have a late welcome to Cst. Jarrid St. PIERRE, Cst. Jason VROOMAN and Cst. Marianne COULIBALY who joined the detachment last year!

August 16:
PINE FALLS - an attempted break in to a storage trailer was reported. Culprits did not gain access but did manage to twist and damage a door.

HOLLOW WATER - a break, enter and theft occurred to a residence. Items stolen included clothing and dvd's.

- a second break, enter and theft resulted in several suspects being identified. Investigation continues.

August 17:
GRAND MARAIS - a missing purse was located and returned to its rightful owner.

- 2 bicycles were reported stolen. 1 bmx and 1 mountain bike. They were last seen at a location on Grand Beach Road

RM of ALEXANDER - police patrolled an area after receiving a report of a possible impaired and speeding driver. The suspect vehicle could not be located in the incident.

GRAND MARAIS - a loud party was reported to police in this area. Police patrolled the area but the music and partygoers could not be located.

FORT ALEXANDER - a residence was broken into and a satellite receiver stolen.

- a missing youth was last seen at his foster home in this area. The male youth may have left for Winnipeg. He was last seen wearing black jeans, black short sleeved shirt, white runners and sports a brush cut hair style. He is approximately 5'9" weighing 140 pounds of slim build with brown hair and eyes with a medium to dark complexion.

- a theft of a yard maintenance tool a scythe was taken
 See **WINNIPEG RIVER RCMP** page 15

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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

Cooking for better health: Lose weight, gain energy and prevent illness. Classes begin for every five people registered. Cindy Reimann, certified in nutrition, call 268-2168. **PACE 7-1375:** meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Powerview 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 268-7465 or call your local public health nurse.

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

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library open Tues and Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Wed. and Fri. noon to 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., ph. 345-2653.

Great Falls Women's Institute meets first Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m. Great Falls Hall, Pat 367-2586, Leone 367-8569.

Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 meets first Tuesday of the month 7:00 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 Auxiliary meets fourth Thursday of the month, Health Centre 1:30 p.m.

Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association temporarily meets at the call of the chair. Call Peter 345-6190 for information.

New in 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, Whittemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whittemouth, 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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Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass

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It's time to clean up crown corporations

Auditors reported last month that as president of Canada Post, André Ouellet ran up about \$2-million in expenses over eight years without submitting any supporting documents. The auditors also point out that Mr. Ouellet, a former Liberal cabinet minister, also helped numerous

friends find jobs at the post office while ignoring the normal hiring practices, and improperly directed contracts to firms handpicked by the Liberal government.

Canada Post and the other Crown agencies control billions of dollars in federal assets. They have been run for

decades by political appointees, who have had little incentive to bare their activities to public scrutiny. The secrecy that prevails at Canada Post is fairly characteristic of other Crown operations, judging by various audit reports that have surfaced since the sponsorship scandal broke last December. Two other Crown agencies, Via Rail and the Business Development Bank of Canada, are also in need of replacements for presidents who were sacked because of scandals.

With the resignation of André Ouellet from his \$400,000 a year patronage appointment there is now a real opportunity for the federal government to carry out its pledge to clean up the operations of its Crown corporations.

However, changes in the way Crown corporations operate may be hard to come by if

the government continues to only listen to the political appointees who run these corporations. For example, recent news reports indicate that Canada Post has told the federal government the way it runs things should remain secret. It has said that it should not be subject to the access-to-information law, arguing it "cannot successfully continue" if forced to comply with the provisions of the Access to Information Act.

It is true that there are valid concerns over the public release of sensitive business information that could harm the operations of Canada Post or other Crown corporations. However, the protection of important competitive information should not be used as a blanket excuse to refuse to disclose how public servants are using public resources or to allow them to continue with improper management practices.

The first step that the federal government should take is to

provide Parliament with a real opportunity to participate in the appointment of the heads of major Crown corporations. This would be an important step towards ensuring that the suitability of a person to run a Crown corporation would be based primarily on ability rather than loyalty to a political party. Otherwise Canadians can simply expect more of the same from a government that, as in the case of Mr. Ouellet, often treats the public treasury as a personal account from which to hand out Liberal Party favours.

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 at 1-866-333-1933 or at 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

Pineview Mixed Slo-Pitch Standings League

	G	W	L	Pts
Fire	28	22	6	44
Diehards	28	17	11	34
Misfits	28	17	11	34
As If	28	17	11	34
Out of the Blue	28	16	12	32
Hot & Heavy	28	13	15	26
Angels	28	8	20	16
Ugh	28	2	26	4

Tuesday Aug 24 Industrial Diamond 6:30 Hot & Heavy vs Angels Rupert Park 6:30 Fire vs As If

Wednesday Industrial Diamond 6:30 Hot & Heavy vs Ugh, if necessary at Rupert Park Fire vs As If

Thursday Industrial 6:30 Hot & Heavy vs Angels at Rupert 6:30 first game of A-side finals.

Games will begin at 6:30pm sharp. Games forfeit at 6:45pm.



Report from Legislature

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

The impact of PST increases and clawbacks on business

Small businesses in Manitoba are quickly realizing the full impact of the Doer Government's 2004 Budget. The Budget added Provincial Sales

Taxes to accounting services, legal services and to security monitoring services. The Budget also substantially reduced PST commissions from small businesses, and with the growing economic impact of the BSE (mad cow) crisis, business owners are losing money quickly. They will be hit again in September when hydro rates increase. The increased taxes combined with a decrease in revenue will drive some businesses out of Manitoba and will prevent other businesses from locating in Manitoba. Some small businesses in Manitoba are already having a difficult time and this will make things worse.

I have heard first-hand accounts of some small businesses that have lost hundreds of dollars this past month because of the new taxes and the reduced commissions earned from the collection of the PST. Rural businesses have already

seen a decrease in sales because cash-strapped livestock producers are keeping a tight hand on their pocketbooks, and this additional loss of income is not helping. Over a full year, many small business owners will lose thousands of dollars and this could force some of them to close their doors. A closure of a business means less jobs for the community and fewer jobs translates into population loss as more people relocate to find jobs in other areas or in other provinces. Both the community and the province loses.

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.

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Chocolate, 92580

Yes, Chocolate may look familiar. She's been waiting for a home since May 12. Chocolate has a lot of potential and is a lovely girl for a single-pet household. 'Chessies' are a retrieving dog who generally like water. A bit more challenging than Golden Retrievers or Labs, Chessies do best with firm and consistent owners. 50% off her adoption fee!



Marvin Martian, 94683

Marvin was found as a stray cat in the north end. Despite having a tattoo, his owner could not be located and he's up for adoption. Marvin is a lovely boy, mature, calm & settled, who'd love to warm up your lap! Almost 7 years old, he never expected to be starting all over again. \$59.00 fee.

The WHS would sincerely appreciate donations of Kong toys, colored bandannas, squeaky toys & canned cat food. Thank You!

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

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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Police Report for the period of August 16th to August 23rd, 2004



On the 16th of August, a report was rec'd that an adult female had gone camping with her two children and her boyfriend at an unknown location

in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. It was reported that this subject had not gone to work on the 16th, nor had her children gone to Day Care, and con-

cern was expressed over this. Investigation revealed that the subjects had been camping at Brereton Lake, but that they had left the camp-ground on Sunday. Matter passed to Wpg. Police Service for further follow-up in Wpg.

port was rec'd that a party was held at a location in Pinawa. When the guests departed, a CD player and liquor were noted missing. Police investigated at the time and recovered the CD player, headphones and 2 empty liquor bottles. Further investigation to be conducted.

request was rec'd from Wpg. Police Service to locate a subject and interview on an incident from Wpg. Investigation revealed that the subject in question was actually living in Wpg.

Pine Falls Community Billboard

Fort Alexander Health Centre: Diabetes Clinic 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Blood sugar check, nutritional counselling, phone 367-2208.
PACE 10-71375: meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Powerview 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 5:30pm. --call Dolores for info. at 367-2945
Foster Homes Open your heart and home to a foster child, foster homes needed in Pine Falls and surrounding area, call Debby at 268-6158.
Child Health Clinics - will be provided by area Public Health Nurse every Thursday afternoon at the Pine Falls Complex, Community Health Office assessments of babies (or child's) height, weight, infant nutrition, advice, immunizations (as necessary) and any other advice you may wish, please call 367-5406 for more info.
Weight Watchers: Effective October 8th Wednesdays at 4:45 weigh-in and at 5:30 Meetings

On the 16th of August, a report was rec'd that a blue SUV had swerved towards a pedestrian walking along P.R. 307 in the Whiteshell Prov. Park, in an apparent attempt to hit or scare the pedestrian.

On the 18th of August, a report was rec'd that a vehicle at a repair location in Whitemouth was broken into overnight & stereo equipment stolen.

On the 18th of August, a report was rec'd that a house on Leslie Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet had eggs thrown on it. Police patrolled the area, but the culprits were not located.

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: NO SERVICES DURING AUGUST, SERVICES RESUME SEPT. 5/04 Sunday service 11:00 a.m. Minister, Church 367-2633. Everyone Welcome. Sunday School, September 7 at 11:00 am, everyone welcome.
PINE FALLS ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT: Ph. 367-9520 Rector, the Rev. Sandra Tankard. Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.
ST. THERESA'S: Masses at Notre Dame du Laus.
ST. GEORGES: Mass Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
ST. JUDE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Grand Marais, Holy Eucharist - second and fourth Sundays, 11:00 a.m. Morning prayer 11:00 a.m. - first, third and fifth Sundays.
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Thalberg, 1 mile east and 1 mile south of Junction #12 and #304. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greenwald on Hwy #12, 1 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info call 635-2625 or 754-8682.
CHRISTIAN FAITH FELLOWSHIP - Bible study 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, church service 10:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:00 a.m.
HOUSE OF PRAYER FULL GOSPEL - 2:30 p.m. every Sunday, Scantebury, on Hwy. #59.
ST. MARGUERITE R.C. MISSION Pitt Road - Traverse Bay, 11:30 a.m. Sunday additional mass mid-June through Labour Day 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Closed November 1 to April 30th.
ST. ALEXANDER R.C. CHURCH located at Sagkeeng First Nations. Sunday mass 10:00 a.m.
ST. THERESA R.C. MISSION 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.

On the 17th of August, a report was rec'd of Off-Road Vehicles operating illegally on the road-way in the area of the Rod & Gun Club on Strong Road in the R.M. of Alexander. Police patrolled the area at the time, but the subjects were gone.

On the 18th of August, a report was rec'd from a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet that an under-age female who was staying at the location had gone to visit at a location at Great Falls. The complainant called the Great Falls location and was advised that the subject was not there. Police followed up and it was determined that this was a mix-up involving a different individual, and the subject in question was returned to the location where she was staying in the R.M.

On the 19th of August, a report was rec'd that a vehicle was vandalized while parked at an unknown lake in Nopiming Prov. Park.

On the 17th of August, a report was rec'd of a missing berry-picker in the area of the train tracks in the Brereton Lake area of the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police were in the process of initiating action to have a search commenced when advised that the subject had walked out of the bush.

On the 18th of August, a report was rec'd that a vehicle was spray-painted while parked overnight at a location in Whitemouth.

On the 19th of August, a request was rec'd from Wpg. River Detachment to locate an adult male in the R.M. of Alexander and execute an outstanding Warrant to Arrest.

On the 17th of August, a number of reports were rec'd of a black van driving in a careless manner at various locations in Pinawa. It was also reported that the adult male driver may be impaired. Police attended and located the van. It was determined at the time that there was insufficient evidence to arrest the subject for Impaired Driving, however, he was charged for Imprudent Driving.

On the 18th of August, a report was rec'd that a cottage had been broken into at a location on the South Shore of the Big Whiteshell Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Boat keys were stolen from inside the cottage, and damage done to screens, bird feeders, lanterns, etc.

On the 19th of August, a report was rec'd that a boat gas tank was stolen from a location on Powell Drive in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

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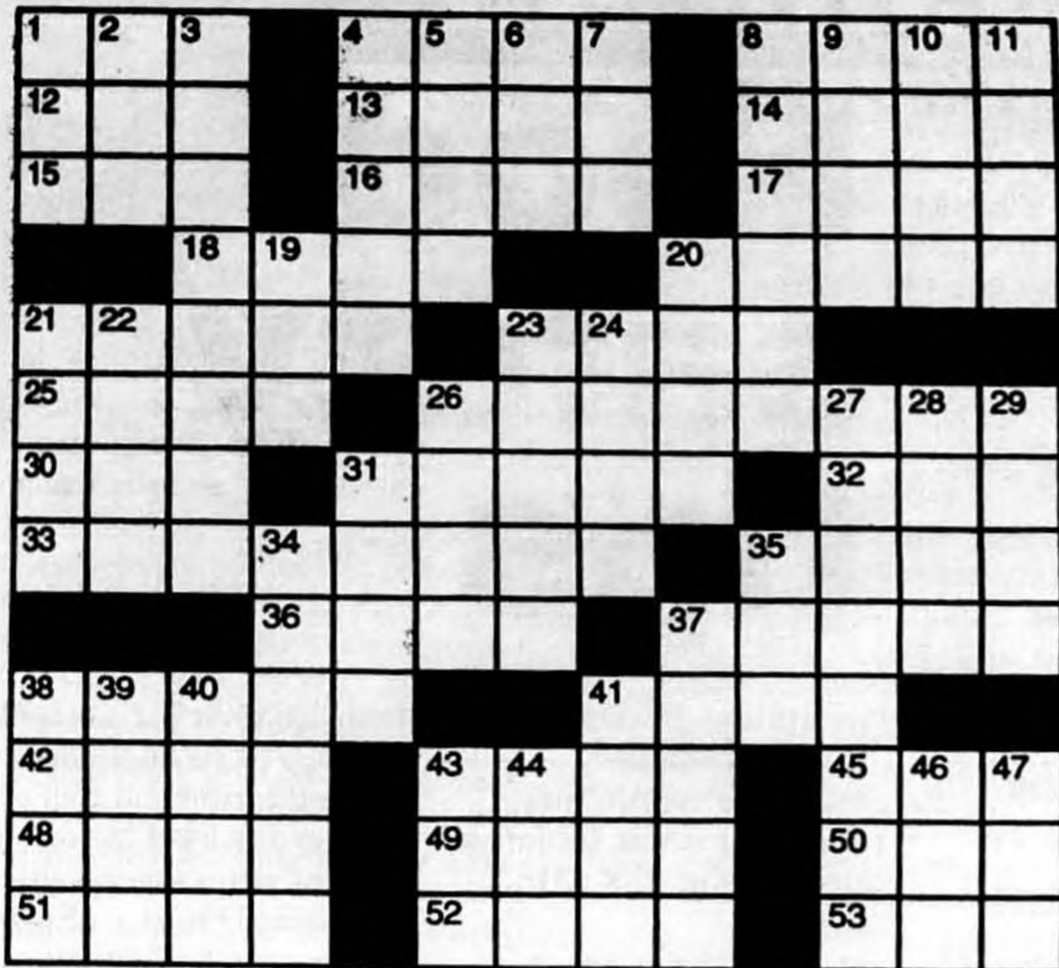
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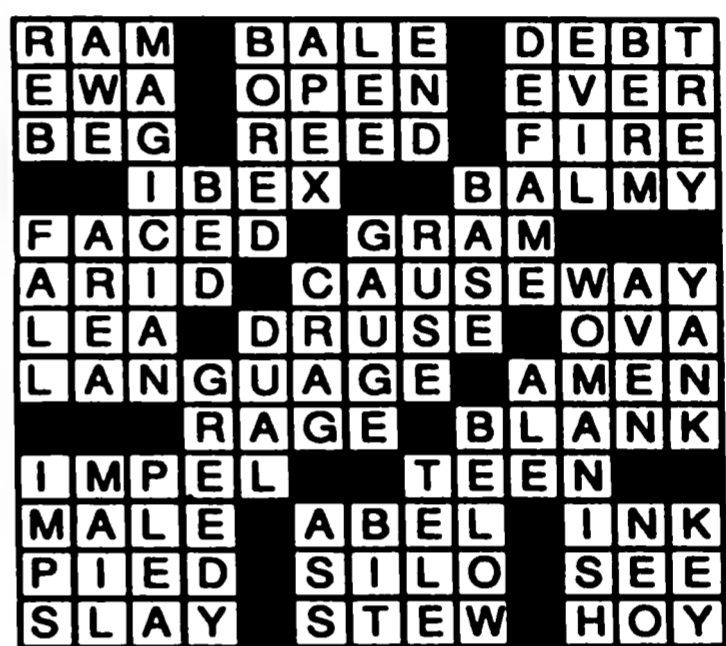
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- 32. Germ cells
- 33. Speech
- 35. So be it!
- 36. Seethe
- 37. Empty
- 38. Urge forward
- 41. Adolescent
- 42. Masculine
- 43. Homicide victim
- 45. Octopus shield
- 48. Splotted
- 49. Fodder pit
- 50. Understand
- 51. Kill violently
- 52. Boil slowly
- 53. Heavy barge

Down

- 1. Confederate soldier
- 2. Wondering fear
- 3. Sorcerer
- 4. Wearied by dullness
- 5. Pinnacle
- 6. Irish river
- 7. Terminate
- 8. Vilify
- 9. Malicious
- 10. Road shoulder

- 11. Playing card
- 19. Ocean bottom
- 20. Pedestal
- 21. Diminish
- 22. Zone
- 23. Measure
- 24. Stratagem
- 26. Broken cliff
- 27. Effeminate
- 28. Biblical city
- 29. Quick jerk
- 31. Double
- 34. Avaricious
- 35. Heavy bear
- 37. Underneath
- 38. Little devils
- 39. Body armor
- 40. Petition
- 41. Distant (comb. form)
- 43. Beast of burden
- 44. Morsel
- 46. New (comb. form)
- 47. Low reef

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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

BXCWDVEW QWF CDDP WGR HDS
 TFCCFS DS UDSQF, WF UBQ UDSQF
 CWBJ QWF CDDP WGR HDS.

Last Week's Solution

THE ONLY FAT FREE THING WORTH EATING NOW AND THEN IS YOUR PRIDE.

Weekly Echo Horoscopes

This edition covers the week of August 23 to August 29

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Education may be the answer. Erratic behavior may confuse others, and mood swings may result in isolation. Your ideas are right on the mark and your work commendable. Do not confront situations unless you are sure you have a good understanding of the dilemma.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Social activities that involve the whole family will be enjoyable. Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations. Don't be too quick to blame others for your bad mood. Unexpected romantic connections can be made if you go out with friends or take a pleasure trip.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
 You can get your point across if you don't beat around the bush. Pleasure trips will promote new romantic encounters. Take time to find out if anyone has a better suggestion before you make arrangements for the whole family. Uncertainties about your personal life are probable.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
 Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Don't let others know about your private affairs. If possible, rely on coworkers to back your objectives, and talk to superiors in order to get approval. Try to control your irritability if you're experiencing emotional problems with your partner.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)
 Visitors may relieve the tension. Don't reveal anything about your personal life to those who may use such information against you. Don't put all your cash in one place. Don't be too quick to judge those you live with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Channel your efforts into achieving your goals. Make plans to meet again in the near future. You may want to pull out some of those unfinished project you've got tucked away. Inharmonious situations at home may be extremely upsetting for you this week.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You will have the getup and go to contribute a great deal to groups of interest. Don't deny yourself this week. A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. You can make drastic changes in your professional direction this week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You may find that doing odd jobs around the house will be successful and appreciated by loved ones. Travel may be confusing. Don't be too shy to promote your own interests. You will impress others with your initiative and ability to accomplish while on short business trips.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Talking to those you trust and respect will help you sort out any problems. Children may be demanding, and entertainment could cost a lot more than you can really afford. Don't let your partner goad you into wearing your heart on your sleeve. Secret love affairs may be enticing; however, you must be prepared for the restraints that will follow.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)
 Confusion at an emotional level will cause you to make wrong decisions concerning your personal life. It might be best to work on your own; if possible, do your job out of your home this week. You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Set a limit, or you'll wind up on a tight budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Romance will unfold through business trips. Relatives will be cordial. Don't be too quick to react. Do not yield to children or relatives when they really don't deserve it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 The locks, stove, gas, or electric wires may not be secure. Your mind will be wandering to exotic destinations. You can spend a passionate evening with someone you cherish if you make your plans early. Visit someone who hasn't been feeling well lately.

Echo Classifieds

Doris Gustafson (nee Carlson)

Following a long and courageous battle, the family announces with deepest sorrow, the passing of Doris Gustafson in the early hours of August 16, 2004, at the age of 80 years. Doris is survived by her husband Eric (Johnny) V. Gustafson; her daughter Janet and her husband Rob Bater, with their children Chantel, Colin, and Bobby; her son Randy Gustafson; also Debbie Vancaesele, with her children Scott and Vanessa. In addition, Doris leaves surviving brothers and sisters Pearl Warren, June Wolfram, Fred (Loreen) Carlson, Budd (Helen) Mager, sister in law Marie Carlson and sister in law Lorraine Carlson. Doris was predeceased by two brothers, Chester and Edward Carlson.

Doris had a zest for life, never complaining about the hardships and challenges associated with her many activities. Doris was a source of inspiration to family members and friends. She loved her family and encouraged them to do their best, to help others and was very proud of their accomplishments, her efforts will continue with the achievements of her children and grandchildren. Flowers are gratefully declined. If friends and family who so desire may make contributions to the charity of their choice, or to the North Eastern Health Association (NEHA) "Palliative Care Unit" in Whitemouth District Health Centre, Henderson Avenue, Whitemouth, Manitoba.

Our deepest appreciation to Dr. L. Nel and the caring nurses, staff and volunteers in both the Pinawa Hospital and Whitemouth District Health Centre for the compassion to and care of Doris, and to all who supported family members in these final days and hours. Cremation has already taken place, a gathering of family, friends and relatives will be held on Sunday, August 22 at the family farm (Gustafson Road, Brookfield) between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00pm. Please arrive at your leisure. Silent thoughts of times together, Hold loving memories that will last forever.

Russell's of Beausejour, Manitoba in care of arrangements. Call 1-866-424-6271 toll free or 268-2263.

50th Wedding Anniversary for Mel & Arvella Matthews

to be held on Saturday, September 4th, beginning at 3:00pm. at the home of Darlene and Wyman Sangster of Stonewall. There will be a dinner served as well as a gift presentation. \$10.00 per person.

House for rent, 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, stove, fridge, quiet area in Great Falls. \$535 per month includes water call 345-2931. TFN-2

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



2 Bedroom suite for rent in Pine Falls. Stove, fridge, washer, dryer, call utilities included, \$600 month, available September 1st.

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

Need a babysitter? Willing to baby-sit any age Monday to Friday, mother of 3 (ages 7, 5 & 3) smoke free house, located in Powerview. If interested call Chantal @ 367-4461. TFN-1

1 Bedroom apartment for rent in St. Georges, utilities included, ideal for one person, available September 1, 2004, please call 367-8244 or 367-8268. TFN-1

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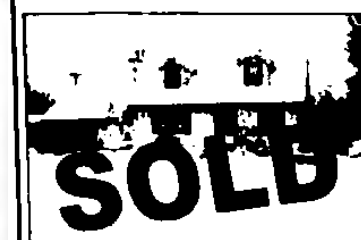
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MAPLE CREEK RD. - Approx 1764 sq ft 1 1/2 storey 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home situated on 5 acres. This home features central air, central vac, built-in stove and cook top, dishwasher, horse shelter (plumbed), storage shed, 1 1/2 car garage, new flooring, well treed yard. COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS BEST!!



PINE FALLS, 10 POPLAR ST. - Approx 1265 sq ft 1 3/4 storey home on a beautifully landscaped lot. This home features: 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, finished basement, 4 season sunroom, propane fireplace, paved driveway, deck and much more. BEAUTIFUL HOME!!



PINE FALLS, 38 MAPLE ST. - Approx. 1180 sq. ft 1 1/2 storey home. This home includes: 3 bedroom, 2 bathrooms, stove, dishwasher, freezer, fireplace, pellet stove, forced air electric, dog run, private yard, close to all amenities. RECENT RENOVATIONS!! CORNER LOT!!

Food safety tips

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Many people carry *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteria in their nasal passages and digestive system as well as on their face, hands and skin. Bacteria may be transferred from food to people, from people to food or from one food to another. When food comes in contact with these bacteria, we are at risk of getting a food-borne illness.

Up to one billion micro-organisms can live on a moist cloth that has been left on the kitchen counter too long. To sanitize the cloth, soak it in a solution of chlorine bleach and water (1 tbsp (15 mL) bleach to 1 gallon (4.5 L) water) or place it in the microwave on high for three minutes.

Also important, keep towels for wiping hands away from towels used to dry dishes or utensils. If you wipe an apple on a towel and then use the same towel to dry dishes, you will have transferred what you did not want to consume from the apple to the plate you may use later!

In the past few years, people have become ill after handling pet treats made from pig's ears. Bacteria were present on these treats and after handling, were transferred to individuals by hand to mouth contact. The problem could have been

avoided if the pet owners had washed their hands after handling the treats and after playing with their pet. A combination of warm sudsy water for a 20-second wash with a fresh water rinse should prevent this from happening in the future.

With the right conditions, bacteria double every 20 minutes. Starting with one bacterium and letting it multiply at this rate for 9 hours, it would produce more bacteria than there are people in Canada. Some types of bacteria need as few as 10 or 100 organisms to start growing a colony of bacteria that can cause illness.

Health Canada estimates that every year approximately two million Canadians suffer from illnesses caused by food-borne bacteria and about 30 of them die. Food-borne illnesses can result in chronic health problems in 2 to 3% of cases. Illnesses such as chronic arthritis, and hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) leading to kidney failure, have long-term consequences for the individuals affected and for society and the economy as a whole. Health Canada estimates that the annual costs related to food-borne illnesses and deaths exceeds \$1 billion. All of these food-borne cases are preventable.

We know that agriculture producers follow strict codes of practice when it comes to food safety. Are consumers being careful too?

For more food safety information, check out, www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture

CHILDMINDER Part Time (4 - 10.5 hrs/wk)

Wings of Power has a part-time position available for a childminder, effective September 1. Successful candidate will be responsible for the care of young children and for delivery of age-appropriate programming. Knowledge of early childhood development is required. Please submit resumé's to: Michelle Berthelette, Executive Director, Box 66, Pine Falls, MB, R0E 1M0, Fax: 367-9784 or email wingsofpower@mts.net, no later than 4 p.m. August 27th, 2004.

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was rec'd of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident on P.R. 307 between the CP and the CN tracks in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police attended and found the vehicle on the side of the roadway, on its side. No injuries from the accident, and the vehicle was towed.

On the 20th of August, an unregistered vehicle was stopped while being operated on Third Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. The adult male driver was charged accordingly, and the vehicle towed.

On the 20th of August, a report was rec'd of a motor vehicle accident involving a deer on P.R. 211 in the L.G.D. of Pinawa, and it was reported that the deer was still alive. Police attended in order to dispatch same, however, found it had expired.

On the 20th of August, a report was rec'd of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident on P.T.H. #11 west of Rennie in the R.M. of Reynolds, and it was reported that the occupants were impaired by alcohol. Police investigated with the subjects at Pinawa Hospital where they had been taken for treatment of minor injuries, and found that, in fact, none were

under the influence. The vehicle in question was towed from the scene.

On the 20th of August, a request was rec'd to contact an adult male at the Otter Falls Campground and pass on an urgent family message. Natural Resources located the subject and passed on the message.

On the 21st of August, an adult male was stopped while driving on P.R. 317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and found to be under the influence. He subsequently produced readings over the legal limit, and was lodged to sober up. Released when sober for Court, with the customary License suspension and impoundment of vehicle. An intoxicated adult female passenger was also lodged to sober up, as she had no-one to pick her up.

On the 21st of August, an adult male was stopped while driving on P.R. 317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and found to be under the influence. He produced a "Warn" on the Roadside Screening Device, and was issued a 24 Hour License Suspension.

On the 21st of August, a report was rec'd from a location in Elma that unknown subjects were dig-

ging at the complainant's septic tank.

On the 21st of August, a report was rec'd that a sleeping bag and a pair of size 11 boots were stolen from a vehicle parked since Tuesday at Springer Lake in Nopiming Prov. Park.

On the 21st of August, a report was rec'd of noise coming from the Betula Lake Ball Park. The complainant was advised that this was a fund-raiser which had been authorized by Natural Resources.

On the 21st of August, a report was rec'd of a number of adult males causing a disturbance and refusing to leave a Licensed premises in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that the subjects had departed, however, they were located at another location in the Town. Two of the group were returned to the initial location, where apologies were provided to the serving personnel.

On the 22nd of August, a report was rec'd that a vehicle parked in the downtown area of the Town of Lac du Bonnet had the passenger side window broken and the running board damaged.

On the 22nd of August, a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business in Whitemouth. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 22nd of August, an adult male was charged for driving without a valid Drivers License at a business in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. At this time it was found that the subject was breaching the conditions of a Probation Order by residing with a subject that he was not to be residing with, so was issued an appearance document for Court.

On the 22nd of August, police

recovered a Winnipeg Sun newspaper box along P.R. 317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Same appeared to have been struck by a vehicle.

On the 22nd of August, a report was rec'd of fireworks being set off and noise from a camp-site at White Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police attended and shut the party down.

On the 23rd of August, a report was rec'd of noise at a location in the Otter Falls camp-ground in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Police attended and quieted the situation down.

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from a residence.

August 19:

GRAND BEACH - in the early morning hours police were called to a fire which engulfed a boat and trailer containing 2 dirt bikes. The fire made it's way to the house but was extinguished at that point. Local fire departments attended the scene. Investigation continues.

BOULDER BAY - police patrolled an area after a complaint of a suspicious vehicle entering several driveways was reported.

FORTALEXANDER - a residence was attended when a male began causing problems and would not leave.

August 20:

FORTALEXANDER - police were called to remove an unwanted male from a residence who was causing problems for his grandparents.

GRAND MARAIS - an attempted break in to a garage shop was made and a box of beer stolen in the incident.

HILLSIDE BEACH - a break, enter and theft occurred to a cottage. Numerous items were taken which included tv, dvd, tools and food. Access gained through a kitchen window.

- a break, enter and theft occurred to a 2nd cottage. Food, stereo and a chain saw were noticed stolen from this location. Access was not confirmed.

- a third cottage was the victim of a break, enter and theft. A list of items stolen was not available at this time. Point of entry was the front door.

August 21:

FORTALEXANDER - police are investigating a disturbance where a male was causing problems.

- a spousal assault is under investigation. Police were called when a neighbour heard the altercation escalating.

- an emotionally disturbed male was reported to be causing problems for family at a residence. Police attended to remove the male from the home.

TRAVERSE BAY - a fight outside a local business caused police to attend. Investigation continues on the matter.

POWERVIEW - a complaint of a loud party caused police to attend a residence.

August 22:
FORTALEXANDER - police attended a residence to remove an unwanted male guest who was causing problems. The male was in breach of a court order. He was lodged in cells and later released on a promise to appear in Powerview Court at a later date.

- an extremely intoxicated male was lodged in cells for his own safety. The man was released when sober.

- a search of an area was con-

ducted after family called police in search of a missing male relative. The man was emotionally distraught over a matter and family feared for his safety.

- police attended a residence where an emotionally disturbed youth was threatening suicide.

GRAND MARAIS - a report of several youth setting off roman candles caused police to patrol the area for mischief.

- police attended a complaint of a loud party, advising parties to turn down the music and call it a night.

HILLSIDE BEACH - an intoxicated male began to trash the cabin he was at when police were called. The male was intoxicated at the time. Police continue to investigate.

POWERVIEW - investigation continues into a report of vandalism at an apartment block.

- police were called to a residence when a female youth attempted suicide. The youth was taken to the local hospital for treatment.

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.

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