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## Major drug bust in Lac du Bonnet?

### Trans-Canada drugstore closes quickly after police raid

by Jim Hampshire

Lac du Bonnet is well known for a lot of its qualities but being a major cog in an international drug smuggling ring isn't one of them.

Last Wednesday local RCMP and members of the Winnipeg Drug Squad swept through Trans-Canada Fitness in Lac du Bonnet as a part of a Canada-wide drug sting, involving 250 police officers across four provinces. RCMP say that the Lac du Bonnet business, owned by local resident Rodger Bruneau, was used to warehouse the drug Ephedrine, which is commonly found in cold medicine but used as a key ingredient in the production of Methamphetamine. The Lac du Bonnet bust was coordinated with a series of search and seizure warrants in other provinces, including Ontario, Alberta and BC. According to surveillance reports, RCMP allege that large quantities of Ephedrine was trucked from Thunder Bay to the Trans-Canada Fitness centre in Lac du Bonnet, as well as another fitness centre in Winnipeg before the drug was shipped to Hanna Alberta for repackaging.

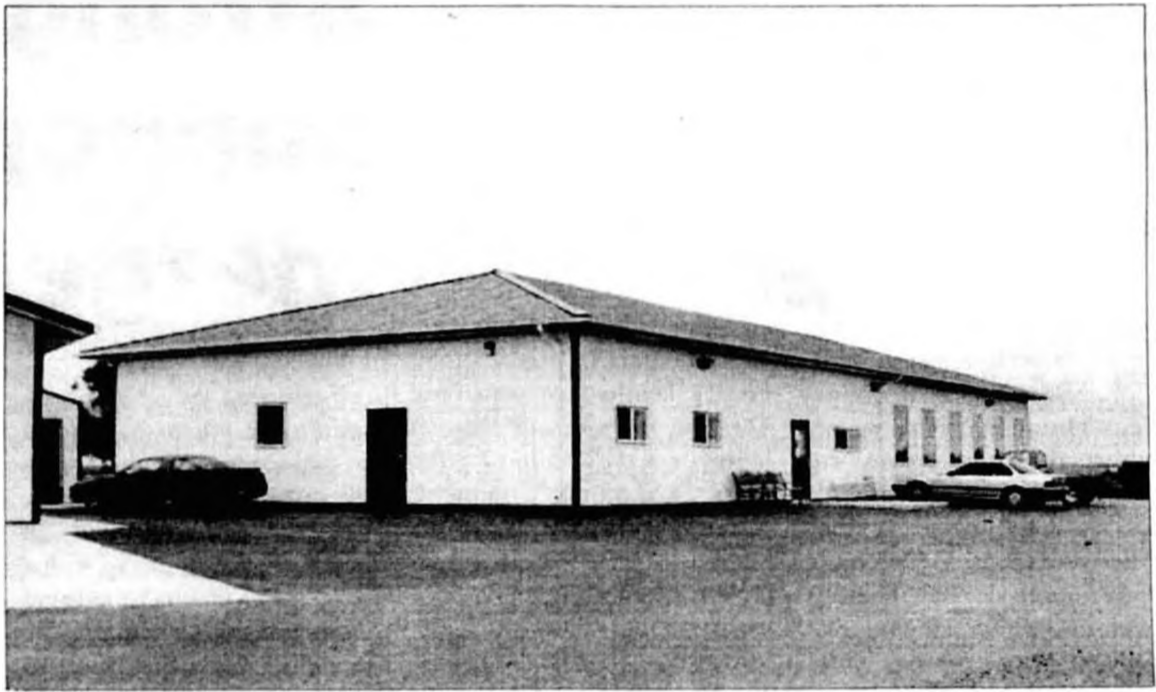
"Manitoba was the centre of distribution," RCMP inspector Dennis McGuffin told a news conference held in Winnipeg on Thursday afternoon. "We believe this was one of the major distribution networks in Canada, if not North America."

According to McGuffin,

20,000 pounds of Ephedrine with a street value of \$14.5 million (when processed) was seized along with \$3.5 million in cash during the Canada-wide drug raid. Of that amount, Crown Attorneys say that \$2.7 million in cash was seized from a Winnipeg storage locker facility. Besides cash and drugs, two Limited Edition Dodge Vipers were also seized from a residence in Winnipeg.

Locally, Staff Sergeant Mel Mitchell of the Lac du Bonnet detachment said he is unable to comment on the investigation, although he did confirm that four members of the local detachment accompanied members of the Winnipeg Drug Squad during the 7:00am drug raid at the Trans-Canada Fitness centre last Wednesday. Overall, Mitchell reported that detachment members spent ten hours combing over evidence at the Lac du Bonnet location.

Bruneau, who was a candidate for Mayor of Lac du Bonnet in the elections last fall, built the Lac du Bonnet fitness centre on Minnewawa Street in 2001 after closing Rodger's Gym in Pinawa. The 42-year-old body builder, who is probably best known for hosting fitness and strength competitions during the Canada Day long weekend, was charged with conspiracy to produce Methamphetamine and conspiracy to export Ephedrine. Bruneau's 19-year-old son, Rodger Aubrey Bruneau, who worked at the local fitness centre, also faces similar charges.



Trans-Canada Fitness in Lac du Bonnet was the scene of a raid by local RCMP and the Winnipeg Drug Squad

Another family connection was also established in Hanna Alberta, where 45-year-old Aubrey Norton Bruneau - brother to Rodger Bruneau Sr. - also faces drug conspiracy charges.

In all, ten Manitobans were charged during the drug bust, including a 16-veteran of the Winnipeg Police Service. Cst. Bruce Huynen, a member of the Winnipeg Police Gang Unit up until 2003, was charged with unlawful communication with the smuggling ring.

RCMP began investigating the alleged drug network in January of this year, after receiving information from the American Drug Enforcement Agency, as part of their two-year investigation. According to media reports, Rodger

Bruneau Jr. was released on bail on Friday of last week, while Rodger Bruneau Sr. was expected to be released on bail on Monday of this week.

Methamphetamine, more commonly known as Crystal

Meth, is inexpensive to produce and relatively cheap to buy at only \$20 for a twelve-hour high. Besides a state of euphoria, side effects can include severe anxiety or paranoia with some users.

## Strong support for merger

by Charles Norman

People in Pine Falls and Powerview have responded to criticism of the Merger Committee and the deal negotiated between Tembec, Pine Falls and Powerview with an outpouring of support for the merger process.

A Unity Committee has been formed with the objective of putting unity back into the community. A unity walk was

organized on Sunday. Pine Falls residents walked from the Pineview Lodge along highway 11 to the trapshoot site. Powerview residents walked from Clark's Corner to meet the Pine Falls residence at the site.

The Echo has received an unprecedented number of letters supporting the merger committee and the merger itself.

These letters can be found beginning on page 2.

### \$100,000 missing

by Charles Norman

When it comes to knowing where the money is, the success of the merger has been a topic of discussion for some time. The Echo has received a lot of feedback on this issue. The Echo has received a lot of feedback on this issue. The Echo has received a lot of feedback on this issue.

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## Tembec responds

Dear Editor:

Tembec had a goal to see whether it could negotiate an agreement with elected representatives from Powerview and Pine Falls on terms for a merger of these two communities. This was accomplished in May 2004. The agreement terms were taken to residents of both communities who voted overwhelmingly in favour to proceed with the merger in July 2004. Tembec is also fully supportive of the Municipal Board hearings scheduled for October 2004, where individuals will have yet another opportunity to voice their concerns, objections and support.

Tembec also has an obligation to be able to show people where the money they entrusted to Tembec to provide services in the town-site of Pine Falls was spent. We have not been able to do that. There is over \$100,000 of money and equipment which we cannot account for. Based on both an external and internal review it appears some of this money was wrongfully dispersed. Tembec has asked that people

with the most intimate knowledge of the activities related to administration of this money to come forward to cooperate in determining its whereabouts - any meaningful cooperation has not been forthcoming. Where people involved were in positions of trust for monies paid to Tembec, they have now been removed.

At no time has Tembec attempted to discourage or silence any voices of dissent or support on the merger. The pending legal action and the merger process are not related in any way, shape or form.

There have been many recent attempts to publicly discredit Tembec or dissuade Tembec from doing what it believes is right in having the money and property returned. These attempts will not influence any resolve. Tembec feels it has both a legal and a moral duty to use every available legal avenue it has to close this matter fairly to justly.

Sincerely,

Tembec Paper Group Pine Falls Operations  
 Dan Boyer,  
 General Manager



Some of the Pine Falls and Powerview residents who marched for unity in the community on Sunday

## Strong support for merger

Dear Editor:

I attended the meeting on September 9th to hear what was described as the truths about the merger. One member of the committee said that they were not opposed to the merger, but just to something about the tax structure. The only other things that I learned was that one person was fired from his job and that another person said that there was a rumour going around that he had been fired and that this was not so. Also that a lot of people and families had been hurt. I am sorry about these things, but this was the first time I had heard of these incidents. I left this meeting really not knowing what it was all about.

There have been several committees and an elected council since 1998 or thereabouts and all the committee members have worked very hard to bring forth some form of resolution. To all those who

served on these committees and council, I thank you. There has

been pros and cons throughout all negotiations and as I read the proposal for merger with Powerview I could see parts of interests brought to the forefront. I think it is a proposal well thought out and was very well presented to the residents of Pine Falls and Powerview. To those who stayed and worked to bring the proposal to fruition I can only say "a job well done".

On September 13 there was a drop off in our mail box stating that the current proposal by Tembec and Powerview is disastrous, but at the September 9 meeting they said they were not opposed to the merger. Also on this paper no mention is made of the Pine Falls committee members being present at the negotiations but they were. You know who these members are and I feel, as a resident of

Pine Falls, that I was well represented at the negotiation table.

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## Strong support for merger

from page 2

The second point on this notice stated the Focus Group will develop terms for a "better merger deal". My question - with whom will you negotiate this better deal?

Part three of the notice lists six points in the current deal. I think these points were all explained in the present proposal.

Let us accept the voters decision to amalgamate Pine Falls and Powerview into one entity. The merger proposal gives us all a good stable base to work on, so let's do it.

Brad Robertson

Dear Editor:

Having lived, and been a taxpayer, in several Manitoba communities I must say that we have felt pampered living in Pine Falls. Never have we lived in a community in which we have enjoyed

the level of services and facilities provided while paying such low service fees/taxes.

Economic reality, however, means that for this area to grow and prosper a merger of the two communities is essential. Neither Pine Falls nor Powerview on its own has the population to progress. Government grants can be applied for only by municipalities - which at present excludes Pine Falls.

Reliance on one industry can be very dangerous - mills can be and are being shut down. On Tuesday, September 14, 2004 the St. Anne Naekawic pulp mill near Fredericton suddenly shut down. In a town of 1,000 people the mill directly employed 50% of the population and provided 40% of the annual budget through property taxes. With a scenario such as

this, WHY is Tembec being vilified as the bad guy? Unless there is a unified Pine Falls/Powerview we would never be prepared to deal with the ups and downs in the economy.

Please let us be forward thinking to enable our whole area to prosper. The mentality of "Us vs. Them" must stop.  
MS

Dear Editor:

As I was walking to my exercise class the other morning, I thought what a great little community I live in and when the merger goes through what an even greater "little community" I'll be living in.

It is time for this community to get behind our "three" still standing merger committee members and congratulate them for hanging in there despite the effort of some

to divide the community and derail the process entirely.

To Jack, Paul and Sean and the Powerview Merger Group - keep working guys and gals and don't give up on us. Most of us are in full support of you and the merger.

Sincerely,  
Aggie Hibbert

Dear Editor:

The merger of our two communities is the best thing that could happen for all concerned.

There are a lot of great people in both communities. I have many friends in Pine Falls and in Powerview.

This is great, we will be one.

Many thanks to the members of Powerview town Council, Bev, Michelle, Danny, Ted and Henry and our three hard-working guys from Pine Falls, Jack, Paul and Sean. Wonderful job guys.

You all have my personal thanks,  
Shack Hibbert

Dear Editor:

Re: Pine Falls/Powerview Merger  
I am pleased to have

the opportunity to voice my opinion in this matter. We have lived in Powerview for 37 years. We have family and friends in both Powerview and Pine Falls. We are happy to see this merger finally happening.

After speaking with an listening to a great majority of Pine Falls residents and other Powerview residents. I would say that most people are looking forward to seeing this merger take place.  
Andy and Anna Nault

Dear Editor:

Its a sad day for democracy when 80% of a democratic process voted in favour of the current merger between Powerview and Pine Falls, and only a few who are trying to derail the process.

I strongly feel that the current merger deal between Tembec/Powerview/Pine Falls is a fair one for all sides and hope that the merger will go forward. We need this merger as soon as possible so that our communities can move forward.

My understanding is, that each community can keep it's own name until such time as the residents request a name change.

It's only natural that Powerview will get a greater reduction in taxes as the Mill property assessment will be spread over Pine Falls and Powerview instead of only Pine Falls. We must not forget that Powerview has paid their own way for infrastructure costs,

whereas Pine Falls has had a free ride.

The mill will also be paying for future infrastructure costs, above the amount in the current merger deal, as the mill property assessment is part of the total tax assessment.

The company has provided a very good lifestyle for us and I hope that everyone will support the merger.

Mel Jaster

Dear Editor:

I have lived in Pine Falls since 1926. In that time there have been many changes. Pine Falls once had a population of 1200 made up of young couples bringing up families. Now the population has dwindled to about 650 people most of whom are retirees.

In today's economy, company towns no longer exist. It is logical that Pine Falls amalgamate with Powerview with whom we already share many services.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the committee of Jack Shwaluk, Paul Pelland and Sean Kembell we have an agreement in principle between Tembec, Powerview and Pine Falls which has been voted acceptable by 83% of the residents. Let's move forward and look for many more years in a prosperous community.

Yours truly,  
Anne Cavers

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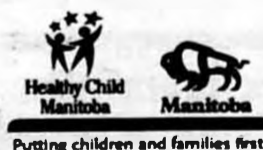
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# A new cottage industry

## Lac du Bonnet makes unwelcome headlines

By Jim Hampshire

It looks like Lac du Bonnet made the national news, but it turns out that it is publicity the town really doesn't want.

Last Wednesday, members of the RCMP Drug Squad converged on a Lac du Bonnet business to execute a search and seizure warrant in an al-

leged drug smuggling ring that spans four provinces. And one small Manitoba town.

As police reports suggest, Lac du Bonnet was a major hub in an international Crystal Meth drug network that, up until now, was synonymous with bigger cities, much like Vancouver or Toronto. Not

something you'd like to write home to mother about.

Still, residents around Lac du Bonnet are taking the national news in stride, knowing full well that this recent news item is the exception and not the norm.

"I wondered how he (Rodger Bruneau of Tans-

Canada Fitness) could build and pave the parking lot so quickly," said one elderly Lac du Bonnet resident who didn't want to be identified. "All along I thought there must be good money in the fitness business."

But the spending didn't stop there. According to provincial records, the owner of the Lac du Bonnet fitness centre, Rodger Bruneau, also owned a fitness centre in Winnipeg, along with a tanning salon adjacent to the business. Besides the property investments, Bruneau also operated two five-ton trucks, which were often located at the Lac du Bonnet business.

"I always found it odd that a fitness centre would own two big vans," another nearby resident said anonymously. "Obviously the equipment should stay in the gym, so what's with the trucks?"

According to police reports, the trucks were used to transport Ephedrine in large quantities, where the drug is deemed illegal in the United States. Ephedrine, in pure form, is an additive for weight-loss remedies here in Canada and is often found in cold medicines. However, the drug is banned in the United States because it was linked to 155 deaths and numerous heart attacks and strokes. While the Ephedrine is still available in Canada, it is still unlawful to transport or warehouse large quantities of the drug as it is used in the production of Crystal Meth.

Charges of conspiracy to produce Methamphetamine have been laid against Rodger Patrick Bruneau, and his son, Rodger Aubrey Bruneau. Both are expected to make bail, but as of press time, Rodger Patrick Bruneau was still in custody.

## Merger Focus group meetings continue in Pine Falls

submitted by  
Angela Enright

"We want to include every person in the community as this is an important step toward our future" says Pine Falls advisory council member Brian Ryall.

Focus groups are having wonderful success. People who have attended and read Powerview's annexation proposal are asking that you come, see, hear, and participate. Your thoughts need to be included.

The revitalized Pine Falls Advisory Council and former members of the Pine Falls Merger Committee are working together with citizen focus groups in developing a proposal which reflects the wishes of the

residents and is more equitable. Focus Group meetings were held twice a day all last week in Pine Falls and are scheduled to continue this week and next week as well if necessary.

Citizens of Pine Falls are reporting that there is a lot to be concerned about in the terms of the annexation proposal forwarded by Tembec and Powerview which is currently before the Municipal Board.

Most individuals feel they were misled by the "Vote question" which merely reflected a concept of merger, but had no reference to the terms and their potential impact.

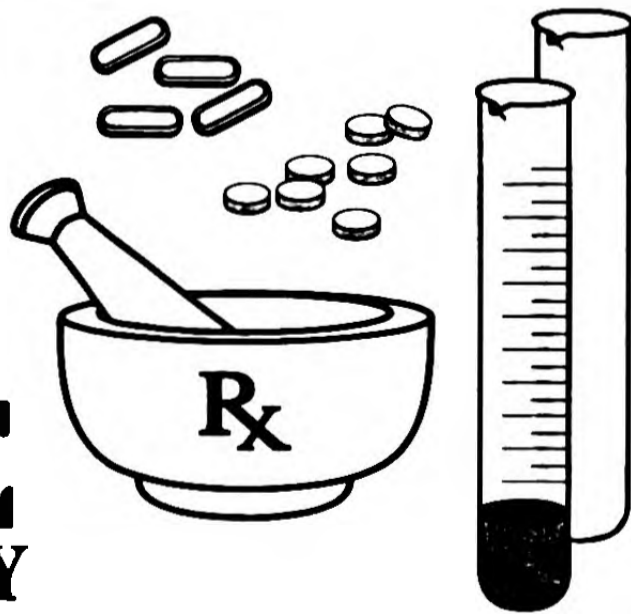
Citizens want to be involved in working together to make a "better deal".

Pine Falls Advisory Chair Darrell Parisian says: "The existing terms will cause community rifts and conflict which are likely to create deep rooted problems for our communities". "To achieve a successful merger, we must have everyone's input in reviewing and creating merger terms which are fair to all, over the long term."

If any community member wishes to take part in the focus groups they should call.....Darrell @ 367-2512 or Kristy @ 367-9668

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Dear Editor:

This letter is written with reference to the epistle by Warren Kane in the September 14th, 2004 issue of the Echo. The true facts - I think not. I will touch on the most glaring errors.

Background: Pine Falls always has been and still is a Company town. Caveats registered against all private properties in the Land Titles office provide authorization for the company to administer Pine Falls. Tembec did not abandon their responsibilities with the advent of the Advisory Council. The only authority of the Advisory Council was through the Company. The Council had no power beyond those of the Company, although they claimed otherwise. Where did these mystical powers come from? The mandate of the Council was clearly stated (1) to look after the day to day affairs of Pine Falls (2) to negotiate with Powerview in order to have a merger of the two communities.

During the 2 1/2 years of the Council, they looked after the day to day affairs of the town but soon broke off negotiations with Powerview. The Council operated as if it was an independent body with no control on its operations. It developed a useless subdivi-

sion at a very high cost. It purchased a former church house for \$28,000.00 although it could have been obtained at no cost as its lease on Company land was soon to expire. It wasted thousands of dollars on useless expense trips throughout Manitoba, plus a completely useless trip to Toronto for 5 Council members to see Mr. Dottori. There were no controls on expenses.

The Advisory Council was never accountable to the ratepayers of Pine Falls. We never received an audit for the years of 2000, 2001 and 2002 from the Council. I was very pleased to see the end of it. I attended several council meetings and noticed that most of their time was wasted on matters that were outside of their mandate. Warren asks us to report to the dissidents (my word, not his) on any comments made by a friend, a neighbour, or anyone else. Sound familiar?

There is no such organization as the Pine Falls Advisory Group. It disappeared on October 23rd, 2002. The merger group was not terminated just because four elected members chose to take their marbles and leave. Pine Falls residents were properly represented by Jack, Paul, and Shawn and are still represented to this day.

Terms of Annexation by Powerview at the present time, these terms are fair and reasonable. You cannot tell big governments and big companies how to operate. In the whole scheme of things, Pine Falls is a very small piece of the pie.

In Pine Falls we have a small group of dissidents. What is fair and reasonable to Pine Falls is not the object. Power and control over our town is the ultimate objective. In any war, truth is the first casualty. In Pine Falls, truth has been convoluted by the dissidents to confuse those citizens of Pine Falls who have little or no knowledge of Municipal affairs.

Stand up for Pine Falls and our three elected merger group. Do not be confused by those among us who will go to any length to destroy our rights to free speech and association.

Sincerely,  
 Glen Logan

Dear Editor:  
 Re: Dan Lett's article "Big trouble in small town" in the Free Press dated September 5th 2004.

I feel this article was a bit slanted and I would like to give you my experience of Living in this "Company Town" of Pine Falls.

My husband and I have lived here for 53

years, raised four children and still are enjoying our life here. My oldest son who lives in Burlington Ontario always asks me when he phones home, "How is everybody in Fantasy Land?"

We have a beautiful golf course, a beautiful hospital, with a care home attached. A nice indoor hockey rink, with a curling club attached with club rooms above. Tennis courts and a village green with a paved walking path around the green. We have a nice hotel with dining facilities and many other businesses around. Within the last year the Northern Store chose to close its doors and this building is just waiting for some entrepreneur to take over, all within walking distance of our homes.

The people of Pine Falls have been spoiled living in this "Company Town". We have not had to worry about the mill rate, infrastructure, high taxes, water, etc. We are now going into the real world kicking and screaming.

To say that Tembec was and is not truthful with us, in my dealings with this company, I feel that they have tried everything to make this change as easy as they can make it. They told the Union Employees, among others things, that they did not want the town, they were not in the business of running a town. If the employees

did not like this, Do not vote for us to buy your company. The employees voted for Tembec to buy the company. A few concerned citizens, myself included, asked for a meeting with Mr. Dottori, CEO of Tembec, as we were concerned about the infrastructure of the town. Mr. Dottori was here for one day and was nice enough to meet with us for a breakfast meeting, to discuss this issue. He told us at that time, when we decide what we were going to do with the town, that Tembec, the Provincial Government, Federal Government and the citizens of Pine Falls would all help pay for infrastructure as is needed. As we have been living with low taxes, not paying for water and we have all the amenities like garbage pickup, snow removal, etc., Pine Falls citizens should be ready to pay some of the cost of the Infrastructure as problems arise.

The vote to merge with Powerview was 95% at this vote. Since that time, the Advisory Committee, that Tembec allowed us to vote to represent us, has been dragging this merger on too long and did not appear to us that they were working towards the merger the 95% of the people voted for. Hence the Company dropped this group and formed a Merger committee, who we were also allowed to

vote for, to try to get this merger done. I feel the Company has been as helpful with the citizens of Pine Falls to get this merger done, and I didn't see all the citizens marching in front of the company offices, when the Advisory committee were dropped. I think two years was long enough so other means had to be tried. Tembec hoped this town would be out of their hands within a year. It is now 5 years or so.

So in your article Dan, you say, Bryan Ryall, Bill Borlase, Angela Enright, and Darrell Parisian are "dumbfounded", as you put it, that they were dropped by Tembec, I think anyone of us would be dropped by any Company, if we were not doing what we were hired to do.

A big thank you goes out to the Merger Committee consisting of Pine Falls and Powerview citizens for getting this job back on track, with a lot of hard work by this group.

When the two towns become one, and things start happening economy wise, this group will be remembered for all their hard work and their names should be posted in our joint New Municipal Office for their dedication to this project.

So, as Peter Warren would say, "Let's Get On With It".

Sincerely,  
 Shirley Lavallee

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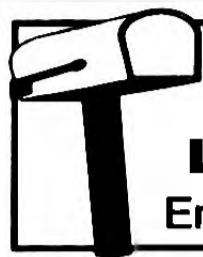
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## Strong merger support

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to say as a Powerview resident that I would like to see us all come together as a community. I have been living in Powerview for 37 years and have always loved this area. We all have friends and family living in both communities, so let's unite.

This is only my opinion,  
Linda Friesen

Dear Editor:

We would like to thank Jack Shwaluk, Sean Kemball and Paul Pelland along with the Powerview council for all their hard work in getting the merger on track. The coming together of Pine Falls and Powerview is a natural happening, as we already share schools, churches, hockey rinks, stores, etc. A big thank you guys and gals for all your hard work.

While we are thanking people who work for the betterment of the community I would also like to thank Valarie Anderson and her helpers for another great 4P weekend. All of the above people deserve credit for their community spirit.

Ray and Shirley Lavallee

Dear Editor:

I don't want anyone being a spokesperson for me - as a citizen of Pine Falls I am quite capable of expressing my own opinions.

I feel that people are looking forward to the historic and exciting event that is about to

take place when Powerview and Pine Falls become one town.

We've gone leaps and bounds towards unity over the years. Our schools have joined forces. Also our churches have become one with no problems. The barriers that used to exist are no longer there.

I feel sympathy for anyone who may be having personal problems in our community. I think issues that are not pertaining to the merger of our communities is none of our business.

I'd like to thank our representatives Jack Shwaluk, Paul Pelland and Sean Kemball who have devoted their time and efforts on our behalf in the interest of the merger.

What small town would not bend over backwards to have a company in their town that would pay 3/4 of their tax base?

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my opinion.

Mary-Anne Loughheed

Dear Editor:

Keep us O Lord from pettiness, let us be large in thought in word and deed.

Let us be done with fault finding and leave off self seeking.

May we put away all pretence and meet each other face to face, without self pity and without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid.

Let us take the time, for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle.

Grant that we may realize that it is the little things that create differences: that in the big things of life we are one.

And may we strive to touch and know the great human heart common to us all.

And, O Lord God, let us not forget to be kind.

As we prepare to become one - let us use this as our Creed.

C.K.B.

Dear Editor:

I have been a resident of Pine Falls for nearly 25 years. It is a beautiful community in a beautiful area. I would like to see the whole region prosper. Since the mill does not want to run a town, let us join our neighbours and continue in unity. This will require sincere effort plus give and take from all concerned.

A complete history of events leading to this day is not possible in a short space, however beginning with the vote: re: should we join with Powerview: the result was a large percent in favour. A committee was elected to carry out this mandate. We didn't hear much for a long time with only rumours of why one, two, three and then four members resigned or were let go. The remaining three continued with Powerview and Tembec to finally reach an

agreement, which was presented to Pine Falls and Powerview residents. A vote was taken and passed by both communities. There continued to be rumours about what happened and why. A meeting was called by a group who appeared to be against the merger. The note at our door said "the truth" would be told at this meeting. So I went with the Proposed Merger in Principle in hand, so that I could be on the same page and chapter as we heard this "truth". There was very little discussion about the merger except one person who called the meeting said they agreed with the merger in principle, but wanted to make sure that an explanation re: taxes was made and cleared up before the merger became fact. There was a plea for sympathy and understanding for those who had suffered by being let go from either work or the committee. They and their families certainly have my sympathy as the situation has, I'm sure, been stressful, not only for them but for those who continued the assigned task of reaching an agreement on the merger. My thanks to all who worked on any of the committees - as there was a great deal of work done over the past several years by all parties concerned.

In spite of assurances that the group who called the meeting agreed with the merger in principle (with one exception i.e: tax money) within four days (September 13) we received a Notice to Pine Falls Residents - more meetings to tell us that we would be paying Tembec's debt for 20 years; giving away our ability to grow; giving away our tax money but not our expenses, etc...

Why weren't these points discussed at the open meeting, instead of in small groups privately. Besides these things are dealt with in the proposed merger on which we voted. So

lets see what the Municipal Board says about the merger in principal before stirring up more trouble between friends and neighbours. As far as I know a public Municipal Board hearing is always held when a merger is proposed. Let's work from there.

J.E.R.

Dear Editor:

It is my understanding that the Echo is prepared to print rebuttals to the transcript of Warren Kane's comments at the community meeting on September 9, 2004 regarding the merger/annexation of the communities of Pine Falls and Powerview. I attended that meeting and read a short prepared statement. Attached is my transcript:

"At the outset I must say how distressed my family and I are at the angst which was been created within this community over the past few years. We have had three generations of our two families raised in this wonderful town. We have been privileged to enjoy the best facilities a town of the size could possibly expect - both recreational and social economic. Whether that good fortune has been due to our being a "company town" a town of great volunteers or a happy combination of both is immaterial what is happening right now in Pine Falls is heart wrenching. If just a small portion of the negative energy generated here was put towards a more productive end, we might be looking at a community with a vibrant future rather than a dying town.

I must say that I am insulted that "The community coalition" Group could possible think that after five years of listening to both sides of the issues I am "uninformed and don't know what is in the best interests"

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of my family and my town.

I have participated in two referendums both of which were overwhelmingly in favour of this merger. I voted in an election for "Mayor" (the rest of the Advisory Council were elected by acclamation), and I helped to elect a "merger committee of seven", four of whom resigned. I am disappointed in you four - you did not fulfill the trust placed in you by the voters of this community.

This group's attempts to "Nix, derail or delay" the merger process are reprehensible given the fact that amalgamation is the overwhelming wish of the local electorate.

My sympathies are with the families who have been hurt through all of this - however, I feel that your fight must be with the company not through the community merger process. - End of Transcript.

Furthermore I must admit to outright anger upon receipt of the "Notice to Pine Falls Residents" which was delivered to my porch on September 13, 2004.

Given the fact that a "Merger Deal" has been approved by the electorate, what right has this group to suggest a "new and better merger deal".

What ability for future growth will we be giving away with the present deal? This town is gasping for breath, our property is worth little and we are rapidly losing businesses in our downtown area, due in a large part I believe to the long-standing conflict.

We will not be "giving away" our history. We will be amalgamating the histories of two communities which have been intertwined over many years.

The statement that the ma-

jority of the merger to develop a better merger deal is erroneous and totally misleading. The Advisory Council no longer exists and the four resigned members of the merger committee have no right to represent this community in any way. Is it any wonder community residents become confused when presented with such incorrect information.

I urge residents of both communities who have supported this amalgamation to make yourselves heard and to be sure to attend the open hearings which will be held by the Provincial Municipal Board on October 13th to 14th.

Lynda Seguin

**WHAT'S IN THE Cupboard**

**Easy oven barbecue Swiss steaks**

**Ingredients**

- 1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (12 oz) jar of beef gravy
- 1/2 cup of barbecue sauce
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 medium onion cut into thin wedges
- 1 1/2 lb boneless beef round steak cut into serving size pieces
- 2 tbl chopped fresh parsley
- 6 cups of hot mashed potatoes

**Method:**

Heat oven to 325 F. In ungreased 13 X 9 inch glass baking dish, combine tomatoes, gravy and barbecue sauce; blend well. Add corn and onion; mix well. Place beef pieces in mixture; spoon mixture over beef. Cover with foil or fitted lid. Bake at 325 F. for 1 hour 30 minutes or until beef is fork tender. Sprinkle with parsley. To serve, spoon mashed potatoes into individual shallow bowls. Top each with beef and vegetable mixture and enjoy.

**You can't be serious**



by Jim Hampshire

Before we get to today's column topic, I should state for the record that I am a smoker. But in my defence, I smoke less than a half of a pack per day, which is pretty good. The problem is I smoke the rest of the pack at night (boom-ching).

With that disclosure you'll know why I am going to lampoon the new provincial smoking by-law, which you might already know, comes into effect at the beginning of next month. Hopefully, somewhere between the rantings and one-

**Still Smoking**

liners, I might stumble onto something intelligent that might actually persuade the boogerheads on Broadway to stand up and have a second look at the provincial-wide ban. But I seriously doubt that's going to happen because they all just stopped reading after I called them boogerheads in the last sentence.

The current smoking ban already in place in the City of Winnipeg might work for city folk because basically, city folk are a weaker species of the human race when compared to us country folk. It might not be common knowledge but statistics show that residents of rural Manitoba are, by far, healthier. We have to be because we have no hospitals.

It can also be said that there are more smokers in rural Manitoba, per capita, than in the city. Why? Because, when it comes to the workforce, city jobs are often associated with an office environment which

offer small confined spaces for their many employees. So in fact, smokers should butt out as a courtesy. Here in country Canada, our jobs are often out in the field, literally. Whether we farm or drive a truck, or work in the logging or the mining industry, there are not a lot of confined spaces out here and we enjoy a lot of elbow room compared to the city workforce.

So we smoke, many of us, in coffee shops or bars, and many of us are still mindful not to offend those around us who crave clean air. Of course there are exceptions. The local Bingo Hall comes to mind, but I don't play Bingo.

In any event, after blowing all this smoke, I should make my position perfectly clear. I'm not against a province-wide smoking ban as it pertains to public places. Not such bad idea as far as I'm concerned, as long it only pertains to public places. If the ban was only levied on restaurants or taverns, I would likely save a little money avoiding those places in

the long run. But when it comes to some private clubs, the boogerheads should stop here. And not because private clubs cater to a lot of smokers. More appropriately, private clubs usually have a membership and if there was an advantage to ban smoking, they would have already voted to do so.

Let's take the Royal Canadian Legions, for example. Not your typical cigar club, granted, but these veterans fought for many freedoms. The fact that the Canadian government is responsible for getting a lot of these veterans hooked on tobacco in the first place has some bearing on the story. Back in World War II, the Canadian government offered each soldier cigarettes as part of their daily rations. Now they dictate that smoking is illegal in their own private club. Tsk, tsk. Using that logic, they might as well ban cheese burgers because eating them could lead to heart disease. And let's not even talk about the booze and liver disease.

And this begs the question, why do they call it private club status if it falls under public legislation? Apparently it's okay if a group of people, including children, dance around naked at a nudist colony because they enjoy private club status. Of course if you try to light up a cigarette, you'll have a S.W.A.T Team on your back.

But, as I have stated earlier in this column, rural land is spacious and we are extended some leniencies, so let's leave it at that. Why bother some old war veteran whose only luxury in life is having a smoke with his coffee. If there is a fine to pay, I believe they already paid it a long time ago.

Take that thought to the next election, Mr. Doer.

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# Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

## Do You Need a Second Chance?



There was a tradesman, a painter called Jock, who was very interested in making a dollar where he could, so often he would thin down paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for quite some time. Eventually a local church decided to do a big restoration job on painting the outside of their sanctuary. Jock put in a bid and because his price was low, he got the job. And so he set to erecting the trestles and setting up the planks and buying the paint and yes I'm sorry to say thinning it down considerably.

While Jock was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed when suddenly there was a horrendous

clap of thunder, and the sky opened, the rain poured down, washing the "thinned paint" from all over the church and knocking Jock clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of thinned and useless paint.

Jock was no fool. He knew this was judgement from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "O God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke....."Repaint! Repaint! and thin no more!"

The moral of this short but simple story is twofold: 1. We may be able to fool people, but we do not fool God. 2. When we as people fail, God is there to give us a second chance -

"Repaint, Repaint! The story of the Gospel of Christ is this. We have all cut corners in life and seemingly have gotten away with our "sin". Yet God sees and knows our whole life story. God sent His Son, Jesus to wipe our slate clean through forgiveness through the blood that He shed on the cross for us. All we need to do is ask God to forgive us and turn from our wicked ways (sin no more). God could have destroyed us but in love He offers His us forgiveness and a second chance through His own Son, Jesus. My friend if your errant ways have been discovered, this is a good time to turn to God and let Him give you a brand new start.

# Blades Bits

## MJHL Suspensions

The following players from the OCN Blizzard have been suspended for participating in a Line Brawl in a game versus the Flin Flon Bombers of the SJHL on Sept. 11, 2004. Players Don Melnyk, Lyle McKay, Brett Needham, Joe Jackson and Colin Spence all receive a Two Game suspension.

Portage Terriers Defenseman Joey Patsack has been suspended for Two Games for receiving a Gross Misconduct penalty in a game on Sept 12, 2004 versus the Estevan Bruins of the SJHL.

## MJHL Trade Transactions

The Neepawa Natives of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have traded the MJHL list rights of 18 year old Defenseman Layne Trowell of Saltcoats, Sk to the Southeast Blades of the (MJHL) for Future Considerations.

The OCN Blizzard of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have traded the MJHL list rights of 18 year old Forward Richard Kerger of Winnipeg, Mb to the Winnipeg South Blues of the MJHL for Future Considerations.

The Portage Terriers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have traded the Hockey Canada playing rights of Forward Jason Yuel of Winnipeg, Mb to the Winnipeg Saints of the MJHL for Future Considerations.

The Winnipeg Saints of the



Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have acquired the MJHL list rights of 17 year old Forward Mike Falk of Steinbach, Mb from the OCN Blizzard of the MJHL for Future Considerations.

The OCN Blizzard of the MJHL have acquired the Hockey Canada playing rights of 19 year old Goaltender Mark Kehrig of Bjorkdale, Sk from the South Surrey Eagles of the BCHL for Future Considerations.

## Old Dutch MJHL Player of the week

The OLD DUTCH Player of the Week award for the week ending September 19, 2004, is 19 year old Goaltender Bo Storozuk of the Southeast Blades. Storozuk led the Blades to three wins during the week and to first place in the Addison division standings. He registered a GAA of 2.00 and a save percentage of 0.957 in three games. Storozuk faced an average of 47 shots per game in the three games he played and one of the wins was by a shutout.

The runner up for the Old Dutch Player of the Week award is 17 year old Forward Kevin Clark of the Winnipeg South Blues.

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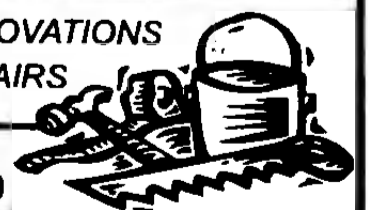
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# ECHOES FROM THE **H** Heart

## Lovely Rose

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being. She said, "Hi handsome. My name is Rose.

I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?"

I laughed and enthusiastically responded, "Of course you may!" and she gave me a giant squeeze.

"Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?" I asked.

She jokingly replied, "I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids..."

"No seriously," I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age.

"I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!" she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and

shared a chocolate milkshake.

We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk non-stop. I was always mesmerized listening to this "time machine" as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went.

She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet.

I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, "I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I

gave up beer for Lent and this

whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know."

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing.

There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die.

We have so many people walking around who are dead

and don't even know it!

There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up.

If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight.

Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability.

The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets.

The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing "The Rose."

She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives.

At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she

had begun all those years ago

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

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When you finish reading this, please send this peaceful word of advice to your friends and family, they'll really enjoy it!

These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL.

We make a Living by what we get, We make a Life by what we give.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

"Good friends are like stars..... You don't always see them, but you know they are always there."

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## Winnipeg River

### RCMP Report



The Winnipeg River RCMP, Powerview Detachment police report was unavailable at press time. The regular police report will resume next week.

### 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

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**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.

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

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**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:** Worship Service and Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. 367-2633 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, 1/4 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, 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:** RR 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.

# Back to school bus safety

There's a lot to be done before your child goes back to school. So, put safety first and teach all children what to do if their school bus gets into an accident involving downed electrical wires. Here are six simple rules to follow:

• **Be quiet and stay seated.**

• **Listen to the bus driver** even if there is lots of noise or confusion. Wait for your driver to tell you what to do.

• **Do not try to exit the bus.** Once again, stay in your seat. If there are downed lines near the bus, it is too dangerous to exit until they have been "de-energized" and then cleared from the area.

• **Line up quickly and quietly** when your driver tells you to leave the bus.

• **Wait for instructions** on how to exit the bus. If the powerlines haven't been cleared from the area and it is necessary to vacate the bus, you may be asked to jump off the bus. Be sure to keep your feet together, hold your arms at your side and jump clear without touching the ground and the bus at the same time. Then land with your feet together and shuffle away to safety. Follow these instructions carefully.

• **Find a safe spot** well away from the bus and remain there as a group. Listen to your

driver for further instructions.

If you are in a vehicle accident that involves a downed powerline, stay inside your vehicle. Then back the vehicle away from the powerline if possible. If fire forces you from the vehicle, jump clear without touching the vehicle and the ground at the same time.

For more information on what to do if your vehicle comes in contact with a downed powerline, ask for information at any Manitoba Hydro office or check out Manitoba Hydro's website at [hydro.mb.ca](http://hydro.mb.ca)

## Hunter Safety Courses

upcoming Hunter and Firearm Safety Training Course. Information for the course is as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, September 25th

**Location:** Powerview Church (basement)

**Time:** 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Registration Fee:** \$35.00

Participants are asked to bring a lunch. Course space is limited so participants are asked to pre-register by contacting Ron Pachkowsky @ 367-8056.



## Report from Legislature

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

### School tax increases

Once again it is time to pay our municipal and school property taxes, and once again I remind property owners to review their Property Tax Statements for the last three years for a comparison. I reviewed my tax statements for my home in the RM of Brokenhead and I calculated that my school taxes have increased by more than \$180.00 from 2001 to 2004. Why is this? Well, it is largely due to the extra costs associated with the Provincial Government forced amalgamation of the Springfield portion of the old Transcona-Springfield School Division with the former Agassiz School Division.

We as property taxpayers

did not ask for the amalgamation, and I therefore argued in the Legislature that the property taxpayers in our new Sunrise School Division ought not to be responsible for the costs associated with the forced amalgamation. Since the Province forced the amalgamation, then the provincial taxpayer as a whole ought to pay for the costs associated with it, not just the property taxpayers in the Sunrise School Division. Instead, Doer argued that there would be no increased costs, that there would be savings from the amalgamation. He was proven wrong, and because the Province refuses to pay for the extra costs, the School Division is forced to increase the school tax mill rates to the property taxpayer to pick up the extra costs. And

these extra costs are not over. I predict that in 2005 our School Trustees will again be forced to substantially increase your taxes due to the forced amalgamation by the Doer Government.

Don't blame your School Trustees for these increases - they were simply making the best out of a bad situation given to them by the Doer Government. They had no choice but to go to you as the property taxpayer to pick up these extra costs since Doer refused to pay for his forced amalgamation plan.

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](mailto:gerald@geraldhawranik.com) or visit my website at [www.geraldhawranik.com](http://www.geraldhawranik.com)

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# On Parliament Hill Library Corner



**Your voice in Ottawa**  
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

## Tackling the democratic deficit

Under our political system, power is heavily concentrated in the hands of one person - the Prime Minister. However, the new parliament, which will open on October 4th, has the potential for significant change in the way business is conducted in the House of Commons. This is because no party has a majority. As the leader of a minority government, the Prime Minister is unable to simply exercise party discipline in the House of Commons in order to advance his agenda.

Recognizing this potential for change, the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, Stephen Harper, the Leader of the Bloc Québécois, Gilles Duceppe, and the Leader of the New Democratic Party, Jack Layton, are proposing a series of changes to the way the House of Commons conducts its business. These proposals include some of the democratic reforms that were first proposed by Preston Manning and the Reform Party. For example, MPs would be allowed to vote on all opposition motions, including on the

ratification of international treaties and on Canadian participation in armed conflicts.

Since much of the important scrutiny of government legislation, policy and spending occurs in Parliament's committees, the new committee structure would include a majority of opposition members. While the elected chairs of most committees would come from the Liberal Party, the first vice-chair will come from the Official Opposition, the Conservative Party, and the second vice-chair from another opposition party.

Furthermore, members of the Conservative Party would chair the Public Accounts Committee, the Government Operations Committee, and the Committee on Privacy, Access to Information and Ethics, all of which play an important role in scrutinizing government spending.

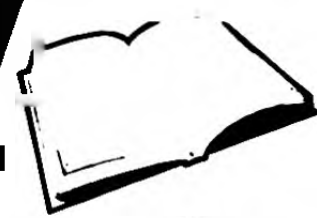
Finally, since a minority government is fragile by nature, the three opposition leaders have proposed a specific definition of which votes would result in the defeat of the government

and therefore require a new general election. They suggest that only the final vote on the Speech from the Throne, the final vote on the Budget, global votes on the main spending estimates of the government and votes explicitly identified as questions of confidence be considered as confidence votes. The defeat of other government initiatives would not require a new general election.

The opposition parties believe that their joint proposal is constructive and will ensure that Parliament becomes much more responsive in addressing the pressing concerns that many Canadians are facing. This proposal is an important step forward in addressing the "democratic deficit" in our political system. If he really understood the message sent by the voters in the last general election, Prime Minister Paul Martin will have no choice but to welcome these positive suggestions.

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

# Library Corner



## Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

That exciting new school year is well underway, and for kids who love to read, we have an exciting new selection of books .....just for fun!

For youngsters just discovering the thrill of reading on their own, we recommend the early chapter books! In our Junior Fiction area of the library, these can be found by looking for a yellow dot on the spine of the books. A few new titles to look for are: *Arthur and the Goalie Ghost*, *Arthur and the Comet Crisis*, and *Arthur and the Seventh-Inning* by Marc Brown. Our newest title by Barbara Park is *Junie B. Jones and some Sneaky Peeky Spying*.

Teachers spend so much time in school preparing for their classes that sometimes the younger students may think that *My Teacher Sleeps in School!* This new title by Leatie Weiss tells how the children in Mrs. Marsh's class look for clues to prove that their teacher does sleep in school -

on the bookshelf? On the piano? or under her desk?

New Mary-Kate and Ashley books are now available - we have *The case of the Weird Science Mystery*, *Spring into Style*, *Love-Set-Match*, and *Prom Princess*.

Graphic novels are becoming a popular way to get reluctant readers to enjoy books! Check out *Superman: The Man of Steel* by John Byrne, and *The greatest Superman Stories Ever Told* by various authors.

A couple of reminders: Storytime is held each Thursday morning at 10:30. Stories galore and a snack await the youngsters at the library!

Saturday, October 2nd is just around the corner - get your Fall Supper tickets, for either the 5:00pm or 6:30pm sitting, at the Pioneer Club, at Ingham's Pharmacy or at the library. We still need a few more groceries and helpers for this fundraising event! Thanks for strong community support!

## The Winnipeg Humane Society

Low Income? Call our Subsidy Spay & Neuter Program Coordinator, Melissa at 982-2018 today!



Kelly, 92875

Kelly is a wonderful girl who is also very energetic and playful. She likes kids and seems good with other dogs. Kelly would love someone to adopt her who is active & can her her sharp mind busy. Flyball anyone? This gem of a dog needs a home ASAP- she is too smart and too active to sit here for long. Adoption fee is 50% off due to length of time Kelly has been with us.



Sampson, 95150

An oldie but a goodie, Sampson is available at our Satellite Adoption Centre located in Grant Park Pet Valu (475-4505). Did you know we have 9 satellite adoption centres that have WHS pets available for adoption? Call us for details & locations! Sampson's adoption fee is only \$59.00 as a senior kitty.

**In dire need of foster families for moms & kittens. Call Jeff @ 982-2049. Commitment of 2-6 weeks required, all supplies included. 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 September 13th to September 20th



The following constitutes the Police Report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of the 13<sup>th</sup> of September to the 20<sup>th</sup> of September:

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd from a financial institution in the Town of Lac du Bonnet that a counterfeit \$100.00 bill had been rec'd in the deposit from a store in Lac du Bonnet. Police investigation revealed that an underage male had passed this, but believed that same was genuine. Restitution to be made.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a re-

port was rec'd that a Handicap Parking Pass was stolen from a vehicle at an unknown location in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Took place during August.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of Sept., police had occasion to stop an adult male driving on P.T.H. #44 in the vicinity of Whitemouth. The subject appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, and was arrested for Impaired Driving. The subject was subsequently released for court on a charge of Refusing to provide a Breath Sample, with li-

cense suspension and vehicle impoundment.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that students from the Lac du Bonnet Senior School were trespassing at the Town of Lac du Bonnet Lift Station at the corner of Fifth Street and McArthur Avenue.

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that cattle were on P.T.H. #11 east of Whitemouth in the R.M. of Whitemouth. Police patrolled the area, however, same were gone.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident on P.R. 406 in the R.M. of Whitemouth. Police attended and found that the vehicle had rolled, and that an adult male passenger had sustained non life-threatening injuries. Usage of a seat-belt precluded much more serious injuries.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of 2 Off-Road Vehicles trespassing on private property and driving on the roadway, in the vicinity of Brookfield Road in the R.M. of Whitemouth. This took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a number of police officers executed Search Warrants at various locations in the Lac du Bonnet Detachment area, and made a number of arrests. This involved an on-going investigation which concerned the sale and distribution of an element req'd to manufacture crystal methamphetamine.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a cottage at Brereton Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. This took place between the 7<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of Sept., with a DVD player stolen.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of an under-age male not wanting to attend the Whitemouth School due to bullying and threats from another under-age male.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a residence on Lake Avenue in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and determined that this was a False Alarm.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of gravel accidentally spread on the roadway in the vicinity of P.T.H. #11 and P.R. 317. Police attended to provide traffic control while the gravel was removed.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a gasoline

can and contents from a boat-house at a location on Edward Crescent in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Appeared to be done from the water side.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that the ambulance was dispatched to Pointe du Bois to take an adult female to Pinawa Hospital. Police attended to ensure that this process went smoothly.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that a vehicle was damaged by a hit and run driver while parked adjacent to First Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Took place between the 15<sup>th</sup> & the 16<sup>th</sup> of Sept.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business in Pinawa. Police attended and found this to be a False alarm.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a residence in a rural area of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This took place since the 1<sup>st</sup> of Sept., and involved the theft of a quantity of clothing from the residence.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a vehicle upside-down in the ditch at Bilan and Smith Roads in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found no-one in the vehicle nor in the vicinity. Vehicle towed from the ditch, and the driver subsequently completed a Traffic Accident Report.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a horse in the ditch along P.R. 214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet and concern expressed that same may cause an accident. A subsequent patrol found that the horse was gone.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of three adult males drinking and driving in Pinawa. Police attended and located a vehicle containing open liquor. An adult male was charged accordingly.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a number of subjects causing a disturbance by fighting in the lobby of a licensed premises in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended to find that the fight was over and the participants were gone.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that an adult male was hunting too close to residences on Belluk Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and located the subject, who apologized for his

actions, and moved to a more remote area.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of hunters trespassing on private property in the R.M. of Whitemouth east of P.T.H. #11. Police attended to find that the subjects had left when advised to do so by the property-owner.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that a vehicle had driven into the ditch at Betula Lake in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. When the vehicle was towed out, the intoxicated adult male driver attempted to drive away, but was arrested by the Park Patrol. Police took the subject into custody and he subsequently produced readings over the legal limit. He was lodged to sober up, and released for court, with License suspension and vehicle impoundment.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a theft which took place over the past three weeks from a location at the Nutimik seasonal camp-sites in the Whiteshell Prov. Park. Stolen items included a new generator, bicycles and a bar-b-q.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of possibly stranded subjects across from the Big Whiteshell Lake south shore campground. This turned out to be unfounded.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a residence along P.R. 214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., police stopped an adult male driving a motorcycle on P.T.H. #11 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The subject was charged for not wearing a helmet, and found to not have the proper class of License to drive a Motorcycle.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of a single-vehicle Motor Vehicle Accident on P.T.H. #44 west of the junction of #44 & #11. Police attended and found a vehicle on the driver's side, but no injuries to the occupants, thanks to the usage of occupant restraints. Vehicle towed.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., police responded to a Panic alarm on Homestead Road in the R.M. of Whitemouth. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of Sept., police on patrol noted a vehicle fail-

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## Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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

**Cooking for better health:** Lose weight, gain energy and prevent illness. Classes begin for every five people registered. Cindy Reimann, certified in nutrition, call 268-2168. **PACE 7-1375:** meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Power-view meeting room.

**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 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

### ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

Pastor Jake Doell, church 345-2934, home 345-9766

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - morning worship, 6:30 p.m. - Upper Room.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Church/office 345-8654

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - worship service

### NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Father Mirek Szyaal, 345-2900

Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass; 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass

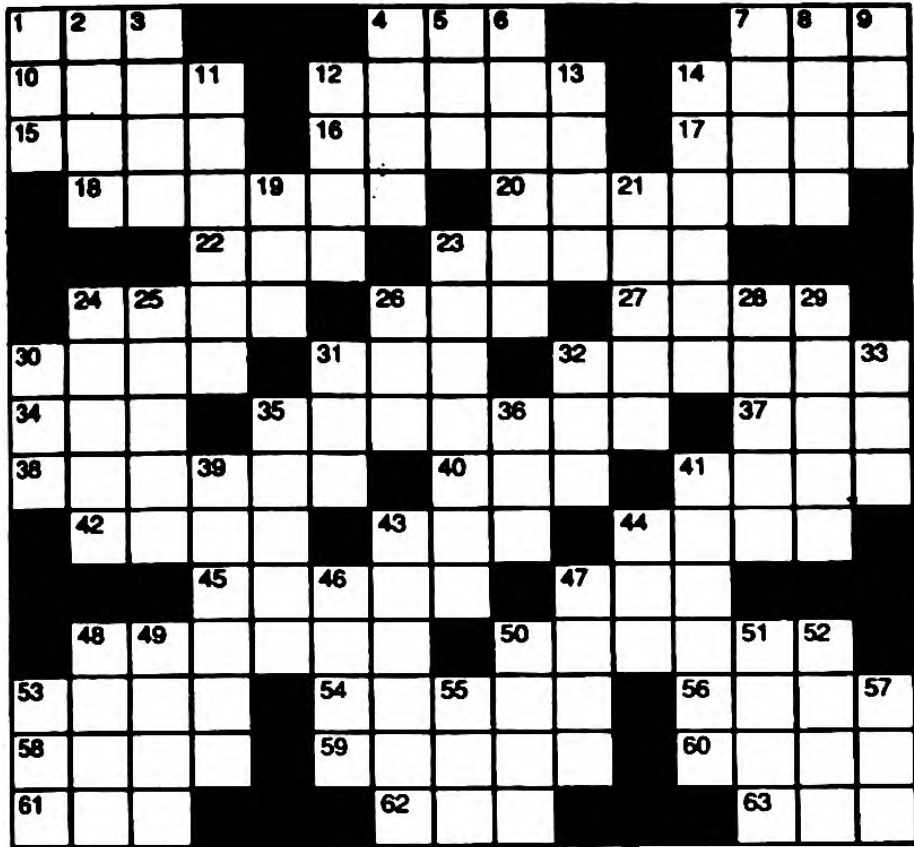
Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. Sunday mass

### ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Sandra Tankard 367-9520, church 345-2357

Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - worship; 11:30 a.m. - first and third Sunday of each month, holy eucharist.

# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1. Pig
- 4. Drink like dog
- 7. Obtained
- 10. Minerals
- 12. Deserve
- 14. Conserve
- 15. Window glass section
- 16. Door or hall

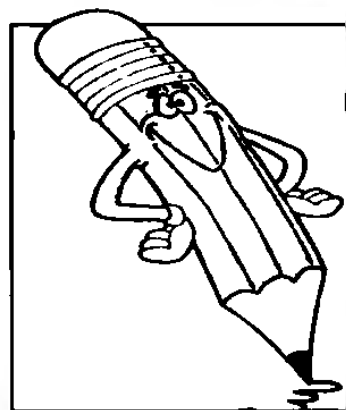
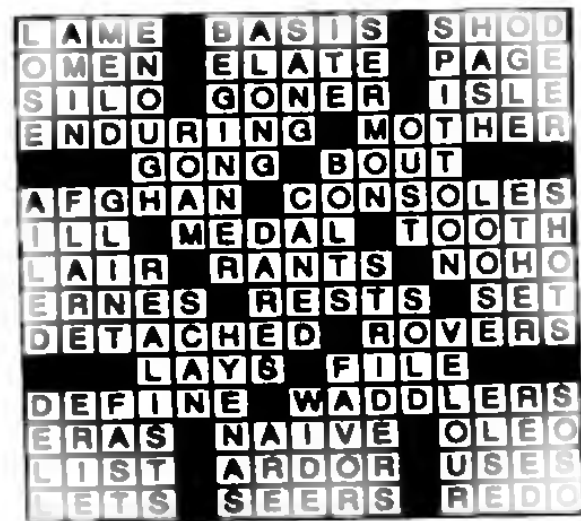
**DOWN**

- 17. Appeal
- 18. Rents
- 20. Come into sight
- 22. Perched on chair
- 23. Take unlawfully
- 24. Walked on
- 26. View
- 27. Tribal division
- 30. Broad smile

- 31. Amusement
- 32. Relaxed
- 34. Helpt
- 35. Women and girls
- 37. Man's name
- 38. Drooped
- 40. Baseball hero Williams
- 41. Walk in water
- 42. Sidelong look
- 43. Cooking vessel
- 44. Flower
- 45. Estate residence
- 47. Forbid
- 48. Steps over fence (pl.)
- 50. Forgive
- 53. Welcome benefit
- 54. Guide auto
- 56. Wicked
- 58. Against (pref.)
- 59. Brief and clear
- 60. Depend
- 61. Grow old
- 62. Rodent
- 63. Before marriage

- 12. Come upon
- 13. Sort
- 14. Incantations
- 19. Unhappy
- 21. Strides to and fro
- 23. Congressional member
- 24. Examination by court
- 25. Long narrow chest
- 26. Whole amount
- 28. Map book
- 29. Very poor
- 30. Fuel
- 31. Gave nourishment
- 32. Crimson
- 33. Female deer
- 35. Wild
- 36. Allow
- 39. Zodiac twins
- 41. Want to know
- 43. Placard
- 44. Average
- 46. Fit one into another
- 47. Uncovered
- 48. Ballad
- 49. \_\_\_\_\_ bag
- 50. Annoying one
- 51. Kiln
- 52. River through Egypt
- 53. Sheep's cry
- 55. Historical period
- 57. Strong solution

**LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS**



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

AX BWCV DX QF R DRFG  
 AX HSRTC CXUJFG KQGGSX CJ  
 JKVXF.

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**

HE THINGS A WILL OF HIS OWN IS NOT AS GOOD AS THE WILL OF A RICH RELATIVE.

## Weekly Echo Horoscopes



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

Take a look at the possibilities of starting a small part time business with friends or relatives. Abrupt changes in your home may send you for a loop. You will be highly sensitive to comments made by your lover. Go to the top if you're being harassed or held back.



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

If you keep busy you won't feel the personal pressures you are going through. Take time to find out all you can. Be aware that you might be at fault as well. Exercise your talents and present your ideas to groups you think you can contribute to.



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

Mingle with those who have similar interests, and you should be able to start something. Expect to have problems with the ones you love. They won't pay you back and you'll be upset. Travel will be to your advantage; however, it might be expensive.

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



Try to be patient and understanding.

You are ahead of your time, and trying to stay in one spot could be asking too much. You can make amends by taking them somewhere special. Take care of yourself or you can expect to suffer from minor illness.



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

New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Make changes regarding your friendships. Hold on; your time will come. Situations could easily get blown out of proportion if you have made unreasonable promises.



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

Don't shy away from potential mates they want to introduce you to. You have to let go of your past if you wish to get out of any sentimental mood that might be hanging over your head. You're ready to take action and take over. You can bet that you'll draw attention to yourself.



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

If you're single, get out there and you'll meet someone new. You need a day to rest and relax with the ones you love. Be careful; your ideas are good but make sure that you're realistic and start off on solid ground. Be extra careful with your valuables; loss and theft are evident this week.



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

You may be in an extremely passionate mood this week. Try not to let relatives or friends cause any friction with your mate. Don't overspend on items for your home. There could be disappointment regarding investments.

**This edition covers the week of September 21 to September 27**

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



You'll find it easy to talk about your feeling this week. Don't hesitate to find out what your mate's intentions are. You can't make things better if you don't know what to fix. Reevaluate your position and

make decisions about your future goals. Keep your mind on your work and stay away from situations that could ruin your reputation.



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

You will take on too much if you aren't careful. Stick to basics. You can make money through real estate or by using your head when it comes to personal investments. You are best to avoid confrontations. You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues.



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

It's time to reconnect with some of the people you used to know. Do whatever your mate wants; it really doesn't matter as long as you're together. Intellectual stimulation is what you are looking for. Your ability to help others will win you points.



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

Luck is with you. Don't let your lover put demands on you. You could find yourself caught in a one sided relationship. You will find the excitement gratifying.

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-The Mexican Bandito

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE MUNICIPAL BOARD OF MANITOBA

**PROPOSAL BY THE VILLAGE OF POWERVUEW TO ANNEX ALL LANDS LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF PINE FALLS WHICH CURRENTLY IS NOT LOCATED IN AN INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY, BUT AN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY (BOARD FILE NO. 04E2-0002)**

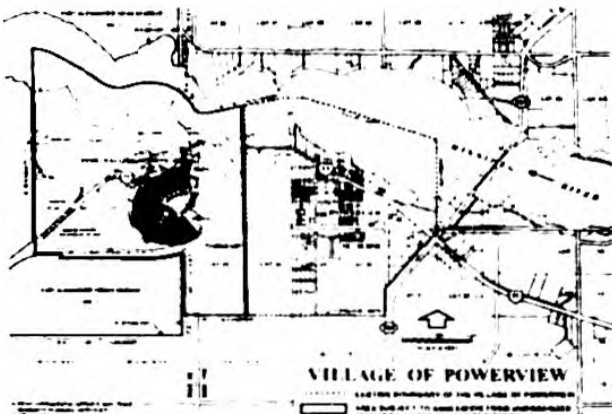
In accordance with Section 34 of The Municipal Act, the Village of Powerview has filed a written proposal with the Board to alter its boundaries by annexing all lands within the Community of Pine Falls.

The Municipal Board is not satisfied that there is general agreement with the proposal. Therefore, The Municipal Board will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 13, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. and if required Thursday, October 14, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pine Falls School, 3 Walnut Street, Pine Falls, Manitoba, to consider the Application.

The lands proposed for annexation are described as follows:

Lot 25 of Township 18 - 10 EPM; Frac NE ¼ Section 24 and all that portion of Frac Section 25 which lies South of the Winnipeg River in Township 18 - 9 EPM; and all that portion of Fort Alexander Indian Reserve No. 3 in Township 18 - 9 EPM as same is shown on Plan of Township 18 - 9 EPM approved and confirmed at Ottawa on November 9, 1921 lying South of the Winnipeg River, which lies East of the Western limit of Lot 5 Plan 33570 WLTO and the straight productions Nly and Sly thereof, and which lies North of the Southern limit of Canadian National Railway and Station Grounds Rly Plan 3143 WLTO

as shown on the map below:



In addition, the Board requires that any party who intends to submit as evidence at the hearing any written material or other documents, shall file four (4) copies of that material with the Board and one (1) copy with the Municipality for public review, at least 10 working days prior to the hearing.

A copy of the proposal is available for review at the Offices of the Village of Powerview and at The Municipal Board.

Any person affected by the proposed annexation may appear before the Board at the hearing.

Dated at Powerview, Manitoba, this 15th day of September, 2004.

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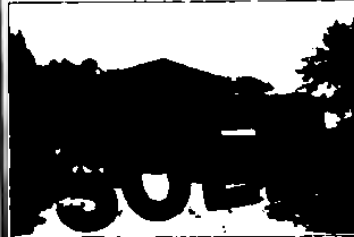
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# Lac du Bonnet Police Report

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ing to stop when driving from P.R. 502 onto P.T.H. #11 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. An adult male was found to be driving and was found to be under the influence. The subject subsequently produced readings over the legal limit, and was lodged to sober up. Released for court, with License suspension and vehicle impoundment.

port was rec'd of vehicle being operated in a careless manner in the vicinity of P.R. 502 in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police patrolled and observed a vehicle in the vicinity of Park and Second being operated carelessly. The adult male driver was charged accordingly.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of an adult male passed out on the steps of a residence on Elm in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found that the subjects in question were sleeping

it off inside the residence.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that an intoxicated adult male came into a residence in Elma wanting to purchase beer. When this request was turned down, the subject departed in a vehicle. Police patrolled the area, but did not locate the subject.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that the subject who was reported previously as entering the residence in Elma was operating a vehicle in a careless manner on

P.T.H. #11 south of Elma in the R.M. of Whitemouth. The driver was identified and charges may be forthcoming.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of the theft of a five-gallon gas can from a garage on Edward Crescent in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that a vehicle had been hit with eggs overnight at a location in Pinawa.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd of an intrusion

Alarm on Boulder Drive in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of Sept., a report was rec'd that a vehicle proceeding westbound on P.T.H. #44 west of Seddon's Corner was passed by another vehicle proceeding at a high rate of speed, and showering the passed vehicle with material from the recently seal-coated road surface. No plate number obtained for the suspect vehicle.

## Bonds (not James 007, not Barry)



by Steve Kulyk

Part II will be published next week. Note: If you are having problems sleeping at night, read this and you'll be asleep in no time.

Bonds are really nothing more than a formal IOU from an issuer. When you buy a bond, you are essentially loaning the issuer money, which is typically used to finance long-term capital work projects and ongoing expenditures. In exchange for the use of your money, the issuer promises to repay the principal at a future maturity date and to pay regular interest over the life of the investment. The interest rate, also called the coupon rate, ordinarily does not change, so the amount of interest paid each year will be fixed. And as such, bonds can provide investors with a predictable stream of income.

Bond prices are always quoted in terms of price per \$100. A bond selling at \$100 is said to be trading at par value. Bonds are always issued and mature at par value. The face value of a bond represents the maturity amount of the bond you own and the amount of interest you receive, is the coupon rate times the face value of your bond. For example, a bond with a face value of \$10,000 and a coupon rate of 7 percent pays \$700 a year in interest. If the bond pays interest on a semi-annual basis, you would receive \$350 per coupon period.

Between the times the bond is issued and the maturity date, the market price of the investment can fluctuate. If a bond

is selling at a market price that is less than \$100 or par value, it is said to be selling at a discount. Similarly, if the price is over \$100, it is selling at a premium. Price changes of a bond, however, only generate a capital gain or loss if you decide to sell your investment before it matures.

Investing in bonds carries more risk than money market investments since your money is on loan for a longer period. However, they will also normally offer higher returns. **Why Do Bond Prices Change?**

### Interest Rates

Interest rates have a significant influence on the current price of a bond. The value of a bond will rise and fall in the opposite direction of expected interest rate movements. That is, when interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall and when rates decline, bond valuations benefit. For example, a bond purchased a year ago with a 7 percent coupon rate is less attractive to investors if current interest rates are 9 percent. To attract buyers, the bond will have to fall in price. However, if current interest rates fall to 4 percent, your bond paying 7 percent is more valuable. In this case, if you sell it before maturity, you will receive more than you paid. Remember, if you hold your bond to maturity, you will usually receive the face value (all bonds are subject to some risk - credit risk is discussed below).

### Term to Maturity

Bond prices don't move up and down in exact step with interest rates. The market price is also affected by the term to maturity of the bond. For a given movement in interest rates, prices of longer-term investments will tend to change

more than prices of shorter-term investments. For instance, during periods of increasing interest rates, the market price of longer-term bonds usually falls more than the market price of shorter-term bonds. This heightened sensitivity of longer term issues poses additional risk to the investor. To compensate investors, longer-term investments will normally offer higher returns. Further, as a bond approaches maturity, the difference between the market price and par value tends to narrow and the bond's price becomes less sensitive.

### Credit Quality

The market price of a bond is also influenced by the financial strength and stability of the issuer. Will the issuer be able to pay interest on schedule and return the principal as promised? Or is there a chance of default? The stronger the financial position of the issuer, the higher its credit rating and the more favourable are the terms under which it can borrow. This means that higher quality issuers, like the Government of Canada, are able to issue debt at lower rates than a higher risk issuer, such as a corporation. Investments issued by the federal government have virtually no credit risk, since the Canadian treasury is unlikely to default on a loan. For corporations, however, insolvency is conceivable, and for that reason corporate bonds generally offer higher yields than government bonds.

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