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Bisset mine to reopen

Things are looking up for Bisset.

The mine at Bisset is now locally owned. Hugh Wynne, a drilling contractor, who was born in Manigotagan, and moved, at the age of two, to Bisset, is now the CEO of Rice Lake Gold Corp, which was formed in the spring to take ownership of the mine.

In the 1950s the Wynne family left Bisset when Hugh's

father went to college to study mining. They lived in mining communities all across Canada. About thirty years ago Hugh, now a drilling contractor, returned to Bisset. By that time low prices had caused the closing of the mine (Then called the San Antonio Mine).

Ten years ago the property

was bought by Rea Gold of Vancouver. Rea spent eighty million dollars rehabilitating the mine but failed to get into full production before cost overruns forced the company into bankruptcy. Hugh Wynne tried to buy the mine then but was unsuccessful. Eventually it was purchased by a major South African Mining company, Harmony Gold. Harmony spent another twenty million dollars on the mine, modifying the mining process and upgrading the mill to operate at 1,250 tonnes per day. Harmony later closed the mine because of the over-supply of gold on the world market. Wynne again tried to buy the mill. Today he is happy that both efforts were unsuccessful. In the spring his com-

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Left to Right: Dale Ginn, President Rice Lake, San Gold; Hugh Wynne, CEO, San Gold; Fred Sveinson, CEO GC; Courtney Shearer, CFO, Gold City., at the Rice Lake headframe

Couple charged in drug raid

On November 30th, 2004 members of the Winnipeg River RCMP Detachment executed a Controlled Drugs and Substance Act search warrant at a residence on the south shore of Fort Alexander First Nation. A search of the residence produced several dozen grams of marijuana along with prescription pills. Police estimated that the drugs would be worth approximately \$1600 on the street. Just over \$700 was also seized from the residence as proceeds of crime. Thirty seven year old Terrance Leonard Guimond and his common law wife thirty seven year old Amanda Rose Courchene were arrested at the residence and have been charged with three counts of possessing controlled substances for the purposes of trafficking. Guimond

is being held at the Provincial Remand Center and Courchene was released for a December court date.

This is the second search warrant executed on the same residence within the last two months. On September 3, 2004 members of the Winnipeg River RCMP detachment executed a search warrant at the Guimond/Courchene residence and seized a large quantity of marijuana, hash oil and prescription pills and over \$3000 in cash. During this search several thousands of dollars worth of stolen property was also located in the residence. Guimond and Courchene were both charged with several offences under the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act and the Criminal Code of Canada.

Merger an "arranged marriage".

by Charles Norman

Members of the Unification Group will be meeting with Intergovernmental Affairs officials Friday to clarify some of the recommendations resulting from the recent Municipal Board public hearing.

Reaction to the recommendations has ranged from 'very pleased' to 'reluctant acceptance'

Bill Borlase, a member of the former Pine Falls Advisory Committee that ran Pine Falls for nearly three years said, "Pine Falls has been short changed all along, but we're prepared to go along with the

recommendations." He said he thought that the Board had their eyes opened by his side's presentation. "The real Villain is Tembec," he said, "Tembec came out of this very well, there's a considerable chunk of infrastructure that should have been covered by Tembec up front"

"It's an arranged marriage," Borlase said, "and the marriage is going ahead - and no divorce is available. The communities will have to learn to live together."

Powerview Councillor, Bev Dube, said she was very happy with the recommenda-

tions - except for the name, (the Board recommended that the name of the new, merged municipality be Pine Falls. To date no name has been decided but the designation Powerview/Pine Falls was used in the Unification Group's presentation.), Dube said that numerous emails and letters had been sent to the minister, and that she understood that a petition was being organized. Powerview residents would rather have a different name altogether than to have their name changed to Pine Falls.

Dube said there were no

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**Southeast Blades vs.
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Mother Goose an asset to the community

To the Editor.

Last week, my wife and I had the opportunity to spend time in your very nice area. I promise to return in the summer for a fishing trip, any way. I also had the opportunity to meet with a great family who lives in St-Georges, their name

is Avanthay.

On the second day of our stay, we went to a special event for young kids (4 to 7), that event was monitored through the expertise of Mother Goose (Gisele Avanthay) she entertained these kids for the early part of the evening (they had

to go to bed early). Her dedication to this event and to the young ones is an asset for your community and I therefore suggest that you take this opportunity to illustrate in your newspaper her good work.

"Job well done Gisele".

Jacques and Éliette
Cadioux.

Where is the accountability in the RM of Alexander

We have all seen our taxes go up over the years, however nothing like the last few years. WE all know that inflation drives up the cost of everything these days. We also know that 60% or so of our taxes are school taxes, however the other 40% go to running the municipality and the special projects that are going on. After looking at the financial budget I have learned that some of these projects are not even in the budget.

What is most concerning lately is the fact that numerous items have been stolen. These items have been paid for by our tax dollars. There is a list of items, which I have asked my councillor for and was refused. Why is it being kept a secret? Why were there not charges laid? The excuse given by the RM is that it would mean more cost to the taxpayers in lawyers' fees. This is not true since the defendant would pay for his lawyer and the crown would pay for the pros-

ecutor. The crown prosecutor could ask as part of the sentencing that the individual not only return some of the items, but also pay monies back in lieu of the items that cannot be returned.

I was also told that the RM recovered some money from the individual in question was not fired, but rather simply allowed to resign. The answers to these questions are very troubling. How many people knew of these crimes? How many other improprieties are there?

It appears that we also have taxation without representation or accountability in the RM of Alexander. We also have taxation without services. My fam-

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Where is the accountability in the RM of Alexander

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ily and I have to pay over \$3500.00 in taxes (before rebate) each year simply because we built a new home in Broadlands, yet we receive no services. I know some people who pay over \$4000.00 and others are over \$5000.00 per year.

I believe the ratepayers deserve a public inquiry and better accountability of their tax dollars.

The way business is conducted in the RM of Alexander is very concerning. There is more than just abuse of tax dollars in question. There are issues that are kept a secret and they should not be, after all the council are elected public officials who are suppose to serve the people who elected them, not ignore them. The public has a right to information and an opportunity to have input on

municipal affairs. The people have a right to know where their tax dollars are going.

There are more issues I would like to speak about, like the water project, however I will leave that for another time. There is one thing I have learnt in my life and that is silence is consent and I will no longer be silent.

Claude Papineau
Concerned Ratepayer

Merger "an arranged marriage"

from front page

major changes to the Unification Group's proposal. She said having four councilors from Pine Falls instead of three was not an issue. (Three had been proposed on the basis of population). She was not sure that the Municipal Board could tell a municipality how to raise or spend taxes, and that this would be a subject of discussion with the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. (The board has made numerous recommendations with respect to taxation and spending.) Dube said that the recommendation that a new water treatment plant be built immediately was unnecessary and impractical. She said the first priority was the storm water system in Pine Falls.

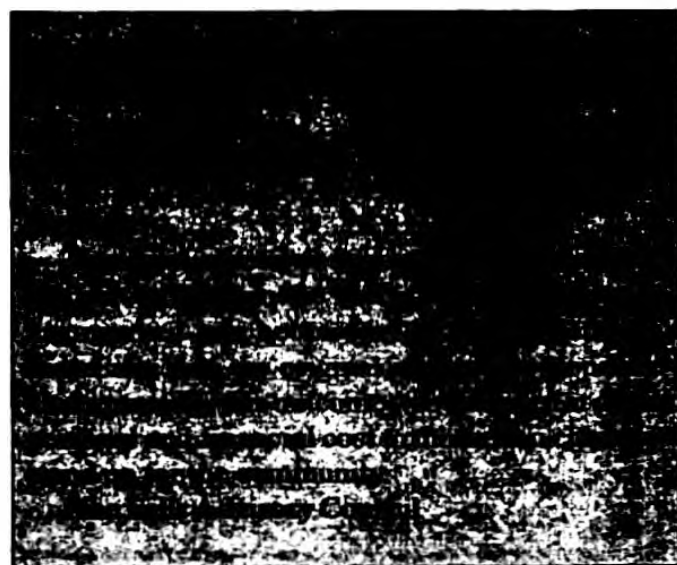
Unification Group
Chairman, Jack Shwaluk

said his group was extremely pleased that the board had recommended approval of the annexation of Pine Falls by Powerview in a timely manner. "We are generally satisfied with the Report and the recommendations that were made." He said.

In a press release, Tembec said the company is very pleased the

Municipal Board is recommending that the merger of Powerview and Pine Falls proceed.

"It is a testament to the hard work and perseverance of the people involved in the unification group who put the merger together, and the clearly demonstrated desire of the vast majority of people from both communities.



Bisset mine to re-open

from front page

pany, San Gold Resources and a Vancouver company Gold City formed a fifty/fifty venture "Rice Lake Gold Corp which then purchased the mine from harmony for \$3.5 million cash and \$4 million in shares in the two founding companies. Harmony thus stands to gain from any success of Rice Lake Gold.

So do the people of Bisset and surrounding communities.

Rice Lake Gold plans to open the mine in mid 2005 with a production of about 55,000 ounces of gold per year. (At the current price representing sales of approxi-

mately \$300 million a year.)

The price of gold, currently about US\$450, looks fairly stable. For years demand has exceeded production but the shortfall has been more than compensated for by European central banks selling off their gold reserves to meet common market commitments. This is virtually complete. In addition an increase in the demand for gold jewelry in the increasingly prosperous Asian markets, especially India and China is likely to keep the market strong.

Rice Lake gold also owns a considerable amount of gold-bearing

property close to the mine - property prospected by Hugh Wynne and his father. The company expects to be able to demonstrate a gold resource of 1.2 million ounces fairly soon. There are plans to increase production to 100,000 ounces per year, (\$55 million). Bisset and Rice Gold are looking good for more than a few more years yet.

Prior to its closing Harmony employed people from Hollow Water, Manigotagan and Black River. The prospects are good for some high-paying jobs being available for those communities in mid summer.

Regional CO-OP

Public Meeting December 15

Release

A Regional public CO-OP meeting has been set for December 15, for 7 p.m. in Pine Falls School. Everyone who lives, in the East Lake Region is encouraged to attend.

Plans are in the works to establish a Regional Co-Op which will include residents from all the communities of the East-Lake region from the Beaches to Falls, and North to Little Black, Hollow Water, Manigotagan, Seymourville and Bissett.

The idea sparked last spring when customers were shocked by the an-

nouncement of the closing of the Northern Store in Pine Falls. The groundwork was laid and became ignited this fall when Community Leaders gathered to commit to proceed.

Customers really miss the convenience of the large store. It has been costly and inconvenient making long distance trips to get the kind of merchandise that is no longer locally available.

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Elvis was in the building

Lac du Bonnet fund-raiser draws big crowds

By Jim Hampshire

Almost 250 Elvis fans turned out for an evening of dining and dancing at the Lac du Bonnet Community centre on November 20, and according to facilities manager, Michelle Demorest Voth, "That's Alright Mama."

"It was a show not to be missed," Demorest Voth beamed following a performance by Elvis impersonator, Jeff Bodner. "It was great to see a huge turnout and such a great performance."

Jeff Bodner, who travels

across Canada with his Elvis tribute show, is actually an RCMP officer from Chilliwack BC who has donned the blue suede shoes for more than 20 years.

"Jeff is probably the best impersonator in the country," Demorest Voth said. "In fact he has been to Nashville several times and has won a national Elvis competition while in Nashville."

The community centre fund-raiser is an annual event, once known as the One-Hundred Club, where over one-thousand dollars is up for grabs for those

who attend. This year's event saw several audience members walk away with some winnings, including a lucky recipient who cashed in on a 50/50 draw worth \$326.50.

According to Demorest Voth, Elvis might just be back in the building real soon.

"Jeff really enjoyed himself and loved the community centre," she said. "He approached us after the show and asked if a return engagement was possible."

Although negotiations are still in the works, Demorest Voth reports that an encore

Elvis presentation could come as early as this spring.

Meanwhile the community centre is preparing for the annual Christmas Senior Supper, which will be served up this week on December 8. This event is always a popular event and totally free so it is advised to come in a little early to ensure seating.

Following Christmas, the centre will surely be a hub of activity when the Lac du Bon-

net Blues hockey team presents a New Year's Eve bash you likely won't soon forget. Coming in for the dinner and dance will be Winnipeg big club band, Curious George, and community centre officials remind the public that no one under 18 years of age will be admitted. Ticket information can be obtained by calling Dancyt's Foods in Lac du Bonnet or contact the community centre for more information.



Elvis - aka Jeff Bodner from Chilliwack BC - played to a near sellout at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre last month and more big crowds are expected for the annual Christmas Senior Supper this week, as well as the New Year's Eve Blues Bash over the holiday season

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- Sonia Sheane

I've been working out regularly about 5 times a week doing a variety of activities to keep in shape. I've tried many different machines and have been a member at different clubs that had everything to offer. I got bored doing the usual ones, treadmill, bikes, climbers and then enjoyed running, biking, skiing and free weights. Although this routine served me well it didn't challenge me and I was at a stand still. When I walked into Della's spa I was skeptical that a little 10 minute workout on the R.O.M. And her other interesting machines would give me results because I usually worked much much longer than that, but WOW... I am impressed. I noticed a difference in my overall shape in just 2 weeks compared to the last 4 years of my regular exercise routine. I am working out less and getting an awesome workout. I have more energy and now am using my time more efficiently. After 3 children, my toughest areas, my abs (which I gave up on) once again Della's machine's are giving me results. I also don't have my usual side effects of exercise which used to halt my routine such as shin splints, sore back and muscles and joint pain. Thank you Della for taking my fitness to the next level.

- Karen Moreau

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The St. Georges Comité culturel Chateauguay is hosting the 2nd annual Christmas Decorating Contest.

The contest is open to all residents of St. Georges, Silver Falls, Great Falls, Chevreuil District and Broadlands.

The cost to enter is \$5.00 and entries will be received until December 10, 2004.

You can register at Bureau du réseau communautaire office (facing the post office: Place McDougall) and at La Caisse Populaires La Verendrye.

The contest only applies to the exterior.

There will be two \$100.00 cash prizes given out - one for most original, and one for most effort, as well as four \$25.00 prizes for participation. Prizes will be awarded December 20th. Call 367-9970 for more information.

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Breakfast With Santa a Huge Hit!

by Michelle Berthelette

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Little ones had their pictures taken with Santa by a cozy fireplace. Some were a little reluctant, while others couldn't wait to sit on Santa's lap to let him in on their many Christmas wishes. Thanks to the generosity of many of our local merchants, Santa gave everyone a little gift to take home as well. Thanks also to a donation from L'Oréal Canada via the Thomas Sill Foundation, children were able to pick up a few things to pamper mom with. Door prizes every half hour were a highlight. Families "scrambled" to unscramble Christmas words as their entry for a chance to win one of the fourteen prizes.

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and will miss their graduating senior drama students, Holly Ryall, Chantel Berthelette and Ashley Lavoie. Ashley was responsible foor all the hair and makeup. She did a wonderful job tmasforming our the cast into seniors, boys into girls and girls into boys. The cast and thier teachers would like tosay thank you to the parents for supporting, the class, all those who attended the play and everyone who helped with costumres, props, the set and tickets. We couldn't have done it without your support.



The group of performing artists, played to a full house four nights in a row.

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Library Allard



Beaches News Library Allard News

Are you ready for Christmas? We are! You will find books and magazines with yummy Christmas Recipes and party planning books too!

Huge blocks of Large Print books, Westerns and French Language have arrived — all wonderful authors and titles! We also have received many more new and exciting books to add to our collection.

Heading somewhere warmer this winter? Drop in and pick up a bag or two of books to take with you at a bargain price of \$1.00 per bag (hard covers included.)

Beaches Christmas Hours - December 21st - Open; December 24th - 25th - closed; December 28th - Open; December 31 - January 1st - Closed.

To you and yours, a joyous holiday season. Please visit us often!

'Tis the season to be baking!!! Library Allard has a wonderful selection of cook-books, craft books & books on decorating ideas all Christmas theme related on display. Fiction titles of wonderful Christmas stories have also been pulled off the shelves and displayed for ease.

For those of you leaving this wonderful winter-land for warmer climates, we have travel guides on Central America, Mexico, Cuba, Dominican Republic & the Caribbean.

A few note-worthy books to mention: Peggy Noonan's *When Character Was King: A Story of Ronald Reagan*; *Introduction to Batik* by Heather Griffin; 3 new books on Canning & Preserving (a little late but maybe for next year!); *A Dignified Life: The Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care*; *The*

Gangs of New York & many more.

Many new books on the way, drop by and browse around!

Our annual fund-raiser at the Pine Falls Christmas Gift & Bake Sale went well. The children enjoyed seeing Santa in all his jolliness. Thank-you Santa for taking the time from your busy schedule to visit with the children. Thank-you to all of our patrons who so graciously donated baking, we couldn't have done it without your support!

Library Allard Christmas Hours - December 24th - 25th - Closed; December 31st - January 1st - Closed.

See you in the library, Library Allard - 367-8443 - Ecole Communautaire, St. Georges

Beaches Branch Library - 754-4007 - Walter Whyte School - Grand Marais

MJHL News



Old Dutch MJHL player of the week

The OLD DUTCH Player of the Week award winner for the week ending December 5, 2004, is 19 year old Goaltender, ANDREW LOEWEN of the Neepawa Natives. LOEWEN gave up only 6 goals in 3 games played posting a GAA of 1.97 for the week. LOEWEN'S save percentage for the week was 0.938 and he recorded one shutout against the Swan Valley Stampers. LOEWEN led Neepawa to a share of top spot with the Portage Terriers in the Sherwood Division standings winning two of his three games.

The runner up for the OLD DUTCH Player of the Week award is 19 year old Forward, ALEX MAGERA of the Southeast Blades.

MJHL Trade Transactions

The OCN Blizzard of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have acquired the Hockey Canada playing rights of 18 year old Forward, Cole Fetzner of Royston, BC from the Coquitlam Express of the BCHL for Future Considerations.

The Swan Valley Stampers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have traded the

Hockey Canada playing rights of 18 year old Goaltender, Jesse Deckert of Winnipeg, MB to the Salmon Arm Silverbacks of the BCHL for the Hockey Canada playing rights of 19 year old Forward, Jordan Mowbray of Friendswood, TX and 18 year old Defenseman, Courtney Forsyth of Salmon Arm, BC.

The Winkler Flyers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have traded the Hockey Canada playing rights of 18 year old Defenseman, Riley Johansson of Vita, MB to the Southeast Blades of the MJHL for the Hockey Canada playing rights of 19 year old Forward, Brian Fergusson of Lac du Bonnet, MB.

The Swan Valley Stampers of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League (MJHL) have traded the Hockey Canada playing rights of 18 year old Goaltender, Darcy Stewart of Crystal City, MB to the Southeast Blades of the MJHL for the Hockey Canada playing rights of 19 year old Goaltender, Bo Storozuk of Swan River, MB.

Recreation Re-Boot!

Recreation Re-Boot!

This is a busy time of year for everyone but we must remember to take a time out by enjoying an evening walk with the family and celebrating the beauty of the Christmas Spirit around town; the lights and decorations are amazing. If you like to stay warm while Walking Powerview School has opened its hallways once again starting at 4:00 pm. every weekday (school is closed during Xmas break)

During the week of Dec 20 activities for all ages will be offered at Pine Falls arena; schedule can also be viewed at the arena.

Mon. Dec 20

10:30 - 12:00 Public Skating

1:00-2:00 Shinny Hockey

11yrs & under

2:00-3:00 Shinny Hockey

12yrs & over

Tues. Dec 21

11:00-12:00 Ball Hockey

11yrs & under

1:00-2:30 Ball Hockey

12yrs & up

3:00-4:30 Public Skating

Wed. Dec 22

10:30-12:00 Skating with

Santa

12:00-1:00 Lunch with Arnie

1:00-2:00 Power Skating

11yrs & under

2:30-3:30 Power Skating

12yrs & up

**Volunteers needed: Canteen needs volunteers that could work during these events; if anyone is able to work during the day your hours will be applied to your canteen

duty.

Tai Chi;

An exciting and yet gentle exercise program designed for men and women and highly recommended for people dealing with arthritis. December 1st was our first class with over 20 participants registered and it's still not too late to join in. Call the Rec Office @367-9142 or drop by on Wednesday @ Powerview Church Basement to register; Class #1 - 9:30 / Class #2 - 11:00 for 8 weeks \$45.00/gst (fee is prorated)

Kung Fu/Xtreme Combat/Hip Hop after school;

Something physical, fun and creative to do after school, come and explore your combat talents of Kung Fu (emphasis on non-violent conflict resolution) brought to you by X-Company and Pineview Recreation Commission. A program will be offered in January for approx. 10 weeks if there is enough interest. For registration or information call the Rec Office @367-9142.

Music;

Guitar lessons will be offered for another 10 week session for people 12 years & over starting January 11, opportunity will be given to students already in the program first. Another beginner class may be offered if enough interest. Cost is \$165.00, register by calling the Rec office @ 367-9142

Winter Carnival - Feb. 18, 19, & 20, 2005;

Plans are in the works for winter fun activities for all ages all weekend long. A list of activities and events will be posted at the rec office so if anyone or organization is interested in participating in co-hosting an event call the office. Posters will be up in the New Year.

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4:00pm at the St. Georges Parish, 17 Baie Caron S. St. Georges
COST: Free
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Blues Beaten in own backyard

Lac du Bonnet team still seeing Stars after lame performance

By Jim Hampshire

It wasn't a blowout but the 5 - 4 overtime loss to the Beausejour Stars last Friday has left many Lac du Bonnet players shaking their heads as the six-game winning streak came to a sudden halt.

"We came out flat and things stayed that way," Coach Jeff Seifried said after the game. "I told the players the Beausejour team was stacked with some quality players but they didn't respond."

Seifried says that some early season rumours, where it was believed the Stars couldn't come up with enough players to compete this year, might have played a big part in the lacklustre performance.

"The Stars went to work and brought in some big guns and it worked to their benefit," he conceded.

One of the biggest guns this year in Beausejour is none other than the former Winnipeg South Blues' leading scorer, Luke Molotowsky, who scored the overtime winner at the Lac du Bonnet Arena on Friday night.

The game seemed well in hand for the hometown Blues team when they took a 3 - 1 lead midway through the sec-

ond period. The Stars stormed back with two goals of their own to cut the lead to 4 - 3 heading to the dressing rooms in the second intermission.

Both goalies played well in the third frame during end-to-end old fashion fire wagon hockey, which saw both teams break away with two on ones in the last twenty minutes. Blues Goalie, Jason Leroy managed to kick out most every opposition shot until Stars' defenceman Chris Balness was able to collect a cross ice pass in the slot to pop the equalizer in the top corner on Leroy's stick side five minutes into the third period.

Both goalies shut the door to preserve the 4 - 4 tie and take the game into overtime. Once again, Leroy was called upon to make numerous saves, including rebound chances, but the Stars were able to seal the win late in the first overtime period when Molotowsky was offered three whacks at the puck during a scramble in the crease.

Scoring for the Blues in the losing effort were Jay Seymour, Dwight Hirst, Devon Turner and Jamie Hickies.

On a lighter note, the Blues presented a team jacket to

Colin Fontaine, who won a second intermission skills contest a few weeks back. The eight-year-old was able to shoot the puck a sizable distance and find the "mousehole" sized opening in the plywood net cover to win the coveted jacket.

The Blues will take their show on the road this weekend when they travel to Lundar on Dec. 11, and then travel further to Peguis for the back to back road games.



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December 14th, 2004

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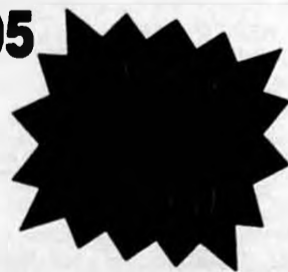
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Winnipeg River RCMP Report

Police Report for the period of November 27th to December 4th, 2004



GENERAL: Changes to the Winnipeg River Detachment include the departure of Cpl. Gabriel BOULETTE who accepted a promotion to Chemawawin Detachment. A social evening was held in his

honour at the Pine Falls Legion. We thank the Legion for their wonderful hospitality once again! Winnipeg River also welcomes the new Detachment Commander - Staff Sargent Steve SAUNDERS

and Cst. Trevor ENS.

An advisory about winter road conditions. Use caution, slow down and remember please don't drink & drive!

November 27
RM OF ALEXANDER- a resident returned home to find a bedroom window smashed. No entry was gained to the home and nothing else was damaged.

Police are investigating a report of sexual interference.

LESTER BEACH- a noise complaint of a possible break and enter resulted in police attending to find several individuals skateboarding in their house.

HOLLOW WATER- police were contacted when an emotionally disturbed male attempted suicide. He was taken to local hospital for treatment and assessment.

November 28
FORT ALEXANDER- complaints of a possible impaired driver were made to police. The vehicle was located parked at a residence. No charges were laid in the incident.

Police returned 3 intoxicated males to cells and lodged them until sober after attending a residence on another matter.

LAKESHORE HEIGHTS- a patrol was made by police after a complaint of a suspicious vehicle in the area was made. The van belonged to a contractor doing work on a

cabin in the vicinity.

FORT ALEXANDER- police took a complaint of forgery involving prescription drugs. Investigation continues.

HOLLOW WATER- a patrol was requested after a vehicle was driving erratically in the area where small children crossed a roadway.

November 29
FORT ALEXANDER- a complaint of a theft of a cell phone was received. The phone was a gift to the complainants daughter described as a silver telus with photo capabilities.

Police attended to a spousal argument which caused a female to leave the residence with children in extreme weather conditions. The family did return home prior to police arrival.

December 2
POWERVIEW- police received a report of a theft from a property. The quad is described as a red Honda 4 wheeler.

RM OF ALEXANDER- investigation continues into a complaint of theft involving VLT funds.

November 3
FORT ALEXANDER - assistance was required when a family member contacted police regarding a male who was in an emotionally disturbed state. The situation was stabilized and no police action was necessary.

TRAVERSE BAY- several

cottages & sheds were victims of break, enter & thefts. Investigation continues into the incidents.

November 4

FORT ALEXANDER- investigation continues into a report of an assault with a weapon. A male received an injury to the face in the altercation.

Police assisted with the return of personal belongings to a female. A disagreement caused another female to hang on to the items.

Residence was attended by police after complaints of a male in breach of a court order were made.

POWERVIEW- 1 male was charged with impaired driving.

MANITGOTAGAN- police were contacted after a vehicle was stolen from a residence and taken for a joy ride. The vehicle was located with the rear window smashed out in a ditch by highway 304.

PINE FALLS- police are still investigating an assault which occurred in the early morning hours.

Police request that if you have any information with any of the above noted incidents, or any other criminal matter, you are asked to call the Winnipeg River Detachment at 367-2222 or you can remain anonymous and call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-782-8477.

Pine Falls Community Billboard

Fort Alexander Health Centre: Diabetes Clinic 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Blood sugar check, nutritional counselling, phone 367-2208.

PACE 10-71375: meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Powerview meeting room.

Prenatal classes: held regularly in your area. Please register with Gail 268-7465 or call your local public health nurse.

Library Allard: Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Friday 12:00 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., 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.

Blue Water Support Group: meets every third Monday of the month 7:00 p.m. Wings of Power office.

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

Powerview Parent Advisory Council: meets first Monday of every month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, 1/2 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info, call 635-2625 or 754-8682.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Report from Legislature

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

Child poverty

Over the years, various Federal and Provincial Governments promised to eliminate child poverty. It is surely the responsibility of Government to address the child poverty issue and to take real steps with a real plan to reduce child poverty, and eventually, to eliminate it. A provincial report card recently released shows that there has been no reduction in child poverty in Manitoba. In Manitoba, one in five children lives in poverty. Overall, 53,000 Manitoba children live in poverty. Ten years ago, Winnipeg Harvest had just over 5,500 children who relied on their food bank each month. Today, Winnipeg Harvest has provided more than 17,000 children with emergency food each month, and in addition, Winnipeg Harvest provides daily snacks and meals to children at more than 100

daycares, schools and community centers.

This increase in child poverty comes as no surprise to the two food banks in Lac du Bonnet Constituency - the Beausejour and Area Food Bank and the Lac du Bonnet and Area Food Bank. In particular, within the last five years, the number of families having to depend upon our two Food Banks for an emergency supply of food has more than doubled. Most of our Food Bank recipients are single parent families with children - sometimes as many as 13 children. More than 60% of those who benefit from food distribution by our Food Banks are children. Child poverty does not disappear because our Food Banks are providing emergency supplies of food to them. Child poverty will only be reduced and hopefully eliminated if Government takes responsibility for poverty, and then de-

velops programs to address the real issues of unemployment and underemployment through real job creation, training and education opportunities, and by providing hope and opportunity to those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Manitoba has the second highest child poverty rate in Canada, second only to Newfoundland. The only reason why Manitoba does not have the highest child poverty rate in Canada is because Newfoundland's rate took a jump for the worse - it is not because Manitoba's rate has improved.

Much work needs to be done to tackle the child poverty issue - and that work should start now!

If you have any questions regarding this article, or any other issues or concerns in the Constituency, please feel free to contact me at 268-4664, write to me at Box 430, Beausejour, MB, R0E 0C0, email me at gerald@geraldhawranik.com or visit my website at www.geraldhawranik.com.

On Parliament Hill



Your voice in Ottawa
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

A New Beginning?

Many Canadians are hopeful that the recent official visit to Canada by U.S. President George W. Bush may be a starting point for renewed positive relations between our two countries. Frosty relations between former Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and President Bush produced significant tensions between Canada and the US, and exacerbated trade issues, in particular the U.S. ban on Canadian beef, and softwood lumber.

Paul Martin's government has not started off on the right foot either. For example, he recently announced his plan to push ahead with legislation to decriminalize marijuana - a move that U.S. officials have repeatedly warned will put our trade relationship with the U.S. (valued at almost \$2 billion a day) in jeopardy - costing Canadians jobs and creating problems at border crossings.

Furthermore, although Paul

Martin eventually kicked out Carolyn Parrish from the Liberal caucus, it was not because of her anti-American outbursts. In the end, she was shown the door for personally attacking Martin. Until that time the Prime Minister was content to let her remain inside the Liberal Caucus in order to appease the radical wing of his party that Parrish represented, instead of standing up for Canadian interests such as livestock production and the softwood lumber sector.

The federal NDP has done no better. Despite attempts to play a more statesmanlike role, its leader Jack Layton sent out recorded phone messages encouraging party supporters to protest against George W. Bush at demonstrations in Ottawa. At the same time he continues to whine that the President will not grant him a private meeting.

The United States and

Canada do almost \$2 billion in business a day with 85 percent of Canada's exports going to the United States. Even though Canadians do not always see eye-to-eye with our American neighbours on a number of significant issues, we should be mindful that much of our economic well being and, for the most part, our international defence relies on the good will of our neighbour to the south.

Although this visit has primarily a symbolic importance, it is an important step in repairing our once-strong bilateral ties with the U.S.. As Canadians we should understand that if we want to throw bricks at the President in the streets of our capital we shouldn't expect a warm welcome when we have problems to discuss.

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

The life stages of financial planning



by Steve Kulyk

Being prepared to meet life's changing needs

As we age, our financial needs change. For this reason, it sometimes helps to think of our lives in terms of distinct financial "stages"—periods of time when we need to be focusing on particular financial goals or managing wealth in a certain way.

Here is a basic description of the typical life stages you'll experience, along with some brief notes on what you should be thinking about as you pass through them.

Ages 0-20: The learning years

This is the time when you're learning about money, and having your formative financial experiences. Chances are you've already passed this stage—but your children or grandchildren haven't. Make a difference to their financial futures by teaching them good financial habits and introducing them to the fundamentals of personal finance: an allowance (to teach money management), a savings account (to teach savings discipline), and an investment account (to introduce them to the market).

Ages 21-30: Laying the foundation

This is a time to establish the foundation of your financial future. Education and job training will be your primary investments during these years. After that, you'll be busy establishing a career and possibly a family too. That makes it a good time to work on some of the great financial goals of life: a retirement portfolio, life and disability insurance, a properly-drafted will and perhaps a home. While your income will most likely be low during this period, time is on your side—working on these goals now will have a big impact on what you have later in life.

Ages 31-40: A time to spend

The prime spending years—the years when mortgage payments, child care expenses, education savings and other costs put a strain on the bank account. Even so, you shouldn't be suspending contributions to long-term investments or retirement savings plans. Those with growing families will also want to make sure their insurance

coverage keeps up with their changing circumstances.

Ages 41-50: Transition to saving

With middle age comes a shift in focus from spending to saving. Unless you have children living away at university or college, your expenses are likely lower now and the mortgage is starting to look more manageable. Your income is likely expanding and it's becoming easier to save. It's a great time to make substantial contributions to your retirement portfolio. That said, a new challenge might be on the horizon: caring for elderly parents. Make sure you discuss the topic with your parents now, and investigate long-term care insurance.

Ages 51-60: Pre-retirement push

You're at the peak of your career, your mortgage is paid off, and the kids have moved out (hopefully!). Now there's no excuse: it's time to put everything you can into your retirement portfolio. You'll also want to consider what you'd like to do during your retirement. A little advance planning will help make your time off a lot more enjoyable.

Ages 61-70: Retirement

You've retired. Securing a stable income will be your main objective. You'll want to study your Old Age Security benefits carefully to ensure you make the most of them, and transfer your RRSP into an RRIF or annuity by age 69. Your portfolio will most likely be a little more conservative than it was in the past, but don't take it too far—nearly everyone needs to have some equity investments in their portfolio in order to keep up with inflation. You'll also want to finalize your estate plan, and discuss your intentions with your heirs.

Age 70+: The Golden Years

Congratulations—you've made it! Your day-to-day finances are likely less of an issue now, but that doesn't mean the need for financial planning has ended. It's time to think about the legacy you'd like to leave behind—for your family, and for your community as well. And of course, there may well be health issues to contend with. Either way, a little advance planning will ensure you enjoy the freedom you've earned.

Stephen Kulyk is an independent financial advisor and can be reached at 367-9572, St. Georges. E-mail steve@kulykfinancial.com

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The WHS has a new website, visit us at www.winnipeghumanesociety.ca

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

Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Police Report for the period of November 29th to December 4th, 2004

The following constitutes the Police Report for Lac du Bonnet Detachment for the period of the 29th of November to the 6th of December:

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd that an under-age male had assaulted a 5 year old male in Leslie Park in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Took place on the 27th of Nov., and was reported for information purposes at this time.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of an elderly subject driving without a driver's licence in Whitemouth.

Police patrolled the area, however, the subject was not located at the time, and subsequently returned to his residence. Matter to be followed up with by his family.

On the 29th of Nov., a report was rec'd of a Panic Alarm at a location on Lady Drax Drive in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This was found to be a False Alarm.

On the 30th of Nov., a request was rec'd from Falcon Beach Detachment to locate a subject in Whitemouth and obtain a witness statement from

him concerning a hit and run incident at Hadashville.

On the 1st of Dec., a report was rec'd that the bulb had been stolen out of a security light at a location on Third Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Not known when this had taken place.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd that an under-age female had reported being assaulted by an adult female at a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd that an adult male had called a location in the Town of Lac du Bonnet and threatened an adult female. Took place approx. 2 weeks ago.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd of a vehicle with Minnesota plates being operated in a careless manner in the vicinity of P.R. 313 and P.R. 315 in the R.M. of Alexander. Vehicle had headed west on 313. Police patrolled the area, but did not come across the vehicle.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd of a suspicious vehicle parked on Still Cove Road in the R.M. of Alexander. Police investigated and determined that same was driven by a subject who was working on a cottage in the area.

On the 3rd of Dec., a report was rec'd of a 911 call to a location on Third Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Found to be a false call.

On the 4th of Dec., a report

was rec'd that an under-age male had been assaulted by an adult male on the Wpg. River Bridge in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Subject taken to Pinawa Hospital for treatment by his mother.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business location in Pinawa. Police attended and found all to be secure.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd that beer bottles had been thrown at the windshield of a pick-up truck at a location near the Wpg. River Bridge in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. This led to a confrontation on the Bridge, which produced the previous report of assault at that location. Matter under investigation.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd that the Pinawa Ambulance was attending a location on Patterson Crescent in Pinawa. Police attended and found that an adult male was deceased at that location. No foul play involved.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd that the skating shack at Seven Sisters had been broken into, with damage done to a plexiglass window.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an injured deer on P.R. 214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and dispatched the animal.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a possibly impaired driver in the Leeshurland area of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police pa-

trolled, but did not locate the vehicle in question.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd that the ambulance had attended a location at Ste. Rita in the R.M. of Reynolds, and that an adult male was deceased at that location. Police attended and found that same appeared to be due to natural causes.

On the 4th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a possibly Impaired Driver on P.T.H. #11 driving from Great Falls to Lac du Bonnet. Police stopped the vehicle and found that the driver was in fact sober.

On the 5th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a Lifeline Call to a location in the River Hills area of the R.M. of Whitemouth. Police attended and found that an adult female was complaining of not feeling well. Subject taken to Pinawa Hospital by ambulance to be checked out.

On the 5th of Dec., a vehicle was stopped on P.T.H. #11 in the vicinity of Great Falls and the adult male driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. Arrested and subsequently lodged to sober up, and released for Court for Driving over .08. Licence suspended and vehicle impounded. Intoxicated adult male passenger lodged to sober up.

On the 5th of Dec., a report was rec'd from a subject on Allard in the Town of Lac du Bonnet that a number of harassing phone calls were rec'd from an unknown subject.

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 Szynal, 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 367-9528, church 345-2357

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

Agricultural News

By: Terry J. Buss - Ag. Rep., Beausejour

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Oat Varieties - Jennifer Mitchell-Fetch, AAFC Winnipeg, Fusarium in Oats - Andy Tekauz, AAFC Winnipeg, Food Quality & Health: The Future of Oats - Nancy Ames, AAFC Winnipeg, The Prairie

Oat Growers Association - Al Loyns and Bill Wilton, The USA Oat Market - Staff from AAFC Winnipeg, Forward Pricing Oats - Brenda Anderson, Agricore United, HACCP & the Oat Market - Dennis Galbraith, CanOat, Oat Fertility - Terry J. Buss, Ag Rep.

Please note that admission is \$10.00 per person payable at the door. Lunch will be served. If you are planning to attend this meeting, please pre-register at the Beausejour District Office by calling 268-6094.

Crop and Swine Production Information Seminar

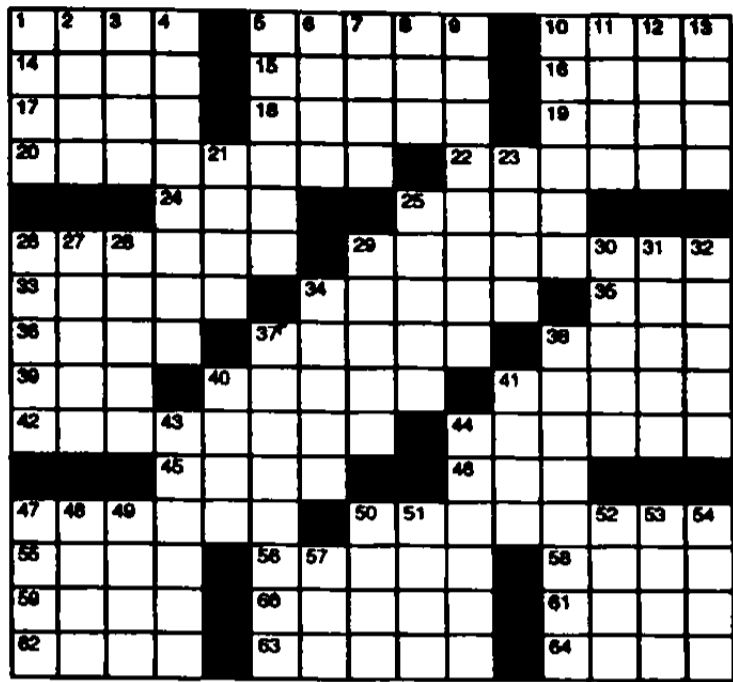
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Prophet
 - 5 Attack from all sides
 - 10 Farm building
 - 14 Bathe
 - 15 Escape
 - 16 Poke
 - 17 On the ocean
 - 18 Whip scars
 - 19 ___ McNally Atlas
 - 20 Shopkeeper
 - 22 Odds and ends
 - 24 Paving material
 - 25 Shock
 - 26 Accommodate
 - 29 Makes sizzling sounds
 - 33 Groups of three
 - 34 Impales
 - 35 False statement
 - 36 Rotate
 - 37 Small rock
 - 38 Surface a road
 - 39 Airport information (abbr.)
 - 40 ___ and Stripes
 - 41 Inevitable
 - 42 Coal, natural ___
 - 44 Overly fond people
 - 45 Beseech
 - 46 Regret

- 47 To mold (arch.)
- 50 "From here to ___"
- 55 Typing error
- 56 Fence openings
- 58 Ripped
- 59 Heroic poems
- 60 Sea eagles
- 61 English prep school
- 62 Prepared
- 64 Male parents

- Down**
- 1 Close loudly
 - 2 Comfort
 - 3 Always
 - 4 Response
 - 5 "___ the Idles of March"
 - 6 on an ___ keel
 - 7 Seasoning
 - 8 Eastern Daylight Time (abbr.)
 - 9 Laboratory necessity (2 wds)
 - 10 Dash
 - 11 Mid-East country
 - 12 Not short
 - 13 ___ and ends
 - 21 Old witches
 - 23 Crude cabins
 - 25 Extends over
 - 26 Playful water mammal
 - 27 Bully
 - 28 Italian coins
 - 29 Market
 - 30 Raise the spirits of
 - 31 Waterway
 - 32 Sows

- 34 ___ Keach, TV's Hammer
- 37 Unknown person
- 38 Protected a new invention
- 40 Certain
- 41 After three
- 4 Run counter to
- 44 Stylish in attire
- 47 Pack away
- 48 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. ___
- 49 Imitator
- 50 Volcano in Sicily
- 51 ___ off; mad
- 52 Small quantity
- 53 Made a step
- 54 Craves
- 57 ___ you ready?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



Did you Know?

What type of bird can reach up to 9 feet (2.7 meters) in height and can weigh in at 350 pounds (160 kg)?

Between 1845-47, three-fourths of a million Irish people emigrated to the U.S.A. What natural disaster caused this great movement of people?

In 1774 Rhode Island became the first U.S. state to ban something that is now illegal in all states. What was it?

Hippophobia is fear of what animal?



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

LV QBSD NVFB JX LV QBSD NJQB,
 SPR LQVXB CWV QBSD NJQB SDB
 SNDBSRK LWDBB MSDLX RBSR

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

THE BEST PROOF OF LOVE IS TRUST

Weekly Echo Horoscopes



ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)
 Deception in your home is evident. Don't beat around the bush. Your efforts won't go unnoticed; however, someone you work with may get jealous. You will enjoy getting together with friends. You can make the most headway if you put in some overtime.



TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)
 Opportunities for new partnerships will develop through the organizations you encounter. Secret activity is evident. Try to avoid being extravagant this week. The home environment will be unpredictable this week.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
 Your obviously unique way of doing things has caught the eye of someone in a higher position. Emotional relationships will be plentiful if you attend group activities. You should be getting into self-improvement projects. Be careful not to lead someone on if you truly have no interest.



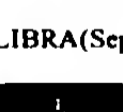
CANCER (June 22-July 22)
 You will be erratic and quite likely to make personal mistakes. Be aware that joint financial ventures could fall apart. Take whatever time you can to get to know each other all over again. This day was meant for love..



LEO (July 23-Aug 22)
 Someone may not be thinking of your best interests. Don't deny yourself this week. Your mate will be pushing you to do things that you really don't want to do. Communication must be open, precise, and honest.



VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)
 If you're preoccupied, be careful while operating a vehicle or any kind of equipment or machinery. You can make it up to them later. You could be cornered, so be prepared to tell the truth. You will be prone to carelessness that could result in accidents.



LIBRA(Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)
 You must try to lay your cards on the table. Talk to your mate and tell them how you feel. A passionate encounter with your mate should help alleviate that pent-up energy. Be careful when dealing with female members of your family. Make the necessary changes that will enable you to advance financially.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You can make new friends if you get involved in group activities. You need to pamper yourself for a change. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing. Look out for yourself this week.

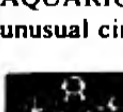
This edition covers the week of December 5th to December 12th



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)Be careful when dealing with superiors. Your efforts won't go unnoticed; however, someone you work with may get jealous. Use your own ideas to further your interests. Your best efforts will come through making changes in your home.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)You may have the opportunity to get involved in some interesting conversations. Look into the cost factor, but don't try to get backing yet. Confusion regarding other people's money and joint ventures will come to a head.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)You could experience unusual circumstances and meet eccentric individuals. You should get involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike. Don't be shy; if you want to spend more time with a special person, make a commitment.



PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)Self-improvement could bring amazing results. You're in the mood to spend time with your lover. Do some research if you want to find information that you can apply against the opposition you face. Uncertainty about your relationship is prevalent.

Echo Classifieds

Office space for rent
Above Pine Falls Post Office. c/w private washroom. For more information call Denis at 367-8651. *TFN*



Apartments for Sale- Income producing property, 7 suites, Five 2 bedroom suites, and two 1 bedroom suites. Coin operated laundry, newly renovated decks, located in the town of Powerview, good investment, \$240,000 (correction) OBO, Estate Sale, Call 367-4137 or 367-4922. *12-7PM*

Newer 3 bedroom house for rent in Powerview. All appliances included. Serious inquiries only, must have rental references. Call after 6:00 p.m. at 367-4922. *16m*

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

Rooms and Suites for rent. Weekly and Monthly rates available. Hydro and satellite included, call Omer at 367-9991 or 367-4210. *26-7PM*

Bankruptcy Info-line - free, confidential. Call 1-800-463-8371. www.lctaylor.net This is a community service offered by L.C. Taylor & Co. Ltd., Trustee in Bankruptcy. *24-7PM*

Santa for Hire - Call 340-0149.

Shooting Star Casino - Trip April 1, 2, 3rd, 2005. Book your ticket with Alana Simard 363-7314 affordable rates.

It is with heartfelt thanks that we acknowledge the following who contributed to the Saint Georges Parish Bazaar on the 20th of November.

Bruneau Charolais Farm, Dancyt's Foods, Rose and Wilfred Chevrefils, Midway Foods, Great Falls Foods, Elise Zolinski, Pine Florists, Country Concepts, Papertown, Chevrefils Greenhouse, Deals for Dollars, Pine Pharmacy, Caisse La Verendrye, Hometown Sausage, Sunrise Bakery, Subway, Chicken Chef, G. S. Septic Service, Powerview Fabrics, Broadlands Mall, Coachroom, Phillips Massage Therapy, Rusty Spoon, Winnipeg River Echo, Quick Spa, Through the Arbour, Clark's Corner, Rona Hardware, Emmanuel, Maurice Bouvier, Gerry Donna Dupont, Mike, Maureen Bouvier, Jeane Lavoie, Lucille, Armand Boulet, Rene, Annette Papineau, Maria Dupont, Romeo Lucille Bruneau, Jeanette Hawranik, Simon Dube, Luc, Brenda, Vincent, Eugenie E. Vincent, Dionne, Edgar Dube, Monique Hawranik, Henri, Joanne Dube, Marcel, Lila Dube, Henri, Rita Fontaine, L'Abbe, Rejean Belanger, Andrea Bruneau.

Thanks to all who helped out, donated to the Bake Sale, Canteen, Meat draw and raffle. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

The Bazaar Committee

Adorable kittens need loving home. Three females, 1- grey with white belly, 2- grey and white striped. Eight weeks old, Litter trained, very affectionate and loving.

These kittens are located in Pine Falls. To view, or inquire, call us at 345-4345.

Bobbie-Jo Smith
Nov. 29, 1974 to
Dec. 10, 2002

Remember her with a smile today. She was never one for tears. Reflect instead on the memories of all the happy years. Recall to mind the way she spoke, and all the things she said. Her smile, her laugh, the way she danced around. Remember these instead.

The family of Bobbie-Jo

Wayne Cowan

Sept. 13, 1950 - Dec. 5, 2002

In loving memory Wayne Cowan, Husband, father, grandfather, Sept 13th, 1950 - December 5th, 2002.

There is not a day that goes by when you are not thought of and missed so much, the ache, the sadness, the pain, seems to lessen on the outside. But still festers on the inside. Knowing you are in a better place with our lord helps us all.

So sadly missed and will always love you,

Betty, kids and grandchildren

Agricultural News

by Brent Reid, Ag Rep, Crops and Hogs

Before we try to erase this past crop year from memory maybe there is something we can learn from it. On Friday December 10th from 9:30-3:30 we will be discussing some of these topics at the Curling Rink in Dugald. David James will be presenting the Results of the 2004 Crop Variety Trials at James Farms. Bruce Brolley will do a recap of Soybean Production in 2004 and David Kaminski will talk about Crop Diseases of Importance in 2004.

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MAFRI is pleased to have the morning session and lunch sponsored by James Farms and the afternoon sponsored by the Oak Bank Credit Union.

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- Fusarium in Oats
- Potential of Oats in Food Products
- The Prairie Oat Growers Association
- Oat Marketing and Market Outlook
- Oat Fertility.

INVITATION TO TENDER
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
WINNIPEG RIVER DETACHMENT
JANITORIAL SERVICES CONTRACT



Powerview and/or Grand Marais offices

1st TERM: 01 APRIL 2005 to 31 MARCH 2006
2nd TERM: 01 APRIL 2006 to 31 MARCH 2007
Option to renew for one additional year
3rd TERM: 01 APRIL 2007 to 31 MARCH 2008

Tender "Invitation & Contract Packages" may be picked up at Powerview Detachment and/or Grand Marais Community Detachment weekdays from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

For further information contact S/Sgt. S. Saunders at 367-8728.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Closing date: Noon, January 15th, 2005

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Medical Required.
Preference will be given
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Call the Senior Services
at 367-9128.

**SILVER HAVEN
MEAL
PROGRAM**

Open to all seniors 55 and over. You are welcome to bring a guest. All meals are \$4.50. Meals are at 12:00 noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your name must be put on the list the day before by calling **Silver Haven at 367-4620**

Wednesday, December 8
Salad, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, bean salad, spice cake.
Friday, December 10
Soup, battered fish, and baked potatoes, beets, chocolate pudding.
Monday, December 13
Soup, Quiche Lorraine, coleslaw, rhubarb upside down cake.
Wednesday, December 15
Salad, Chicken cutlets, potato salad, brussell sprouts, Jello

Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

Letting go of your past

Robert McGee in his book "The Search for Significance" lists four false beliefs that hold people back from reaching their potential in life. One of these beliefs is this; "I am what I am. I cannot change. I am hopeless." Believing this lie drives one to be pessimistic and to have a low self worth. People who believe this often say things like; "That's the way I've always been and that's the way I'll always be" or "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" or "I just can't help myself." Sometimes that may describe how we feel at that particular moment but the truth is that we can change.

Dr. Paul Tournier once compared a person's life to that of a trapeze artist. The trapeze bar is the person's security, their

very pattern of existence and their lifestyle. What happens is that God swings another trapeze into this person's view. Now we have a dilemma, should they let go of their past (the old bar) and reach for the new bar. Dr. Tournier explains that this is the moment of truth when this person realizes that they must let go of the old bar in order to grab the new bar.

Our past may be filled with painful memories, with guilt and manipulation.

We feel inadequate to make the necessary changes to deal with life in a more positive way. Our past failures keep us locked into a certain way of living life. We experience despair and pessimism instead of joy and a healthy sense of self worth. The mistake that we make is that we base our self worth on our past performance. The Apostle Paul had to let go of his past when he came to Christ, he had been instrumental in putting many Christians to death. (Acts 9:1) When Paul met Christ on the road to Damascus, he was faced with a

decision, let go of his past and embrace Christ or hang on to his past and repeat his past over and over

again. Thank God Paul let go of his past and received Christ. His life was totally changed. Now instead of hating Christians, he served them. Instead of being haunted by his colorful past he realized that his self worth came from his new identity 'in Christ.'

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

My friend let me encourage you, you do not have to be kept hostage by your past there is hope. Christ came to this earth 2000 years ago to bring hope and freedom to us. Open your heart to Him this Christmas season and experience the joy of living life to its full potential.



ECHOES FROM THE Heart

Sometimes things go wrong for a reason

Author Unknown

After Sept. 11th, one company invited the remaining members of other companies who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers to share their available office space.

At a morning meeting, the head of security told stories of why these people were alive... and all the stories were just: THE 'LITTLE' things.

As you might know, the head of the company survived that day because his son started kindergarten.

Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.

One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident.

One of them missed his bus. One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.

One's car wouldn't start. One went back to answer the telephone.

One had a child that dawdled and didn't get ready as soon as he should have.

One couldn't get a taxi. One was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when you are stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone... all the little things that annoy us, I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants us to be at this very moment.

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong, the children are slow getting dressed, you can't seem to find the car keys, you hit every traffic light, don't get mad or frustrated; God is at work watching over you. May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

Pine Falls 5 pin bowling league

Week #3

The ladies high games were Sharon Bruyere 231, Doris Kahle 231, Wanda Berthelette 215.

The men's high games were Brian Bruyere 240, Ron Knott 236, Jerry Gauthier 232, Mike Coss 215, Lucas Berthelette 208, Jonathon Coss 203, Dan Coss 200.

The female bowler of the week was Sharon Bruyere 231, 102 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Ron Knott 236, 80 pins over his average.

The Legion special was won by the Richardson team 3325.

Week #2

The ladies high games were Wanda Berthelette 245, Nancy Breton 226, 205, Evelyn Dodds 223.

The men's high games were Jonathon Coss 292, 234, 228, 205, Derek Anderson 280, Don Powell 243, 229, 221, Dan Coss 238, 218, Brian Bruyere 228, Todd Jesseau 228, Carl Palmquist 204, 200, Ron

Pachkowsky 203, Denten Normand 202, Dwayne Duff 221, 201.

The female bowler of the week was Wanda Berthelette 245, 76 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Jonathon Coss 292, 76 pins over his average.

The Legion special was won by Young Guns 2441.

High Triples were Don Powell 693, Jonathon Coss 665, Derek Anderson 658, Nancy Breton 614, Dwayne Duff 610, Todd Jesseau 610.

Week #4

The ladies high games were Sharon Tremain 225, Shirley Adams 203.

The men's high games were Jonathon Coss 263, 234, 228, 217, 216, 209, Denten Normand 255, Mike Coss 249, 205, Derek Anderson 234, 228, Ron Knott 234, Lawrence Abraham 221, 209, 203, Bob Hebert 221, 216, Todd Jesseau 219, Greg Gervais 206, Rick Thomas 204.

The female bowler of the

week was Flo Walker 185, which was 69 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Denten Normand 255, 82 pins over his average.

The Legion special was won by Legion Special 3296.

High triple games were Jonathon Coss 660, 625, 600, Lawrence Abraham 633, Mike Coss 620.

Week #6

The ladies high games were Sharon Bruyere 286, Kathleen Coss 225, Margaret Starr 222.

The men's high games were Lawrence Abraham 267, Dwayne Duff 248, 216, Dan Coss 245, 213, 208, Derek Anderson 243, Ron Knott 252, Philip Starr 233, Jonathon Coss 223, Carl Palmquist 207.

The female bowler of the week was Sharon Bruyere 286, 150 pins over her average.

The male bowler of the week was Philip Starr 233, 103 pins over his average.

The Legion special was won by Extremely Heavy 3297.

High triple games were Dan Coss 666, Dwayne Duff 648.

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