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School boards to merge

The Pine Falls and Sunrise School Divisions are scheduled to merge July 1. The Sunrise School Division has announced its intention of initiating the process to close the Pine Falls School as soon as it has the legal authority to do so. That is, on July 1 if the merger goes ahead as scheduled. The closure process takes twenty months so the Pine Falls school will continue to function until the end of the 2006/2007 school year.

Initiating the school closure process does not necessarily mean that the school will close. The process calls for input from parents and community members prior to the decision to close the school. School board members, including one elected from Pine Falls, will take this public input into consideration prior to making a final decision. The decision must be made no later than June 30 in the year preceding the date of closure. Thus if the school is to close at the end of the 2006/2007 school year the school board will have to make the decision by June 30, 2006.

The Pine Falls School Board, and many of the parents of children in the school want to keep the school open. Their primary reason is that it is better for the children to have the

younger children separated from the older children, that is separate school for elementary and high school students. They will be making this case to the Sunrise School Board and will be hoping to persuade them to take this into consideration and not let financial matters alone influence their decision.

In the K-5 range there are only enough children in the two schools for one class per grade. If the Pine Falls school remains open children currently attending Powerview in grades K-5 will have to be bussed to the Pine Falls School.

Pine Falls School is a K-8 school with 110 students, only 37 of them from Pine Falls. There are 51 students from other school divisions, mostly Sunrise, under the "schools of choice program". There are also 22 students from Sagleeng. Sunrise has said that they do not want to accept these children. That is, they will accept only the 37 Pine Falls students and not the 73 students from outside the community. The Pine Falls School Board is insisting that these children be taken into consideration in the merger process.

A public meeting for mid to late February is planned and a formal announcement of the date is expected soon.

Home invasion - arrests made

RCMP Release

Shortly after midnight on Thursday, February 3rd, 2005, the RCMP in Powerview responded to a call of two suspects who had barged into a home in the RM of Alexander. The suspects fled shortly after entering, when they were confronted by an adult

resident of the home. The woman then ran to the opened door and locked in behind the suspects, fearing for her safety and that of her two children, ages 12 and 9.

Two male youths were taken into custody without incident shortly after the call was received. A firearm was re-

covered during the arrest.

The subsequent police investigation identified one other home that the suspects tried to enter however access was not gained.

Both youths will be facing charges of Break and Enter as well as weapons related offences.



Indoor ice fishing derby exceeded expectations. Fishing enthusiasts had a great day of fishing participating in this year's newly enclosed tournament.

Indoor ice fishing derby fills tent

On Saturday, February 4th the St. Georges Voyageurs hockey team held their 8th annual ice fishing derby.

This year however brought a new twist as the derby was

held at a new location in Silver Falls at the Blue Water Aviation site under a 120 foot by 40 foot tent.

With only 100 holes drilled the event was sold out well in

advance.

Due to the weather not being a factor a great time was enjoyed by all who attended.

The derby was held from
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**Southeast Blades vs.
Selkirk Steelers
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Hebert rink wins Pine Falls men's bonspiel

The Pine Falls men's bonspiel was held this past weekend. Sixteen teams participated and curling fans enjoyed some fine plays and closely matched games.



Men's Bonspiel Winners (l-r) Skip - Don Hebert, Third - Al Kotowich, Second - Jason Lamb, Lead - Brian Cing-Mars



Men's Bonspiel Winners (l-r) Skip - Nathan Trethart, Third - Jamie Pachkowsky, Second - Chris McMullen, Lead - Aaron Trethart

Don Hebert and his team from Lac du Bonnet took top honours this weekend in a close game between the Jeff Oaks rink from Pine Falls. Hebert skipped his team of Al Kotowich, Jason Lamb and Brian Cing-Mars in a 7-5 win over Jeff Oaks and his team of Al Harley, Aaron, and Buddy Guay.

B-event was won by the Pine Falls team of Nathan Trethart, Jamie Pachkowsky, Chris McMullen, and Aaron Trethart. They beat out the Lac du Bonnet team of Bob Stevenson, Bill Toews, Dwayne Wickstrom, and Dennis Pidhirney in a 9-3 victory.

C-event winner's were Brad Murray, Calvin Kralka, Jon Phillips, and Brain Ryall, they beat out the Lac du Bonnet team of Phillip Newshan, Al Borody, Dave McCalder, and Pat Watson in a 5-2 victory. Special thanks to all who donated their time and efforts.

Community Centre worthy of support



by Jim Hampshire
EDITORIAL

It's not often that I sit down to write editorials, basically because I am a strong believer in keeping ones opinions to ones self, unless there is a punchline involved of course.

Today, there are no punchlines, mostly because there is little to laugh about down at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre. As it is, the board members have a difficult task ahead of them, which is only compounded by the difficult task they had behind them.

To bring you up to speed, these current board members accepted the nomination to guide the centre through some very rough waters. You might recall, roughly three years ago, some board members resigned over an internal conflict re-

garding the finances at that time and it has been rough sailing ever since. Truth be told, the centre has been in financial trouble since the doors opened but that's to be expected with any facility. Even Winnipeg Mayor Sam Katz is asking for federal money to help keep community clubs open throughout the City of Winnipeg, and he isn't having much luck either.

But here in Lac du Bonnet, the turmoil boils at the local level. Over the last few weeks, no doubt local residents have read the media reports surrounding the dispute between the community centre board and the RM of Lac du Bonnet council, where the local council commissioned a financial review on the centre which resulted in the council's decision not to sign off as guarantors of any new financial agreement the centre was working on with the Royal Bank. As stated in local media reports, the RM has the best interests of the local ratepayers in mind, but what isn't stated in media reports is any viable alternative to the status quo. Instead of working out a new financial arrangement and lowering the mortgage payments, would the RM council prefer that the community centre board charge annual membership fees, much like other private clubs? Would it be better to lay-off staff and eliminate the payroll altogether, making the facility a turn-key community centre as a result? Or should we stay with the status quo?

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Close to 800 summer jobs for rural youth

Rural Green Team Program important for skill development

Release

GIMLI—Rural youth between the ages of 16 and 24 will have access to nearly 800 summer jobs through the province's Rural Green Team program this year, Education, Citizenship and Youth Minister Peter Bjornson announced here today.

The \$1.85-million program includes two components: Hometown Green Team which hires youth for priority projects that benefit communities and Conservation Green Team which hires youth to work in provincial parks and nature areas. Program goals this year include helping youth gain skills in building construction and public health education as well as increasing employment opportunities for Aboriginal youth.

"Students often don't realize the positive impact summer employment has on their long-term school and career success until many years later," Bjornson said. "These jobs help young Manitobans learn valuable work skills and make important contacts while earning money for the school year. The projects they undertake also help them gain technical, communications and other workplace skills."

The Hometown component of the program helps create summer jobs with municipal and civic governments, northern community councils, conservation districts and non-profit organizations. Approved participants receive funding on a 50/50 cost-shared basis to cover salaries and other support costs for up to four individuals. Hometown Green Team youth will work from May 9 to August 26.

The Conservation Green Team component supports job creation in provincial parks and offices throughout rural Manitoba. Jobs vary from park maintenance to resource and environmental management, tourism and community development.

"The program helps communities develop and fulfil pri-

ority projects in provincial parks and natural areas while developing marketable employment skills," said Conservation Minister Stan Struthers. "Young people can return home for the summer and enjoy time with family and friends while working to benefit their communities."

"Hometown Green Team helps to enhance our rural and northern communities and benefits residents through such projects as sports camps, drop-in centres, neighbourhood safety, community renewal and housing rehabilitation," said Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Minister Rosann Wowchuk.

Youth may work on general maintenance, wildlife, forestry and environmental projects. Interpretive assistant positions are also available with students leading campfire talks, developing amphitheatre programs or providing information at park interpretive centres or museums. Conservation Green Team students are hired for two- and three-month terms. In 2005, they will be employed from May 24 or July 4 to Aug. 26.

Interested young people can apply for Conservation Green Team jobs at the nearest Manitoba Conservation district office. Hometown Green Team jobs are available by contacting municipal and community offices, Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives offices, registering online at <http://www.studentjobs.gov.mb.ca> or calling 1-800-282-8069, ext. 2343 to find out which organizations are participating.





Information is also available by phoning 1-800-282-8069, ext. 7182 for the Conservation Green Team and ext. 0901 for the Hometown Green Team. Information on the Hometown Green Team is available on the Internet at <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/youth/employers/hometown.html>. Applications will be available after Feb. 14.

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The weekend kicks off at 7:00 pm. on Friday Evening (February 11) with the Opening Ceremonies, a bonfire and free hot chocolate and marshmallows. (Bring your own stick)

At 7:30, A Walter Whyte band of fiddlers will be entertaining the crowd, followed by Tommy Knot and Friends. A Cribbage Tournament gets underway at 8:30 pm.

The same evening, from 8:00 to 11:00 there will be a

Teen Dance at Walter Whyte School

Saturday there will be tobogganing and skating all day at the Rec. Centre. In the morning a Novelty Bonspiel will be held in the Curling Rink, which will continue after 4:00 pm. In the afternoon there will be Sleigh Rides and a Cross Country Ski Derby.

Indoors there will be children's activities all day. In the evening, starting at 8:00 pm a social, with music from the Jesse James Band, will continue until 1:00 am. There will be a dart tournament from 8:30 to 10:00.

Sunday will begin with a pancake breakfast from 9:00 to 11:00 followed by the church service at 11:30. Closing ceremonies at will take place at 3:00 pm. There will be tobogganing and skating all day Sunday.

Indoor ice fishing derby fills tent - from front page

10:00am until 3:00pm. Local resident Rob McMullen took home first prize of \$5000 by reeling in a 3.99lb White Fish, narrowly beating young angler, 12 year old Adam Houston who weighed in a 3.88 lb. Jackfish.

This was the year for youth as another 12 year old, Evan Dube took third place. The top ten received cash or prizes.

Even those not lucky enough to catch a fish were still able to win with the several door prize draws and the two 50/50 draws.

The volunteers who ran the canteen did a wonderful job keeping the fishermen and women well fed.

Having the derby indoors seemed to be a hit with the crowd as two onlookers said "this event could really take off". So don't be disappointed next year, make sure to get your tickets early. They are already on sale.

Organizers Raymond Houston and Dave Lagasse said the derby was viewed as a huge success and next year they are looking at possibly getting a larger tent and adding more holes.

They would like to thank everyone who volunteered and contributed to the success.



Neil Morgan and Rob McMullen shared the \$5000 first prize with a weigh in of a 3.99 lbs. White fish.



Adam Houston took home second place with a 3.88 lbs. catch



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Les inscriptions à la maternelle auront lieu dans nos écoles au courant de la semaine du 28 février au 4 mars 2005. Les enfants qui auront cinq (5) ans avant le 31 décembre 2005 sont admissibles. Veuillez apporter à l'école un certificat de naissance.

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Water on the rise Blues shift

LDB residents wwill pay more on their water bill

By Jim Hampshire

The cost of a cup of coffee is going up in restaurants, and now right in your home, but it has nothing to do with the price of beans if you live in Lac du Bonnet.

Last week the Lac du Bonnet Town Council announced it will be raising the rate on Town water by 20 percent across the board. In the past, the Town was charging residents 98 cents per cubic metre for domestic water, but that number is expected to jump to \$1.18 per cubic metre on June 1.

"We are currently looking at an increase in water rates in town but that is pending on a decision by the Public Utilities

Board," Lac du Bonnet Town Councillor Norm Plato said this week.

As Plato explains it, a formal request to the utilities board has to be made for any rate increase regarding water services.

Also the Town announced it will be eliminating a bulk rate it had in place for anyone using more than 455 cubic metres. Under the new by-law, which received it's first reading on Jan. 26, all customers will be paying the domestic rate, regardless of volume used.

The bulk, or intermediate rate, currently stands at 86 cents per cubic metre and customers using in excess of 455 cubic metres will see a substan-

tial increase of nearly 30 percent in their water and sewer bills.

Plato says the move to raise water rates was decided after a study was completed by J.R. Cousins last fall.

"It has been quite a while since we have raised the water rates in town and we find our expenses are on the increase," Plato said. "People may not know but we have to send our town employees to Winnipeg to be trained to use the new equipment and that runs into quite a bit of money."

Plato also reports that the Town is allocating money to improve the underground water lines, most of which were installed 50 years ago. Although a timeline has not been set, Plato indicates that Lac du Bonnet can see water line improvements taking place within five years.

from second to third

But find overdrive in Lundar

by Jim Hampshire

The up-and-down roller coaster ride continued for the Lac du Bonnet Blues this past week, when the Blues were able to run up the score in Lundar this weekend, after a disappointing outcome in Arborg the week before.

In the Arborg upset, the Blues played well enough to earn a 3 - 3 tie going into the third period but fell asleep at the wheel, allowing the Ava-

lanche four straight goals after taking a 4 - 3 lead to start the third frame. Lac du Bonnet was able to make it respectable, scoring two more late in the third but had to settle for a 7 - 6 loss and a drop to third place in the standings.

As always, the Blues seem to rebound after every embarrassment and as luck would

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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.
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Law office opens in Powerview



Laurie Oakes of Oakes Law Corporation in Powerview

Local Grad back with new business

by Jim Hampshire

It is often said that a good attorney is hard to find, but in reality, any attorney is hard to find. Especially in this part of Manitoba.

Enter: Laurie Oakes of the newly founded Oakes Law Corporation.

As many already know, Laurie Oakes graduated from Powerview School before heading off to the University of Manitoba. Of course being from a small town, it didn't take the Practising Lawyer very long to rediscover her roots, while bringing in a much needed service in the process. As fate would have it, Laurie and her husband Mike, moved to Powerview because of a job transfer, where Mike is the newest member of the Winnipeg River RCMP detachment. And after taking time off to have a baby,

Laurie thought it would be a good time to hang up her shingle and start a Law Practice in her old home town.

"Basically this will be our last move," Oakes said, referring to a commitment to stay in the community. "We are going to renovate the garage and I'm putting in my office and we are going to grow old together in Powerview."

The Oakes family comes in from Dauphin where Laurie first began practicing and although the move was a step in the right direction as a family, it was also a great career move as it turned out.

"There really isn't any permanent law office set up around the region," Oakes observed. "It is true that city firms send out an associate through this area once a week but these lawyers are busy

enough as it is and the residents need someone who can be here all week long."

Besides working in corporate law, Oakes' preferred area of practice includes personal injury, Autopac claims, job related injury, wrongful dismissal and civil litigation.

The 25-year-old attorney graduated from the U of M and wrote her bar exam in 2003. And while she admits she isn't focussing on criminal law, she said she would be available for consultation on most legal matters.

"It is important to be available seven days a week if something urgent arises," Oakes concludes. "We do ask that people call ahead during regular business hours and make an appointment whenever possible, but there are always emergencies in this business and we're here to answer the phone."

Laurie Oakes can be contacted at 367-2494 Mon. to Fri. during regular business hours.

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Back to back golds

submitted

The Southeast Stars PeeWee girls have put back to back gold medals together the last two weeks.

It's been some exciting hockey to watch, these girls are playing as a team and mov-

ing the puck around nicely.

We are definitely on a roll winning our last ten games.

That sure makes things really exciting going into the play-offs next week. The play-offs are not the only thing the girls are looking forward to. We have a big tournament in

Steinbach on February 18 and 19. This will be by far the biggest challenge these girls are going to face from A1 teams.

Coach Nolin says "I'm looking forward to the Steinbach tournament. This team is ready to play disciplined and patient hockey.



The Southeast Stars Pee Wee Girls have won back to back gold medals.

Community Centre worthy of support

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to examine the status quo at more length. First it should be explained that the community centre board is made up of elected representatives from all corners of the community. Board members include representatives from the Lions Club, the local chapter of the Knights of Columbus, the Pioneer Club, the Curling Club, not to mention a member from each local government council. Now in order to explain the shmozzle as it has unfolded over the last few weeks, the local municipality, who already has a member on the board, delivered a major vote of non-confidence by commissioning an independent financial review. Basically it is your everyday 'slap in the face' to all board members and the subsequent organizations they represent, and the message the RM has sent is one of distrust. Not exactly putting your best diplomatic foot forward, and as you'd expect, arguments ensued. Accusations flew and now we are at the point where the RM pulled its signature from any new agreement. As it stands, the RM says it will continue its promise of support (\$13,200 per year) for now but a recent reso-

lution states that the any future payments are contingent upon the community centre's commitment to eliminate the debt by the end of 2012. Yikes! Another slap in the face! How can any existing board truthfully guarantee what will happen in the years to come? How can you guarantee the actions of future boards?

That, in a nutshell, is the shmozzle. So, if you remove the grand standing and dramatics, you're still left with the need for a new loan agreement to lower monthly payments in order to operate with a balanced budget. The board believes this can be achieved if the current loan agreement is extended an additional seven years. Personally, I wouldn't know about these things but I do have confidence in the current board, and so does the Lac du Bonnet Town Council and other contributing organizations within the community. As it sits, the \$1.6 million dollar centre owes slightly less than \$200,000 under the current financial plan. I'd say that's a remarkable achievement, worthy of our continued support. Unfortunately the RM of Lac du Bonnet does not share my enthusiasm.

THANK YOU....

We would like to thank the Pineview Saints Hockey team along with Gary Berthelette and his coaching staff for inviting us to their tournament. It was a very well organized event and the girls had a blast. Your parents should be proud of the work they have done.

Marc Nolin,
Coach of the Southeast Stars

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The past weekend was buzzing with so much to do and

see with the Atom Boy's tournament, Men's bonspiel, Ice Fishing Derby and Discover Manitoba, congratulations to all the organizations and participants. Pineview Recreation would like to thank the "Leftover's Hockey Team" for donating \$500.00 towards repair of the pump for Powerview Arena.

Pilates;
Pineview Recreation and the X-Company are working

together to bring 2 classes, beginner and intermediate starting in March. Please call the Rec Office to register @367-9142.

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- Upcoming Events**
Feb 11 & 12 Powerview Arena
Natural Resource Adult Tournament
Feb 11, 12 & 13 Pine Falls Curling Club
Ladies Bonspiel
Feb 19 Pine Falls Arena
Midget All-Star Game - 2:30 pm
Feb 26 & 27 Pine Falls Arena
4 on 4 Adult Tournament

MJHL News

Old Dutch/MJHL Player of the week

The OLD DUTCH Player of the Week award winner for the week ending February 6, 2005, is 20 year old Forward, STEVE HADDON of the Portage Terriers. HADDON led all MJHL scorers for the week with 9 points by picking up 3 goals and 6 assists. HADDON led the Terriers to two big wins out of three games played during the week to help Portage retain first place in the Sherwood Division. HADDON has vaulted to fourth place in the MJHL scoring race with 28 goals and 40 assists.

The runner up for the OLD DUTCH Player of the Week award is 20 year old Goaltender, BRETT KOSCIELNY of the Dauphin Kings.

MJHL Players Receive Scholarship

The Winnipeg South Blues of the Manitoba Junior Hockey



League (MJHL) are pleased to announce that two members of their team have accepted College scholarships for the 2005 - 2006 season.

19 year old Forward, Ryan Garbutt has accepted a scholarship to attend Brown University. Brown University is an Ivy League school and plays in the ECAC of NCAA Division I. 19 year old Forward, Adam Corrin has accepted a scholarship to attend University of Alaska - Anchorage. Alaska - Anchorage plays in the tough WCHA conference of NCAA Division I.

The Manitoba Junior Hockey League is proud of the accomplishments of its players and wishes Ryan and Adam the best of luck in their future careers.

Library Corner

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library



The *Battle of the Books* is on! This is the month to do as much reading as you possibly have time for! To encourage you to borrow your reading material from the library (instead of from a friend), we introduce you to some newer authors and titles!

Janette Turner Hospital is an author you may not be too familiar with. Read *Due Preparations for the Plague* - "her electrifying new novel that probes with astonishing acuity the experience of terror and the meaning of survival." Are you one of those people that likes to know a bit about the author and the "behind the scenes" information about the book? This book has just that kind of information. We learn that

"The events of 11 September 2001 did have a bearing on the novel...but not the kind of bearing you might expect." She also found herself deeply affected by the experience of wearing the protective clothing that she describes in the novel....."with special training, soldiers can last up to five hours dressed in the suits, but Janette only lasted five minutes." We are also told that the author is "fascinated by the redemptive resilience of the human spirit. People live through the most horrendous things, and somehow keep going." Does this sound like a book you might like to read? Another 2004 publication that deals, fictionally, with the aftermath of September 11, is

Charlotte Vale Allen's new book *Sudden Moves*. In this title, the author explores "the hearts and minds of Lucinda, her friends and family, as they grapple with the terrible upheaval in their lives as a result of a single day's events."

A new author on the literary scene is Caitlin Sweet. We are told she writes with "lyricism and imaginative power" in her debut novel *A Telling of Stars*. This book is recommended for those who enjoy the fantasy genre.

For something a bit different, we offer *Sophie's World* (a novel about the history of Philosophy) by Jostein Gaarder. Newsweek says, "Extraordinary....read it for yourself." And that is just what we will let you do, without telling you any more about it!

Visit the library and check out the rest of our newer paperbacks by authors such as Fern Michaels (*The Real Deal*), Janet Evanovich (*The Rocky Road to Romance*), Luane Rice (*Beach Girls*), and Josephine Cox (*Rainbow Days*)....just to name a few!

Is your 4-year old getting excited about attending Kindergarten next fall? Storytime at the library is a good way to prepare him for this new experience! Register your preschoolers now and join us at 10:45am every Thursday for stories and snacks!

Remember that *anything* borrowed from our library during the month of February will boost our statistics and may help our Eastman team of libraries to win the *Battle of the Books*! So check out the videos, the magazines, the audio books (cassette and CD), and the large-print material as well as the great selection of books!

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Pine Falls Pre-School

by Kathie Duff

A Big welcome to the warmer weather for the month of February. January and the start of 2005 was hard such a cold month that most of us got stuck inside and experienced the Winter Blues.

In January the children made lots of crafts to celebrate the cold winter season. They made Jell-O powder snowmen, tissue paper snowmen, styrofoam snowmen, tissue paper sleds, sock snowmen, glitter mittens, a Big winter scene with a snow hill made out of miniature marshmallows as well as other winter scenes. The children really enjoyed finger-painting with whipped cream and enjoyed eating the left-over mixed with miniature marshmallows. During the month I brought in snow and each day I put a different colour in it (blue, green, red and we also mixed colours yellow and blue and green), we also watched as ice cubes melted and talked about the result (Water).

February will be a Special Month as we prepare crafts to share with our loved ones on Valentine's Day. The children will also be having 2 Valentine

Parties, 1 on February 10 for the 3 year old group and 1 on February 14 for the 4 year old group. The parents will be providing a special snack on each of these days and the children will be exchanging Valentine cards with their friends. February 15-18 we will be talking about Space and making crafts to correspond to this theme. February 21-25 we will talk about Shapes and we will be doing crafts, reading stories, singing songs all pertaining to this theme. We are hoping now that the warmer weather is here we will be able to plan a winter field trip as January was so cold !!!!.

February is also I Love To Read Month! What a wonderful way to spend time with your child then to cuddle up with a great book and the result is priceless! You don't even need to go out and purchase an expensive book as children, like us, seem to have their favourites and enjoy having them read over and over again!

I'd like to end by wishing all of you a Very Happy Valentine's Day! and Happy Reading!

Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

Be An Encourager!

None of us want to live in a place of discouragement. The songwriter Brewster Higley who wrote the familiar words to "Home on the Range" says it this way:

"Oh give me a home where the buffalo roam, Where the deer and the antelope play.

Where seldom is heard a discouraging word,

And the skies are not cloudy all day."

Have you ever wondered if there really was such a place? Discouragement is usually expressed by our words. And often the feeling of discouragement can cloud up our outlook on life like dark clouds in the sky above. Discouragement is a thief when it is allowed a permanent residence in our lives. It steals the joy from our lives, it magnifies our problems and it paralyzes our faith in God. We cannot always escape from an atmosphere of discouragement but we can make a choice to live above it. John Maxwell in his book,

Thinks on These Things gives the following four things we can do to conquer discouragement:

1. Add up your past successes. Focus on your past victories. Discouragement has a way of painting your whole life in dark colors. Yet each of us has also had some good things that happened to us, focus on those things.

2. Subtract all your discouraging influences. Look at the people that have an influence on your life. Do they encourage you or discourage you? Spend time with those who lift you up and not pull you down. Also be careful to read or listen to that which encourages you. (Kind of eliminates the newshour)

3. Multiply God's promises to you. Allow me to share one of the many.

"For I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Claim God's promise for a blessed future in Him and your

life will be filled with great hope, not just for this life but also for the life to come.

3. Divide and share the blessings God has already given you.

Self pity is one of the major causes of discouragement. When we share our blessings with others we multiply our joy of life. Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than receive." A sharing and generous person will usually


have few "discouraging words."

Before you sell your home and look for one "Out on the range" realize that by being an encourager right where you are, you can chase away the clouds of discouragement. Others will want to be around you because "seldom is heard a discouraging word" and your cloudy days can turn into sunny days.



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Winnipeg River RCMP Report

Police Report for the week of January 31 to February 6, 2005



January 31:
LAKESHORE HEIGHTS - a break, enter and theft occurred to a cottage. Items stolen were not listed to police at this time. Investigation con-

tinues
 February 1:
BELAIR - an attempted break and enter to a cottage resulted in damage to a cottage resulted in a screen cut and a

sliding door smashed. Access to the inside of the cottage was not gained.

PINE FALLS - police picked up an intoxicated male who had fallen asleep outside a local business. The man was lodged in cells until sober and released.

FORT ALEXANDER - patrols near a residence were made after complaints of noise and possible trespassers on the property. Police could not locate a vehicle or any persons near or at the place.

POWERSVIEW - a snowmobiler was issued a warning after being in non compliance with numerous regulations of the off road vehicle act.

February 2:

FORT ALEXANDER - response to a spousal situation caused police to arrest & charge a male and female who were in violation of bail conditions, assaulted each other and were causing a disturbance. Further information found that alcohol was involved in the incident. Both were lodged in cells until sober and released on a promise to appear in Powersview Court at a later date.

- a complaint of verbal threats was dealt with informally with no charges being laid at the request of the complainant. A male was spoken to accordingly by police about the incident and advised.

LAKESHORE HEIGHTS - police patrolled this area after complaints of a suspicious vehicle seen in

the vicinity. A vehicle could not be located after several patrols.

February 3:
MANIGOTAGAN - a request from Winnipeg Police Services to locate a missing youth was received. The female youth was later located and Winnipeg Police services advised.

HOLLOW WATER - a request to assist child and family services with an investigation of abuse has been actioned by police. The matter continues.

February 4:
RM of ALEXANDER - investigation continues into a complaint of threats being uttered.

- a male youth was taken to hospital for injuries sustained in an earlier assault. The male who was extremely intoxicated and abusive to police was taken to hospital for treatment. Family members were located and advised accordingly.

SILVER FALLS - police responded to a 911 call which proved to be false. A number was dialled in error.

FORT ALEXANDER - a female attempting suicide was apprehended by police and taken to hospital for treatment. The female was assessed and then further transported to the Selkirk Mental Health Facility.

- a call to a residence where a male wielding a knife caused a disturbance attempting to see his children. Further information revealed the male left the knife behind and left the residence without further

incident. Patrols could not locate the individual. Alcohol was a factor in the incident. Investigation continues.

February 5:
RM OF ST CLEMENTS - a break, enter and theft to a cottage was reported. Culprits gained access through a back window.

GRAND BEACH - a break and enter to a cottage occurred. Unknown if any items were taken as the owners had not been located at this time.

FORT ALEXANDER - police attended a residence and removed an unwanted guest who refused to leave the home. The intoxicated male youth was turned over to parents.

February 6:
LESTER BEACH - police are still investigating a break, enter and theft at a cottage where the front door had been kicked in to gain access.

SUMMARY - police also attended several false alarms this past week.

- a reminder that the annual Rob Thomas Memorial Hockey TOURNAMENT is again scheduled for the weekend of March 4th to 6th. Anyone wishing to participate or volunteer is asked to contact the Powersview Detachment at 367-8728.

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 756-2546.

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 Polachuk, 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 5:30 p.m. - call Dolores for info. at 367-2945.

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

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

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

Winnipeg River Church Services

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Report from Legislature

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

Auto Theft

Every day in Manitoba, nearly 40 vehicles are stolen. Every vehicle stolen, results in inconvenience, anger and frustration for the victim and their family. For Manitobans, the more than 13,000 vehicles that are stolen in Manitoba mean higher Autopac rates.

Stopping auto theft needs to be a top priority in Manitoba. Instead we hear the Justice Minister indicating that there is little he could do to stop auto thefts - it sounds as though he has given up. He has given up, and Manitobans are not impressed, especially after his comments were made after a series of car thefts in which

vehicles had their gas pedals pinned down before being launched into the streets of Winnipeg, and many Manitobans narrowly escaped injury as a result.

Most stolen vehicles are taken for joy rides by youths. They participate in these senseless acts because there are no consequences under this Justice Minister.

Getting serious about auto theft means getting serious about Justice - and not giving up! It means:

1. laying charges against those caught with auto theft, rather than simply warning them or slapping their wrists,
2. clearing up backlogs in the courts,
3. educating Judges about

the seriousness of auto theft offences,

4. providing police officers the resources to track down car thieves to put them out of business,

5. enforcing curfews on repeat auto theft offenders or on those who are likely to re-offend and,

6. denying bail to those who have committed auto theft while on bail.

Nearly 40 vehicles are stolen every day in Manitoba. It's not time to give up on auto theft - it's time to take action and to treat auto theft seriously.

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.

ECHOES FROM THE Heart

The Rose

John Blanchard stood up from the bench, straightened his Army uniform, and studied the crowd of people making their way through Grand Central Station. He looked for the girl whose heart he knew, but whose face he didn't, the girl with the rose. His interest in her had begun thirteen months before in a Florida library. Taking a book off the shelf he found himself intrigued, not with the words of the book, but with the notes penciled in the margin. The soft handwriting reflected a thoughtful soul and insightful mind. In the front of the book, he discovered the previous owner's name, Miss Hollis Maynell. With time and effort he located her address. She lived in New York City. He wrote her a letter introducing himself and inviting her to correspond. The next day he was

shipped overseas for service in World War II. During the next year and one month the two grew to know each other through the mail. Each letter was a seed falling on a fertile heart. A romance was budding. Blanchard requested a photograph, but she refused. She felt that if he really cared, it wouldn't matter what she looked like. When the day finally came for him to return from Europe, they scheduled their first meeting - 7:00 PM at the Grand Central Station in New York. "You'll recognize me," she wrote, "by the red rose I'll be wearing on my lapel." So at 7:00 he was in the station looking for a girl whose heart he loved, but whose face he'd never seen. I'll let Mr. Blanchard tell you what happened:

A young woman was coming toward me, her figure long and slim. Her blonde hair lay back in curls from her delicate ears; her eyes were blue as flowers. Her lips and chin had a gentle firmness, and in her

pale green suit she was like springtime come alive. I started toward her, entirely forgetting to notice that she was not wearing a rose. As I moved, a small, provocative smile curved her lips. "Going my way, sailor?" she murmured. Almost uncontrollably I made one step closer to her, and then I saw Hollis Maynell. She was standing almost directly behind the girl. A woman well past 40, she had graying hair tucked under a worn hat. She was more than plump, her thick-ankled feet thrust into low-heeled shoes. The girl in the green suit was walking quickly away. I felt as though I was split in two, so keen was my desire to follow her, and yet so deep was my longing for the

woman whose spirit had truly companioned me and upheld my own. And there she stood. Her pale, plump face was gentle and sensible, her gray eyes had a warm and kindly twinkle. I did not hesitate. My fingers gripped the small worn blue leather copy of the book that was to identify me to her. This would not be love, but it would be something precious, something perhaps even better than love, a friendship for which I had been and must ever be grateful. I squared my shoulders and saluted and held out the book to the woman, even though while I spoke I felt choked by the bitterness of my disappointment. "I'm Lieutenant John Blanchard, and you must be Miss Maynell. I

am so glad you could meet me; may I take you to dinner?" The woman's face broadened into a tolerant smile. "I don't know what this is about, son," she answered, "but the young lady in the green suit who just went by, she begged me to wear this rose on my coat. And she said if you were to ask me out to dinner, I should go and tell you that she is waiting for you in the big restaurant across the street. She said it was some kind of test!" It's not difficult to understand and admire Miss Maynell's wisdom. The true nature of a heart is seen in its response to the unattractive.

"Tell me whom you love," Houssaye wrote, "And I will tell you who you are..."

On Parliament Hill



Your voice in Ottawa
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

A promise he can't keep

The recent promise by the federal Justice Minister to protect the religious freedoms of those who are concerned about the government's decision to change the definition of marriage reminds many Mennonite

people in Canada about a promise made by another federal government more than a hundred and twenty-five years ago. They remember the loss of promised rights when they learned too late that promises made by the federal government about religious freedom could not be enforced because jurisdiction over those rights lay within the exclusive legal power of the provinces.

Mennonites were encouraged to come to Western Canada as a result of specific promises made by the federal government to preserve their linguistic and religious freedom. In particular, those rights included the right to educate their children as they saw fit. Educational rights were seen as fundamental to the practice of their religion.

A letter issued on July 25, 1873 by the federal government to a Mennonite delegation from Russia exploring settlement possibilities in Manitoba set out these promises. One of those promises stated: "The fullest privilege of exercising their religious principles is by law afforded to the Mennonites without any kind of molestation or restriction whatever, and the same privilege extends to the education of their children in schools."

However, a 1919 ruling by the Manitoba Court of Appeal held that the promises made by the federal government in the letter was of no effect because

of Manitoba's exclusive constitutional authority to make laws in relation to education. Parliament, the court said, could not pass legislation affecting education in the province, nor could the federal government or its departments make these promises.

The most recent promise by the federal government to protect religious freedoms in the context of the recently tabled "same sex marriage" legislation promises to have a similar fate. It is not simply a matter that the Minister might break his word in the future. Rather, his promise is something that he has no authority to make or to carry out. And unlike the promise made by the federal government to the Mennonites in 1873, the Supreme Court of Canada has specifically told this Minister late last year that he is unable to carry out this promise.

The government bill proposes to change the definition of marriage, but it cannot provide valid assurances to public officials, religious leaders or religious organizations that their activities will also be protected. If the Minister has been told that his government can't do it, why is he telling Canadians that it can? Not only Mennonites are interested in that answer.

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 Winnipeg Humane Society

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Jesslin is a wonderfully sweet dog who was brought in as a stray from the RM of Rockwood. Jesslin LOVES belly rubs & goofing around in the yard. She's a bit of a 'snow bunny', playful & lots of fun. She walks really well on leash and is eager to please. Jesslin has been with us for too long.... we know she deserves a wonderful owner & loving home. Maybe yours? Adoption fee only \$159.00 including her spay, vet exam, first shots & much more!



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This "baby" has been with us since he was a baby.....surrendered with his rabbit family on November 8. Much too long for a wonderful wittle wascal like Baby. For a limited time, due to the high number of available rabbits, rabbit adoption fees are reduced by 50% to ONLY \$19.50, that still includes the spay/neuter, vet exam & 14-day health period. The best rabbit deal anywhere!

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

Report for the weeks of January 31st to February 6th, 2005



January 31:
A report was taken of an impaired driver in the Seven Sisters area. The RCMP were in the area at the time and intercepted the vehicle and a male was charged with impaired driving.

February 1:
A theft of money was reported from a Care Home in the area.

A request was received to interview a subject about some vandalism on Halloween in a neighbouring detachment area.

A complaint was taken

about a youth giving another youth ex-lax on the school bus, portraying it to be chocolate. The matter was investigated as a criminal code offence as it falls under administering a noxious substance. The youth who provided the item was given an official warning under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

February 2:
A false 911 call was responded to in the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

A call was taken concerning some stolen money from a residence in Pinawa. The son

later admitted to taking same.

February 3:
A false alarm was actioned at the Pinawa School.

A fake five dollar bill was reported at a local banking institution.

A report received of a truck catching fire in the St. Rita area.

February 4:
Police advised of a person cutting up new hydro poles in the Wendigo area. Police are following up with the suspect who is not from this area.

A call was taken about students threatening each other at a school in our area.

A report was taken about a vehicle in the ditch in the Elma area and the occupants were impaired. A patrol was made but the occupants had left the

area.
February 5:
A false alarm was attended to in the RM of Lac du Bonnet.

A report was taken from Probation Services concerning a youth who may be in our area and he is on a Canada Wide Warrant for probation violation. The youth was not located in our area.

A young male called police as he could not locate his younger brother who was with him in the downtown Lac du Bonnet area. Police patrolled the area with him, when their mother called to advise the younger brother had returned home.

A call was taken concerning a group of youths who were sitting outside the Pinawa

School in the evening and drinking in a vehicle. Police responded and dealt with the matter.

A call was taken about a suspicious vehicle in the Tower Rd area in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. A police patrol failed to locate the vehicle.

February 6:
A call was taken concerning a snowmobiler who left a residence possibly impaired. They were concerned for his safety. He returned a short time later.

A report of an impaired driver was actioned in the PTH 313 and PR 520 area. Police stopped the vehicle and it was an elderly gentleman driving who was not impaired.

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., LdB Senior School, Home Ec. Room, No meetings Jan, July, Aug. **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.

How does Crime Stoppers work?

An unsolved crime (Crime of the Week) is re-enacted each week and brought to the attention of the public via the media. An award is offered to anyone providing information which leads to the solution of any crime. Awards are also offered for information leading to the arrest of individuals for other criminal offenses, the recovery of stolen property, or the seizure of narcotics.

A "Tips Line" is manned from 8:30 AM to 10:00 PM by trained police personnel who receive, process and pass on the information to investigating officers. Each caller is given a tip number which is used in all subsequent

transactions, thus ensuring anonymity.

The "Tips Line" is 786-TIPS (786-8477). Callers will never have to reveal their identity. The call will not be traced or recorded. No one will ever know who the informant is.

Due to security concerns, Crime Stoppers does not accept any tips via computer electronic mail, but you can send an e-mail if you have questions regarding the program.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LEVEL II SAGKEENG MINO PIMATIZIWIN FAMILY TREATMENT CENTRE

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The Sagkeeng Mino Pimatiziwin Family Treatment Centre, a four family residential addictions treatment facility on the Sagkeeng First Nation, is interested in hiring a Childhood Educator.

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Level 2 Early Childhood Education certificate/diploma
- Excellent communications skills;
- Preferably, the successful candidate will be of aboriginal decent, and have a class 4 driver's license;

SALARY

To be negotiated.

APPLICATIONS

Applications must be submitted by February 11, 2005, to:

David Coffin, Operations Director
Sagkeeng Mino Pimatiziwin
Family Treatment Centre
PO Box 84
Fort Alexander MB R0E 0P0
Fax 367-2324
Email david@coffin.ca



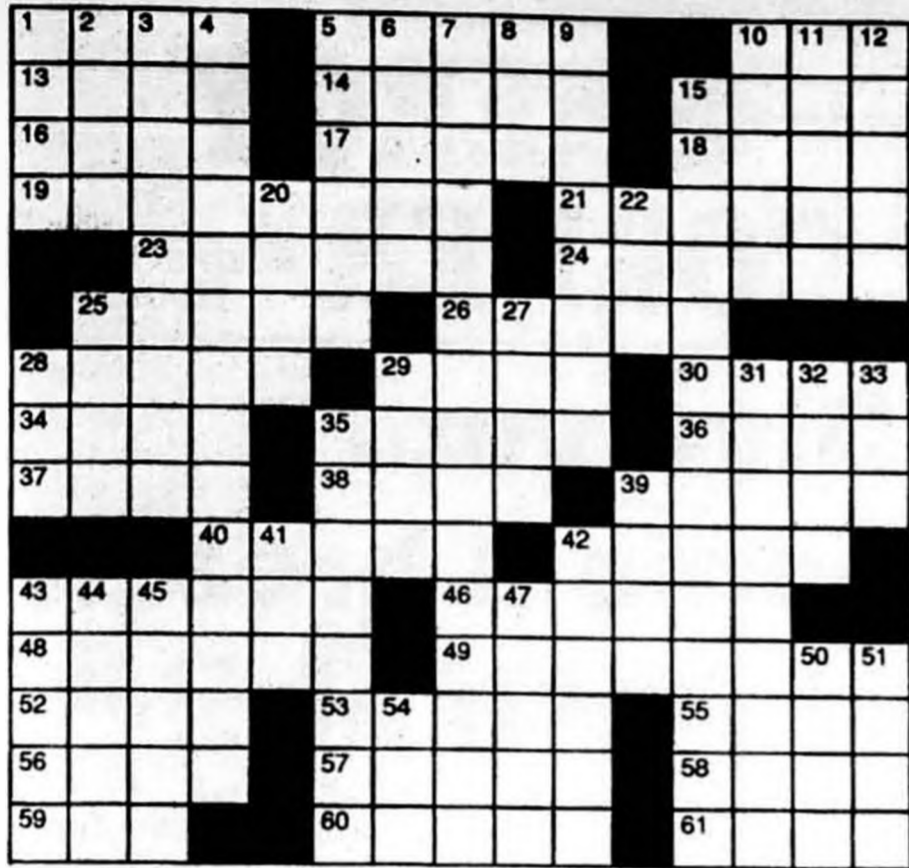
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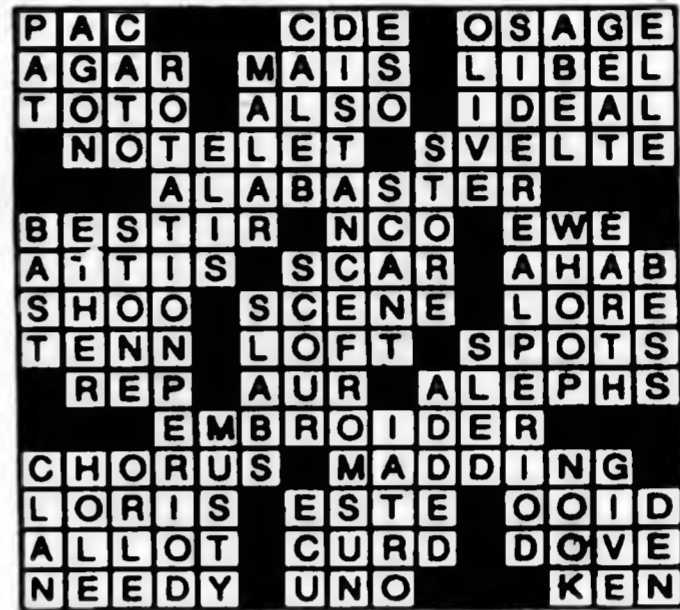
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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



Did you Know?

- 1: When singer Natalie Imbruglia started dance lessons at age 2, did she attend class: (a) once a week; (b) three times a week; or (c) six days a week?
2: Who said, "You're not too smart, are you? I like that in a man." Was it: (a) Kathleen Turner; (b) Demi Moore; or (c) Sharon Stone?
3: You suffer from mageiricophobia. Do you have an intense fear of having: (a) to floss; (b) to cook; or (c) to dance?

ANSWERS

1: Six days a week. 2: Kathleen Turner, in *Body Heat*. 3: To cook.



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

Last Week's Solution

IF YOU'RE LOCKED OUT, JUST SING UNTIL YOU GET THE RIGHT KEY.

Weekly Echo Horoscopes

This edition covers the week of February 5 to February 11



ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20)
Put your efforts into moneymaking ventures. This is probably causing upset and confusion on the home front. Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. Problems with in-laws or relatives may be more damaging than you realize.



TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You can meet new and exciting friends who will provide mental stimulation. Romance will develop through work related activities. Your determination and sheer desire to do your own thing will be successful. Your sensitivity toward those you love will capture their hearts.



GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Expand your knowledge and sign up for courses and seminars. Don't overspend to impress others. You will easily blow situations out of proportion. Be tactful if you see flaws in someone else's work.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)



Emotional upset at work will set you back. You can learn valuable information if you listen and observe what others are doing and saying. Use your high energy and dynamic approach to win favors from superiors. Travel will be exciting.



LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)
Spend time getting to know each other. Although up setting, changes in your domestic situation will be favorable. Relatives will be cordial. You'll have amazing ideas, but superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them.



VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
The stamina you possess will be apparent in your approach to your hobbies and creative projects. Use some diplomacy to get your point across delicately. Travel will be in your best interest regardless of whether it is business or pleasure. Expect some flak.



LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Efforts made to improve yourself will turn out to your satisfaction. Plan your social events carefully. Don't get intimately involved with a coworker. Your fun loving approach will be admired and appreciated by others.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You will be able to work with fine detail this week. Opportunities for travel and socializing are evident. You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. Try not to spend too much on children or entertainment.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
Pleasure trips or friendly get-togethers will be satisfying and intellectually stimulating. You should not get involved in joint ventures. Sit back. You will have good ideas for home improvement projects.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 20)
You will find yourself tied to the phone. Try to be reasonable. Your courage and willpower will enable you to get rid of destructive habits as well. Family responsibilities are escalating.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It will do you some good. Try not to lend or borrow money this week. You'll be an emotional basket case this week. Don't take any comments too seriously. You may want to make drastic changes concerning your personal partner.



PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
Don't hesitate to enlist the aid of friends or family if you have a big project to finish in your domestic environment. You may find that you are a little lucky this week. Strong willpower will come to your rescue. Just be yourself.

Echo Classifieds

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

For Rent
 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. TFN

For Rent
Woodland Place/ DaleHaven Apartments, 1
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Lake front Cottage. Lot 27, Sunset Drive Ayer's Cover, 24' x 32' cottage with large windowed veranda, excellent view, lot size 100' wide x 300' deep, hydro available. A must see treasure. Serious inquiries only, please call 367-8859. 4x1

For Sale
House for Sale. 16 Louise Street, Powerview. Corner Lot size 123' x 123', 1206 sq. ft., with full basement, 5 bedroom, 2 baths, electric furnace, central air, double door garage, 26' x 32' insulated and heated. Fenced yard, shed 12' x 12', many extra features too many to list. Serious inquiries only, please call 367-8859. 4x1

Card of thanks
 Thank you to the Raymond family for the great retirement party and the trip to Las Vegas. I'll never forget it, or the many years I worked with you all.
 Woo-hoo! Maggie

Accommodations
Rooms and Suites for rent. Weekly and Monthly rates available. Hydro and satellite included, call Omer at 367-9991 or 367-4210. 20-TFN

Miscellaneous
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. 14-TFN

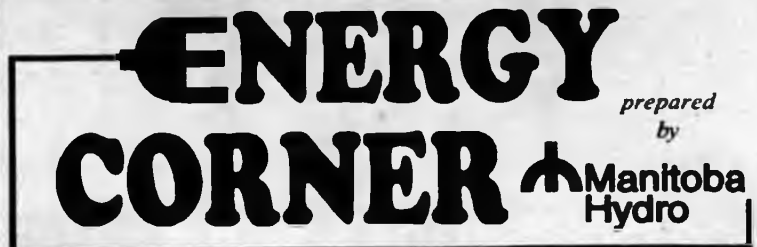
Child Care Worker
 E.C.E. III or E.C.E. II wanted at our Preschool and Infant Centre. Send resume to the Happy Tots Place, Box 773, Pine Falls, MB R0E 1M0, or call Iris at 367-2601. TFN-1

Memoriam
Rene Papineau
 February 13, 1923 - December 27, 2004

You fought to the very end to stay here with us, Like the true soldier you always were, you barely said a word, not a fuss. You always lent a hand to those in need, For this, we look up to you, True acts of kindness, indeed. You stood tall and proud, that's something I'll always remember, I could easily pick you out from the crowd. God said it was time to go, He took you in his arms, It was sad, but it had to be so. We miss you dearly, It seems like yesterday, I can see it so clearly.

We love you Peperé.
 Happy Birthday
 Amanada & Samantha

Call the Echo at 367-9468 to place your Classified Ad!



Give your home a breath of fresh air

Indoor air pollution can be five times greater than outdoor air pollution. Chemical vapours, airborne pollutants and odours can all lead to unhealthy homes. But a few simple ventilation changes can help.

Use the exhaust fan in your kitchen. It will whisk away the carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and water vapour that is generated by a natural gas stove. Use your bathroom fan too. It reduces condensation that can lead to mould growth.

In order to monitor CO levels be sure to install a carbon monoxide detector in your home.

Keep your windows operational and unobstructed so they can be opened in mild weather while you clean. There's nothing like fresh outdoor air to improve the indoor air.


And invest in an air purifier to rid your home of nasty microscopic particles. Choose a unit that combines a HEPA filter with an activated carbon system that will remove

odours. To prevent mould from growing, install a dehumidifier in the basement to rid your home of excess moisture.

Invest in a quality vacuum cleaner to help eliminate allergens and dust mites. Choose a model with an agitator, high suction and tools for cleaning furniture, draperies, baseboard and ceilings. A built-in HEPA filter is also effective.

Ducts are another consideration. If you've just finished a remodeling project, have your duct system professionally cleaned to rid your home of excess dust.

Thinking about adding a fireplace? Consider a sealed combustion natural gas unit that draws air from the outside and vents it back. No fumes or particles enter your home. And if you burn wood, make sure it is seasoned hardwood that is clean and dry.

 **SUNRISE SCHOOL DIVISION**
 Announcement
PUBLIC MEETING

Sunrise School Division invited the Public to attend:
Draft Budget Presentation (2005/2006 School Year)
WHEN:
 Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.
PLACE:
 Sunrise Education Centre
(former Beausejour Elementary School)
 Multi Purpose Room in Beausejour, Manitoba.

 **Wings of Power**
One-to-One Community Support Worker

Is looking for a compassionate, understanding person to provide individual one-to-one support within the community. This is a regular part-time, position with approximately 8 hours per week. Duties and responsibilities will include the daily routine, implementing activities that will be interesting and challenging.

For further information call Ginette McMullen @ 367-9641
 Deadline for applications February 11, 2005
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Blues shift from second to third

But find overdrive in Lundar

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have it, the league schedule pointed straight to Lundar this past weekend, where the Blues were able to shake off that embarrassment big time.

As it happened, the game was close from the onset, with both teams tied 0 - 0 before the puck was dropped. Unfor-

tunately for Lundar, the puck hit the ice and from that moment on, it was all Lac du Bonnet. Reggie Goodfellow, widely known by Lac du Bonnet fans as 'The Good One,' opened the scoring four times as the Blues took a 4 - 0 first period lead into the dressing room, leaving some of that Arborg embarrassment

out on the ice for the Zamboni to pick up.

The turning point in the game came in the second frame when the Lundar Falcons returned to the ice and surrendered seven more goals over the next twenty minutes of play. To their credit, the Falcons were able to put one past Blues goalie Shane Hintz halfway through the second period but the visiting Blues were able

to cruise to a 13 - 2 victory in the Saturday night contest.

Besides Goodfellow, Jay Seymour also had his share of netbenders as he picked up a hat trick in a strong effort. Other goal scorers included Aaron Wold, Tyler Tease, Jamie Hickes, and Kyle Stamler, who each picked up singles to round out the scoring.

Since late December, the Blues have served up an average performance, posting four wins against four losses. Despite the average play of late, the Blues still sport an impressive 13 and 4 in the win - loss column and still have one game

in hand on the second place Beausejour Stars, who sit five points ahead of the Blues. Leading the way is the Ashern Hornets, who have all but sewn up top spot in the South Interlake Hockey league.

The Blues are out on the road again this weekend, with a Saturday night tilt in Warren, followed by a Sunday game in Arborg. The last weekend of the regular season will see the Blues host Peguis on Feb. 18 at the Lac du Bonnet Arena, followed by a Sunday contest against the Stars up the road in Beausejour.

Ag News Article

Brent Reid, Ag Rep, Dugald, 853-5170, breid@gov.mb.ca CAIS Meeting

There will be a meeting to provide you with updated information about the CAIS program on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 in the Credit Union Room in the SunGro Center in Beausejour. The evening agenda is as follows:

- A brief CAIS program overview
- Changes to the CAIS program for 2004 Claim Year
- Deposit requirements
- Deadlines
- Common errors when filling out forms
- Filling out T1163 and CAIS Supplementary forms
- Questions and Answers
- Confirmation of Benefits Notices

BSE Transmission to Humans is Very Low The Manitoba Cattle Producers ran the following article in their last newsletter. "Meatingplace.com reported on a study from British medical journal *The Lancet* which found that while BSE can be transferred to humans in the form of variant Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease, it takes massive consumption of specific risk material like brains and other parts associated with the central nervous system to produce an infection. The study found human infectivity from eating diseased cattle products is seven to 20 times lower than the infectivity rate for cattle consuming the same products. It estimated that a human would have to eat 3.3 pounds of infected neural tissue to be at risk of developing the dis-

ease. The study said "existing public health measures can prevent transmission of BSE to man."

Beef Meetings

We are running a series of beef meetings in February and you might want to mark your calendar. February 22 will be held in Beausejour and will discuss. February 23 at 7:30 will be in Hadashville and we will be covering the topics of Replacement Heifer Management, Composting Mortalities and RFID Tags. We will also be looking at a Comparison of Various Ways to Put up Feed. This includes dry hay, round bale silage and chopped silage. This meeting will also be run at the Over 50 Club in Anola on February 28th. For more information give the Ag Office in Dugald (853-5170) or Beausejour (268-6012) a call.

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