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Pine Falls leads local Legions in Dart playdowns

by Jim Hampshire

A group of Legion dart players from Pine Falls rolled into Lac du Bonnet on Saturday and collectively steam-rolled the competition in the Legion Zone Playdowns, with many winning the right to move on to District competition in mid-February.

The Pine Falls contingent was led by Tony Moss and Marcel Guay, who won right to represent Branch #64 in Singles, Doubles and Team competitions in the District event. Other Pine Falls' winners include Tim Breton, who will team up with Moss in Doubles play while Kevin Allan joins Guay in the same event. Also moving on to District Doubles is the team of Grant Dugard and Denis Lagasse, with both again representing the Pine Falls Legion.

Over in the Team competition, some familiar names pop up again as Tony Moss and Marcel Guay teamed up with Tim Breton and Kevin Allan, winning the right to move on, while Denis Lagasse, JacQueline Prowse, and Kathryn and G. B. Dahl were also victorious in their bid to continue on to District Team competition.

Meanwhile the Lac du Bon-

net Legion, which hosted the competition this past weekend, will be represented in the District playdowns by Dwayne Wickstrom in the Singles event, and John Trakys, Ewald Kraus, Bruce Williams and Peter Friesen in Team 701 competition.

Legion Zone Commander, Beryl Savage, who is also an executive member of the Lac du Bonnet Legion, congratulated all players and said she wasn't surprised by the outcome as she well knows that Pine Falls has always had a strong dart league.

"The Pine Falls Branch always produces some very good players and they are great supporters when we host these events," she noted. "Of course having a few more Lac du Bonnet members move on in competition would have been nice too but it was a very close competition and all players should be congratulated for a great tournament."

The District playdowns will be held on the weekend of February 11 and 12, once again at the Lac du Bonnet Legion. The winners from that event will then travel to Dauphin for provincial competition early next spring.

Smack du Bonnet?

Smalltown Manitoba blamed for US Meth crisis

By Jim Hampshire

In case you missed it, Lac du Bonnet was mentioned in a Winnipeg daily newspaper over the weekend. But if you did happen to miss it, don't worry. It wasn't terribly flattering.

Apparently, according to the Drug Enforcement Agency in the United States, Lac du Bonnet "had become ground zero in the flow of a drug that was destroying lives across the US."

That was a direct excerpt from an article in the Sunday edition of the Winnipeg Free Press, and the source was pre-trial documents in the case against an alleged drug smuggling operation that fed the US ephedrine, a major drug component in the production of crystal meth. In September of 2004, more than 250 police officers across Canada and the United States raided 34 homes and businesses in several strategic areas across North America, including New York, California, Winnipeg and little old Lac du Bonnet, where the alleged crystal meth kingpin resided. That would be the late Rodger Bruneau, not Al Capone as many would be led to believe.

According to close family members, the case has already been tried in the Winnipeg media, where step-by-step details on how the alleged drug smugglers operated. And where Lac du Bonnet is continually referred to as the focal point of the entire operation. The headquarters, as it were, of an alleged syndicate which supposedly included the

Mexican Mafia. Either there's a lot the local townsfolk didn't know, or someone's doing sit-ups under parked cars again.

"Who is the judge and jury in all this, when nothing has gone to trial yet," local councillor and family member Robert Bruneau said upon hearing the allegations in an article splashed over six pages of the Free Press. "I really can't comment on the story because I haven't read it yet, but the headline already convicted Rodger as the crystal meth kingpin."

And while the RM councillor can't say for sure whether Rodger would have been found guilty or not had he gone to trial, Robert Bruneau does say that the Winnipeg media is taking full advantage of Rodger's untimely death last Valentine's Day at his British Columbia home.

"They just don't think of the family left behind in these situations," he fumed. "And when Rodger isn't here to defend

himself... he could probably sue that paper if he were alive today."

Meanwhile other members of Rodger Bruneau's immediate family are still waiting trial, and some family members are obviously concerned whether anyone will get a fair jury, especially after reading the intercepted phone call conversations released to the media by police.

As reported in the Free Press the heated telephone conversations, allegedly by Rodger Bruneau and another alleged conspirator, might be deemed as a death threat against a key witness in the coming trial. Or it could be braved by a couple guys who had a few too many, some family members say.

In next week's Echo, one family member does speak out. Also: Excerpts from an exclusive interview with Rodger Bruneau, by the Echo, while he was held at the remand centre in Sept. of 2004.

Gas thefts

Manitoba Crime Stoppers in cooperation with the Lac du Bonnet RCMP Detachment would like the public's assistance in solving the following offence:

The Lac du Bonnet area has had reports of theft of gas from motor vehicles in the area.

On Tuesday night December 6th, 2005 six vehicles at the Parkview Manor on McIntosh Street had their vehicles targeted.

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Close finish at Senior's Zone playdowns in Lac du Bonnet

by Jim Hampshire

It came down to an extra end and last rock but Beausejour's Barry Frank was steady as a rock when he drew around double guard coverage and stopped in time to bite the four-foot and score the single point he needed to beat Springfield's Keith McLeod at the Senior's Zone Bonspiel held Lac du Bonnet Curling Club over the weekend. With the win, Frank moves on to provincial senior's competition, which is slated to be held in Melita in early March.

Frank took an early 5-0 lead in the first end but McLeod battled back and tied the score with the help of a four-ender in the sixth. The teams continued to trade single points through to the ninth end, leaving the teams tied at six going into the "extra" tenth end, due to time restraints.

By the time skip rocks came around, McLeod had a single sitting high on the eight-foot, buried behind two guards. It was dicey, but Barry Frank decided it was best to come in from the outside with the in-turn draw, and after calling off the sweepers, the rock settled nicely on the T-line, biting the four-foot for the 7-6 win.

The Senior's Zone 9 playdowns attracted eight teams from the Eastman region, including three entries from Lac du Bonnet, which

included some big names from the past in provincial curling. The Barry Fry rink was one local favorite to win, as he teamed with Orest Meluschuk, Bob Lesko and John Usackis, but the Brier veterans were quickly relegated to B-Side before bowing out. Other local hopefuls included the Leon Clegg rink with Gary Buhay, Art Meade and Cliff Veilleux, while Les Hooper hit the ice with Peter Humble, Ray Fillion and Rich Schroeder. Unfortunately all three teams failed to make it through to semi-final action.

The Senior Ladies also played for the right to advance to provincial action in the Sunday morning draw, when the Gloria Borody rink of Pine Falls came up short in a 9-6 loss to Rosemary Chabluk.

The weekend event was the first bonspiel in a busy season schedule at the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club. Besides the always popular Men's, Ladies



Barry Frank of Beausejour went undefeated to win the Senior Zone 9 Bonspiel and the right to represent the region in Melita next March. (l to r) Bonspiel chairman Murray McLeod present skip Barry Fry with the winning zone badges. Playing third is Brian Taylor, second Allan Borody, and lead Gary Plozman

and Mixed events, the Lac du Bonnet club will also host the provincial firefighter's bonspiel in a few short months. What's unique about this event is that it is the first time ever the event

will be held outside the Winnipeg perimeter. And it is expected to be huge.

As it is the annual Men's and Ladies event have a full field of 48 teams signed before the Christmas break, which moved organizers to stage extra draws on Thursday evening and all day Friday. Add to that the Eagles Club Bonspiel, returning again this year from St.

Norburt, and the RCMP and various community centre and Municipal Funspiels that come and go and the local rink is rockin' most every weekend through to spring of 2006.

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Blues Still Best in the League

Lac du Bonnet only unbeaten team after Peguis loses to Gimli in weekend action

by Jim Hampshire

This is getting embarrassing. For other teams in the league, we mean.

After a couple of close wins the weekend before, the Lac du Bonnet Blues continued their winning ways this past weekend with another pair of victories on a road trip through the Interlake.

The Blues first got off the bus Saturday evening in Lundar where they went straight to work, taking a 3-0 lead before the first period was barely half over on goals by Aaron Wold, Jamie Hickes and Gord McLeod. Undaunted, Lundar managed to keep it respectable before the end of the first frame as they regrouped to score a couple and get back into the game, only down 3-2

as they headed for the dressing rooms.

Coming out in the second period, it was all Lac du Bonnet. With only the one goal lead after the first intermission, the Lac du Bonnet offense went on a mission and scored no less than five times to pull away with an 8-2 spread at the end of the middle period. After getting two assists in the first frame, Reggie Goodfellow hit the net for a second period hat trick, while Dwight Hirst and Tyler Tease knocked in a goal apiece to take the commanding six-goal lead into the second intermission.

As you might expect with the 8-2 lead, the Blues lost a little interest in the game, allowing Lundar to score two quick goals to start the

final period. Then it was Jay Seymour's turn. Before you could say tic tac toe, Seymour scored the "Natural Hat" to extend the Lac du Bonnet lead by seven goals before Sean Reynolds picked up a single to round out the scoring in the 12-4 win.

In all, the Goodfellow, Hickes and Seymour line accounted for 20 points on the scoresheet, leading the offensive onslaught on the night. Other notable efforts came from Dwight Hirst and Aaron Wold, who both had multiple-point performances. Game two of the weekend road trip would see a little more balance in the Blues offense, however.

The next stop for the Lac du Bonnet squad was further up the road in Ashern, and once again

the Blues wasted no time jumping out to an early lead. John (JD) Dancyt got the ball rolling for the Blues with the lone assist going to Aaron Wold. Shortly after, Gord McLeod and Jay Usackis teamed up to make the score two-zip before Jay Seymour hit the scoresheet to make it three-zip to end the first period.

Unlike the Saturday game in Lundar, Lac du Bonnet came out with great interest in the second frame when Jay Usackis picked up his first goal and second point in the game, followed by a slapper from Jay Griffith, who picked up his second goal on the season.

The five-zip lead was short-lived, however, when Lloyd Pelletier responded for the home team Hornets, while breaking the early shut-out bid by Blues'

netminder Jason Leroy. Pelletier was back on the scoresheet again, this time with an assist on a Tim Mulvena goal which narrowed the Blues lead 5-2 in a hurry. The scoring was back and forth to start the third frame with Lac du Bonnet serving the first volley when Tyler Tease netted his first of the game. Ashern then returned the volley to make it 6-3 before Jay Usackis scored his second of the game, making 7-3 for the Goodfellow guys. Ashern's Lloyd Pelletier proved he is still a force in the league when he knotted his second on the night to narrow the score 7-4, but then the Blues hit the after-burners for three unanswered goals, first by Dwight Hirst with assists going to Aaron Wold and Cam Sokoloski. Then Blues' goalie Jason Leroy got some welcome redemption on his lost shut-

out bid when he started the play that ended with a Jamie Hickes goal, with the assists going to Leroy and Jay Seymour. Tyson Papineau rounded out the scoring late in the game when he was set up by Aaron Wold and Dwight Hirst to finally end the 10-4 thrashing.

With the pair of weekend wins, the Blues kept their season-long winning streak intact and take over sole possession of top spot in the league after the Gimli Wolves upset the Peguis Hawks 5-3, handing the Hawks their first loss of the season.

The Blues' next game will be Dec. 17 at home in the Lac du Bonnet Arena, when they host the Lundar Falcons. The Blues will then break for Christmas before returning to the Sun-Gro Centre in Beausejour for a Dec. 28 contest with the Stars.

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Home style cooking at Clark's Corner

by: V. Anderson

What's new, and what's cookin at Clark's Corner. Owner's Lin and Mel Smitzniuk have been busy changing things around, perfecting their menu and ensuring customers are getting great service and a great meal. "We work long hours and want our customers to enjoy their patronage when they come through our doors." Said Lin. "Our goal is to have

quality food and great service at a reasonable price, and our new menu reflects that. We are a family run business and having a family that works together is a key ingredient for a well run business."

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can also purchase the fresh baked breads, buns, desserts and ice-cream cakes as they are also sold in the convenience store along with Movie rentals and convenience goods. Yes, some of the things you can still enjoy like a hot breakfast of bacon, eggs, hashbrowns and a cup of coffee for under \$5.00, and you can still have Chester Chicken as dine in or take out.(367-2238) they also have

put "pizza buy the slice" back on the menu for your convenience. "It is all about giving the customer what they want and expect when they come to the restaurant, we all work hard to make sure that happens. We value our customers and our commitment to bringing quality food and affordable pricing. Going out to get a meal should be a fun and satisfying experience, and at Clark's Corner our customers are going to have just that," said Lin.

Clark's Corner has new hours of operation which run from 8:00 am to 11:00 pm 7 day a week. Customers can not only get a great meal, they can also grab a movie and a snack. So for all your convenience needs, may it be gas, snacks, or a great home cooked meal, remember Clark's is just around the Corner.

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The Christmas Scout

In spite of the fun and laughter, 13-year-old Frank Wilson was not happy. It was true he had received all the presents he wanted. And he enjoyed the traditional Christmas Eve reunions with relatives for the purpose of exchanging gifts and good wishes. But, Frank was not happy because this was his first Christmas without his brother, Steve, who during the year, had been killed by a reckless driver.

Frank missed his brother and the close companionship they had together. Frank said good-bye to his relatives and explained to his parents that he was leaving a little early to see a friend; and from there he could walk home. Since it was cold outside, Frank put on his new plaid jacket. It was his FAVORITE gift. He placed the other presents on his new sled. Then Frank headed out, hoping to find the patrol leader of his Boy Scout troop. Frank always felt understood by him. Though rich in wisdom, he lived in the Flats, the section of town where most of the poor lived, and his patrol leader did odd jobs to help support his family.

To Frank's disappointment, his friend was not at home. As Frank hiked down the street toward home, he caught glimpses of trees and decorations in many of the small houses. Then, through one front window, he glimpsed a shabby room with limp stockings hanging over an empty fireplace. A woman was seated nearby . . . weeping.

The stockings reminded him of the way he and his brother had always hung theirs side by side. The next morning, they would be bursting with presents.

A sudden thought struck Frank — he had not done his "good deed" for the day. Before the impulse passed, he knocked on the door. "Yes?" the sad voice of the woman asked. "May I come in?" asked Frank. "You are very welcome," she said, seeing his sled full of gifts, and assuming he was making a collection, "but I have no food or gifts for you. I have nothing for my own children."

"That's not why I am here," Frank replied. "Please choose whatever presents you would like for your children from the sled."

"Why, God bless you!" the amazed woman answered gratefully. She selected some candies, a game, the toy airplane and a puzzle. When she took the Scout flashlight, Frank almost cried out. Finally, the stockings were full.

"Won't you tell me your name?" she asked, as Frank was leaving.

"Just call me the Christmas Scout," he replied.

The visit left Frank touched, and with an unexpected flicker of joy in his heart. He understood that his sorrow was not the only sorrow in the world. Before he left the Flats, he had given away the remainder of his gifts. The plaid jacket had gone to a shivering boy.

Now Frank trudged homeward, cold and uneasy. How

could he explain to his parents that he had given his presents away? "Where are your presents, son?" asked his father as Frank entered the house.

Frank answered, "I gave them away."

"The airplane from Aunt Susan? Your coat from Grandma? Your flashlight? We thought you were happy with your gifts."

"I was — very happy," the boy answered quietly.

"But Frank, how could you be so impulsive?" his mother asked. "How will we explain to the relatives who spent so much time and gave so much love shopping for you?"

His father was firm. "You made your choice, Frank. We cannot afford any more presents."

With his brother gone, and his family disappointed in him, Frank suddenly felt dreadfully alone. He had not expected a

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reward for his generosity, for he knew that a good deed always should be its own reward. It would be tarnished otherwise. So he did not want his gifts back; however he wondered if he would ever again truly recapture joy in his life. He thought he had this evening, but it had been fleeting. Frank thought of his brother, and sobbed himself to sleep.

The next morning, he came downstairs to find his parents listening to Christmas music on the radio. Then the announcer spoke: "Merry Christmas, everybody! The nicest Christmas story we have this morning comes from the Flats. A crippled boy down there has a new sled this morning, another

youngster has a fine plaid jacket, and several families report that their children were made happy last night by gifts from a teenage boy who simply called himself the Christmas Scout. No one could identify him, but the children of the Flats claim that the Christmas Scout was a personal representative of old Santa Claus himself."

Frank felt his father's arms go around his shoulders, and he saw his mother smiling through her tears. "Why didn't you tell us? We didn't understand. We are so proud of you, son."

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by **Dave Redinger**

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Bernice
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Tom
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Pine Falls 5 Pin Bowling news

Week #7

The ladies high games were Margaret Staff 241, Evelyn Dodds 236, Flo Walker 236, Jan Bonekamp 220, Sharon Tremain 212, Doris Kahle 208, Sharon Mignon 202.

The men's high games were John Coss 291, 260, Graham Gauthier 291, 252, 245, George Dodds 239, Denten Normand 228, 219, 208, Alex Carello 222, Greg Gervais 221, Jerry Gauthier 219, 212, Mike Coss 215, Kelly Zacharias 212, Ron Knott 206.

The female bowler of the week was Flo Walker 236, which was 91 pins over average.

The male bowler of the week was Graham Gauthier 291, which was 101 pins over his average.

High triple games: Graham Gauthier 788, Denten Normand 655, John Coss 651, Jerry Gauthier 619.

Week #8

The ladies high games were Greg Gervais 284, Emile Lessard 283, Jerry Gauthier 269, Graham Gauthier 267, 2210, 209, Dan Coss 249, Mike Coss 235, John Coss 231, 215, Denten Normand 230, Alex Carello 224, Ron Knott 221, Carl Palmquist 215, Keith Clark 206, Albert Lamoureux 202, Rob Mulholland 201.

The female bowler of the week was Bernice Kralka 219, which was 83 pins over his average.

The male bowler of the week was Greg Gervais 284, which was 106 pins over his average.

High triple games were Graham Gauthier 676, Jerry Gauthier 639, Emile Lessard 625, John Coss 615, 600, Dan Coss 611.

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Faith Perspective



by Pastor Jake Doell

No Room In The Market Place

The celebration of Christ's birth began in AD 98 and officially became a holiday on the calendar in AD 336. For nearly two millenniums Jesus has been the "reason for the season." Today a small minority of people are challenging the very mention of "Christmas." Some department stores have eliminated the "Christmas wish" from their season's greetings. Others prefer to refer to it as a winter holiday or just a festive season. There is nothing wrong with either one but why does the "Merry Christmas" wish get the axe. In a democratic society we pride ourselves in freedom of expression which includes freedom of religious expression. The biblical account of Christmas tells us that Mary and Joseph found no room in Bethlehem that first Christmas night. (Luke 2:7) So the baby Jesus was born in a stable. It would seem that He still has difficulty finding room 2000 years later.

I am wondering what would happen if all of those who enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ would change the date of the celebration to another date, for example the last weekend in September or October. And to further simplify things, cut back on the extravagant spending on all sorts of things that are soon put on the shelf shortly in the New Year. Just gather with family and friends and focus on the one

whose birthday we are actually celebrating - Jesus. Maybe even change the name of the celebration to Jesusmas. It would not be a paid holiday and let December 25 be a paid winter holiday. It would be interesting to see the response of the market place even those who have cut the word Christmas from their advertising. Some of you may strongly disagree with me but let me remind you the birthday of Christ was more likely to have been in September or October. A poll was taken and out of 100,000 people, 80% said they would not support a retailer who does not include the "Merry Christmas" wish in their advertising. You see the retailer can choose to do what they think best for their business but the shopper also has the choice as to where they will spend their hard earned dollars. I am simply suggesting that if Jesus has no room in the Dec. 25th celebration, that He will go where He is welcome and even if it is in a cattle stable.

There are many "reasons for the season" in a multicultural society and I am simply making a case for Christmas. Let me encourage you to investigate the reason for the Christmas season and read the Christmas account as it is given to us in Matthews Gospel chapter 1 verses 18-25 or in Lukes Gospel chapter 2 verses 1-20. I will end with the words from Andrew Culverwell's Christmas carol, "Come on ring those bells, - Light the Christmas tree, - Jesus is the King - Born for you and me-Come on ring those bells. - Everybody say, Jesus, we remember this your birthday."

Library Corner

The snow falling softly outside my window brings to mind a German Christmas carol from many years ago - "Leise rieselt der Schnee, Still und starr liegt der See, Weihnachtlich glanzet der Wald, Freue dich, 's Christkind kommt bald!" It speaks of the beauty of the season, and also the joyful anticipation of the coming of the Christchild! We prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas in many different ways.

The hustle and bustle can be more enjoyable if interspersed with the special songs and stories of Christmas! Here are a few stories we would like to recommend: Karen Kingsbury has been writing the Red Gloves series of novellas just for this season - read Gideon's

Gift, Maggie's Miracle, Sarah's Song, and the newest title, Hannah's Hope. These are sure to become Christmas favourites!

We have the eighth novel in the beloved Mitford series by Jan Karon - Shepherds Abiding.

Author Kristin Hannah brings us Comfort and Joy - the "heart-warming story of a woman at a crossroads, caught between two lives, who finds a second chance at happiness."

Anne Perry's recent additions to her unique repertoire of books are set in the most joyous season of the year. Read A Christmas Guest - "featuring a perfect combination of mystery and murder mixed with a generous helping of yuletide cheer."



Library staff would like to thank all of the young shoppers who came to our annual Children's Christmas Bazaar which was held on Dec 2nd. Our volunteers enjoyed helping you with your purchases for family members and friends!

And... just a reminder to everyone to get their tickets for our Christmas Draw which will take place on December 16th! The library will be closed on Saturday, December 24th - all other opening hours remain the same.

MJHL News

Four second period goals was enough for the Southeast Blades to end their weekend road trip by defeating the Waywayseecappo Wolverines 6-4 last night.

Alex Magera scored early in the third period for the game-winner. Magera also added two assists, while Cory Tanguay fired a goal and an assist. Jerrod Auger gets the win against his old team with 49-saves.

Riley Riddell continues to be one of the few bright spots for the last-place Wolverines this year. He was in on all four goals last night, scoring twice and setting up the other two. Daniel McIntosh came up with 31-stops in the loss.

Calin Wild had a hat-trick as the Winnipeg South Blues traveled across the Red and handed the Winnipeg Saints a 6-4 loss last night.

Stewart Thiessen now leads MJHL defencemen with 44 points after potting four assists for Winnipeg South. Kevin Clark and Riley Nixdorf had a goal and an assist for the Blues. Andrew Loewen had a solid game with 52-saves in the win.

Les Forgala tallied twice for the Saints, while Scott Wagner and Derek Hanson had the other goals. Landon Kroeker made 33-stops for Winnipeg.

The Winkler Flyers swept a weekend home-and-home set with the Selkirk Steelers with a 5-4 home ice win last night.



John Murray led the Flyers with a goal and two assists, while Jon Johnson swiped home the game-winner at 11:13 of the third and had a helper. Darcy Stewart needed 34-saves for the win.

Travis Kornelson and Chris Stelmack had three-point games for the Steel. Justin Harris stopped 24-of-29 shots on the night.

League Standings (as of November 20, 2005)

Winnipeg Division	Winnipeg Saints	24	8
Wpg South Blues	24	10	
Winkler Flyers	21	11	
Selkirk Steelers	18	12	
Southeast Blades	11	23	


Sher-Wood Division	OCN Blizzard	21	9
Dauphin Kings	22	9	
Swan Valley	17	16	
Portage Terriers	15	20	
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 Email: reccom@mts.net

Cold snap attack

Winter Brochure

We are ready to roll out our 2006 winter brochure! Registrations are now being accepted for the following programs. Classes starting the week of January 9; Aqua Fitness, Karate, Cardio Kickboxing, Body Sculpting, Cardio Sculpt, Yoga and Stress stretch ball. Classes starting the week of January 16; Xtalent, Pilates, Creative Movement, Introductory to Dance, Jr. Jazz and Sr. Jazz.

Congratulations Lac du Bonnet Karate Club

On December 3 the Lac du Bonnet Karate club sent 9 competitors to the Dakota

Invitational Karate Tournament in Winnipeg. The club brought home a whopping 16 medals. Congratulations to all competitors for a job well done.

Kids Christmas Craft Day

Mrs. Lucci's is holding a Christmas Craft making session on December 17. There are 2 time slots to choose from 9:30 - 10:30am or 11:30 - 12:30. Pre registration is required and space is limited! Contact Brenda or Kristin at Mrs. Lucci's at 345 9909.

Manitoba Community Places Workshop

We will be hosting a workshop with the Facility consultant from MB Community Places program on Tuesday, December 13 from 1:30 - 3:30pm at the Town Office in Lac du Bonnet. Learn some granting tips from Mark Ransom and the current application

forms should be available for the 2006 intake as well.

Hall Walking at the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre

On the following days in December there will be hall walking at the community centre from 1:00-2:00pm. December 5, 20, and 22nd. Please wear indoor shoes only. For more information call Pat at two Rivers 345 1227

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Sport	Age	Date	Location	Registration	Deadline
Alpine Ski	10 - 19	January 29, 2006	Springhill	January 13	
Artistic Gymnastics	10 - 21	January 21, 2006	Steinbach	January 6	
Badminton	12 - 18	January 14, 2006	Oakbank	December 30	
Bowling 5-Pin	10 - 19	January 28, 2006	Lac du Bonnet	January 13	
Curling - Bantam (co-ed)					
Junior Women & Men	10 - 13	January 13 - 15, 2006	Dugald	December 30	
Figure Skating	10 - 21	January 14, 2006	Hazelridge	December 30	
Hockey (Pee Wee male)	10 - 12	January 27 - 29, 2006	Lac du Bonnet	January 13	
Hockey (Bantam female)	13 & 14	January 27 - 29, 2006	Pinawa	January 13	
Special Olympics 5-Pin Bowling	10 & over	January 22, 2006	Steinbach	January 6	
Volleyball	14 & under	December 3-4, 2006	Steinbach	November 18	
Cross Country Ski	10 - 21	January 29, 2006	Pinawa	January 13	

For more information call: 268-2172 or toll free 1-866-774-2220 (ext 6)
 or Visit the Power Smart Manitoba Games website at: www.powersmartmanitobagames.ca

Recreation Re-Boot!

Pineview Recreation Commission

Please note that the Rec. Office will be closed from December 23, 2005 to January 8, 2006. The Office will reopen on January 9th. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will take place from mid-January to the end of May for approximately 20 weeks. They will run for one (1) hour on Monday nights. The cost for the class is \$250.00 (\$12.50/hr) + GST and the instructor will be Don Zouff from Beausejour. Space is limited so it will be first come, first serve. Please make sure that you register and pay before December 30th.

Public Skating/Open Ice

There is public skating and open ice at Pine Falls Arena on Saturdays and Sundays when there are no minor hockey games. Public skating is for families and kids who wish to come and skate for an hour. The cost to non-PRC member is \$2.00 each or \$5.00 per family. NO sticks or pucks are allowed on the ice during public skate. All children under 16 should wear a helmet. During open ice helmets are mandatory because of the use of sticks and pucks. Anyone not wearing a helmet will not

be allowed on the ice. Check at the arena for times. I will try and run a monthly schedule next week.

Recreational Hockey - Kids

Are you interested in playing hockey just for the fun and exercise? The Rec. Office is currently taking names of anyone who would like to play rec. hockey. If your child is interested, please contact the Rec. Office at 367-9142. Rec. hockey should be starting up soon. I need coaches to volunteer with this program. PLEASE CALL AND OFFER YOUR SERVICES!!!

Around Town

TeeGee's Cafe and Deli is offering a unique incentive for people to try something new - it's Bingo with a twist!!! Just drop by put your name on a bingo sheet. They will keep your bingo game on file at the store and every time you come in try something new. Great prizes will be awarded.

There are also other specials and happenings at Rupert's Landing during December. Drop by and check them out.

Public Library

The Public Library, located in the high school end of Pine Falls School has re-opened for the fall. Hours of operation are Monday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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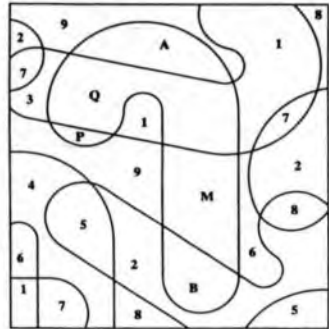
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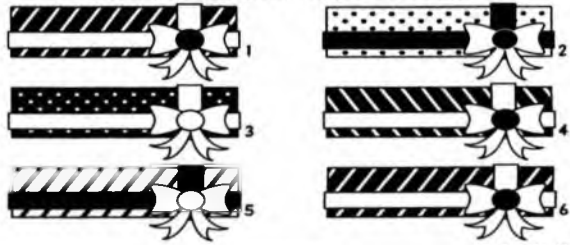
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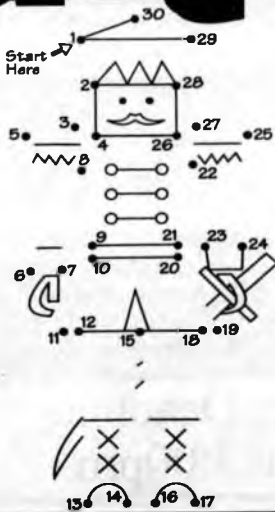
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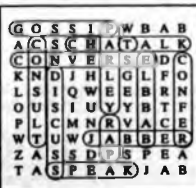
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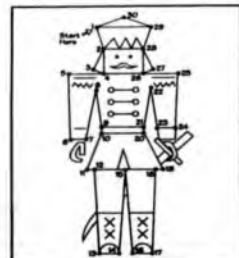
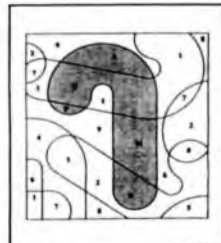
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ANSWERS



Pine Falls Community Billboard

Fort Alexander Health Centre: Diabetes Clinic 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 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: Tuca, 9:00am to 12:00 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. - whilst 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.

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.

Village of Powerview: meets second Tuesday of each month

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, Wednesday 8:00 p.m., Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, 1 Alex Road. Barb 754-3173 or Alice 756-

3933.

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

Senior Scene Inc. #1 Atcah 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

Pine Falls Golden Leisure Club: Bridge 7:00pm Thursday, Canasta 1:00pm Friday, Whist 1:30pm Wednesday, Exercise 10:15am, Monday, Tuesday, Saturday, Crib, 1st Monday of Month at 1:30pm

Town Powerview-Pine Falls Recycle every Thursday 8:00am, Garbage Pick up - Powerview Wednesdays 8:00am, Pine Falls Tuesdays & Fridays 8:00am

Overcomers Outreach meetings www.overcomersoutreach.ca, weekly meeting Contact Isabelle (204) 367-2359

Parenting Support Group: Meets the first three Wednesdays of every month at Wings of Power, 11:30 a.m. - 1. Lunch and childminding are free, transportation also available. Call 367-9641

Family Lending Library: Open 10:12 and 1-4, Mon-Fri at Wings of Power.

Computer access: Wings of Power CAP site, Open 10-12 and 1-4, Mon-Fri.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings every Tuesday, 7-8pm at the Sagkeeng Multi-Purpose Building (south shore highway 11).

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 11:30 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 754-8662.

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, Scaterbury, on Hwy. #59.

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIFE SKILLS CHURCH - Christian Healing Services, Minister: Isabelle Fiola (204) 367-2359

Powerview RCMP Report



ADVISORY: POWER-VIEW DETACHMENT - BOUNDARY EXTENSION

Further to the above be advised that Powerview Detachment now extends down south along highway 11 up to and including MacArthur Falls, Manitoba.

Residents & business's will contact Powerview Detachment for assistance at 911 or 367-2222 in an emergency. All non emergency calls may be directed to 367-8728.

REMINDER: - residents and business's receiving an email, mail or fax regarding a lucrative business offer, free prize etc... requesting personal and business information are asked to disregard or contact the joint task force in Ontario toll free at 1-888-495-8501 to confirm. DO NOT respond to these requests with any of your financial or personal information whatsoever.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - In the weeks to come Powerview Detachment will be issuing a request for assistance in locating individuals on Outstanding Warrants or Investigations - The format will be

similar to Winnipeg's 10 most wanted but on a much smaller scale. These individuals may have been evading police or court for some time or may be a threat to public safety. Your assistance in this endeavour will be greatly appreciated!

NEWS REPORT: November 28 - December 11, 2005 November 28:

PINE FALLS - a break, enter and theft in progress at a local business was attended by police. Damage to the premises was estimated at \$5,000.00. Police apprehended and charged 6 youth in the incident.

- an MTS truck was the victim of vandalism over the weekend. A window was smashed in the incident.

- a town vehicle parked at the Fire Hall had the gas siphoned from the unit. 113 litres were taken in the incident.

BLACK RIVER - a vehicle was recovered after a female and 2 males took the auto from a relative without consent. 2 people were charged with open liquor in the vehicle.

Further information found the 3rd person a male had an out-

standing warrant. The warrant was executed and the man released on a promise to appear in court at a later date. A flat tire was the only damage sustained to the vehicle.

FORT ALEXANDER - a male was removed from a residence after causing problems for a family member. The man was extremely intoxicated and driven home to prevent a further breach of peace.

BLACK RIVER - a missing youth was located after failing to return home.

November 29: **BLACK RIVER** - a theft of food from a residence was resolved informally without any charges when all items were returned to the owner.

November 30: **BLACK RIVER** - a vehicle was vandalized by a youth after a heated argument with a family member. No charges were laid in the incident. All parties were spoken to by police and warned accordingly.

MANIGOTAGAN - a male youth was apprehended and turned over to Child and Fam-

See **POWERVIEW**/page 15

Narcotics Anonymous

If you or someone you know and care about is struggling with the effects of drug addiction, give Narcotics Anonymous a call. Narcotics Anonymous is there to help.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Sagkeeng Multi Purpose Building, located on the South Shore off of Highway #11.

NA is a non-profit organization with a group of people who meet regularly to help

one another abstain from drug dependency. NA meetings is not a counselling group but is a support system program of recovery from drug addictions. Anyone with a desire to stop depending on a drug filled life are more than welcome to attend these meetings. NA operates with a system of both closed and open meetings.

For more information contact the Sagkeeng Wellness Centre at 204-367-2755. Mondays to Fridays from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

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Harper will ensure security for seniors

Conservatives will protect OAS, GIS, and CPP, increase seniors pension deduction to \$2,500

STEINBACH — Provencher Conservative candidate Vic Toews said that the Conservative Party plan to protect retirement security programs, including Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, and Canada Pension Plan announced by Conservative leader Stephen Harper will help Canada's seniors strengthen their financial security.

Toews noted that in addition to a commitment to protect present and future benefit

levels under existing retirement security programs, Harper's announcement included a promise to enhance pension income by immediately doubling the pension income amount that seniors can deduct for registered pension plan or RRSP income from \$1,000 to \$2,000, gradually increasing to \$2,500 over the next five years.

"Seniors have spent their lives raising families, saving for retirement and building the country", Toews noted. "Our plan will provide financial security by protecting the OAS, GIS and CPP programs, protecting income trusts, and giving seniors a tax break on their RRSP investment."

Harper also promised improved service to seniors, to be monitored by a new national Seniors' Council, underlining the importance of government officials treating seniors appropriately. The Seniors' Council will be made up of representatives of national seniors organizations and individual seniors. In addition to monitoring the quality of government services to seniors, it will provide advice to the Minister Responsible for Seniors on government policy.

"The Conservatives are the only party standing up for seniors", said Toews "We know the Liberals have a hidden agenda to tax the income trusts seniors have set up for their future needs while Jack Layton and the NDP want to impose an inheritance tax. However, a Conservative government is committed to letting seniors can keep more of their hard-won gains by putting over \$2.2 billion back in seniors' pockets to protect their financial security."

ENERGY CORNER

Great Things Come in Smaller Packages

You still have some time to call in your holiday gift orders, whether for yourself or for those around you. Many companies are vying for your attention with their latest small appliances and gadgets.

Bigger definitely isn't always better, as the latest small appliances show. Today's consumers are busy and looking for ways to cut corners on everyday activities and hassles. Small appliances offer convenience and easy cleanup, and many companies are coming out with more stylish and feature-enhanced models.

Items that used to exclusively occupy the kitchen are migrating into nurseries, bedrooms, exercise rooms, recreational spaces, and offices to form mini-kitchens that make preparing quick snacks a cinch. Kitchen appliances aren't the only things going smaller; you can now buy devices that do everything from massages to improving air quality.

One of the biggest changes by way of small appliances is their look. Blenders, mixers, coffee makers, food processors, and even countertop ovens come in a variety of colours including cobalt blue and fiery red or pastel shades. Many appliances now come in two extreme styles: vintage-inspired designs are making a comeback, with pastel or deep hues and chrome accents, and modern designs feature vibrant



or metal finishes and black accents.

Other new features include cordless electrics, which allow multiple cooks to work in the kitchen without being forced to cluster in one spot near electrical outlets. Some companies are also releasing professional restaurant-style appliances that make preparing gourmet meals easier. They are also health conscious - some products have a steaming option, to reduce nutrient loss when cooking.

Party-hosts may appreciate appliances that can help make celebrations more exciting. A chocolate fondue fountain, or a raclette grill bring the cooking to the table so that guests can enjoy the preparation along with the host. And a vintage popcorn maker will add more fun to your next movie night.

Make meal time fiesta time with a quesadilla maker. This little tool cooks quesadillas in a few minutes time and pre-slices the tortillas.

Three-in-one coffee makers allow you to make espresso, cappuccino, and plain old coffee from the same machine. For the gourmet coffee aficionado, choose a machine that will grind the beans before it brews.

One of the best features of small appliances is that they save energy. If you live alone or are preparing a smaller meal, skip using a conventional oven, which wastes a lot of energy, and opt for a small appliance instead.



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Mary, 114014

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Long One, 112728

Don't let the name fool you! Long One is the tiniest of rabbits-just a handful of grey fluff. He and his buddy Precious were turned over by property management at a complex where their owner moved and abandoned them in the suite! Long One enjoys the company of other bunnies and is very friendly. Rabbits can live between 8-10 years, so he needs someone who is ready to commit! \$39.00 fee includes spay/neuter, vet exam and more!

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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Report period from December 5th to December 12th, 2005



On the 6th of Dec., a request was rec'd from St. Theresa Point to locate a subject from that area who was possibly living in the Lac du Bonnet area. Police investigation revealed that it does not appear that the subject is in the area.

On the 7th of Dec., a report was rec'd that vehicles had been broken into at a location on McIntosh in the Town of Lac du Bonnet with gasoline and gas caps stolen, and the vehicles rummaged through.

On the 7th of Dec., a report was rec'd that a fire extin-

guisher had been discharged on the front doors of the Lac du Bonnet Senior School, and left at the scene. Took place overnight and no indication where it came from.

On the 7th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a possible domestic disturbance at a location in the Seven Sisters area of the R.M. of Whitemouth. Investigation revealed that this was not domestic in nature, but that two adult males had been arguing. No offence took place and one subject taken to another location by a third party

to spend the night.

On the 8th of Dec., a report was rec'd that two under-age males were in the process of pushing a drink machine over at a location on McArthur in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Police attended and found no one in the area. Machine put back upright.

On the 9th of Dec., a report was rec'd of a break and enter to a business in Whitemouth, with the business safe stolen from the premises. Took place overnight.

On the 9th of Dec., two reports were rec'd of vehicles being hit on Thursday night with chunks of snow and ice which were thrown from the roof of businesses along Second Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 9th of Dec., a report

was rec'd of an intoxicated adult male causing problems at a residence off Grassland Road in the R.M. of Whitemouth. Police attended and found that the subject was not intoxicated, however, he was taken to Pinawa Hospital where he was admitted.

On the 10th of Dec., a report was rec'd that an unlocked residence at Rennie was entered and a 12-pack of beer was consumed or stolen.

On the 10th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at the F.W. Gilbert School in Pinawa. Found to be a False Alarm.

On the 10th of Dec., a report was rec'd that an adult male had collapsed in a room in a Motel along P.T.H. #11 at Lac du Bonnet. Police and the ambulance attended, however,

the subject could not be revived and was pronounced deceased at Pinawa Hospital. Believed to be due to natural causes.

On the 10th of Dec., an adult male was stopped while driving on McArthur in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Found to have an outstanding Warrant for Arrest from Thompson, so he was taken into custody, and subsequently released for a Court appearance in Thompson.

On the 11th of Dec., a report was rec'd of an overturned pick-up truck along P.R. 313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet just east of the Wpg. River. Police attended to find the truck in the ditch, with no-one around. Check with Pinawa Hospital revealed no-one had come in with injuries.

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.

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.

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. 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 Harald Huege, 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.

Garden Club meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm, Lac du Bonnet Senior School Home Ec Room. No meetings January, July, August.

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL
Pastor Jake Deull, 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 367-9520, church 345-2357
Sunday: 11:30 a.m. - worship; 11:30 a.m. - first and third Sunday of each month, holy eucharist.

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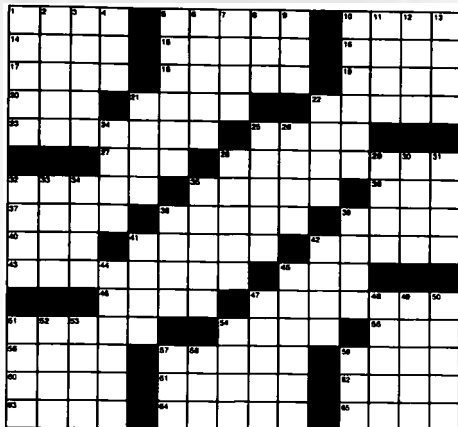
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- 7. Body of persons organized for the advancement of a cause.
- 8. Writing point of a pen.
- 9. Large, brownish-green New Zealand parrot.
- 10. Preventing an adversary from gaining information.
- 11. Without an irregularity.
- 12. Subset of geek.
- 13. Greek god of love.
- 21. Term commonly used for the uninflected part of a word.
- 22. Elaborate party.
- 24. Thick, heavy earth that is soft when wet and hard when dry.
- 25. Force onto another.
- 26. Balcony consisting of the forward section of a theater mezzanine.
- 28. Arm again.
- 29. 29th state of the union.
- 30. Abbreviation for kilocalorie.
- 31. Food.
- 32. Formal expression of opinion.
- 33. Very dark black.
- 34. Acronym for New England Over Shoes.
- 35. Smelling of beer.
- 38. Object that acts as a hindrance.
- 39. Any bristle-like organ.
- 41. From a great distance.
- 42. Matrix for casting metal.
- 44. Period of time during which glaciers covered a large part of the Earth's surface.
- 45. Lowermost portion of a structure partly below ground level.
- 47. Accent mark placed over "n" in Spanish words.
- 48. Organization of rhythm in time.
- 49. Not secret.
- 50. Type of salamanders.
- 51. Exclamations of pleasure.
- 52. Mountain range in Russia.
- 53. Latin for "knee."
- 54. Percussion instrument consisting of a metal plate struck with a soft, hooded drumstick.
- 57. Primate with a short tail.
- 58. _ Williams, science fiction/fantasy author.
- 59. Mineral springs health resort.

ACROSS

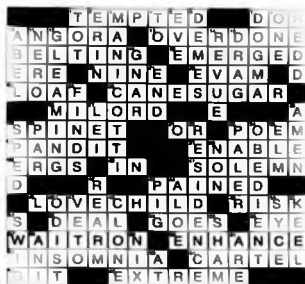
- 1. Accept possession of.
- 5. Imposingly fashionable and elegant.
- 10. Bare, sandy tract near the sea.
- 14. Smell.
- 15. Lofly nest of a bird of prey.
- 16. At any time.
- 17. Inactive.
- 18. Venomous cobra-like snake of Africa.
- 19. _ Wolfe, character created by Rex Stout.
- 20. Droop.
- 21. Lively.

- 22. Discovers something.
- 23. With accuracy.
- 25. Wingless, blood-sucking parasite insect.
- 27. Ang _ director of The Hulk.
- 28. Resembling a root.
- 32. Poisonous substance produced by animals.
- 35. Very light brown.
- 36. South American wood sorrel.
- 37. Follow commands.
- 38. Put an end to an activity.
- 39. Hit with a heavy slapping blow.
- 40. Excessively.

DOWN

- 1. Raise or lift.
- 2. Large, desert-dwelling antelope.
- 3. Longest river in Europe.
- 4. Rather than.
- 5. Subgroup of a population.
- 6. Tired of something.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

BXCCVDWFF QXRWF ST VD BWVUBZ
EBXZ VZ PXORF VD PWDUZZB.


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 LOVE OF MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.


Weekly Echo Horoscopes


December 11th to December 17th


ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20)
 Overindulgence may be a problem. Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation. Try to think things through. You will be able to work with fine detail this week.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)
 Home improvement projects will go well if you delegate work to all your family members. Control those desires to cast your fate to the wind. You're best to channel your energy into work. You will be encouraged to get involved in a moneymaking venture.


GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
 You'll be prone to tears if your mate is harsh with you this week. Make plans to attend group discussions or get together with friends who like to talk as much as you do. Take a long look at your present direction and consider your professional options. You need to refrain from being the generous one in the group.


CANCER (June 22-July 22)
 Unfortunately, your personal life may suffer from a lack spare time. You may have difficulties with someone close to you. You may find that children are not as accepting as you have been. Others may want to steal your thunder when they realize your ideas are pretty solid.


LEO (July 23-Aug 22)
 If possible, rely on coworkers to back your objectives, and talk to superiors in order to get approval. Show what a dedicated person you can be. Don't be too quick to judge your loved ones. Try not to argue about trivial matters.


VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)
 Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Visitors may drop by unexpectedly, resulting in tension with your lover. Coworkers may not be giving you all the pertinent information. Take care of your personal needs.


LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
 You can win points with children if you take the time to show interest in their accomplishments. Don't put all your cash in one place. Don't be too quick to judge those you live with. You can make major decisions regarding your professional direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 You may be more emotional than usual. Dealing with foreigners will be most enlightening. Your practical approach to life may charm someone who has been observing you. Channel your energy into projects that will enhance your home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 You will benefit by taking care of other people's concerns. Someone may try to damage your reputation. For now just do the best you can. Try not to allow superiors or those in a higher position to take advantage of you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
 You will be your usual charming self and the partners you attract may be the adventurous type. You may have a tendency to put on weight. You may find that someone you live with is not too happy, but you can't really do anything about that right now. Be honest in your communication and don't lose your cool if someone backs you into a corner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
 This day was meant for love. Make creative changes to your residence. There could be opposition or temper tantrums on the home front. You should be making plans to spend some time with the ones you love. Don't divulge secret information.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
 Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. Unique forms of entertainment could capture your attention and bring about a romantic interest. Pleasure trips will bring you into contact with new and interesting people. Stop telling others about your problems.

Echo Classifieds

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

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.

House for Rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 1200 sq. ft., comfy, over 1 acre on waterfront by Woody's Service Centre, in Lac du Bonnet. Quiet, private, electric forced air with woodstove and wood. Price reduced. Call 403-613-2402 or 345-2529 and leave a message. TFW

For Sale
Martin Back Packer Acoustico guitar, comes with case. Best offer. call 367-8353.

For Sale
Hay bales for septic \$2.00 each, phone 204-367-8836. 16

SILVER HAVEN MEAL PROGRAM

Open to all seniors 55 and over. You are welcome to bring a guest. All meals are \$5.00. Meals are at 11:30 noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Your name must be put on the list the day before by calling

Silver Haven at 367-4620 or Bernice 367-8369

Wednesday, Dec. 14
Salad, shepherds pie, baked beans, broccoli and carrots, ice cream.

Friday, Dec. 16
Soup, salmon patties, cauliflower & cheese sauce, hash browns, apple pie.

Monday, Dec. 19
Salad, Pickerel, wild rice, carrots, baked orange pudding.

1984 Peavy RockMaster guitar amplifier head with 4X12 enclosure. Vintage tube series, 135 watts of tube power, \$500 OBO, call 367-8353.

For Sale - Buckmaster 2000 Compound Bow. In very good shape, only used to complete once with and hunted with only a few times. Includes a Cobra Sight and Stableizer, Cobra Rest, New Hardtop Case and Quiver with 4 gold tip hunting arrows. Asking \$750 for the whole set up with case. Call 367-8883 or 367-5211, ask for Stephen or leave a message.

Rooms and Suites for rent. Weekly and Monthly rates available. Hydro and satellite included, call Omer at 367-9991 or 367-4210. 28 TFW

For Sale
House for sale: Powerview location corner lot, 1 bedroom great starter home. call 367-8353.



Monique Bouvier

Congratulations on successfully completing your **Bachelor of Nursing** at the University of Manitoba. "Way to go Girl!"

With love,
Dad, Mom,
Raymond, Roland, Angel,
and Donald.



Derna Watson Chartered Accountant

Congratulations on successfully completing the 2005 UFE to achieve your designation as a CA.

Your family is extremely proud of you and realize the commitment and devotion required to reach this level of professionalism. We would take this opportunity to thank your fiancé Shane Hintz for all his support, the firm of Grant Thomson who always believed in your abilities and provided much needed support for the past four years, and last but not least, Katherine, your study partner.

Love always,
Proud Parents
Pat and Marlene,
sister Vanessa
and brother Rob.

The family of Art Cyr wish to express our heartfelt thanks for the flowers, cards and kind words on the passing of our husband, father and grandfather. Your comforting words, prayers and love has helped us all so much.

Thanks to the special people who sent us hot meals and all those who sent food. We are so grateful to all.

Thank you to the ambulance attendants, nurses and doctors of Pine Falls Hospital, Selkirk Hospital and Health Sciences Centre. A special thanks to Dr. P. Shouty for making Art's passing so painless and peaceful.

Also Father Jim Gray who helped ease the pain of our loss. It was such a wonderful service you gave our loved one Father.

Thanks to the luncheon providers for the work and donations of food and also a big thank you to the choir for the beautiful songs.

Thanks to Sobering Funeral Chapel for their services.

Your thoughts, and kindness will never be forgotten. Our love and gratitude to all for giving Art such a beautiful good bye.

The Cyr Family

Sunrise School Division
Kindergarten Registration and Grade 1 Beginners - For September 2006

Eligibility Requirement For

Kindergarten: Children must be five (5) years of age on or before December 31, 2006.
Grade 1: Children must be six (6) years of age on or before December 31, 2006. Children previously enrolled in Kindergarten classes DO NOT need to be re-registered.

Date of Registration: Monday to Friday, January 23 to January 27, 2006
Mornings: 9:00am to 12:00 noon Afternoons: 1:00pm to 3:30pm.

Programs in Three (3) Languages Offered to all children beginning in Kindergarten or Grade 1 at the following centres:

Anola School	866-2962	English
Beausejour Early Years School	268-2664	English & French Imm.
Centennial School	345-2462	English
École Dugald School	853-7929	English & French Imm.
Gillis School	268-4353	English
Hazelinde School	755-2214	English
Oak Bank Elementary School	444-2473	English & English/Ukrainian
Pine Falls School	367-2254	English
École Powerview School	367-2296	English & French Imm.
Reynolds School	428-5559	English
Whitemouth School	348-2595	English
Grafton Colony School	268-2507	English
Greenwald Colony School	265-3522	English
Heartland Colony School	755-2342	English
Richland Colony School	866-3293	English
Springwell Colony School	345-6410	English
Whiteshell Colony School	348-7055	English

Note: Proof of age must be presented at time of registration. **Birth Certificate** would be preferred. However, if a birth certificate is unavailable, then a Baptismal Certificate will be accepted.

Parents are invited to attend a French Immersion informational evening on Wednesday, January 11, 2006 at 7:00pm at École Powerview School and Beausejour Early Years School, and on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 7:00pm at École Dugald School and Beausejour Early Years School.

Entry into the French Immersion and English/Ukrainian Bilingual Programs is open to all children of Kindergarten and Grade 1 age who possess little or no knowledge of the French or Ukrainian language but who wish to become bilingual by learning French or Ukrainian as a second language.

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. 34 TFW

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Qualifications: Ability to follow written and oral instructions. Previous related experience preferred. Ability to operate required equipment. Ability to maintain positive working relationships. Certificate in Safe Food Handling preferred (must be obtained during probationary period.) Ability to meet the physical and mental demands of the job.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resumé and cover letter by **December 21, 2005** in confidence to: Human Resources Assistant, North Eastman Health Association Inc., Box 339, Pnawa, MB R0E 1L0, Fax: 204-753-2015, Email: kaimco@neha.mb.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those candidates being considered for an interview will be contacted.

Powerview RCMP Report - from page 10

ily Services. The youth had been having difficulties at home with parents and siblings.

FORT ALEXANDER - a male was charged with 2 counts of assault after a fight escalated with parents.

- while on another call police observed a vehicle hitting the shoulder and driving in and out of the lane. The vehicle was stopped and the male driver found to be impaired. Further information found the man was also disqualified from driving. He was charged accordingly, lodged in cells until sober and released on a promise to appear in court at a later date.

December 1:
SEYMOURVILLE - an intoxicated male entered a residence while a youth was home alone and started to cause problems. The man proceeded to fall asleep in the house but left the residence prior to the adults returning home. The man was later located and charged after further information found he was in breach of court conditions as well.

- a male and female were charged with assault after a spousal dispute. Both were released on conditions to have no contact and to appear in court in Pine Falls at a later date.

December 2:
FORT ALEXANDER - police are still investigating an incident of a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was recovered a short time later in the area.

- a residence was attended after a report of an assault was made. Further investigation revealed that threats were uttered and no assault occurred. The male suspect had left the residence and the complainant was satisfied with that.

HOLLOW WATER - an assault was reported to police however no proper details were given. Police attempted to contact the complainant but received no response. No further action was taken.

POWERVERVIEW - police re-

covered a stolen vehicle from Winnipeg that was left in this area. Winnipeg Police Service was advised and the vehicle towed.

December 3:
POWERVERVIEW - 2 males were removed from a local hotel after causing a disturbance and creating problems for staff. 1 male which was extremely intoxicated continued to fight with police but finally calmed down. Both were lodged in cells until sober.

BELAIR - a break, enter and theft was reported where a window to a cottage damaged and a television taken out of the residence.

December 4:
BELAIR - police intervened when a family dispute continued to escalate. Parent and youth were spoken to accordingly and advised to contact Child and Family Services for assistance if further problems persist in the non criminal matter.

FORT ALEXANDER - investigation continues into a spousal assault where a female was forcibly confined, threatened and assaulted her. A male has been charged in the incident and remanded into custody.

- a female youth was apprehended after fleeing a youth home in Winnipeg. The youth was located at a relatives on the South Shore, Child and Family Services advised and turned over to their custody.

- an incident of mischief is under investigation. A dispute resulted in property damage to a residence.

BLACK RIVER - a report of an abandoned vehicle on highway 304 was unfounded. A group of hunters had been parking their vehicle in that location.

December 5:
HOLLOW WATER - investigation continues into a break, enter, theft and mischief at a residence.

FORT ALEXANDER - a

missing male youth was apprehended by police. He was turned over to child and family services for their action.

December 6:
RM OF ALEXANDER - police took a complaint of a possible impaired driver. Attempts to locate the vehicle and driver were unsuccessful and no further calls to the detachment were received.

December 7:
POWERVERVIEW - a female turned herself into police on an outstanding warrant. A complaint of the woman being in the area, while on court conditions not to do so, was received. She was remanded into custody and transported to Winnipeg.

FORT ALEXANDER - investigation continues into a spousal assault which occurred in the early morning hours.

December 8:
MANIGOTAGAN - a stolen vehicle from Saskatchewan was recovered at this point. The vehicle was towed to Winnipeg and the owner and insurance agents advised.

CAT LAKE - a hunters truck parked on highway 315 was vandalised and culprits stole a jack all, spare tire and a costly flash light. Thieves accessed the vehicle by breaking a corner window.

December 9:
FORT ALEXANDER - police charged 1 male with refusal of a breath demand. The vehicle was towed and the man released on a promise to appear in court at a later date.

RM OF ALEXANDER - a pair of die hard fishermen were called off the ice by police when they failed to observe Hydro notification of open water on the Winnipeg River. The pair safely came off the ice with no further problems occurring.

POWERVERVIEW - a complaint of a male in breach of court conditions is still under investigation.

- a case of email harassment was reported to police.

- a schoolyard assault where a female was punched several

times is still under investigation.

December 10:
TRAVERSE BAY - police responded to a residence when a complaint of forced entry and threats being uttered was made. Upon arrival police found the incident had not occurred and a prank call had been issued. No further action was necessary at the time.

POWERVERVIEW - assistance to Grand Rapids detachment was made involving a sexual assault.

FORT ALEXANDER - attempts to locate a female as a result of mischief to a residence were unsuccessful at this time. Police continue to try and locate the woman for questioning.

December 11:
POWERVERVIEW - a stolen vehicle from Laura Street was recovered a short time later at a lagoon in the area. Investigation continues into the incident.

HILLSIDE BEACH - a break, enter and theft occurred to a cabin. Point of entry was a side window.

SUMMARY: - police also escorted 3 people under the mental health act, served 11 individuals with court documents, issued 7 tickets under the highway traffic and liquor control act, lodged 8 people under the intoxicated person detention act, processed 9 traffic accident reports and attended to 6 false alarms.

- police also picked up prisoners in Headingly and Winnipeg for Provincial Court in Pine Falls for the 7th of December.

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

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