

Victoria Beach police nab break-and-enter culprits

by Charles Norman

Victoria Beach Police Chief Stewart McPherson, with help from a Victoria Beach Resident caught three people in the act of helping themselves to the content of a Victoria Beach cottage last week.

Because of a rash of break-ins the Victoria Beach Police had taken to patrolling the community during the night. Stewart McPherson and a civilian, in radio contact with each other, came across a vehicle parked in the middle of the road. The civilian (who was not named) parked his car behind the vehicle and radioed the location to McPherson so that it could be blocked on both sides.

They were able to catch and handcuff two of the perpetrators, (the third was in the culprit's vehicle sleeping off the effects of a bottle of Crown Royal). They then contacted officers from the RCMP Powerview detachment who arrived twenty minutes later to escort the prisoners to jail in Powerview.

The thieves had broken into a cottage with an alarm system. They had ripped out the system, shutting off the alarm, thinking that they still had a few minutes before police would



A new Polaris snowmachine was just one of the many stolen items that was brought into the Powerview Detachment.

arrive on the scene, but were out of luck.

They were caught with a top-of-the-line snowmobile, lots of liquor, stereo equipment and a host of other items taken from a dozen or more cottages that evening.

Chief McPherson said the culprits had been using snowmobiles to check out suitable cottages. He said the stolen items would have been taken to Winnipeg and traded for drugs that same night.

McPherson said the three

were from the Pine Falls – Powerview area. He said cocaine, crack cocaine and crystal meth are all being found here.

The three were charged and held overnight. They were released on bail the next day.

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Vallant effort not enough for Plymouth Fury

By Jim Hampshire

Larry (Razor) Sharpe of Powerview-Pine Falls predicted it would take nothing short of a knockout for him to lose his bid to win the vacant Commonwealth Middleweight Championship Title last Friday in Britain and his prediction came true. But only after he gave his opponent, Scott Dann of Plymouth England, all he could handle for nine rounds.

Sharpe, the current Canadian Middleweight Champion, was defeated in the early stages of the ninth round of a scheduled twelve round bout, after Scott Dann snuck in an uppercut that brought Sharpe to his knees. Although still coherent, Sharpe couldn't beat the count and the match ended as a knockout for Dann, who is nicknamed Dynamite for obvious reasons. As a result of the blow, Sharpe received four stitches above his eye immediately after the bout.

Following the fight, Dann told the British media he had a bit of a problem adjusting to Sharpe's style and that he didn't quite know how to handle his opponent.

"It was a little bit of a mixed performance," Dann told the television media following the fight. "He was quite mobile (and) he was awkward."

That was about as complimentary as the British media reports would get regarding the style and skill of the current Canadian Middleweight Champion, but as Larry Sharpe

well knows, the sport of boxing is as much a war of words as it is a war in the ring.

"The British media is one-hundred percent behind boxing and very high on their hometown hero," Sharpe said after landing back in Powerview-Pine Falls on Monday of this week. "I just wish the Winnipeg media was as excited as the British media are about the sport of boxing."

According to Sharpe, his week in Plymouth England was full of media coverage, where the fighters spent much time meeting with the press, and where Sharpe was taken on grand tours of the area. Of course there was time for training as well, and the Canadian middleweight champ says he was given full access to prepare for the bout for the four days he was in jolly old England prior to the commonwealth title fight.

"If nothing else it was a great experience to go someplace where the people are so excited about boxing, and going against someone who is ranked tenth in the world, just to see how I would match up, that was a great experience for me as a fighter," Sharpe remarked.

According to British media reports, the fight began a little on the scrappy side, where both fighters were warned to keep the fight clean. Unfortunately Sharpe was caught with a left hook early on but he was able to regain his composure

and fend off the heavy-hitting British Champion through the early rounds.

Sharpe conceded that he had a bout of nerves going into the fight but managed to shake off the jitters and put his fight plan into action.

"It was strange to say the least when you go into the arena and five-thousand people are booing you," Sharpe recalled. "These people (over in Britain) really love the sport and they are very loud."

Sharpe says he was able to come back from that first left hook and build his momentum, and by the sixth round, all media reports say Sharpe was in command. This time Sharpe agrees.

"I think I really surprised Dann because I'm an unknown and ranked somewhere around 150th in the world," Sharpe explained. "I know I hurt him in the sixth round, and he's used to knocking guys out right away, and here I was coming at him midway through the fight and taking control."

According to the media reports, Sharpe came out of nowhere and threw an overhand right, snapping Dann's head back and staggering the Brit. Sharpe then followed with a barrage of punches with most of them finding their target.

In round seven, the media reported that Sharpe had a more confident approach, and that the Canadian Champ did well to control the center of the ring.

"We had a game plan going in and we fought our own fight," Sharpe said. "We knew

early on in the fight that Dann has problems with mobile fight-
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Forget an all-weather road to the North

by Charles Norman

Last fall the Winnipeg River Regional Round Table asked for a meeting with Premier Gary Doer to discuss the future of the region and what appeared to be government impediments to a sustainable local economy.

They didn't get to meet the premier, but had to settle for two cabinet ministers instead - Environment Minister Stan Struthers and Culture Minister Eric Robison. (Eric Robison is the MLA for Rupertsland. Rupertsland covers the East Side of Lake Winnipeg.)

In spite of the fact that the caliber of those assigned to

meet with the Round Table seemed to indicate that the meeting was not a high priority with the government, it was, according to some members of the Round Table, a "good meeting" with a free and open exchange of ideas.

One comment, by Stan Struthers, was significant. He said that he had not seen any good reasons why the Bipole 3 Hydro transmission line should use the shorter, east side of Lake Winnipeg route.

At the NDP annual convention on Saturday February 4, there was an impassioned debate on weather or not an all

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Provincial Playdowns Continue

The Blues go after Falloon's Falcons this weekend

by Jim Hampshire

Not that it is a source of great concern or anything but the Blues are likely in for the toughest series the team will face during this hockey season.

On Saturday (Feb. 18) the Blues will make the long trek across the province to face former NHLer Pat Falloon and the Foxwarren Falcons in round two of the Provincial Senior Hockey playdowns. The fact that they are on the ice the night before, on Friday, defending their championship in the first round of the SIHL playoffs is not a good thing according to Blues bench boss Jeff Seifried.

"It will be a long tired ride, that's for sure," coach Seifried said this week. "We have the league playoff game against Lunder on Friday night and then all day on

the bus Saturday - it will be a tough weekend."

And it's not as though the Blues will be traveling in the lap of luxury, either.

"That old school bus is hard on the back on long trips," Seifried conceded. "We checked into upgrading to a more comfortable charter bus for the trip but it's well over \$2,000 dollars so that's out of the question."

The Blues will have a rather busy schedule over the next number of weeks as they make their way through the league playoffs, and then continue in their bid to be the best in the province. If there was a light at the end of the tunnel, it would be the fact that the Falcons will be the travel for the second game in provincial playdown action, when Foxwarren will have to make the trip to Lac du Bonnet to meet

the Blues at the arena on Feb. 25.

"We really need a good crowd behind us when the Falcons come to Lac du Bonnet," Seifried said. "We know these guys are good but I believe a good crowd of supporters will lift the team."

Since 2001, when Pat Falloon made headlines by joining the Foxwarren Falcons, the team has handily won every single league game. This year, however, there might be a chink in the armour. According to the North Central Hockey League website, the Falcons have suffered their first defeat in five years and currently stand with a 19-win and 1-loss record.

Add to that the Falcons narrowly beat Reston 3-2 in the first round of the playdowns and a person might suspect that something is fishy in Foxwarren.

"All I know is that I proposed a game date for our series and it was turned down by the Falcons because of a scheduling conflict," Blues manager Curtis Dancyt said last week. "Then when you check their league schedule, there was no scheduling conflict at all."

Rumours circulated that top team members in the Falcons organization were either out with injury or away on winter vacation. In the first series with Reston,

Foxwarren stretched the allotted schedule to the limit and beyond before completing the best two-out-of-three game series. This led to questions whether the Falcons were waiting for players to return before committing to a game date. Regardless of who is in or out, the Blues say they are ready for anybody.

"I know the guys are looking forward more to playing Foxwarren than they are playing our own league teams and that could be dangerous," coach Seifried noted. "We have a chance for back-to-back championships in our own league but the guys are pumped for the Foxwarren series, so I hope they can han-

dle all the travel and schedule."

And while Foxwarren is clear across the province, Seifried points out that the trip to Lunder is no hop, skip and a jump, either. What's worse, if and when the Blues bounce Lunder out of the playoffs, there's a good chance they will have to face the Lake Manitoba Eagles, which is even more distant. And in the provincial playdowns, if they somehow get past Foxwarren, they will likely face Souris in the next round of that series. Last time we checked, that is somewhere close to Brandon.

Yikes! Somebody get these people a decent bus, for crying out loud.

Forget an all-weather road to the North

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weather road should be built on the East Side of Lake Winnipeg. The environmentalists, of course, taking the position that there should be NO development on the lake's east side regardless of whether or not winter roads can be made passable, and regardless of the cost of supplying fuel and other essentials to northern First Nations.

Gerald Flood, writing in the Winnipeg Free Press on November 24 last year, reported on a meeting two days earlier when Premier Gary Doer told reporters that a hydro corridor on the East side of the lake would get tied up in the courts. "Environmentalists always win." He said. "Check the record." Doer said he is a realist and accepts the fact that a hydro corridor on the east side would not be built.

A hydro corridor would have a much lower environmental impact than a road, so it

appears that there will not only be no hydro corridor, but there will not be a road either.

A Winnipeg Free Press editorial for Thursday, September 29 last year used a figure of \$550,000,000 as the extra cost of building and operating a transmission line on the west of the lake. Presumably the number came from provincial government or Manitoba Hydro sources. It is surprising that, in all this time, Struthers had not heard of it. It would be even more surprising if Struthers knew of the half a billion-dollar figure and considered it "No good reason."

Whatever is happening behind the scenes in the corridors of the Legislative Building and at the kitchen table meetings of Winnipeg environmentalists it seems certain that this government prefers to abandon its supporters in Rupertsland rather than build a road to their communities.

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Pineview Peewee Girls win Bronze

Pineview Peewee Girls traveled to Stonewall the weekend of Feb 3, 4 and 5 to participate in the 25th annual Veterans Memorial Cup. This tournament consisted of 24 teams, 6 Peewee boys "A", 6 Peewee boy "B", 6 Peewee girls "A" and 6 Peewee girls "B". Pineview girls were in the Peewee girls "B" division.

The weekend began Friday at 9:30 am with the girls facing the host team of Stonewall. Emily Raymond opened the scoring at 8 minute mark of the first period, assisted by Meg Raymond and Megan Sanders. Randie Lemire added an unassisted goal with 33 seconds left in the first period. Renee Raymond scored just 10 seconds later, assisted by Randie Lemire. Emily Raymond scored her second of the game at 13:52 of the second period, assisted by Jazlyn Johnston and Sabryna Johannson. Meg Raymond capped off the scoring with an unassisted goal at 13:13 in the third period. The girls had won their first game by a score of 5-0.

The second game of the day, after a one game break, had the girls facing a strong Kenora team. Kenora opened the scoring with 7:49 left in the first period. They added one more with 4:13 left in the first period. The girls went to the dressing room down 2-0 after one period of hockey. After a little pep talk from the coaches, the girls came back out. They played a scoreless second period and



back row: Bruce Johannson (coach), Emily Barkhouse, Renee Raymond, Randie Lemire, Kathryn Ussel, Jazlyn Johnston, Ginette Berthelette, Breeze Johannson, Madison Viznaugh, Kendra Osis, Paul Raymond (asst coach); front row: Sabryna Johannson, Kacey Gray, Tenisha Kaminawaish, Meg Raymond, Emily Raymond, Megan Sanders, Rachel Murray; laying down: Kayla Breton; missing Joanne Raymond (Safety).

went on to the third period. Megan Sanders scored our girl's lone goal with 9:14 left in the third period. The girls battled hard but were unable to add the second goal they needed and then Kenora scored with 3:00 minutes left. This seemed to take the wind out of the girls' sails as they allowed Kenora another goal with 2:10 left. The game ended with the a 4-1 loss, but the girls had made the semi finals.

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The Fifth Grand Marais Family Festival at the Grand Marais recreational centre last weekend was another resounding success.

A planned bonfire for Friday evening was cancelled because of high winds but otherwise everything went off like clockwork. At the opening ceremonies Member of Parliament James Bezan, MLA Gary Doer, councillors from the Rural Municipalities of Alexander and St. Clements, and the Reeve of St Clements, (RM of Alexander Reeve is on holiday.) all brought greetings to the festival and were followed by Walter Whyte School fiddlers and band. Later on the Wood-Knot Country Band entertained the crowd.

Also on Friday evening a Teen Valentines Day Dance for Grades 5 to 9 was held at the Walter Whyte School.

Saturday morning was for the kids (as was the whole weekend) There was tobogganing skating, skiing, balloon sculpting, bean bag tossing, face painting and more, much of it continuing into the afternoon.

Also in the afternoon adults competed in darts and cribbage tourna-

ments.

But the highlight of the whole weekend was the amateur talent show on Saturday evening. More than 250 people paid \$10 a head to be entertained by amateur entertainers local and from Selkirk and Winnipeg. Categories were: 12 and under, 13 to 17, and 18 and above.

Popular with the crowd was seven year-old Cody who gave an impressive performance on the drums. He had the spectators crowding to the front and standing in the aisles to get closer to the action. He got a huge ovation after his final drum roll. Another popular contestant was thirteen year-old Kendra Darby, who sang the theme song from *The Titanic* without any musical accompaniment. As soon as she began, the usually noisy crowd hushed. Kendra also got a great ovation too.

But they didn't have what the judges were looking for and neither of them made it into the prizes. Twelve and under winners were Naomi Paoletic, first; Chrystalle Omega, second; and Auroroa Kraft third. In the 13 to 17 range Sanige Sesa, first; Paul Sigsby, second; and Rory Reno, third. The 18 and above category was won by



Walter Whyte fiddlers entertained the crowd at the Grand Marais Family Festival last Friday evening

MacKenzie Sawatsky with Murray Friessen and Bill Cardo taking second and third places.

Sunday morning there was more tobogganing for the kids and a pancake breakfast for everyone. At noon the Thalberg Bell Ringers and the Community Choir added to the beauty and spirituality of the ecumenical church service. (Some kids ignored the service and carried on tobogganing.)

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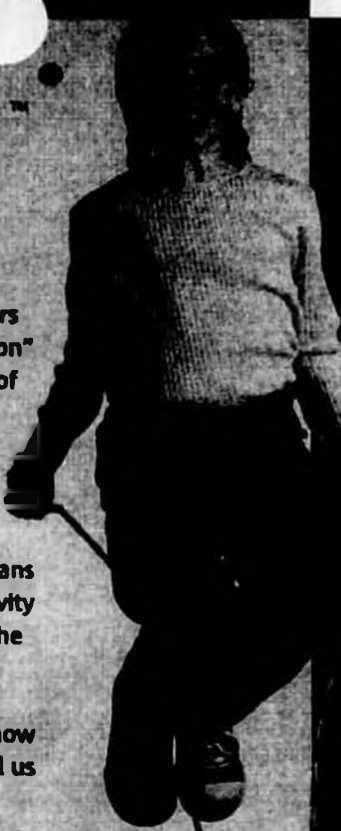


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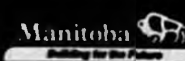
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Traverse Bay artist exhibits in Selkirk gallery

by Charles Norman

Artist Pamela Gaskell, who lives in Traverse Bay, and Lucy Mallick, from Winnipeg have a show in the Selkirk Community Arts Centre. The show opened on February 1 and closes on February 25. It features paintings by both artists and some of their students including Monica Szabolcsi from Belair.

Pam Gaskell and Lucy Mallick are both certified instructors in the Ross painting technique. (Ross is a well-known painter who has a regular television program where he demonstrates a formalized method in his easily recognized style.

Pam Gaskell is in the process of painting a series of

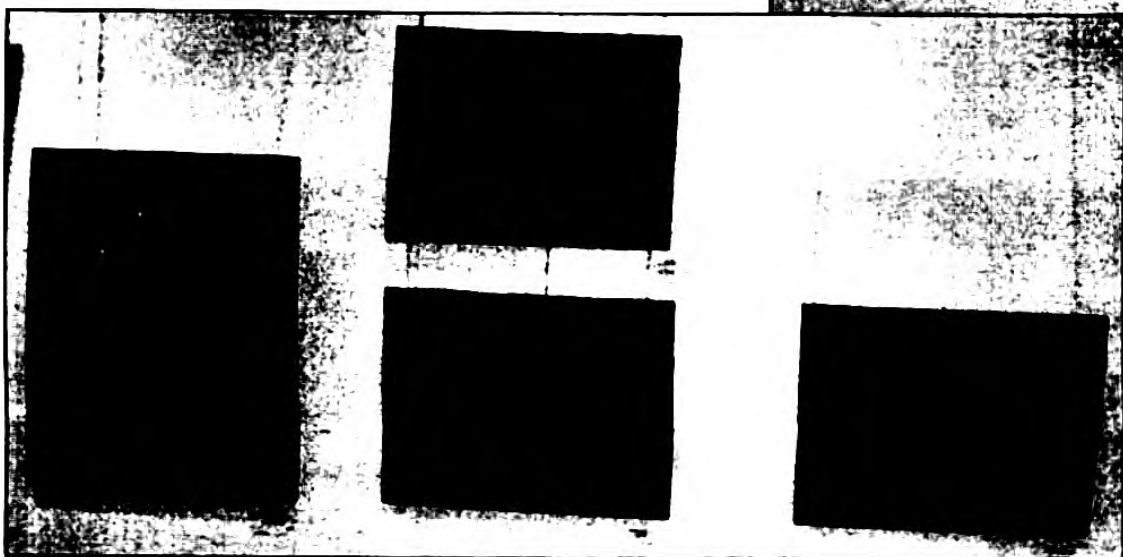
paintings for Dr. vanRooyan of the five great South African animals, Elephant, lion, leopard, water buffalo and rhinoceros. At the Selkirk gallery she is also working on a large montage of the same animals. She teaches in the Michaels stores in Winnipeg, at the Comp. in Selkirk, and in her home in Traverse Bay. She loves painting in both oils and watercolours and has recently started experimenting with acrylics.

Lucy Mallick began painting about ten years ago with a beginner's class in watercolours. She said it was a turning point in her life. "When I paint it drifts

me away into another world filled with peace and serenity. She is overwhelmed by

the beauty of nature. "Now I see things in a different light." She said.

Monica Szabolcsi has been painting for about a year. She has two paintings in the show.



(above) Artist Pam Gaskell working on a painting for Dr. VanRooyen featuring the five great South African Animals
(Left) Some of Pam Gaskell's Animal paintings on display at the Selkirk Community Arts Centre.

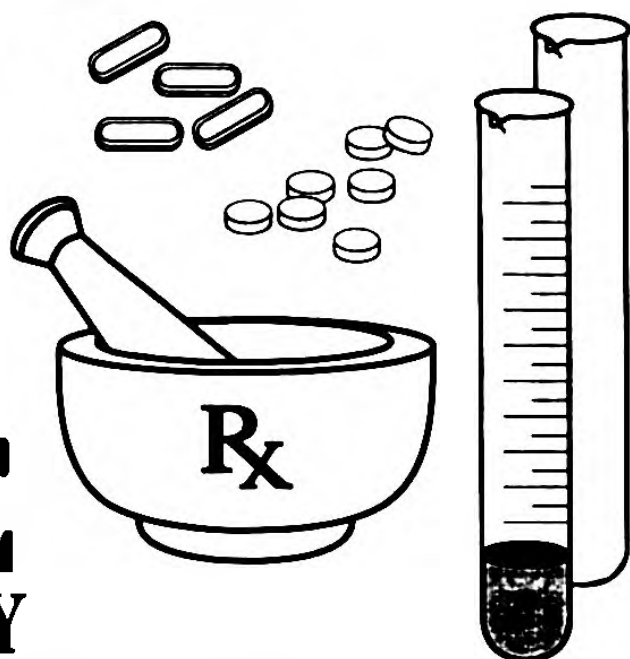
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Talia Courchene is presented with two cheques for \$100 on behalf of the Sagkeeng Fire Department and Chief and Council. Above L to R: Myles Courchene/Council, Talia Courchene, and Sagkeeng Chief/Twoheart.

The Sagkeeng Fire Department and the Sagkeeng Chief and Council were proud to award Talia Courchene with a cheque for her achievements at the National Children's Fire Safety Poster Contest.

In January of this year Talia was awarded with a \$250 cheque and a trophy for her win in the Manitoba Association of Native Fire Fighters Poster Contest. Subsequently Talia's Poster was entered into the National

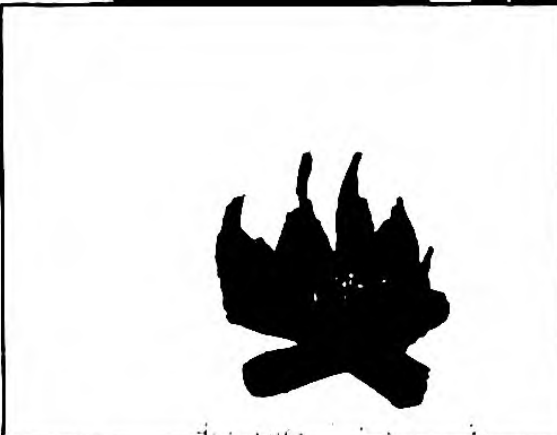
competition, and she competed with other youth from across Canada.

Talia won third place for her artwork at the National level.

Jaideen Bercier and Hannah Courchene were also notable mentions for placing third in their respective categories, but only the first place posters were entered nationally.

The look on Talia's face when

receiving these prizes was speechless, she was very proud as were the rest of the students and community. Way to go Talia, your community is proud of your work and your accomplishments.



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ers and if we had any chance of winning, I had to keep moving and confuse him."

But they don't call him Scott Dynamite Dann for nothing.

"He has very heavy hands," Sharpe noted. "We didn't win but we really did surprise the Dann camp and all the fans there on Friday night."

As Sharpe explains it, he was hit by a thundering uppercut early in the ninth round. And by that time his eye was cut, bleeding, and swollen shut. Not a good combination when someone is chasing you around the ring, looking to take your head off.

"I remember I couldn't see out of one eye and it was no sense taking any more punish-

ment," Sharpe said wisely. "Basically in kickboxing, you're taught to take a knee to avoid further injury and after the uppercut that's basically what I did."

Although a defeat is not a good result in boxing, Sharpe was surprised at the post-fight comments he and his manager, John Vernaus received. From both, the Dann camp, and the fans in attendance.

"Dann has sixteen knock-outs and many of them came early in his previous fights," Sharpe remarked. "Everyone was telling us this was the hardest he's had to fight any opponent. Even the other fights on Friday night's card ended in one or two rounds... we really gave him all he could handle in

a long, long time. Everyone in the arena was surprised."

Despite the loss, it's a safe bet to say Sharpe has opened a few eyes in the world of boxing. On both sides of the pond.

His next bout will be back in front of a home crowd in Winnipeg on April 15, when it is expected he will go after a North American title to add to his Canadian Middleweight Championship belt. When he gets to Winnipeg in April, the Canadian boxing community will look at Sharpe in a different light. He didn't lose anything in Britain. In fact he gained some much needed publicity and respect. From this media outlet anyway. Let's hope the Winnipeg media gets onboard as well.

Absolute Perfection

Blues take undefeated season record into the SIHL playoffs after gouging Gimli

by Jim Hampshire

It was sort of like taking a knife to a gun fight. And a butter knife at that.

But that best describes this past weekend's game, when the Gimli Wolves found out real quick why the Lac du Bonnet Blues outclass every senior team in the Interlake league. And pretty much most other senior teams in the rest southern Manitoba for that matter.

If the Blues have any fault, it would be their trademark slow start. And that would be the case in Gimli last Friday when the Blues closed out their regular season against the Wolves. Could've been the bus ride or it could be chalked up to a long work day for the players, but the Blues came out on a bit of a limp in Gimli, scoring only one goal in the opening twenty minutes. Not surprisingly, the Mob Line hit the scoreboard first for the Blues when Reggie Goodfellow slapped in his league leading 78th point of the year. Line mates Jay Seymour and Jamie Hickee got the helpers while also adding to their second and fourth place point totals in league scoring.

For a little dramatic effect, Cory Jacobson replied for Gimli to lock the teams in a 1-1 tie going into the first intermission, but the Blues were able to shake that slow start syndrome to begin the second period. First to hit the second period scoresheet for Lac du Bonnet was Marty Desrochers, followed by Aaron Wold, Gord McLeod and Jay Usackis, giving the Blues 5-1 lead at the end of the second frame.

By the start of the third, the dramatic effect had been completely erased. After giving up a second goal to Gimli to start the third, the Blues went to work and slammed the door shut. Knocking it off the hinges would be a better description. Aaron Wold began the Blues' third period barrage by scoring twice and notching his hat trick on the night. Then it was Marty Desrochers back again

for his second of the game, right before Aaron Wold hit for his fourth goal. Cam Sokoloski added the exclamation point and tore the door completely off the hinges, making the final score 10-2 for the Blues. Shane Hintz got the win for the Blues in net in an impressive outing.

Both Aaron Wold and Gord McLeod had a four-point game while Reggie Goodfellow and Jamie Hickee recorded three points each on the night. Even stay-at-home defenceman, John (JD) Dancycy picked up two assists to add to the offense. With the 2005/2006 regular season officially in the record books, Reggie Goodfellow wins the scoring title with an astounding 80 points in 18 games. Line mate Jay Seymour ends the season in second place with 72 points, while Jamie Hickee takes fourth spot with 59 points.

Over the regular 18-game season, the Blues scored 177 goals and only allowed 59 against. Translation? The team scored just a smidge under 10 goals per game while giving up a smidge over 3 goals per game. And with the playoffs scheduled to start on Friday of this week those averages could improve, considering the Blues open the playoffs against the cellar dwellers in the league standings. And that would be Lunder.

"It has been a remarkable year but now we have to focus on Lunder," Blues' head coach Jeff Seifreid after winning the final regular season game. "I've been with this team for five years and it the first time we've posted 18 wins, and sure it feels good to have a perfect record, but we have some hockey left to play this season and we have to bring our best game each night."

Lunder will be in town at the Lac du Bonnet Arena on Friday night (Feb.17) to play the Blues. Game time is at 8:00pm, as opposed to the 7:30 starts the Blues had at home over the regular season.

Neat things to do with RRSPs



by Steve Kulyk

While many boomers expect inheritances, others find themselves providing financial assistance to parents in their senior years. When Ottawa introduced a tax-sheltered and tax-deferred investment vehicle in 1957 to encourage people to start saving for retirement, the rules were fairly simple.

But there have been myriad changes since then and, for the average Canadian, it's pretty hard to keep up.

The more than 65 per cent of us who have invested in plans know that we save money on our taxes if we buy an RRSP. But there's so much more to it than just the tax deduction.

Here are some lesser-known facts about RRSPs:

Know your limits

For a while, the RRSP maximum limit did not change. It was stagnant at \$13,500 or 18 per cent of your previous year's income. (That's less any pension adjustment, plus any carry forward of unused room.) Since 2003, the RRSP maximum limit has increased from \$13,500 in 2002 to \$14,500 in 2003 to \$15,500 in 2004 and is \$16,500 for 2005. This means that you can earn up to \$91,667 before you max your RRSP contribution at \$16,500.

Borrow to buy a home

If you are a first-time home

buyer, you may be able to coordinate your RRSP strategy with the purchase of a new home. Essentially, you can borrow up to \$20,000 from your RRSP (per person) to buy your first home. For example, Kyle is planning to buy his first house within the next 18 months. He has more than \$20,000 in unused RRSP contribution room and has some money saved for either a house or the RRSP. Which is better? Why not do both? Let's say Kyle puts the \$20,000 into the RRSP, he will get a 36-per-cent tax savings, or \$7,200. Now, Kyle can turn around and not only use the \$20,000 under the first-time home buyers plan but also have another \$7,200 for the purchase of the home.

Borrow to go back to school

Not only can an RRSP be used for retirement or to buy your first home, it can also be used to fund you or your spouse's education under the Lifelong Learn Plan. Similar to the Home Buyers' Plan, any withdrawals for the purpose of training or education are tax free, provided you use the government form RC96.

You can borrow up to \$20,000 but you must pay it back over a period of no more than 10 years. If you do not repay, the amounts will be added to your income in the year it was due and thus taxed at the marginal tax rate. In both the home buyer's and the learning plans, there are lots of

little rules so make sure you visit the government website www.cra.gc.ca for more information.

Understand withholding tax

When you put money into the RRSP, you get a tax break. But when you take money out, you have to pay the tax. When you are taking money out of an RRSP, be aware of withholding tax.

Essentially, the government says that any withdrawals less than \$5,000 will be subject to a withholding tax rate of 10 per cent. For example, if you take out \$4,000 from your RRSP, you will only get \$3,600 because \$400 (or 10 per cent) will be sent to the Canada Revenue Agency for taxes withheld at source. If you take out a lump sum between \$5,000 and \$15,000, you will be subject to 20-per-cent withholding and any withdrawals greater than \$15,000 will be subject to 30-per-cent withholding.

The most important point to stress is that the withholding tax rate is not your marginal tax rate. Often people try to minimize withholding tax, thinking that that will be their total tax bill but they get surprised at the end of the year with additional taxes owing.

Defer the deduction

Most people invest in an RRSP with the intent of using the tax deduction immediately. What people don't realize is that they can make the RRSP contribution but save the deduction for a future year.

Why would you want to do that? In case you'll be in a higher tax bracket a year or two down the road. For example, you may be getting a big bonus that's paid in the next year, or you may have received a severance allowance pushing your income higher.

Why not make the contribution at a later date? Because once the money is in the RRSP, you take advantage of tax-deferred investment growth.

Reduce tax deductions

Most people who contribute to RRSPs throughout the year wait until they file their tax return and then get a bunch of money because of the RRSP deduction.

Although that feels pretty good, what you're actually doing is giving the government an interest-free loan with your hard-earned money. That's pretty generous. To avoid that, you can file a request to the

Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

Whatever Happened To Ethics?

On Nov. 8, 2001 people were shocked to learn that the very successful company, Enron admitted to using accounting practices that had inflated its income figures by more than half a billion dollars over a four year period. Consequently they went bankrupt and investors lost more than 50 billion dollars. How could this happen?

When ethics and integrity get thrown overboard, the ship will soon sink.

John Maxwell in his book; *There is no such thing as Business Ethics* gives the following three reasons why people, businesses and organizations often make unethical choices:

1. We do what's most convenient.

He defines an ethical dilemma as, "an undesirable or unpleasant choice relating to a moral principle or practice." For example do we report all our income on our tax report do we just report that for which we have proper documentation i.e. T4's etc. For the moment it may seem convenient to forget that cash we received for a certain job, but we all criticize the government when someone makes an unethical decision in their department and gets caught.

2. We do what we must to win.

Nobody likes to lose. The

Atlanta Business Chronicle reported on a business conference held by the executives of a large company and their sales staff. Someone raised the subject of ethics and immediately the whole room went quiet. Moments later the discussion continued as if the subject had never been brought up. The person who asked the question later approached the CEO of the company and asked why the important subject of ethics was not addressed? The answer given was, "There is a time and a place for everything. The sales meeting is supposed to be upbeat and motivational and ethics is such a negative subject." In other words "nice guys finish last."

3. We rationalize our choices with relativism.

When we make choices on whatever seems right at the moment or what's best for me, we are headed for ethical chaos. The standard for what is right changes from situation to situation. Usually we set a higher standard for others than we do for ourselves. In other words it may be good for me but it's not good for you.

The Bible gives us the standard for all ethics whether personal or at work. Here are the words of Jesus Christ taken from the Gospel of Matthew 7:12: "So in everything, do for others what you would have them do for you." The "Golden Rule" may not always be convenient but it is always right and it is always ethical.

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Library Corner

February is "I LOVE TO READ" month! Of course, we believe that every month should be an I Love to Read Month, but in February we take special pleasure in promoting what the library has to offer!

For our junior readers we have five new books in the Dear Canada series! Travel back in time to Vancouver, B.C. 1922, Quebec, New France 1759, Winnipeg, MB 1941, Mairie's Cove, Newfoundland 1721, and Uxbridge, Ontario 1916.

Some of our more reluctant readers might be enticed to read with Spider-Girl (a graphic novel), and Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot vs. the Uranium Unicorns from Uranus by Dav Pilkey.

For younger children we recommend Too Many Valentines by Margaret McNamara - "Everyone at Robin Hill School is looking forward to Valentin's Day. Everyone except Neil. He thinks valentines are silly. But on the big day,

when Neil doesn't get any valentines at school, he's not sure they're so silly after all!" Author Ruth Ohi has created a charming tale that shows running away can be more fun when you let your family come too.....read And You Can Come Too to your preschoolers! They will also enjoy How do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? by Jane Yolen & Mark Teague. "Is he noisy and jumpy and spilling and rude? Does he toss milk and peas? Does he ever say, "Please?" What does a dinosaur do?"

Reading should be fun! And it should be informative - we have a new educational series all about World Issues! Research topics such as Euthanasia, Terrorism, Racism, Capital

Punishment and Abortion. Learn about Science and Technology in the 20th Century - this new set of books on our junior reference shelves covers the years 1920 to 2000! Other great project material for kids is making its way to the



shelves! Help your children with HOMEWORK projects - Let your research begin at the LIBRARY!

What do you most enjoy? Explore the possibilities in February - choose from Biographies, Classics, Mysteries, Sports, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Adventure, Science & Nature, Historical Fiction, Romance Inspirational, Crafts & Activities, Cartoons (Graphic novels). Our display of biographies has been receiving a lot of attention!

Since Valentine's Day is just around the corner we recommend a browse of our new display - What is Love? If there is something special you would like to read and are not finding it on our shelves, please ask for an inter-library loan - we will do our best to find it for you!

Library Allard



As drab and long as we find the month of February with the hopes of Spring just around the corner, it is full of events and celebrations. We have Valentine's Day, the most romantic holiday celebrated around the world. (To find out more watch your TV listings on the History Channel for "The History of Valentine's Day.") What a great month to snuggle up with a book of romantic stories such as "Mars and Venus in love: inspiring and heart-felt stories of relationships that work"!!

We also celebrate the National Flag of Canada Day on February 15th, this day in 1965 was when our red and white maple leaf flag was first raised over Parliament Hill in Ottawa, and in hundreds of communities from coast to coast. This is an opportune time to celebrate what our flag stands for - "a country and a citizenship that are the envy of the world" and to check out the following books "The Arms, Flags and Emblems of Canada" and "Canada's Maple Leaf : The Story of Our Flag".

February is also "I Love to Read Month" with this year's theme "Fostering Literacy Through Poetry". Schools across Manitoba will be celebrating this month with theme related class projects and activities. Next time you visit the library, check out our

display of books on poetry.

February is also Heart Month sponsored by the Heart and Stroke Foundation. There are many ways to improve your heart health such as cooking nutritious meals at home instead of eating out; read the nutrition panel before buying a product - new labeling regulation introduced last December means that you can spot the trans fats in food quickly; achieve and maintain a healthy weight; increase your physical activity by 10 minutes per day and many more. The library has an excellent collection of books to keep you heart healthy such as "Heart Sense for Women : Your Plan for Natural Prevention and Treatment", "HeartSmart Cooking for Family and Friends" , or "The American Heart Association guide to heart attack : treatment, recovery and prevention".

See you in the library.

Bibliotheque Allard
Regional Library - 367-8443
Beaches Branch
Library - 754-4007

Pine Falls five pin bowling news

Week #14

The ladies high games were Doris Kahle 283, 226, 212, Mona Lessard 230, 206, Claire Sokoloski 210, Linda Cyr 209, Sharon Tremain 208, Evelyn Dodds 207.

The men's high games were Graham Gauthier 317, 274,

246, Emile Lessard 250, 211, Jerry Gauthier 246, 219, 218, 203, 200, John Coss 224, Mike Coss 207, Greg Gervais 210, Albert Lamoureux 204, Larry McKay 201.

The female bowler of the week was Doris Kahle 283, which was 104 pins over her

average.

The male bowler of the week was Graham Gauthier 317, which was 126 pins over his average.

High triple games were Graham Gauthier 741, 615, Doris Kahle 721, Jerry Gauthier 622, 618.

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Junior "A" Hockey Club

February 25th
at Pine Falls
Legion

COCKTAILS:
5:00pm

DINNER:
6:00pm

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A huge thank you goes out to the following businesses for their generous donation for the Alumni Game held on Saturday, February 4th, 2006.

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Junior "A" Hockey Club

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 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., whist every Thursday 1:30 p.m.

Pine Falls Health Auxiliary: meetings first Tuesday of every month 1:30 p.m.

Cottage Country Business Assoc.: meets first Monday of the month 7:00 p.m. October through May, phone 756-2596

Alcoholics Anonymous: Sunrise Group meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., last Friday of the month open to the public, at St. Georges Catholic Church basement.

Pine Falls Legion: meetings held second Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion, meat raffles held at Legion on Fridays 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Pine Falls Masonic Lodge #154: meets second Friday of every month, Pine Falls United Church, except January and February.

Badminton: Pine Falls School gym, Sunday and Wednesday nights 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Powerview garbage pickup: every Wednesday, recyclable pickup first and third Thursday of each month.

FAA: 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 Ateah Road Barb 754-3173 or Alice 756-3933.

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: 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Library is situated in the Pine Falls School, entrance facing pool.

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 Mon & Thurs., Canasta 1:00pm Friday, Whist 1:30pm Wednesday, Crib, 1st Monday of Month at 1:30pm. Exercise Class, Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 10:15am.

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 754-8682.

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: Pin 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.

Ask the Neighbourhood Mechanic



by Dave Redinger

Nils Bohlin has saved thousands of lives and I bet you have never heard of him. In 1958 while working for Volvo, as the director of their automotive safety and interior design department, he perfected the lap/shoulder seat belt assembly. His design allowed the driver to connect both lap and shoulder belt with one connection, keeping the lap belt low across the hips. Bohlin's seat belt was to be come one of the top eight most significant patents issued in the last 100 years.

Are there any drawbacks to using CO2 to inflate tires? There is a product on the shelves where a small regulator is attached to a CO2 bottle supposedly enough to fill three 13" tires and with a coiled, flexible hose attached to which one

would attach the tire inflator. I'm wondering if mixing air with CO2 would pose a hazard or if the tire was inflated totally with CO2 would be a problem. This product appears to be the ideal "emergency" kit when on vacation should one be unfortunate enough to have a flat.

TUVM

Interesting Question: The latest trend in tire inflation is to remove oxygen from the equation. This is done by charging the tires with nitrogen. Oxygen encourages the degradation of the rubber and has tendency to expand more dramatically as the tire warms up. By switching to nitrogen tire pressures are more stable. Using Co2 does not remove the Oxygen from the charge so I would assume it can't be more harmful than straight air. I would also think that Co2 fill is just a temporary measure and when the tire is repaired you use the proper alternative.

My problem is that my wipers suddenly stopped working. They only work when the washer is depressed (and totally normal too) but not on Hi, Lo, or intermittent. I had a local Pontiac dealer to look at. He said "one of two causes" yet he would replace both: the wiper assembly cover (board) and "the switch". The switch is the expensive item since it is the entire multifunction lever switch. Total cost \$400 including labour.

I need wipers !! What do I do? Ed

I had the same problem with my Rivera (97). I change the electronic control board ...However the problem turned out to be the wiper motor itself....My advice would be to get a second opinion....

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Eastman regional winter games

This past weekend Lac du Bonnet and Pinawa were the venues for 4 regional qualifiers for the Manitoba Winter Games. Over a year ago the Winnipeg River Recreation District submitted a bid to host these sports. It's hard to believe that it's now all over! For those of you who were unable to attend the events January 27-29 - Lac du Bonnet was host to Male Hockey and Bowling. Pinawa hosted Female Hockey and Cross Country Ski. So that I don't get in trouble for leaving anyone out,

I just want to give a big thanks to the volunteers (you know who you are) for doing an outstanding job ensuring our regional events went off without a hitch and that you were terrific ambassadors for our area. Great job everyone on the front line and behind the scenes! Congratulations to all of the competitors for showing great sportsmanship and to the winners (Team Eastman and Host) - now onto the Power Smart Manitoba Winter Games March 6-12 in Beausejour - good luck!

Kids in the kitchen

For ages 6-12 years on Mondays, February 6, 13, 20, 27 from 4:30 - 6:00pm at Mrs. Lucci's Café. For more information contact Kristin at 345

9909.

Hall Walking

Hall Walking at the Lac du Bonnet Community Club, Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. must wear indoor shoes and only rubber wheeled walkers allowed. Everyone welcome! Please call Pat at Two Rivers to sign up 345-1227

Cooking it up this March

I Can't Believe it's Vegan cooking class on Wednesday, March 15 from 6-9pm at Pinawa Secondary School Home Ec Room and Venture-some Vegetarian Cooking on Wednesday, March 22 from 6-9pm in LdB at Mrs. Lucci's Café.

Call for News Tips: 367-9468 or email us at theecho@mts.net

Report from Legislature On Parliament Hill



Report from Legislature by MLA, Gerald Hawranik

Playing the blame game

Within hours after the Conference Board of Canada released its results of a National Health Care study ranking Manitoba's Health Care system as dead last among all the provinces of Canada, our Manitoba Health Minister, Tim Sale, pointed the finger of blame at our elderly, our poor and our aboriginal people. This was a pathetic sight to see. Instead of accepting responsi-

bility for the results of this independent study, and pledging to work toward improving our health care system for the benefit of all Manitobans, our Health Minister chose to point his finger at anyone and everyone except himself. Instead of committing to improve the living conditions of the elderly, the poor and our aboriginal people, our Health Minister chose to blame them for our failing health care system. Clearly if our Health Minister is not committed to improving our health care system, then I call upon our Premier to find someone who will.

What will we hear next? That Manitobans who are ill are at fault? Clearly if there

were no sick people in Manitoba we would likely have the best health system in Canada. I hope that I have not given the NDP any ideas on who to blame next! The NDP has had nearly 7 years to improve our health system and they have failed to do it in spite of the 4th highest per capita spending on health care in Canada.

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.



Your voice in Ottawa
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher

New Government, New Priorities

On February 6th, 2006, I had the honour of being sworn in as a member of Stephen Harper's cabinet, as the federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. In addition to the tremendous responsibilities of this portfolio, I have also been called upon to serve as the senior minister to represent the province of Manitoba. In that capacity, I will work with all my colleagues in both the provincial and federal governments to ensure that Manitoba has a strong voice at the cabinet table.

This week, I was pleased to hear words of encouragement both from Premier Doer and from Manitoba PC Leader Stuart Murray. I was particularly heartened to hear the Premier speak positively about elements of the Conservative security platform - a platform which is, I believe, a key reason why Canadians voted to elect a Conservative government in Ottawa.

Along with my colleague, Stockwell Day, who is now Canada's Minister of Public Safety, I intend to move forward quickly with key priorities from this platform. Canadians have asked for safer streets and communities, and a crackdown on crime; it is now our duty to implement the policies that will help accom-

plish these aims.

When Parliament resumes, I hope to work with my colleagues to introduce legislation for mandatory prison sentences for serious drug and gun crimes, to abolish the wasteful long gun registry and reinvest that money into front-line law enforcement, and move to protect children from predators.

The legislation we intend to table ought to be supported by all parties, as they, too, ran on platforms of justice reform in the last election. In many cases, Conservative initiatives received wide-ranging support from the Opposition parties. If they choose to vote against our legislation, it will be their responsibility to explain this opposition to their constituents.

A Conservative government will do what it can to ensure that all Canadians - especially the most vulnerable members of society - are able to live in safe, healthy communities.

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

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Bebe, 104298

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Powerview RCMP Report

RCMP Report for the period of February 6th to February 12th, 2006



February 6:
FORT ALEXANDER - a Chevy blazer was recovered locally. 1 male was charged with Taking an Automobile without Consent.

POWERVIEW - a domestic dispute resulted in a male and female both being charged with assault of each other. No weapons were involved in the incident but alcohol was a contributing factor.

- a grand Cherokee jeep was stolen in the early morning hours. Police were able to re-

cover the vehicle later. 2 break and enters at residences were also reported at the same time. Further investigation led police to identify a male youth and charge him accordingly. Investigation continues.

BLACK RIVER - 2 females were transported to local hospital for injuries sustained in a single snowmobile accident. 1 female was further transported to Health Sciences Centre for treatment. Police continues to investigate.

PINE FALLS - the local

post office was the victim of vandalism when a front glass door was smashed over the weekend.

February 7:

PINE FALLS - police patrolled the area on Cedar Street after receiving a complaint of a vehicle driving dangerously and erratically. The driver and vehicle could not be located at this time.

FORT ALEXANDER - an attempted theft of a vehicle was reported to police. Culprits entered the truck through a back window and damaged the steering column in attempts to start the vehicle.

- complaint of an assault of a female youth by several other youth is still under investigation.

BLACK RIVER - police charged a male youth for breaching court conditions. The youth caused a disturbance at a residence failing to abstain from alcohol

February 8:

POWERVIEW - an incident involving a theft of a purse was reported to police. Further information led to recovery of the purse and most of the contents.

- a break, enter and theft to a garage resulted in a cell phone with charger, cash, a regular phone and several sets of keys being stolen.

- police also assisted 2 gas stations in the area when patrons accidentally left prior to payment. Payments were made and no charges were laid in the incidents

February 9:

FORT ALEXANDER - investigation by police continues into an assault of a youth by an adult male.

POWERVIEW - patrols were made by police after several suspicious youth began throwing snowballs at a residence. The youth were not located but no further complaints were made.

February 10:

VICTORIA BEACH - Powerview RCMP assisted Victoria Beach Police in processing 3 male youth. The trio were charged with numerous break, enter and thefts in the area and caught in progress of an offence by Victoria Beach police.

FORT ALEXANDER - 2 females were charged with mischief after they were found tampering with a vehicle and throwing debris of bottles at the car. Both were later released with conditions and on a promise to appear in court.

- investigation continues into a complaint of sexual interference. A female youth was involved in the incident.

HOLLOW WATER - Police warned a male after he made several harassing phone calls to an ex spouse.

PINE FALLS - an emotionally disturbed male was transported by police to Health Sciences Centre for assessment and treatment under the Mental Health Act.

February 11:

RM OF ALEXANDER - Police patrolled the area in search of a suspicious vehicle in the vicinity after a complaint was made. No vehicle matching the description was located at this time.

FORT ALEXANDER - a missing female youth has been placed on the Police Information System after failing to return to a grandparents house.

- an incident of threats being made to a female by an ex spouse is still under investigation.

BELAIR - police attended a vehicle fire with emergency personnel. No one was injured in the incident.

HILLSIDE BEACH - investigation continues into a break, enter and theft at a residence which occurred sometime during the past week. Culprits accessed a shed, the home, then entered the garage and stole numerous items which included Mac tools, Stereo Equipment and other personal effects. Forensic Identification Unit of the RCMP in Winnipeg also assisted.

February 12:

POWERVIEW - police issued 1 male a 24 hours suspension of his licence and had the vehicle parked.

- a patrol of highway 11 was made in search of a possible impaired driver. The vehicle and driver matching the description were not located at this time.

SUMMARY: Police also actioned 4 requests for assistance to other law enforcement agencies and service of legal documents, processed 6 traffic accident reports, completed 4 criminal record searches, attended to 2 false alarms and lodged 2 persons under the intoxicated persons detention act.

If you have information on any of the above noted incident or any other criminal matter you can remain anonymous and contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-782-8477 or contact local RCMP at 367-8728.

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

Health Concerns? Call 268-3235 to book your seat.
Cooking for better health: Lose weight, gain energy and prevent illness. Classes begin for every five people registered. Cindy Reimann, certified in nutrition, call 268-2168.
PACE 7-1375: meets first Tuesday of the month, Chicken Chef, Powerview meeting room.

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, Whittemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whittemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville.

Little Day Buddies Nursery School Wednesdays and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Lac du Bonnet Community Centre Janice 345-8979

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 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 Szymal, 345-2908

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

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

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Sandra Tankard 367-9528, church 345-2357

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

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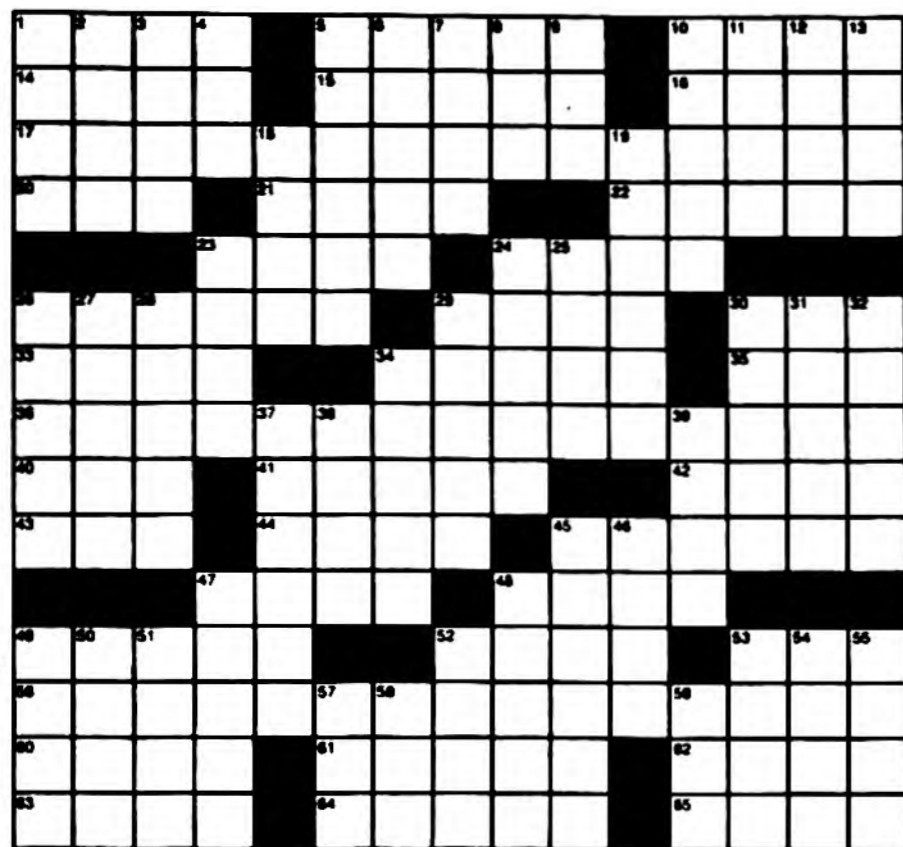
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- 36. Tending not to show emotions openly.
- 40. Make a low repeated cry.
- 41. Reviews reports in a newspaper or magazine.
- 42. Think.
- 43. Wander from a direct course.
- 44. Interpret.
- 45. Contraction of "need not."
- 47. Basic unit of money in Italy.
- 48. Pierced plate on an astrolabe, having projections whose points correspond to the fixed stars.
- 49. Paint finish with little sheen.
- 52. Reno, Leon in The Professional.
- 53. Poem expressing the writer's thoughts and feelings about a particular person.
- 56. Writer of history.
- 60. Sixth month of the year in the Jewish calendar.
- 61. Conception of something in its absolute perfection.
- 62. Uncious combustible of substances that are easily liquefiable on warming.
- 63. In this place.
- 64. Friendly.
- 65. Square rod of land.

- 8. Large Australian flightless bird similar to the ostrich but smaller.
- 9. Push into position.
- 10. Type of lichen.
- 11. Irish form of "Helen."
- 12. Barriers against flying insects.
- 13. Enclosed space on which a building stands.
- 18. Something that is a counterfeiter.
- 19. High-jumping, lightly built antelope from southern Africa.
- 23. Not restricted by qualifications.
- 24. Breathes in rapid, short gasps.
- 25. Like a wing in shape.
- 26. White milk thickened with butter and flour.
- 27. To the Born, British TV show.
- 28. Feeling of great warmth and intensity.
- 29. Personal preference.
- 30. Overgrown with ivy.
- 31. Symone, Olivia Kendall on The Cosby Show.
- 32. Action or occurrence detected by a program.
- 34. Nematocyst.
- 37. Breed of heavy fleeced white sheep.

- 38. European river flowing into the Baltic Sea.
- 39. Sentimentally sweet.
- 45. Not remotely.
- 46. Gas burner used in laboratories.
- 47. Metric measurement of capacity to 2.11 U.S. pints.
- 48. Model of automobile manufactured by Buick.
- 49. Used formerly as a title for the hereditary monarch of Iran.
- 50. Assistant to a political leader.
- 51. Male monarch, especially of Russia prior to 1917.
- 52. Film director Coen.
- 53. 17th state of the union.
- 54. From a surname, which originally denoted a person who lived in a dell or valley.
- 55. Native language of the west Highlanders of Scotland.
- 57. To be excellent.
- 58. B. Wells-Barnett, one of the first African-American women to run for public office in the U.S.
- 59. Sound occasionally heard upon the materialization of a magic doorway.

Across

- 1. The Loss of Leon: A Novel by Josh Emmons.
- 5. Edwin Evans, New Age instrumentalist/composer.
- 10. 14th-century term referring to cloth measurements.
- 14. Greek goddess of the morning wind.
- 15. One of the three collections of Mahyna Buddhist Scriptures found in the Tripitaka.
- 16. Clairvoyant.
- 17. Pass light through.
- 20. Plural of SO, fifth note of a musical scale.
- 21. Part of the face of the club

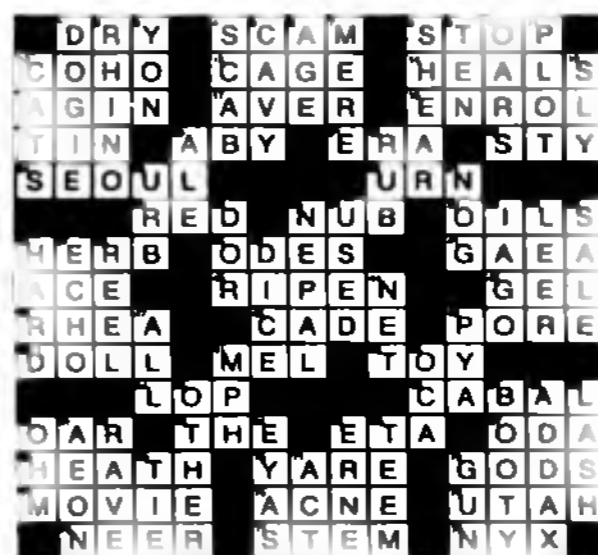
head nearest the shaft.

- 22. Faint constellation in the polar region of the southern hemisphere and containing part of the Large Magellanic Cloud.
- 23. Unnecessary excesses.
- 24. Parish priest in the Greek Church.
- 26. Condescendingly flattering.
- 29. Fixed time cycle in Indian music, built from uneven groupings of beats.
- 30. Intense anger.
- 33. Longest river located entirely in Switzerland.
- 34. Artificial watercourse cut through a land area.
- 35. Hebrew letter.

Down

- 1. Small pads of material used to protect a surface.
- 2. Common currency used in 11 countries of the European Union.
- 3. Second-largest units of geological time.
- 4. Tanna, Robert Urlich's character on Vegas.
- 5. Festive, merry feeling.
- 6. Looks at with amorous intentions.
- 7. Public area connecting individual stores in a shopping center.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

CWBXB DQ FG XBHBJK LGX MGNB PRC
CG MGNB HGXB.

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

VAMPIRES ARE A PAIN IN THE NECK.

Weekly Echo Horoscopes

February 13th to February 19th, 2006

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20)
You can meet interesting new friends if you join worthwhile groups. You need some excitement in your life, and meeting new people in exotic destinations will certainly satisfy your desires. Use your innovative mind to surprise youngsters. You need some rest.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
People who try to persuade you to do things their way will annoy you. Opportunities to meet new lovers will come through pleasure trips or social events. Positive changes regarding your personal status are evident. Too much work and no play will not only result in fatigue and frustration but also loneliness, too.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Don't let domestic problems interfere with your objectives. Be prepared to make compensations and adjustments. Travel opportunities should be your first choice. Changes regarding your career direction will payoff handsomely.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
You will do best to entertain those you wish to close deals with. Your lover may not understand your needs so you must figure out a way to communicate them. Travel will be favorable. Your own small business on the side could ease your financial stress.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)
Trips will be enjoyable, and communication with your lover will clear up any misconceptions. You should be doing something special with children. Your fickle nature may cause jealousy. Get out and enjoy some entertainment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
Beware of someone who is trying to make you look bad. Don't spend too much in order to impress others. You may have problems with those you live with. Be ready to explain your actions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You can make drastic changes in your professional direction this week. Trying to deal with your mate will be unproductive and possibly hurtful. Changes in your home will be positive. You may find yourself in the limelight for the wrong reasons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Pamper yourself for a change. Beware of colleagues who don't have your best interests in mind. You can meet potential new mates if you socialize with friends. Your need to obtain additional details will lead you into strange topics of conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You may find that your generosity has been taken for granted. Good friends will give you honest answers. You can make alterations to your appearance that everyone will admire. You need to make your lover feel wanted, not like a piece of the furniture.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)
Don't jump too quickly if someone tries to make you join in on their crusade. You may find that your mate is well aware of the circumstances. You will have difficulties spreading yourself between your work and your home. Don't try to twist things around so that they sound more enticing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your lover may feel rejected. Travel should be on your mind. Don't let criticism upset you. Hassles will delay your plans. Your loved ones could set you off.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
Direct your energy wisely this week. Anger will prevail if you expect help from others. You'll find it easy to charm members of the opposite sex this week. Unexpected bills may set you back. Be careful not to exaggerate when interacting with your lover.

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Wednesday, Feb. 15
Pancakes and sausages, banana cream pie.

Friday, Feb. 17
Soup, chicken fingers, carrot, oven roast potatoes, butterscotch pudding.

Monday, Feb. 20
Spaghetti and meat sauce, corn, fruit flan.

Wednesday, Feb. 22
Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit cocktail

Friday, Feb. 24
Liver and onions, gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, strawberry shortcake.

3 Bedroom, 2 bathroom, garage, 4 appliances, located in Great Falls, \$685/per month, includes utilities, call 367-4988 or 638-6099. *1x-1th*

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

Martin Back Packer Acoustic guitar, comes with case. Best offer. call 367-8353.

Andy and I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who offered their warm wishes, kind thoughts and many prayers during our time of need. It is comforting to know that so many people opened their hearts to us, and showered us with love and caring. It will never be forgotten.

A huge thank you also goes out to the doctors and staff at the Pine Falls Hospital for their tremendous care.

Andy and Anna Nault

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Knott

Ron and Kathleen are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl.

Brooklyn Eva Marie

was born on January 1, 2006 at 3:31 p.m. She weighed 4 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 17 inches long. Little sister to Jarrett and precious grand-daughter of Lorne & Eva, Lynette & Hubert and Richard & Stephanie.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who were there for us during this most difficult time. Thank you for all the gifts, food, flowers and support. As well, thank you to our friends who picked up our family at the airport, opened their homes to them, and chauffeured them around. Our family was amazed by the strength and support offered by our community. It's a great place to call home.

Thank you to my family and friends that attended my retirement party. The cards and gifts were overwhelming. Special thanks to Grant and Linda Cyr for all their hard work organizing it. A good time was had by all. The food, speeches, "out of town guests", music (Richard, Dan, Wayne, Kelly, Ryan, and Barry) made for an evening I will never forget. Bless you all.

Ken Cyr

Thank you,
Tammy & Nolan Kunz

Sunrise School Division SPARE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS



Experienced drivers are invited to apply for the position of Spare School Bus Drivers for the Sunrise School Division.

- Applicants with Class 1 or 2 licenses preferred, Class 5 applicants welcome.
- Applicants must demonstrate the ability to deal effectively with students, parents and teachers.
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(Driver's Abstract will need to be attached to application form)

For further information contact:
Jim Wright, Transportation Manager
Transportation Department
Phone: 444-2498 or 1-866-824-9545
Fax: 444-2552
Email: jwright@sunrisesd.ca

Thank you to all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
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Sunrise School Division ANNOUNCEMENT



PUBLIC MEETING

Sunrise School Division invites the Public to attend:
Draft Budget Presentation
(2006/2007 School Year)

Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 6:00pm
At Sunrise Education Centre
(Former Beausejour Elementary School)
Multi-Purpose Room in Beausejour, MB.

Neat things to do with RRSPs

Canada Revenue Agency and get less tax deducted from your paycheques. That way, your tax refund will be spread out over every paycheque and you'll have the money more quickly to spend to reinvest.

Make in-kind contributions

In most cases, people contribute to their RRSPs with cash. However, if you are holding non-RRSP investments, such as Canada Savings Bonds, bonds, mutual funds or

stocks, you can transfer them to your RRSP in kind or 'as is.'

Sometimes this can be a less painful way of getting an RRSP deduction than having to come up with the cash or take out a loan. Just remember that when you transfer the investment into an RRSP, it's considered a disposition and there may be capital gains if the value has gone up.

Use the over-contribution limit

In 1995, the government re-

duced the one-time over-contribution limit to \$2,000 from \$8,000. The limit is designed to provide a buffer in case you make a mistake in calculating your RRSP contributions.

You can use the \$2,000 over-contribution to get ahead of the game and take advantage of tax-deferred growth and compounding in the RRSP. But as you get closer to retirement and withdrawals, make sure that you eventually claim the \$2,000 as part of your de-

duction limit to avoid double taxation. Shelter interest income

When it comes to investing, most people should have a diversified portfolio of fixed-income investments and equities. What fewer people realize is that you should keep fixed-income investments, such as GICs and bonds, inside the RRSP and equities, such as stock, outside the RRSP.

That's because the interest on fixed-income investments is fully taxable while the capital gains on equities is tax preferred because only 50 per cent of the growth is taxable.

So you might as well put the fully taxable investment income inside the RRSP to shelter it

and take advantage of the tax-preferred investment income outside the RRSP.

Prior to implementing any of the above mentioned strategies you should consult with your financial advisor and tax advisor to get professional advice. Your should review all pertinent information prior to making any investment decisions.

Steve Kulyk owns Kulyk Insurance and Financial Services Ltd. and has recently joined the ONYX Financial Group to head up their Wealth Planning Division. He is an independent advisor and can be reached at 367-9572. His office is located at 2 McDougall Ave in St. Georges. 10 years of taking care of business.

Tis the Season for Snowmobile Safety

The weather's great and snow conditions are excellent but one more element is necessary to make your snowmobile ride perfect: safety. Whether you ride out of necessity or for pleasure, it's important to make safety your number one priority in order to protect yourself and your passenger. Here are some tips to keep in mind this winter:

Watch for hidden obstacles such as guy wires that are attached to hydro poles, particularly when travelling through ditches. Sometimes a guy wire can be difficult to see if it is covered by snow or if the reflective markers attached to it have been damaged or removed.

Never drink and ride - alcohol and a snowmobile can be a deadly combination. In fact, alcohol is involved in over 70 percent of snowmobiling fatalities. Even just a couple of drinks can impair your perception, slow your reaction time, and limit your ability to control



your snowmobile.

Dress for the weather. Always wear your full snowmobiling outfit even if you just plan to drive to your neighbor's. And wear good quality, UV protected sunglasses.

Carry a well-stocked repair kit at all times while riding. This could be a lifesaver. Your kit should include a spare belt and spark plugs, a tool kit, tow-rope, prybar, duct tape, spare ignition key, and a pair of work gloves.


Take a first aid kit as well as a knife, area map, compass, lighter, matches, flashlight, whistle and food. These items will come in handy if you or your passenger get hurt, run out of gas, or get lost.

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