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# Fran Thompson gets NDP award

By Charles Norman  
 NEHA board member and former LGD of Alexander Reeve Fran Thompson was awarded the Lucille Ono award at the Provincial New Democratic Party's Annual Convention in Winnipeg on Sunday, February 5th.

The Lucille Ono Award is the highest award that the provincial party can give. It is named in honour of Lucille Ono, a Canadian citizen of Japanese descent, who was relocated from the West Coast at the outbreak of the Second World War. At the time of the relocation she had lived in British Columbia for twenty-five years and was raising her children there. Her husband had died in an industrial accident. All the family's property was seized and sold to BC residents at rock-bottom prices. The family did not get any of the proceeds of the sale.

The CCF was the only party at the time that protested at the way Japanese Canadians were treated and Lucille Ono never forgot it. After the war she joined the CCF and worked tirelessly, in any capacity, for the CCF and later for its successor, the NDP. She was a charming, and very loving person. She was murdered in her home in St James in a home invasion. The crime was never solved. She left her entire estate to the NDP. In recognition of her commitment and her willingness to take on any job the NDP instituted the Lucille Ono Award in her Honour.

This year the award went to St. Georges Resident Fran Thompson, familiar to many as

a tax accountant and former Reeve of the LGD.

Fran Thompson started early. As a pre-schooler, at five years old she was attending meetings with her father, Art Thompson, and stuffing envelopes for the League for Municipal Progress. The League for Municipal Progress eventually evolved into the CCF. She campaigned for her father when he as a CCF candidate in the federal riding of Churchill in the 1950's

She played an active part in CCF and NDP provincial conventions, and still does. She was present at the founding convention of the NDP when the CCF, badly mauled in the Diefenbaker sweep in the late 50's, made provision for Trade Union involvement in the new party.

In 1962 she served as campaign manager for NDP candidate Florence Mathews in the Churchill Federal riding. In 1968 she ran as a candidate in Winnipeg South Centre against Duff Roblin. It was the year of the Trudeau sweep. E.B. Osler took the riding for the liberals, but in spite of the sweep she managed to pull in more than 8,000 votes.

She organized three provincial elections in 1969, the year that Ed. Schreyer formed Manitoba's first NDP government. She won all three elections, with, Phil Pertursson, Bud Boyce and Bill Jenkins all becoming MLAs. The first two became cabinet ministers. Bill Jenkins won every poll.

She served on the executive of the provincial party in the position of treasurer, and



Above: Fran Thompson is presented the Lucille Ono Award for Exemplary Contributions to the development and growth of the New Democratic Party from Leader Gary Doer.

has filled almost every position at the federal and provincial constituency level in several ridings.

She has been active in municipal politics and served as Reeve for the LGD of Alexander. As Reeve she served on many sub-committees of council and also as the LGD representative on boards of municipal organizations.

Despite recent cancer surgery and a heart attack Fran Thompson acted as official

agent for NDP candidates in the last three Lac du Bonnet Provincial elections.

She is on the board of NEHA and helps with citizenship classes in the English program at the Ecole St. Georges.

In her acceptance speech at the convention, she thanked her father, party stalwart Magnus Elianson, and Tommy Douglas for providing the inspiration for what she has made her life work.



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# Opinion Get on side Mr. Robinson



by Charles Norman

Last fall Rupert's Island MLA Eric Robinson told *The Echo* that he had visited every community on the east side of Lake Winnipeg and asked them if they wanted a Hydro transmission line through the region and that no one said yes.

Last month in a meeting with the Winnipeg River Regional Round Table he made no comment to a statement by Environment Minister Stan Struthers that he, Struthers, had not heard of any good reason why a Hydro transmission line should use the east side of the lake route.

At that time both Robinson and Struthers knew that an alternative route would cost more than half a billion dollars extra.

It is a little difficult to understand Struthers point of view - half a billion dollars represents \$500 for every man, woman and child in the province, but for Robinson to go along with it is utterly incomprehensible. His is one of the poorest ridings in the province - half a billion dollars could

eliminate poverty in his riding for the foreseeable future.

Here is one way that it could be achieved.

Three-way Joint Venture  
The actual number being used for the lower cost of an east side route is said to be \$550,000,000 with amortized operating costs included.

Tembec is in dire financial straights. The company's shares are selling for less than a dollar - down from \$16:00 when they purchased the Pine Falls operation. They are said to be having difficulty paying their bills. The cause of the problem is partly the high value of the Canadian dollar, but the major reason is the softwood lumber dispute with the United States and the fact that the United States has been illegally withholding about \$300,000,000 in tariffs illegally imposed on softwood lumber. The softwood lumber is likely to be resolved soon (see **Softwood Lumber** story), but right now Tembec needs money.

Tembec owns the Pine Falls newsprint mill - the only Tembec operation currently profitable. Tembec also owns a brand new paper machine it bought a few years ago for \$300 million. Installed in Pine

Falls the machine could double the newsprint capacity of the Pine Falls mill.

The communities on the east side of Lake Winnipeg need an all-weather road. The problems with the winter road system resulting from this year's mild winter only emphasized the need. All-weather road access is needed no matter what the condition of the winter road system. It is needed for health reasons, not just acute care but for low cost food and other on-going nutritional requirements. It is also needed for the psychological health of these communities. Knowing that you can leave has been shown to be of tremendous benefit to people living in isolated communities whether or not they take advantage of it.

People in these communities also need jobs.

Manitoba Hydro needs, or will need, a transmission line to take power from the proposed Conawapa Generating Station on the Nelson River to Winnipeg and thence to markets in Ontario.

There already exists a "First Nations Limited Partnership" set up with a dozen or so First Nations in the region to take advantage of a proposed joint

venture with Tembec to share in the management of the forest and to share in the ownership and management of up to three sawmills in the region. (Studies have shown that these sawmills would be profitable - even at the highest US tariffs).

All of these needs can be met, with structures already in place or easily established, by the use of the Hydro savings in using the eastern route.

A joint venture between Manitoba Hydro, Tembec and the First Nations Limited Partnership with a newsprint mill with double the capacity of the present mill, with three sawmills and about a thousand high-paying jobs, a forty-million dollar payroll, and an all-weather road, would cost a little more than \$550 million dollars, but, since the federal government is responsible for the aboriginal peoples they could be persuaded to contribute to the cost of the road. Manitoba Hydro would get their preferred route for their transmission line. The increase in tax revenue to the provincial government would be substantial.

To do all this would require doubling the volume of wood now being harvested - and there is the problem, but not with wood availability. It is available on an easily sustain-

able basis. The science has been done. Studies are available from the Manitoba Model Forest.

The problem is with Winnipeg environmentalists. They believe passionately in their cause and are dedicated and committed people, but they are mostly scientifically illiterate. They are led by politically motivated people who can perhaps best be described as eco-Marxists, - Activists who are using the environmental issue to satisfy a political agenda. It is very pertinent to note that when the Pine Falls mill was owned by Abitibi - a multi-billion dollar private company - it was under constant attack by a variety of environmental groups, when the employees bought the mill the environmentalists went away. When Tembec, (another multi-billion dollar company bought the mill, environmental activists came back in force.

This problem can be easily dealt with by the newsprint mill employees taking ownership of the mill again. It should not be difficult. The mill is for sale and Tembec needs the money.

Where do you stand Mr. Robinson?

Are you going to standby and watch the eco-Marxists use your constituents and your people as cannon fodder in their fight against capitalism?

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# Softwood lumber dispute should be resolved soon

By Charles Norman

The softwood lumber dispute between Canada and the United States should have been over long ago. Every international body has found, over and over again, in favour of Canada.

The United States complained that the rate charged by provincial governments for lumber, (stumpage rates), were, in fact, subsidies, not allowed under the Free Trade Agreement. They imposed excessively high import duties on Canadian lumber. According to US law, the money collected would go to US lumber producers if subsidies were found to be in place. The tariffs collected now amount to about five billion dollars and US lumber producers would like to get their hands on it. If as has been found, there are no subsidies, then the money goes back to the Canadian Companies that paid it. (Tembec's share is

around \$300 million).

The United States government has consistently ignored the findings of the World Trade Organization and the Joint Canada/US panel set up under the Free Trade Agreement to resolve disputes. The five billion dollars probably had a lot to do with it. US lumber producers have more clout with the US Republican administration than we do, but on top of that was the vocal anti-Americanism of many politicians in the ranks of the Liberal Party and the refusal of the previous government to get involved in a joint missile defence system with the United States.

On that issue it appears that the only reason for not joining with the US was the fact that the Liberals and NDP simply don't like them — or more particularly don't like American Republicans.

It is extremely unlikely that a rogue state, Iran, for example would

ever lob a nuclear tipped missile over the pole to New York. It makes even less sense to say to the Americans that you must wait until it is 100 mile south of Montreal before you blow it out of the sky. First because Montreal is awfully close to the US border, and second, because the soldier responsible for blowing it up might not care about creating a diplomatic incident — especially if he has family in New York — and decide, on his own, that Montreal is close enough.

It makes a lot more sense to blow the thing up in the far North, over Ellesmere Island for example.

The new Conservative government has promised to reconsider this issue, but is not likely to come to any agreement without the softwood lumber dispute being resolved. That is one reason why the dispute is likely to be over soon, another is the calibre of the people doing the negotiating. In Former Finance Minister Michael Wilson we now have an excellent Canadian Ambassador in Washington. In David Emerson, the new trade minister who has been deeply involved in softwood lumber negotiations to date and probably is the most knowledgeable man in Canada on the issue.

# Maskwa's Club

By Kevin Alarie

What a winter folks. Mother Nature sure has a sense of humor. After such a beautiful winter of -10 C weather, she blasted us with the deep freeze right in time for the derby. I cannot say I was surprised.

With bad ice conditions this year the north side of the Winnipeg River was not groomed this year so we moved the derby to the south side. Starting at Chicken Chef riders headed to the 1/2 way shack after which they had their choice of routes to get to the Birchwood Motel. It was a shame to break the tradition of our usual loop we have all come to love. Mark and Wendy were relocated from the 29 shack to the 1/2 shack. The Great Gazoo made a new friend (Darlene Cyr) and after some arm-twisting we convinced him to come out of the bush at Moose creek and move his post to civilization at the Birchwood. The usual Clubhouse crew was able to set up at Chicken chef, the big difference being not having to drag the sleigh loads of gear, light the fires at the break of dawn, and wait the 4 hours for the feeling of your fingers to come back. I think deep down we all missed it.

There were almost 50 true die hard sled heads that came out and braved the -33 c and high winds of the day to make the

trek as well as several whom could not go out but came in to buy hands to send around with someone or cut on the spot. One of those people was Fred Carlson whom failed at his first attempt but managed to pull 3 aces on his second try way to go Grandpa. We pulled a door prize again this year, which was a random draw of the derby cards and the winner was Suzanne Shultz. She received a one-night stay at the Birchwood Motel including hot tub and breakfast. Just goes to show that even if your hand looks more like a foot, good things can still happen. Our silent auction this year was unbelievable. Marcel and Heather with the support of our local business and many from out of the area proved to be the best ever. Way to go. We have such a generous community how can you not want to live here. I have to say that over the past ten years of being part of the club and seeing what other clubs go through our

team of volunteers and businesses are the best.

Okay, Okay first and second I know, I know. You will not believe this, First time in 40 years. First place with 4 aces was Pat Peloquin. He walks in with 3 aces hoping for the 4<sup>th</sup>, cuts the deck, knees knocking, onlookers clenching their teeth, the flip, there it is, it is in the bag, who can top that, but wait what's this? Could it be? Gold and Silver Medals at once? Could this be true? It is true he also has a full house. The crowd goes wild. Top that team Canada. It gets better, a little bird may have told him the derby was on Sunday. Oops. Good thing you showed up Saturday, as it may have been a little lonely on Sunday.

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$315.00 Pat Peloquin 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$189.00 Pat Peloquin 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$126.00 Fred (Grandpa) Carlson Door prize \$125.00value Suzanne Shultz. Thanks to everyone who came out to participate.

## Regional Workshops - Water Quality

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Plan to attend public open houses and workshops to shape proposed provincial nutrient management regulations.

Manitoba Water Stewardship is holding a series of open houses and public workshops to discuss issues and options concerning the proposed nutrient regulation for Water Quality Management Zones, under the newly proclaimed Water Protection Act.

You are invited to attend these meetings and share your views on these important regulations and how they relate to land use planning, municipalities, agriculture, and the activities of all Manitobans.

Open houses and public workshops will also include information and discussions on Manitoba Conservation's proposed phosphorus amendments to the *Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation*.

Open houses from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. and presentations from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. by Manitoba government representatives will provide you with an overview of the regulations and the issues and options. The public workshops will run from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. You are invited to share your views at this time.

#### LOCATIONS:

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| Brandon - February 22, 2006<br>Royal Oak Inn<br>(3130 Victoria Avenue)        | Winnipeg - March 2, 2006<br>Canad Inns Polo Park<br>(1405 St. Matthews Avenue)                              |
| Winkler - February 23, 2006<br>Winkler Recreation Centre<br>(600 Park Street) | Lac du Bonnet - March 8, 2006<br>Lac du Bonnet<br>Community Centre<br>(25 McArthur Avenue)                  |
| Swan River - February 28, 2006<br>Westwood Inn<br>(427 Westwood Road)         | Steinbach - March 9, 2006<br>Legion Community Hall<br>(294 Lumber Avenue)                                   |

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about the proposed management zones and to obtain copies of the issues and options paper, please visit our website at [www.manitoba.ca/waterstewardship/wqmgz](http://www.manitoba.ca/waterstewardship/wqmgz) or telephone us at 945-7100 (in Winnipeg) or 1-800-282-8069 (toll-free).

Proposed amendments to the *Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation* may be viewed at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/conservation> - Environmental Livestock Program. Copies of the consultation worksheet may be obtained by telephone at 945-7100 (in Winnipeg) or 1-800-282-8069 (toll-free).



## Thank You...

I would like to thank the people who supported me going into my Commonwealth Title fight in England. First I have to thank my wife and kids whose lives seem to revolve around my training and fight schedule at times. Their love and support make it possible for me to pursue my dreams. Next I need to thank my friend and trainer Neil Boulette who is always there to push me to the next level. At times he pushes so hard that I want to miss the hand pads and hit him, but it pays off in the long run. Thanks for always being in my corner Neill! I also need to thank my family, friends, and fans. I was getting plenty of phone calls from family and friends wishing me luck leading up to the fight. Not to mention the good luck wishes expressed by local businesses in the Echo the week of the fight. I was already in England when the paper came out, but my wife had to call me and let me know about the outpouring of support from the local businesses.

I would also like to thank Powerview School. I need to thank the superintendents Dianne and Paul for granting me time off work to go over to England. A big thank you also to the principals and staff for being so supportive: the students who were great before and after the fight.

Last but not least, thanks mom for going to all of my fights. She has supported me my whole life and continues to do so. She has followed me to fights in Calgary, Halifax, the U.S., and England. Thanks mom for always being there!! I am thankful for all the support. I would like to let everyone know that I am very confident having gone 9 rounds with the #10 ranked world middleweight. The experience was great and I look forward to much more boxing progress and success in the future.

Thanks  
Larry \*Razor\* Sharpe

## NOTICE

### Spring Road Restrictions - 2006 Order #1 Released

Each year, the pavement on our provincial highways is weakened by the spring thaw.

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Changes made to last year's Spring Road Restrictions will affect transportation in various regions of the province. Motor carriers and businesses should review the list of restricted highways early and plan their spring time activities based on the new restrictions.

To find out how the 2006 Spring Road Restrictions will affect you, please check the following sources:

- [www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/transreg/compreg/spring-restrict](http://www.gov.mb.ca/tgs/transreg/compreg/spring-restrict)
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- Compliance and Regulatory Services at (204) 945-3961 or (204) 945-3890
- Manitoba Transportation and Government Services regional offices and weigh stations



# Waterworks in question

## Public hearings set to go in Lac du Bonnet over water controversy

By Jim Hampshire

It could be called the biggest water fight of the decade but Lac du Bonnet resident Ted Mathers says he still has some questions concerning the new waterplant - questions he's been asking for a very long time - and he has taken his case to the Public Utilities Board to make sure he gets answers.

Last week the Utilities Board agreed with Mathers and a public hearing is been called for April.

The water fight, as it happened, began during the construction of the new Lac du Bonnet waterplant three years ago, which included a major upgrade to the plant equipment as well as an expansion to the building itself. At the time curious resident Ted Mathers asked the town council at the time whether the building and it's equipment was bigger and more expensive than the town needed. And, more importantly, Mathers wanted to know who would foot the bill for the expansion down the road. Now that it's clear who's footing the bill - that would be

the residents of the Town of Lac du Bonnet, who all saw their mill rate rise - Mathers is wondering out loud why RM residents aren't chipping in to help pay for the cost of a 25-year debenture after a deal was struck between the two local governments to move waterlines outside the Town boundaries.

As it stands, Town residents pay 4.77 mills which is already attached to property taxes. And although partial cost of the plant was subsidized through government, Mathers says the cost of paying back the debenture will be very close to the original overall cost of the plant, pegged at 2.4 million dollars. Considering the Town already laid out 1.2 million dollars for their portion of the original building cost, and add that to the debenture interest, Mathers wants to know why the plant was overbuilt in the first place.

"The plant they constructed would be better used in a community the size of Thompson, rather than a community like Lac du Bonnet which hasn't seen any growth within Town boundaries in thirty years," Mathers noted. "When I did my homework three years ago I found that an upgrade of one-quarter of a million dollars would have suited the needs of Lac du Bonnet much better."

At the time of construction, Mathers commissioned to have his own official report compiled by an American company that supplies filters and equipment for waterplants in Manitoba. The copy he was issued states a \$250,000 dollar upgrade would have been in order.

According to manufacturers specifications, the plant currently in place in Lac du Bonnet is able to produce one-million gallons per day at peak capacity, yet Mathers was able to obtain public documents from the Town Office, which indicate that Lac du Bonnet requires less than one-hundred thousand gallons per day in peak season, which occurs during the summer months when lawn sprinklers are commonly used.

With these findings, and with the current water agreement between the Town of Lac du Bonnet and the RM, Mathers was able to sway the Public Utilities Board to call for public hearings in April.

# The Powerview School Family Fun Night

Powerview School hosted their 3rd Annual Community Family Fun Night Friday Feb. 10 with the theme of Valentine's. It was a fun night for the kids and their families to enjoy games, face painting, guessing jars and lots and lots of prizes.

The idea of this event is to get families of the surrounding communities out together to enjoy many activities. Our turnout was smaller than normal but the kids had a great time and that was the goal!!!

The Powerview School Play Ground Committee had put together a large silent auction to raise money for the new play ground they are working on for the school grounds. This is a large project and is going to take a lot of community spirit and support to get done. That

spirit and support was evident with the large amount of items donated from parents, staff and community businesses as well as Toy R Us and Walmart.

This evening took a lot of planning and volunteers, we would like to thank all those who help make the evening a success. The parents, staff and administrators of Powerview school, the Large group of student volunteers who painted faces made glow necklaces and worked the guessing jar tables, the Powerview School students who made all the decorations and decorated the gym, and to the group of dedicated people who once again put together a great night for the kids. The Kids all Thank You greatly!!!!!!

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# Men's Curling Comes Down to the Wire Robert Michaels On Stage

## Pinawa postmaster delivers the mail right to the house to win the LDB bonspiel

By Jim Hampshire

Judging by the amount of activity down at the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club these past few weeks, local council might be wondering whether they should rename this town 'Lac du Bonspiel.'

Nary a week goes by without a major event taking place at the local rink and over the past weekend it was the Men's Bonspiel and another full house as 48 teams from all parts of the region and Winnipeg hit the ice in this four-day event.

As always with bonspiels, it is sometimes the luck of the draw whether you advance. But whether luck had anything to do with it, it took a final end draw to declare a winner this year when the Pinawa foursome skipped by Ian Kirk planted a soft draw into the four-foot to win the First Event 6-5 against Randy Neufeld, who curls out of the Lac du Bonnet club.

In the Second Event it was Gary Grumprich of the Grain Exchange taking on Gary Gustafson; and although Grumprich had True Value in Lac du Bonnet resident businessman Norman Scott as a team mate, Grumprich lost a close one 6-4 after eight ends.

So it was up to the Fred Byron rink to win one for Lac du Bonnet in the Third Event, as he went up against Jim Sitar from the Whitemouth area. In the early going, Byron had a chance for an open draw to count four but it was a missed opportunity and the teams were locked at one apiece after two ends. The miss would eventually come back to haunt

Byron as Sitar was able to put a four-ender together himself in the seventh end, moving a close 4-3 game way out of reach and he handshakes prevailed.

This year our tams are off to Ian Kirk and his team of Dennis Smith, Marv Ryz and Don Zetaruk, as the Pinawa foursome takes top honours in the First Event this year.

Organizers report that the weekend went down as smooth as Scotch, where 48 teams moved through the event on schedule despite the usual distractions. According to some reports, teams were seen around all the usual establishments, enjoying the usual distractions but were able to make the early morning draws, and to their credit, they were still standing and doing well to make the midnight draws.

The event still gains popularity each year but organizers are not about to add any more teams to the already swollen 48-team field. As it stand there are two draws held on Thursday evening with a full day of draws on Friday, beginning at 8:00am and ending with the midnight draw. Because of its popularity, most visiting teams have already made arrangements and booked local hotel rooms for next year's event.

Besides the usual distractions, which helps to make these bonspiels great, the prize table is also a major reason why many curlers come in to compete. This year the sponsors out-did themselves, donating TV's and home theatre systems. And yes, even a

chainsaw was nestled between expensive golf and fishing equipment.

Next up at the Lac du Bonspiel Curling Club is the Royal Canadian Legion Provincial Senior Curling playdowns, which begins Monday of this week and winds up on Thursday. Teams from as far away as Flin Flon are making the trek to Lac du Bonnet in a bid to represent the province at the national finals in Surrey BC later on next month. Representing Lac du Bonnet and the Eastman Zone is the Iceman Randal Foubert, who will lead Doug Silvester, Peter Humble and Fred (four-ender) Byron through the round robin event. There will be two draws each day, starting with the daily 8:30am buzzer, followed by a 7:00pm draw on Tuesday (only) and a 2:00pm draw on Wednesday. Thursday afternoon will be set aside in case of a tie-breaker and of course, the public is most welcome to attend.

Eastern Manitoba will celebrate the coming of spring with the fresh exciting sound of flamenco and Latin jazz.

To round out the Eastern Manitoba Concert Association's (EMCA's) 2005-2006 season, Canada's most accomplished Latin jazz guitarist Robert Michaels, will perform in Pinawa on March 10.

A JUNO award winner — Best Instrumental Album in 2003 and plus a 1997 JUNO nomination for Instrumental Artist of the Year, Michaels has also achieved platinum for his album Paradiso plus gold status in other record sales. Much of his earlier recordings were described as "flamenco-jazz", but his music now covers a much broader palette.

"From the beginning, I didn't play flamenco or Latin jazz in any traditional way. I had experience playing so many other styles that I merely incorporated the influences," explains Michaels. "My style was never planned. I arrived at it spontaneously while playing in front of the

audiences." Michaels has toured extensively performing in theatres, on television and radio, and at jazz, folk and world festivals but at this time his name is still relatively unknown. However, with rave reviews from music critics and the two JUNOs under his belt, that may soon be remedied.

Wherever he performs he gathers fans. "The people in the crowd are spellbound... they watch him, they listen, they are caught as Michael's music travels past the neck of the guitar and creates his signature sound," writes Susan Pennell for the Toronto Star. "A sound so intense the listeners must hold their breath."

Don't miss this opportunity to hear this JUNO award-winning performer on March 10 at 8 p.m. in the Pinawa Community Center located adjacent to the Pinawa Secondary School, 20 Vanier Drive. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for students (K-12). To reserve your tickets contact Cathy at 753-2767. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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# RRSP contribution Deadline Looming!

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Another thing to consider is a spousal RRSP. Often we come across situations where one spouse earns the lion's share of the income, has a pension that they contribute to, and would like to buy some RRSPs. By buying a Spousal RRSP, the primary income earner can still get the tax relief that they require, while registering money in their spouse's name. What's up with that? When the spouse goes to start spending the spousal RRSP money in retirement the taxes are payable

by the person who's name is on the account. Simply put, the higher income spouse that made the contribution will not pay the taxes, it will be the spouse who's name it was registered in that pays the taxes. In essence the lower income spouse, will pay lower taxes on the redemption of the RRSP's. This strategy is known as Income Splitting. It's Financial-Planning 101.

Of course before implementing any strategy with RRSP's one should consult with their Tax person, and using a qualified financial advisor to purchase the RRSP is also a good idea. These people work with taxes and investments everyday, and can bring value to your planning process.

Stephen Kulyk, President of Kulyk Insurance and Financial Services. I can be reached at 367-9572.

# Blues Got The Attitude

## Lac du Bonnet opens SIHL playoff with big win

By Jim Hampshire

This was one game even Janet Gretzky wouldn't bet on. That's because they just weren't giving any odds as Lac du Bonnet barely worked up a sweat to dump the Lunder Falcons on their fanny to open the first round of the South Interlake Hockey League playoffs on Friday night at the Lac du Bonnet Arena.

And to add insult to incompetence, the Blues totally shutout the cellar dwellers of the league 13-0 in what could best be described as a quick tune-up for a bigger game bird. That would be the Foxwarren Falcons - same squab but with bigger talons - who the Blues would move on to meet in Provincial Senior League playdowns the very next day.

But back at the arena last Friday night, as expected, the Blues made very short work out of the visiting Lunder team, which was painfully obvious when Jamie Hickes scored the game-winning goal for the Blues just two minutes into the first period. Of course the Goodfellas Mob Line was all over the ice all night, scoring at will... or Wade. Or whoever was in net for Lunder this night. It didn't matter. The important thing is both goalies are back at home safe right now, although it has been reported both are suffering from nervous spasms.

To make a long scoresheet short, Reggie Goodfellow and Tyson

Papineau picked up the hat tricks, while Jamie Hickes and Jay Seymour scored a deuce apiece for the Mob Line.

What's this? Kyle Stamler bent the net once and picked up two assists? And to further prove it was a balanced attack by the Blues, Shawn Reynolds had a couple of helpers, as did John Dancyt and Jay Usackis.

To say the least it was a one-sided hockey game but what was surprising, though, was how Lunder managed to keep Blues' netminder Jason Leroy off the scoresheet.

But enough about these inflated Olympic hockey results! Let's move on to find out how the Blues managed against a more menacing foe - the Foxwarren Falloons, to be exact.

Uh-oh. Turns out Friday's 13-0 score was a little unlucky for the boys in the Blues' uniform. After travelling across the province all day Saturday, the Blues got bruised by Pat Falloon and the rest of the Foxwarren Falcons as Lac du Bonnet suffered their first defeat of the season, coming out on the wrong side of a 6-2 hockey game. But it doesn't count because it's not a league game. So the Blues remain undefeated and that's our story and we're sticking to it.

In any event, a team widely known far and wide for churning out NHL hockey stars and then inviting them back to play senior hockey (Falloon, Theum Fleury,

Ronnie Low, Bill Derlago and Jerry Butler), Foxwarren got a bit of a scare early on when the Blues skated with the team, stride for stride, keeping the score close for the first two periods. According to first hand accounts from the snack stand in the Foxwarren Arena, the Blues were tied 2-2 heading into the third frame but this cannot be verified because the Blues left Foxwarren Saturday night and travelled directly to Lunder for game two of the SIHL playoffs. Phone contact was made briefly with Blues' headcoach Jeff Seifried Saturday night but unfortunately the cell phone connection was less than ideal, and it turned out he thought he was ordering a pizza for the bus ride. The snack stand reports that Lac du Bonnet took six penalties in the third, which turned into four power play goals for Foxwarren. But more on the Foxwarren results next week, as well as results from game two of the series, which will be played on Feb. 25 in Lac du Bonnet this weekend.

Turning our attention to the second game of the SIHL playoff series in Lunder Sunday night, the Blues were able to come back from the Saturday night defeat and thrash Lunder 10-2 to put things back into proper perspective.

Don't forget the Blues are back at home this weekend to play both Lunder in the best of five series, and Foxwarren in a best of three series. Check the Arena board for games and times.

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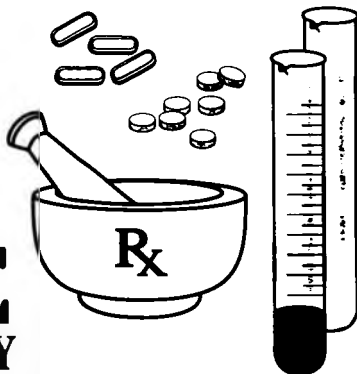
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# Recreation Re-Boot!

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## Snowboarding Competition

We are planning a snowboarding competition and family fun day at Muck Hill for Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. All of the details aren't in place yet, so keep watching for more information!!!

## Babysitting Course

There will be a babysitting course offered in late April. Anyone wishing to take this course should call the Rec. Office at 367-9142. You must be 12 years of age to get your certificate, but 11 year olds who will be turning 12 later this year can also take the course.

## Hall Walking

If you are interested in walking, but don't like the cold and are afraid of slipping and falling, you can Hall Walk at Powerview school Monday-Friday from 4:00-8:00. This is a great way to get some exer-

cise and avoid the winter weather!!

## Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons started on Monday, January 23, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Powerview School and will run for 1 hour. The class will continue for approximately 20 weeks and the cost is \$240.00 + GST for the full session. Registration will be at Powerview School on Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Full payment or monthly payments will be accepted.

## Dance Class

Dance class for kids and adults began on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. The first class for 3&4 year olds is 4:30 p.m. and run until 5:30. 5&6 year olds from 5:30-6:30 and 7-9 year olds from 6:30-7:30. The cost for the session is \$160.00+GST. These classes can be paid in full or on a monthly basis.

## Public Skating/

## Open Ice

There is public skating and open ice during the week and on weekends. Please check with the arena for days and times. The cost to non-PRC members 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.

## Public Library

The Pine Falls Public Library has changed their hours. They are now operating on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00 - 3:30. The library does not have Internet access.

## Hall Rental

The Pine Falls Sports Bar is available for rental. The cost to rent the bar for an evening is just \$100.00 + GST (bartender included). Book now for your party!!

# World Day of Prayer 2006

## Sign of the Times

Written by the women of South Africa

Christians around the world will be focusing on the country of South Africa during the annual World Day of Prayer service. Local residents are invited to join in this worldwide event by attending a service at St-Georges Catholic Church, Friday, March 03<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

This year's World Day of Prayer service, written by the women of South Africa, reflects on the theme "Signs of the Times". The women of South Africa greet all those participating in this service by saying "Molweni", "Dumelang" and "Goeiedag" which means "Good Day!"

South Africans are proud of being called a rainbow nation, a name coined by retired archbishop and Nobel Prize winner Desmond Tutu to celebrate the country's many colours, races and cultures. Despite division, injustice and suffering, the people of South Af-

rica have determined to move beyond their history of four decades of oppression and apartheid. However, the country is still experiencing change and facing challenge as it works for transformation. There are issues of drought and pollution, violence and drug trafficking, unemployment and poverty, and—possibly the most debilitating of all—the continuing cost of HIV/AIDS.

Participants attending the World Day of Prayer will not only be learning more about this country and its unique culture and heritage, but will also be joining Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather together to pray and act in solidarity with the people of South Africa.

The World Day of Prayer has its roots in an ecumenical day of prayer organized by women in Canada and the United States in 1920. This event became the inter-

national World Day of Prayer in 1922, and Christians around the world began celebrating this event on the first Friday of March.

In Canada, the World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. In this community, the coordinating group has representation from the following churches: St-Georges Catholic Church, Pine Falls United Church, Pine Falls Anglican Church, Powerview Catholic Church and Fort Alexander Anglican Church.

For more information on the services being held in this community, please contact Jeannine Chevrefils, 367-8230.

To learn more about the Women's Inter-Church Council, please visit the website or contact them at Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, 47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3 Tel: (416) 929-5184; E-mail [wicc@wicc.org](mailto:wicc@wicc.org); Website: [www.wicc.org](http://www.wicc.org)

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# Having a baby?

Healthy Baby community programs provide support to pregnant women, new parents and their babies.

Having a baby changes your life. New babies can be demanding, especially for new parents. That's why the Healthy Baby community programs were developed.

Healthy Baby community programs are friendly, informal programs that provide you with support, information and resources before and after you have your baby.

## Drop in to your local Healthy Baby group and you can:

- Ask questions about your pregnancy, your baby's development or parenting support
- Enjoy nutritious snacks, try new recipes and get information about nutrition and health
- Visit with other moms and dads and take part in activities with your baby

## It's what's inside that counts

It's important to eat well to help you and your growing baby when you're pregnant. If you live in Manitoba, and your net family income is less than \$32,000 a year, you can receive a monthly Manitoba Prenatal Benefit cheque during your pregnancy to help you buy the healthy foods you need.

## For more information

To learn more about the Healthy Baby program or to find out about locations of Healthy Baby groups, please call:

945-1301 (in Winnipeg)  
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[www.manitoba.ca/healthychild](http://www.manitoba.ca/healthychild)  
or contact your local public health office





# Health Corner

Ask your Primary Health Care Provider

Please forward health related questions to: Health Corner, Box 160, Whitemouth, ROE 2G0; phone: 348-7191 ext. 240; or Email: [cmcintosh@neha.mb.ca](mailto:cmcintosh@neha.mb.ca). For more health information, visit the NEHA website: [www.neha.mb.ca](http://www.neha.mb.ca).

**Question: I'm pregnant and wondering when I should be seeing my doctor or other health care provider?**

**Answer:** Once your pregnancy is confirmed, your doctor or nurse will have a routine schedule of pregnancy "check-ups" that will become more

frequent the closer your due date is. These appointments help to ensure that you and your baby are healthy. There are other times though, that some symptoms should be reported to your medical caregiver. All of the following in pregnancy should never be ignored.....

- abdominal pain
- cramps (mild or severe)

- fluid gush or leak from the vagina
- bleeding from the vagina
- full or heavy feeling in the vagina
- foul smelling vaginal discharge
- changes in low back pain
- signs of high blood pressure:
- sudden or severe swelling of the face, hands or feet
- dizziness, headaches, vision changes
- frequent urination with a burning sensation
- any illness or fever
- the appearance of spots or rashes on the skin
- any injury or accident such as a fall or a motor vehicle accident
- persistent negative feelings about your pregnancy or overwhelming feelings of anxiety/depression.

If you experience any of these types of changes while pregnant, don't hesitate to contact your medical caregiver immediately for further attention. Early intervention with any type of health condition is the key to decreasing long term difficulties.

If you are interested in learning more about your pregnancy come to a

**Healthy Baby** drop in. Call Shelly at 345-0285 for more information. **Prenatal Classes are also available.** For more information OR to register for Prenatal Classes, call Gail at 268-7465 or contact your local Public Health Nurse.

## MJHL News



Southeast Blades forward Steve Obelnicki has been suspended for two (2) games for receiving a match penalty in a game against the Winkler Flyers Tuesday, February 14, 2006.

The Swan Valley Stampeders put their eight-game winning streak on the line tonight when they visit the Portage Terriers. Thanks to a couple Southeast Blades losses, the Terriers have officially clinched the final playoff spot in the Sher-Wood Division.

### League Standings

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# Faith Perspective



by Pastor Jake Doell

## Some Wisdom for Life

The book of Proverbs in the Bible is called a "Manual for Living." It contains short sayings that can bring great blessing to your life if heeded. Here are a few taken from chapters 10 and 11 of the "Message":

Wise son, glad father; Stupid son, sad mother.

God won't starve an honest soul, but he frustrates the appetites of the wicked.

Make hay while the sun shines - that's smart; go fishing during harvest - that's stupid.

A good and honest life is a blessed memorial; a wicked life leaves a rotten stench.

A wise heart takes orders; an empty head will come unglued.

The wise accumulate knowledge - a true treasure; know-it-alls talk too much - a sheer waste.

The road to life is a disciplined life; ignore correction and you're lost for good.

The speech of a good person is worth waiting for; the blabber of the wicked is worth-

less. An empty head thinks mischief is fun, but a mindful person relishes wisdom.

The Fear of God (respect) expands your life; a wicked life is a puny life.

Good people last - they can't be moved; the wicked are here today, gone tomorrow.

The speech of a good person clears the air; the words of the wicked pollute it.

A thick bankroll is no help when life falls apart, but a principled life can stand up to the worst.

Without good direction people lose their way; the more wise counsel you follow, the better your chances.

Like a gold ring in a pig's snout is a beautiful face on an empty head.

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

I would encourage all of my readers to invest in a copy of "The Message Bible."

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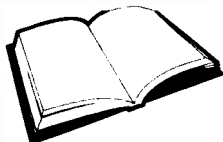


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Call Tina at the Winnipeg River Senior Services 367-9128 for more information.

# Library Corner



Where have all of our readers gone? February has been designated "I Love to Read" month, but the library is a pretty quiet place these days!

Bring the family to the library - each member can choose a few books to take home! We have a great number of new books for all ages on our display table! And while you are here you can plan for a movie night as well! We are excited to receive a new block of videos and DVD's from Public Library Services rotation! Some of the titles you might want to take note of are: Murder by Decree starring Christopher Plummer, James Mason and Donald Sutherland - Can the genius of Sherlock Holmes stop the terror of Jack the Ripper? ABC News presents Peter Jennings reporting the most compelling mur-

der mystery of our time - The Kennedy Assassination: Beyond Conspiracy. "Forty years after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot on November 22, 1963, over 70 percent of Americans still believe there was a conspiracy to kill him and that the suspected assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald did not act alone." Enjoy one of the Mrs. Bradley Mysteries - Speedy Death starring Diana Rigg and Neil Dudgeon. King of the Wind is an older story - "There is a place in every heart reserved for stories like this one. A poor stable boy's undying devotion to a magnificent Arabian horse takes him on a journey from the deserts of Northern Africa to the court of the King of France and on to England where a remarkable turn of events unfolds." The movie stars, among others, Glenda

Jackson and Richard Harris. The book by Marguerite Henry was a winner of the Newbery medal award, and is a book to delight all young horse lovers. Read the book or watch the movie - or do both!

Watch a western movie - choose from The Far Country starring James Stewart; John Wayne produces, directs and stars in The Alamo; watch Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in Oh! Susanna!; Tom Selleck stars in the contemporary classic Quigley Down Under; Danny Glover stars in Buffalo Soldiers - "a stirring tribute to the former slaves and other African-Americans of the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiments".

# Friends

by Robin Law

I think we can all relate to the importance of good friends. Friendship is a relationship combining trust, support, communication, loyalty and understanding, which are all aspects of life we need and crave. Friendship is undoubtedly central to our lives.

In the month of January the New Friends Mentorship program had the privilege of welcoming three new mentors. It is very exciting, when a new mentor/mentee match is made. When they are first introduced, they are not strangers, but friends waiting to happen. They will begin a journey of sharing, laughing and learning together. The mentor discovers enriching and fulfilling blessings, friendship with a young person brings. The mentee finds friendship based on trust, confidentiality and equality. The mentor has likely experienced what the mentee may be going through, and is now there to help. The friendship is truly, special.

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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. Contact the ref office today to sign up at 345 8816 or 753 2639. Two separate instructors for these programs -

offering some excellent cooking ideas with recipes for all participants to take home.

### Spring session sign up

Stop by the rec office or mail in your registrations for the upcoming Spring segments of the following programs!

**KARATE:** The new Spring session commences on March 29 and runs to May 31 for both the half hour program of Tiny Tigers and the 1 hour karate program on Wednesdays and Saturdays at Centennial School in Lac du Bonnet

**AQUA FITNESS:** Limited space available in our Spring Session running on Tuesdays,

commencing March 28 to May 30 at Glenn Howard Inn, Lac du Bonnet.

### Get into the games

March 6-12, 2006 Eastman will be hosting the Powersmart Manitoba Games. The majority of events take place in Beausejour with a few exceptions. Locally, the Whiteshell Cross Country Ski Club in Pinawawill be the venue for the Provincial event. And, we have lots of athletes from within our district competing in the games. So get into the games and come on out and cheer on our local athletes!

### 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

### Spring fling

Don't forget to mark April 7-9 on your calendar for the 2nd annual Spring Fling event in Lac du Bonnet. Posters and upcoming ads will give specific details on the fun filled family weekend to get you "In Motion" this Spring!

## Blades Hockey

The Blades are pleased to announce their

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

**Prenatal classes:** held regularly in your area. Please register with Call 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., 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, meal raffles held at Legion on Fridays 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Pine Falls Masque 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 Polichuk, Pine Falls Health Centre, 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.

### 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 1/4 miles north of junction with #317. Sunday church school 10:00 a.m., worship 11:00 a.m. (alternate locations). For info, call 635-2625 or 754-8682

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Ask the Neighbourhood Mechanic



by Dave Redinger

Recently in Phoenix at the Barrett-Jackson auction a vintage GMC Futureliner "Parade of Progress" tour bus sold for over 4 million dollars. You might think that's a lot of money for a tour bus, but there's more to the story than that. This bus was a specially designed and modified by famed designer Harley Earl. This unit was part of GM's "Motorama". Back in the 50's General Motors had a fleet of these buses, touring with latest offerings off the factory floor. "Motorama" would travel from city to city bringing the "Parade of Progress" to the great unwashed. The "Motorama" eventually developed into the extravaganza we now know as the Auto Show.

I have a 1994 Mercury Topaz. The car has 95000 miles on it and runs great except one thing.

When you're going and put the car in park the idle revs up to 2,000 to 5,000 rpms and stays there. If you stomp on the gas peddle it just speeds it up faster and stays there. If you shut the car off and start it again it idles normal. What up?

Darrick

Something is jamming in the throttle linkage...it may be as simple as a throttle return spring that has let go or in the case of the Topaz a seizing kick down linkage off the transmission. Either way this is a safety related items and should be dealt with immediately by a pro. Do not stop, do not pass go...get it looked after. This could be a disaster in the making.

During winter month, when the temperature dips below -5 degrees Celsius, I am unable to remove the ignition key if the car is run for a short distances (for less than 10 minutes). However, if the car is run for more than 15 minutes or so, the key comes off eas-

ily. This problem has puzzled me and my mechanic for some time. He is unable to explain why the key comes off only after the engine warms up sufficiently. Could you please explain how this problem can be resolved?

Arul

Really an interesting problem...I had to do some research on this one. The key lock is connected by interlock to the transmission. The consensus is that the interlock is not adjusted properly or the shifter is sticking when cold. Have the vehicle tested by a competent mechanic. This is a safety item as the tranny may not actually be engaging the park position. This may compromise parking the vehicle if you don't use the emergency brake.

Dave Redinger a mechanic with over 40 yrs of experience operates his shop "DOCTOR H HONDA SPECIALISTS in Toronto for the last 25 yrs. You can hear Dave on the Neighbourhood Mechanic Saturday mornings on AM740

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## Most winter roads now open

The majority of Manitoba's 2,200-kilometre winter road system serving northern and remote communities is now open to commercial traffic. Transportation and Government Services Minister Ron Lemieux announced today.

"We are delighted the weather has now allowed most of the winter road system to open and vital supplies are moving into northern communities," said Lemieux. "There are still a couple of sections behind schedule due to the warm weather, but we are hoping this current cold trend will help complete the roads and get freight moving."

Some sections of the winter road system are open under load restrictions:

- the Lake Winnipeg Crossing from Pine Dock to Bloodvein and Poplar River (26 t).
- the Rice River Road from Manigotagan to Bloodvein (35 t).
- the access roads to Berens River and Poplar River (35 t).

- the access road to York Landing (28 t).
- PR 373 to Thicket Portage (17 t).
- PR 373 to Pikwitonei (17 t), and
- the access ice road to Gods Lake Narrows First Nation (25 t).

Norway House Winter Road

- Access is open to full loading to Oxford House, Gods River and the Gods Lake Narrows community.

- Access is open to reduced loading to Gods Lake Narrows First Nation (26 t).

- Within a week's time, access to Red Sucker Lake, Garden Hill, Wasagamack and St. Theresa Point will be open to reduced loading (weight yet to be determined).

Eastside of Lake Winnipeg Winter Road

- Access is open to reduced loading from the Pine Dock Crossing to Bloodvein (26 t), from Manigotagan to Bloodvein (35 t) and into the Communities of Berens River and Poplar River (35 t).

- Within two weeks' time, access to Little Grand Rapids, Red Sucker Lake, Garden Hill,

Wasagamack and St. Theresa Point will be open

to reduced loading (weight yet to be determined). Roads into the communities of Pauingassi, Pukatawagan and Granville Lake have significant difficulties and are not expected to open until some time in late March.

The main delay for the winter roads has been the lack of sustained cold weather, hindering ice formation on lakes and streams and preventing the bog areas from freezing sufficiently, which prevents heavier equipment from getting onto these areas. Provincial standards require the ice thickness to be a minimum of 35 inches (87 cm) for full loads (37,500 kg) to travel on the ice.

For information on road conditions east of Lake Winnipeg, call 204-785-5333 (24 hours). For conditions north, northeast and northwest of Lake Winnipeg, call 204 677-6513 (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or 1-888-855-4807 (after hours). The information is also available on line at <http://www.gov.mb.ca/roadinfo> or at 1-877-MBRoads (1 877 627 6237).

# Report from Legislature On Parliament Hill



Report from Legislature by MLA, Gerald Hawranik

## Roads and highways

This year, more than any other year, the condition of our roads and highways has become a very serious issue. Our roads and highways are deteriorating more than ever due to a lack of attention to their condition. The City of Winnipeg recognized this when Mayor Sam Katz introduced his 2006 Budget last week. Recognizing that the condition of Winnipeg roads need to be improved, the Mayor announced that the City will spend \$61 Million this year on major repairs to streets and bridges in an effort to catch up with years of neglect. By adding in new money for routine maintenance programs to fill in potholes, that total is expected to reach \$73 Million.

### IF ONLY THE NDP WOULD FOLLOW WINNIPEG'S LEAD!

Over the last several weeks we have heard reports about the terrible condition of many roads across the Province, including the South Perimeter Highway, PTH #75 South to the U.S. Border, and the Trans

Canada Highway, but to name only a few!

One constituent remarked that on her way to North Dakota travelling South of Morris on PTH #75, large trucks were travelling on the shoulders because they were smoother than the highway. There was a marked improvement in the condition of the road as soon as she crossed the border into the United States. Why? Because the Americans make their roads a priority!

Six months after new pavement was installed on the South Perimeter Highway, Manitobans were reporting that they had to reduce their speed to 60 km/hour, just to stay on the road. Why? Because instead of fixing the road properly, we fix it on the cheap with only a thin layer of asphalt - it looks good, but it doesn't do the job.

This week the NDP posted signs to slow down on yet another highway - the Trans Canada. A trucker was quoted as saying that riding on the Trans Canada East of Winnipeg felt the same as driving over railway tracks every few meters. Items in his cab jostled and fell to the floor. Why? Because this Government will not spend the money to fix our crumbling infrastructure!

The NDP will point fingers

at Ottawa and blame the Federal Government for not giving the gas tax collected in Manitoba back to Manitoba for roads. The fact is that the Province receives almost \$3 Billion annually from the Federal Government in transfer payments. Use some of that money for roads! The fact is that the Province isn't using all of the Provincial gas tax it collects on roads! According to the Manitoba Heavy Construction industry, the Province collected \$15 Million more in gas taxes than it spent on Road construction and maintenance.

In the final analysis the Province is fully responsible for its roads. I call on the NDP Government to take responsibility for them and take action to address this problem - and start with some of the roads in Lac du Bonnet Constituency - like PR #304, PTH #15, PTH #44, PTH #11, PTH #12, PR #520, PR #307, #309, #313, #302 and #317, just to name a few!

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

## Conservative Child Care Plan to be Implemented

Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently announced that the Government intends to move quickly to deliver on its commitment to support child care choices for parents. Under the new Choice in Child Care Allowance, all families will receive \$1,200 per year for each child under six, to be taxable in the hands of the spouse with the lower income.

"This Allowance will let parents choose the child care option that best suits their family's needs," said the Prime Minister. "Our aim is to ensure that Canadian families get the greatest possible benefit from this new Allowance."

The Prime Minister also reiterated that the Government of Canada is phasing out the hastily signed pre-election child care agreements entered into by the previous Liberal government with the provincial and territorial governments. The agreements themselves allow for their termination upon one year's notice. Therefore the Government of Canada will transfer funds for one year, 2006-07, at the level set out in Budget 2005 to all provincial and territorial governments to support their investments in early learning and child care.

It is important to note that the Liberal agreements had no childcare standards for provinces and territories to follow and there are no enforceable directives on how the money should be spent. There are no guidelines as to who would be eligible for these spaces if it did go to childcare.

Some have also pointed out that the Liberal plan would do nothing to assist stay at home parents and parents in more isolated rural areas. As Sara Landriault of Fund the Child

Movement, a national parenting group, stated, this type of plan puts "day care on a pedestal and parenting on the bottom."

Although there have been some calls to maintain the Liberal plan, it is clear from the election campaign that a new Conservative government would implement a choice in child care program. Prime Minister Harper campaigned on a plan to phase out the Liberal plan beginning in 2007, and introduce choice in child care through \$250 million in tax credits and \$1,200 a year for each child. He also pledged to create 125,000 child-care spaces within five years.

In his recent announcement the Prime Minister again repeated his intention to implement not only the \$1,200 a year allowance, but also his commitment to introduce the new measures to assist employers and community organizations to create 125,000 new child care spaces.

The Prime Minister said if Parliament approves the necessary legislation the allowance will be effective July 1, 2006, and payments will flow as soon as possible after that date. The net fiscal cost of these measures and details on the design of the Allowance will be provided in the Government's first Budget.

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 toews.v1@mts.net

## The Winnipeg Humane Society



Jacob, 91283

This dog has so many wonderful qualities it's impossible to list them all. Jacob is a very gentle, quiet and affectionate dog who has been with us since November! He is often overlooked in the kennels due to his quiet & reserved nature - until he knows you! Jacob loves to play, wrestle and be an all around gentle goofball. He'd be perfect with a teenager to throw him a ball and love him to bits. We know Jacob is waiting for the perfect owner to find him - could it be you? As a longterm dog his fee is 50% off, only \$88.06.



Casanova, 116144

Casanova he sure is! This loverboy was a stray kitty from St. Anne's Road where he'd been hanging around since summer. He can be a tad shy to start off but once he's warmed up to you, he truly is a little Casanova. He may do best in a home with other friendly cats to help bring him out of his shell. Casanova is about 3 years old and litter box trained. Adult cats are \$79.00 & includes pet insurance, microchip, neuter & much more!

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The WHS needs your donations of canned cat food to help feed the many cats in our care. Drop off to 5 Kent Street.

If you or your family are interested in any of the listed animals here or others at the shelter, you can call us at 204-982-3551 or Fax 204-982-2047

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# Powerview RCMP Report

RCMP Report for the period of February 13th to February 19th, 2006

**Did You Know:** Children 12 years of age and younger cannot be charged with any offence under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

To receive Registration/Application documents for firearms contact the toll free number at 1-800-731-4000. Postal outlets or District offices do not carry any of these forms.

**February 13**  
**PINE FALLS**-RCMP were called to local hospital to assist with a patient who was not co-

operating with staff or allowing medical treatment. The female youth was calmed down and treatment was administered. No further action was necessary.

**FORT ALEXANDER**- a male was located safe and sound he was after reportedly missing for several days. The man left a residence stating he would return shortly but family members were concerned as to his emotional state at the time.

**ALBERT BEACH**- break,

enter and theft occurred to a cottage sometime during the past 2 months. Point of entry was gained by a door being crow barred open. Culprits stole fishing equipment, a DVD player and 32" TV.

**February 14**  
**PINE FALLS**- a dispute involving a male and female was dealt with informally and referred to application of a peace bond.

**POWERVIEW**- vandalism to a vehicle was caught on camera at a local business. Suspects were identified in the incident as the investigation continues.

**February 15**  
**POWERVIEW**- investigation continues into a breach of a probation order by a male.

Two suspicious vehicles were observed near a residence parked. Police attended the location but could not locate the vehicle matching the description in the area.

**FORT ALEXANDER**- police spoke with parents of 2 youth involved in an altercation where threats were made with a weapon. An ongoing dispute was the cause of the incident.

**PINE FALLS**- investigation continues into a fraud at a local financial institution where an empty deposit was made via the ATM machine.

**February 16**  
**PINE FALLS**- a complaint of mischief was made to police after several incidents of pellet guns being fired in the area at a vacant house occurred. No suspect(s) were identified at this time.

**HOLLOW WATER**- a reciprocal spousal assault caused

police to locate and charge 2 individuals. Both a male and female are to appear in Powerview-Pine Falls court at a later date.

**February 17**  
**BELAIR**- a break, enter and theft occurred to a cottage sometime during the past 6 weeks. Culprits stole a JVC 27" flat screen TV from the cabin. A window and door handle were also broken in the incident.

**POWERVIEW**- police responded to a noise complaint and the sounds of a possible assault in progress. Upon arrival police found a male causing problems at the place, no assault had occurred and he was apprehended to prevent a further breach of peace. The male was released in the morning when sober. No charges were laid in the incident.

**February 18**  
**RM of ALEXANDER**- 2 complaints of threats being uttered were unfounded. Further investigation revealed both parties at the 2 residence's were intoxicated at the time and all other individuals that had been present had left the homes. Police did not receive any more complaints on either incident.

An overdue traveler was located after family members called police. The woman's vehicle had broken down on the road and towed to the nearest garage.

**February 19**  
**POWERVIEW**-police attended a residence when a dispute resulted in an intoxicated female leaving a residence in



a vehicle. The female and vehicle were not located and the situation at the house had stabilized.

**HOLLOW WATER**- an emotionally disturbed female youth was transported to Health Sciences Center in Winnipeg. The female was threatening suicide, assessed at local hospital and escorted by police.

RCMP referred a complaint of a missing female to missing persons unit in Vancouver, BC. A woman known to reside there had not been heard from in over 2 months by family members locally.

**BLACK RIVER**- investigation continues into a report of threats being uttered.

**SUMMARY**- Police also actioned 8 requests for assistance to other detachments/service of legal documents, lodged 3 people under the intoxicated person detention act, issued 2 tickets under the highway traffic/liquor control act, attended 7 false alarms, processed 4 traffic accident reports and 3 criminal record searches.

Remember if you have any information on any criminal matter you can remain anonymous and contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-782-8477 or the Powerview Detachment 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.

**Pre-natal 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 Terri 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 Daell, 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 Mirak 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 367-9920, 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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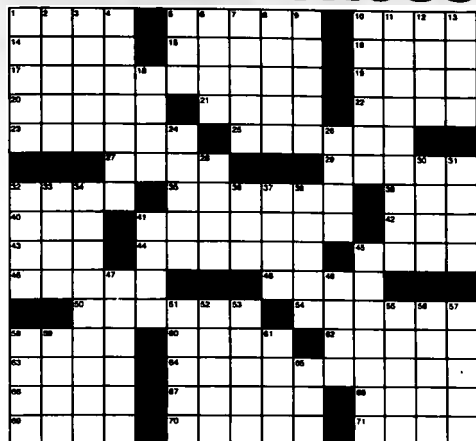
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# WEEKLY CROSSWORD



41. Arranged in a series.  
 42. Seventh letter of the Greek alphabet.  
 43. Hit with a missile from a weapon.  
 44. Trap in a net.  
 45. \_ Smith, a Scottish political economist.  
 46. Section of a book that projects beyond the other sections at the fore edge.  
 48. American rock band formed by Mark Oliver Everett.  
 50. Camp defended by a circular formation of wagons.  
 54. Marked by smartness in dress and manners.  
 58. Group, especially of politically allied countries.  
 60. Slang for "excellent."  
 62. Tortilla chip topped with cheese and chili pepper and broiled.  
 63. Way of appearing.  
 64. Belonging to a regiment.  
 66. Semicircular projection of a building at the east end of a church with a domed or vaulted room.  
 67. Smell, especially a pleasant one.  
 68. Twist or roll into ringlets.  
 69. Pulsation.  
 70. Aka dassie.  
 71. City in Pennsylvania.

33. Leave unmentioned.  
 34. Horse breed with one of several distinct patterns of spots.  
 36. Position in which the golf ball rests on the ground.  
 37. Usually round vessel, deeper than it is wide.  
 38. Colorless liquid with a pleasant, characteristic odor.  
 41. Bristle.  
 45. Sideways glance.  
 47. Illegal enterprise carried on for profit.  
 49. Yuri \_, called the "human beatbox."  
 51. Smallest coin among the Jewish people.  
 52. All the parts.  
 53. Great care and thoroughness.  
 55. Stress in verse.  
 56. Kevin \_, award-winning vocalist.  
 57. \_ Williams, singer  
 58. To tattle.  
 59. Cause a horse to canter rapidly and gracefully.  
 61. Adriana \_, Brazilian model.  
 65. \_ Barry, Australian author.

- Across**  
 1. Diamonds  
 5. Give support.  
 10. Hieronymus Netherlandish Northern Renaissance painter.  
 14. List of those present.  
 15. Greek goddess of seasons.  
 16. Capital of Western Samoa.  
 17. Unwillingness to make a decision.  
 19. Amount paid for a tenant to a landlord for the use of property.  
 20. Combining form meaning "narrow."  
 21. Deserve by one's actions.
- Down**  
 22. Single things.  
 23. Johann Gottfried von \_ German philosopher and writer.  
 25. Subject to legal action.  
 27. Cut and assemble components.  
 29. Dialect of Ancient Greek spoken in Ionia.  
 32. Glide indefinitely without loss of altitude.  
 35. \_ Underground, recorded four studio albums from 1965 to 1970.  
 39. Mock.  
 40. Graff a bird's wing with feathers.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



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

THERE IS NO REMEDY FOR LOVE BUT TO LOVE MORE.



## CRYPTIC PUZZLE

TBWS'C PLSDKSKC NDFBQSCC BC KH  
 MS JHQBWJSR VS DLS THGSR

## Weekly Echo Horoscopes

February 20th to February 26th, 2006



**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20)  
 You will be overly sensitive this week. Don't promise to deliver the goods if you aren't positive that you can meet the deadline. Expect problems with settlements that you are trying to resolve. Mingle with those who can help you get ahead



**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21)  
 You can make new friends by taking part in social events involving colleagues. Relatives will want to get together. Spend some quality time with the one you love. Your talents will shine at work. Love can be heightened if you sit down and discuss your future plans.



**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21)  
 Don't let them blame you. Your ability to be a self starter will help get things done and motivate others. Your self esteem will benefit. Friends will be loyal and caring. You will be ready to jump on anyone who gets in the way of your progress this week.



**CANCER** (June 22-July 22)  
 Be sure to use your charm and diplomacy when dealing with potential new clients. Your lack of attention may have been a factor. Don't put all your cash in one place. You can make money through real estate or by using your head when it comes to personal investments.



**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22)  
 Your main concern will be to spend as little as possible of your own cash in the process. You are best to deal with those outside your family. Your high energy will enable you to enlist the help of those in a position to back you. You must refrain from overspending on entertainment.



**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)  
 You'll be an emotional basket case this week. Don't take any comments too seriously. Don't let friends convince you that you should contribute to something you don't believe in. You will get upset over trivial matters. Your charm and generosity will bring new friends and romantic opportunities.



**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)  
 Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Romance will be on your mind, and chances for ideal connections are in the works. A better diet, exercise, or a change to a relaxed atmosphere could be ways to soothe your nerves. You can make reasonable bids on real estate or large items for your home.



**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Avoid disputes with family; their complaints can't change anything anyway. Try not to push your philosophies on others. Travel will be enjoyable but could be expensive. Your doubt could lead to insecurity.



**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)  
 You need to take a break with the ones you love. You won't be well received by superiors or by your spouse. They will not have the patience to wait for you to complete things that they've asked you to do. You will be quite excitable this week.



**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)  
 Communications with loved ones may be strained. You need a break from your daily routine. This is a wonderful day to look into courses or hobbies that interest you. Losses are likely if you aren't careful where you leave your valuables.



**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)  
 Sudden changes concerning coworkers may surprise you. You need to spend some time getting to know this person all over again. You must follow your desires and dreams. Hold on; your time will come.



**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)  
 You must try to help. You can enjoy social events and meet new potential mates; however, avoid being lavish. Back off if you want to keep the relationship intact. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture.

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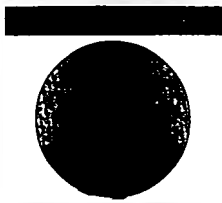
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Applications are being accepted for the position of Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) for the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls. The S.E.O. is responsible for the overall municipal election process and must be able to interpret understand all aspects of legislation pertaining to the municipal election process.

The S.E.O. Shall:

- appoint election officials as required.
- ensure that the voters list is established and maintained.
- give public notice of nominations
- receive and verify nominations.
- establish and equip voting stations.
- give public notice of elections
- print ballots
- oversee all aspects on election day
- perform all other duties as established in The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act.
- be responsible to update and maintain the voters list and to conduct by-elections if required, in the years when a general election is not required.

The successful applicant must

- have computer experience
- have strong communication and interpersonal skills
- be willing to attend election training sessions
- previous election experience would be a definite asset

Remuneration and mileage expense are to be determined. Reimbursement will be provided for meals on election day(s) and training sessions.

Resumes marked "Applications: S.E.O." will be Received on or before 4:00 PM  
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# Agricultural News Article

**Brent Reid, Farm Production Advisor, Dugald, 853-5170**

**breid@gov.mb.ca**  
**Organic Production and Marketing Meeting**

There is rising interest in organic crop and livestock production for many reasons. Organic products can be sold into new markets often at a premium. However, it can be a difficult and costly transition and you need to do your research before you make the step. We are offering you the

opportunity to attend a seminar to answer some of the questions that often get asked. The seminar is being co-sponsored by MAFRI, the South Interlake Management Association and Industry Partners and will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ducks Unlimited Oak Hammock Interpretative Center at Oak Hammock Marsh. The day starts at 9:00 am and will end at 4:00 pm. The registration fee of \$10 allows you to attend the sessions, visit the industry displays and

covers lunch. The topics include:

- Overview of the Organic Food Market,
- Organic Vegetable Production & Marketing

- Organic Livestock Production & Marketing
- Organic Grain Markets
- Inter-cropping in Organic Crop Production
- Organic Forage Seeds, Production & Markets

- Glenlea Long Term Crop Rotation Study
- Nutrient Regulations and Water Quality Workshops
- Manitoba Water Stewardship is holding open houses and

workshops to allow interested people to discuss the issues and options concerning the proposed nutrient regulations for Water Quality Management Zones. The newly proclaimed Water Protection Act will have implications for land use planning, agriculture and the activities of all Manitobans. This is your opportunity to gather information and express your opinions regarding Manitoba Conservation's proposed phosphorus amendment to the Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation.

The local open houses run from 5:00-6:30 with presentations by Manitoba government representatives from 6:30-7:30 and the workshops run from 7:30-10:00. There will be one March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lac du Bonnet Community Center and March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Legion in Steinbach. For more information you can call Water Stewardship at 1-800-282-8069 or go on their website.

These new regulations will have serious implications for the farming community so you are encouraged to attend and share your views.

## ENERGY CORNER prepared by Manitoba Hydro

**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 - alco-

hol 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.

Drive slowly at night and wear reflective decals on your arms, back, and helmet. Never ride alone at night.

Stay off rivers and lakes whenever possible. Use the "If you don't know, don't go" approach. If you must drive over lakes and rivers wear a buoyant snowmobile suit - it will help you reach the closest ice surface if you fall in the water. You can also carry a set of ice picks in order to effectively grip the ice's edge.

For more information on snowmobile safety, check the Safety First section at [www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca) or book a **Facts on Snowsafe Riders** video through an education coordinator from Manitoba Hydro.

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