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Pothole problem in Pine Falls



Gravel roads in Pine Falls will keep traffic slow this spring until construction work is done

By Charles Norman

Last year's storm sewer installation is causing drivers some difficulty during the spring thaw this year. Maple Street is especially bad and drivers going to the hospital are advised to use Oak Street, past the Empower School and the Pine Falls School on the South side of the village green.

The problem has been made worse by the storm sewer contractor using frozen backfill after placing piping along Maple Street and part of Birch Street. As this backfill thaws it is creating a very uneven surface. Repairing the road is part of the storm sewer contractor's responsibility, but the town is not going to wait. They will be working on the problem as soon as weather permits and will charge the contractor for the work.

Powerview/Pine Falls Public Works Supervisor, Larry Stinson, said they will try to level what they can, but cannot begin proper grading until they have had a night or two without frost and they have a few inches of unfrozen surface to work with. He said he expects to be able to begin grading in a week or ten days and will be laying gravel and grading the road more or less continuously until the frost is out of the ground and the subsurface has stabilized. The town will be using calcium chloride for dust control.

More work is planned for



Potholes on Maple Street in Pine Falls are causing drivers some difficulty during this years spring thaw. Drivers are encouraged to use Oak Street when necessary. All drivers are warned to used caution when driving these particular streets.

the storm sewer project this year, but it is expected to be completed before the first frost so that the problems caused by frozen backfill will be avoided.

The new storm sewers are already at work. As the winter's snow is beginning to melt, the storm sewer on Maple Street is already draining the area.

Pine Falls will have gravel roads this year, but Larry Stinson hopes that the ground will have stabilized sufficiently for paving to begin next year.

This has been a bad year in general for potholes. The mild winter and consequent more frequent freeze/thaw cycles have caused problems all over the province. Highway 11 through Sagkeeng is already showing signs of instability. Depressions in the road are a possible indication that undermining of the roadbed is taking place.

Bev. Desjarlais has a new job

by Charles Norman

Bev Desjarlais, until defeated in the recent federal election, the NDP Member of Parliament for Churchill, is now working for the new Veterans Affairs Minister Greg Thompson.

Her job, announced last week, will be in liaising with members of parliament and with veterans on issues of concern to veterans. She will also be keeping tabs on veteran's affairs issues on Parliament Hill.

Bev Desjarlais was first elected in June 97 and served

continuously until the federal election this year. Last year she voted against the same sex marriage bill and was stripped of all of her caucus responsibilities by NDP Leader Jack Layton. Layton said that same-sex marriage was a human rights issue and, as such, conformity with the party position was mandatory.

Later, in the run-up to the January federal election, the NDP Churchill Riding Constituency Association, withheld the party nomination from their sitting MP, Bev Desjarlais, and nominated Niki Ashton to carry the party banner. Desjarlais

decided to run as an independent. She lost, but so did Ashton. Tina Keeper took the riding for the Liberals.

The local reaction to Bev's new job was very supportive. Most described her as kind and supportive. Diane Dubé's comments were typical. "She is a great person who truly believes in the future of this region." She said. "She has the affection of many, and has helped a lot of people in the area." Dubé said Desjarlais has been a good friend to our community in the past and she believes she will continue to be a good friend in the future.



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Freedom of the Press and the Danish Cartoon Problem

It all started in October 2005. The culture editor for the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten challenged artists, intimidated by Muslim extremists, to draw editorial cartoons of the Islamic Prophet Mohammed. Flemming Rose challenged these people to draw the cartoons simply to overcome their fear. Twelve of 40 journalists responded and their drawings were published. The drawings caught the attention of the Muslims and they became angry. They demanded an apology. The journalists

wouldn't apologize because they did it out of a freedom of expression... until the Muslims threatened their lives. By the time they apologized it was too late.

Extremist groups burned Danish flags and threatened to bomb the offices of the Jyllands-Posten. They also put out death threats to the 12 cartoonists. There were 11 deaths at embassies in France and Denmark. There were peaceful protests by Muslims around the world as well. Danish products, such as cheese and Lego

toys, were taken off the shelves of Muslim countries.

Freedom of expression is the right of a person to speak or publish statements without fear of punishment. Freedom of expression is vital to democratic government, but even in the United States this freedom doesn't permit one to make statements that threaten the safety of other people. It is a principal contained in various human rights documents. Its objective is to ensure that people are able to communicate and express opinions, in public, private, either written or spoken, without the interference of authority or others.

I think the cartoons should be silenced because they are making fun of another religion. The Danish journalists who published the offensive cartoons should have been more sensitive to the culture of others. They did it to overcome their fear of the extremists, but

now have to fear them more than ever. The journalists had a good idea of what the extremists were going to do and now they are doing it. The Danish journalists purposely intended to offend the Muslim religion, so I think the cartoons should be silenced. It was an ignorant idea on the cartoonists' behalf.

However, if the cartoons continue to be published it would be out of a belief of freedom of expression, and no one should be punished for the

drawings. Journalists have always had the freedom to write whatever they wanted. If the cartoons are censored, the terrorists will believe that they have controlled the press, and this limits freedom. The world is different now than when the freedom of the press was first drawn up. We have to be sensitive to other religions and cultures. It is all about common courtesy.

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Softwood Lumber Dispute Canada wins again

by Charles Norman

Canada has won again and again in the ongoing dispute with the United States government, but in any war the final battle is the one that counts. That final battle could be very close, or it could be up to two years away, but the result does not seem to be in doubt.

Canada has a free trade agreement with the United States but the US softwood lumber industry has never accepted it. The industry has managed, through the courts and with every available legal subterfuge to subvert the intent of the treaty negotiated many years ago by the Mulroney government. The current dispute came about with the end of a previous agreement in which Ottawa agreed to impose a 15% export tax on softwood lumber to satisfy the Americans.

With the end of this agreement the US government immediately imposed duties averaging 27% on Canadian exports of softwood lumber to the US. It has cost the Canadian sawmill industry \$5.2 billion, and has been a corresponding bonanza

to the US forestry industry. The duty has meant that the American industry gets a much higher price for lumber – paid for by American homebuyers.

The duty has also meant that thousands of Canadian forestry jobs have been lost. Many Canadian sawmills have shut down, and major players in the industry have been pushed close to bankruptcy. Tembec's share of the \$5.2 billion is about \$300 million. The company's shares are currently trading at around a dollar, down from more than fourteen dollars when the Pine Falls mill was sold to Tembec. The low value of Tembec's shares reflects a low profitability, partly due to the high value of the Canadian dollar, but primarily due to the illegal duty imposed by the US on Canadian softwood lumber.

Canada's victories, with the North American Free Trade Agreement and with the World Trade Organization have resulted in the 27% duty being reduced, but it is still more than 10%.

However, the real stumbling block is that 5.2 billion dollars. The US congress has passed a law that states

that this money has to go to the American industry affected by the dispute. It is a great deal of money. Canada wants it back! But the US industry also wants it, and they are not likely to give up if there is any possible way that they can get their hands on it. They have already claimed that the NAFTA ruling is flawed and have insisted that the US Department of Commerce appeal the ruling. The Department of Commerce has until April 27 to file an appeal.

The dispute could continue through the courts for another two years, but it will almost certainly be at the top of the agenda when Stephen Harper meets George Bush in Mexico later this month.

When Stephen Harper asked Liberal MP David Emerson to serve in the Conservative Cabinet he did so, not only because he needed cabinet representation from the City of Vancouver, but also because Emerson is the most knowledgeable Canadian in the convoluted softwood lumber dispute. He will prove his worth if the Harper-Bush meeting produces a resolution to the dispute.

Grand Marais Barn Dance Wellness Centre fundraiser

by Charles Norman

The East Beaches Wellness coalition is holding a Spring Barn Dance in the Grand Marais Recreation Centre Saturday April 1 to raise money for the proposed East Beaches Wellness and Recreation Complex.

The Barn Dance will feature a benefit performance by Award winning aboriginal country and western singer Billy Simard from Selkirk. Tick-

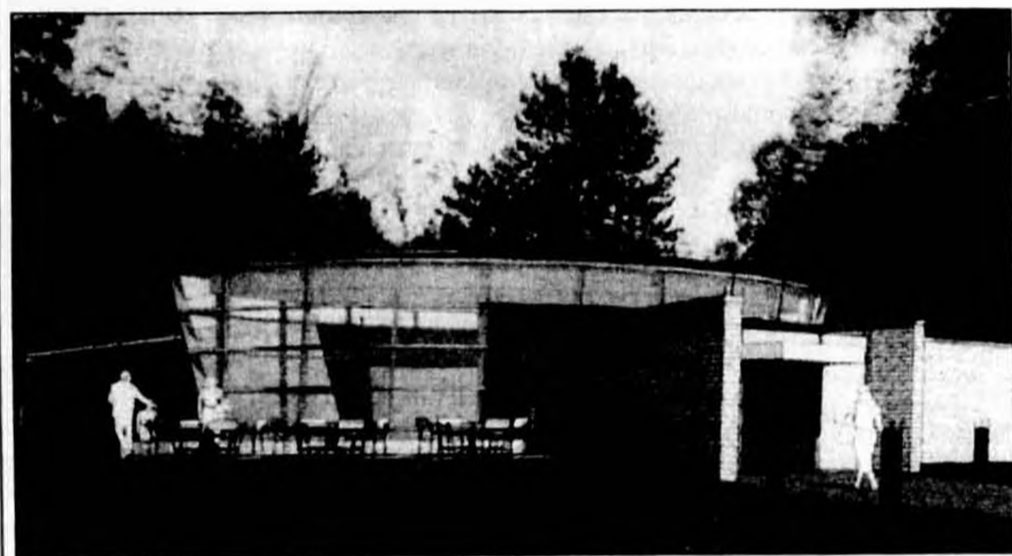
ets are available at the Traverse Bay store and other local businesses.

The Barn Dance is one of many planned fundraising event for the proposed complex. Preliminary plans are for an indoor pool, court sports, a gymnasium, exercise machines and office space for health professionals. The complex will be located at the intersection of Highway 59 and Highway 11, Opposite

the Traverse Bay Corner store, on land made available by the RM of Alexander.

More information and details of the scope and projected costs of the project will be available at a public meeting to be held at the Walter Whyte School on Saturday May 27 at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be open to the public and everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Ken Young at 756-3242



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LDB sweeps the mixed

Forty teams take in the last big spiel of the year

by Jim Hampshire

Talk about your mixed emotions. That's the feeling around the Lac du Bonnet Curling Club when forty teams of both gender arrive at your door step for one last big kick at the old jam can in the last big bonspiel of the season.

"It was just a phenomenal weekend," club president Vickie Short said on Sunday after another wildly successful bonspiel event. "This tops off one of the busiest bonspiel seasons this club has seen and we're in very good shape heading into next year's events."

It's no secret that other curling clubs in the district are seeing a decline in league play and struggling to attract bonspiel teams. The Pinawa curling club, for instance, would regularly host 36 teams for their annual ladies event. As it turned out two weeks ago, less than ten teams showed up for that annual bonspiel.

Meanwhile at the Lac du Bonnet rink, the Men's, Ladies and mixed events not only did well, the club booked up most idle weekends to host extra events.

"Besides our annual bonspiels we hosted three different Zone playdowns and we lions and the provincial firefighters bonspiel this season," Short noted. "Everytime we host a new group, the players always walk away impressed."

Longtime club member and local motel owner Frank Loreth has curled in bonspiels

both inside and outside the city of Winnipeg and he says the success in Lac du Bonnet is no mystery.

"It starts with a good group of volunteers and when curlers see our rink for the first time and the sponsors who support us, it's really no secret why this is probably the most active curling club outside of Winnipeg," Loreth summed up.

As it turned out on Sunday Frank Loreth knows a little about curling as his team skipped by son Trevor came off the ice as the A-Side winner in the Mixed Event. The Loreth foursome went through the weekend undefeated to make the A-Side final against Lac du Bonnet resident Brian Cinq-Mars and after a see-saw battle, the father and son entry won a squeaker to claim top spot.

"Whenever you come up against Trevor Loreth, you're in for a very good game," runner-up Brian Cinq-Mars offered. "At best we might have tied it to go into extra ends but I burnt a rock in the last end which probably ended our chances."

In the B-Side final it was the Cliff and Gwen Veilleux foursome with Terry Usackis and the occasion against the Gerry Holm rink, which was difficult task considering the Veilleux rink curled three games on Sunday to win the Second Event.

"I was tired and I don't even sweep," Cliff Veilleux laughed

while explaining the upside to being a skip.

Over in the Third Event it took an extra end but the Peter and Kim Shura rink placed six stones in the rings and made a couple of delicate angle freezes out from to score three in the ninth and handcuft the Snowdon entry in another see-saw battle.

The Lac du Bonnet Curling Club will be a hub of activity again this week when the annual Municipal Bonspiel pays a surprise visit to the club on Thursday of this week. The bonspiel was originally scheduled to take place in Beausejour but was hastily moved to Lac du Bonnet for reasons unknown.

Following that event the club will host the annual RCMP Charity Bonspiel this coming Saturday before the club hosts their annual Walk-on Wind-up on the March 27. And although the annual RCMP charity event is full to capacity, the local detachment invites the public to come in and enjoy the day and take part in the silent auction. The club also extends an invitation to all casual curlers to drop in on the March 27 and curl for three bucks at this season ending mixer.

Club president Vickie Short to all volunteers who made the season such a success and of course her congratulations to the winning team of Trevor and Frank Loreth, Suzanne Ledet and Charmaine Froese as they topped the field in the 2006 Mixed Event.

Blues win some - lose some

Lac du Bonnet in bonafide nail-biting final

by Jim Hampshire

If the regular SIHL season has lacked any suspense for Blues' fans - a season where the hockey club often won games by a margin of two converted touchdowns - the playoffs are entirely a different matter.

While decisively winning the final and deciding game-five of their league semi final series against Gimli a week ago (by two field goals), the Blues did provide some suspense when they lost both road games played in Gimli. If you happen to like suspense, the same scenario seems to be developing against the Peguis Hawks in the championship finals.

In the opening game of the finals, held at the Lac du Bonnet Arena this past Friday, the Blues played a cool defensive game and came out on the top side of a 4-0 shutout against the visiting Peguis team. Meanwhile, home-ice advantage came into play again when Lac du Bonnet travelled to Peguis on Saturday as the Blues lost 7-4, which leaves the series tied at one game apiece as the again this weekend at the Lac du Bonnet Arena.

"We knew Peguis would be coming in with a full team and a mean attitude," Blues bench boss Jeff Seifried noted after the grueling weekend games.

"The Hawks came away with a good season and sat in second place all year so it's no fluke that they'll be tough to beat."

The Blues came out well rested on Friday at home in game one of the final series against Peguis and it showed. In fact it looked as though they continued to rest over the first two periods of their home-opener. For a team that scores goals in clumps, the Blues could only muster one marker in the first period and another single in the second against a pumped up Peguis team. Reggie Goodfellow picked up the lone goal in the first period while Dwight Hirst added the second goal in the second frame. The suspense in the third was a big factor with Peguis getting several chances in front of Shane Hintz but Jarnie Hickey brought some reprieve when he scored to make the score 3-0 and Dwight Hirst came back for his second of the night to put the game out of reach and seal the 4-0 shutout.

Saturday was a new game and a different story, however, early 1-0 lead. Cue the suspense! Lac du Bonnet came back in the second period to tie the score with a Dwight Hirst effort but that was as close as Lac du Bonnet would get as

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Spring Fling coming to Lac du Bonnet

Trade show and spring extravaganza set to go at the community centre

by Jim Hampshire

It can be said that the Lac du Bonnet Community Centre has easily been the curling capital in these parts of the country this season, but now the centre is set to melt the ice and make way for spring as they host back-to-back extravaganzas in April.

Beginning April 1, the centre will be the site of the first annual Spring Expo, which will see a weekend trade show set up shop in the facility over the entire weekend. The centre's facilitator, Michelle Demoreth-Voth, reports that while the idea to host such an event might have been a bit chancy at first, the response from the business and manufacturing sector has been jaw-dropping.

"We've been working on this for quite a while and we weren't sure what to expect early on," Demoreth-Voth noted from her office this week. "But we've had a tremendous response from several vendors, all lining up to bring in exhibits."

Among some of the displays, Demoreth-Voth says they are expecting big things from the boating industry,

from ATV and Motorcycle industry, and huge response from the field of camping and fishing.

"Basically vendors will be there to display the latest in spring and summer recreation," she explained. "There will be vendors representing fishing and hunting lodges and plenty of exhibits of the newest ATV's and boating and camping equipment so it should be a full house."

Following the two-day Expo, the centre gears up for their second annual Spring Fling on April 7th to the 9th, which incorporates local businesses and recreational activities. During the week leading up to April 7, local businesses will be offering a walk-up poker derby, where you can pick up a eligibility passport at any participating Lac du Bonnet business. Then on Sunday April 9, after the busy weekend winds down, passport holder are invited to the community centre for a number of prize draws, which include a digital camera give-away.

In the meantime the weekend unfolds with a Friday Ethnic Food

Venue at the community centre, beginning at 5:00pm. Along with the many dinner choices, patrons can relax in the main hall and enjoy a long list of local entertainers as they parade across the stage through the midnight hour.

Saturday begins with a pancake breakfast at the Pioneer Club followed by a Floor-Curling tournament in the afternoon. Other venues will also be open to the public throughout the Saturday salute to Spring, including Mrs. Lucci's where they will be offering a kid's day, complete with a magic show, juggling and face-painting. Over at the local Youth Centre, the group invites the public to the official grand opening of their spanking new skateboard park, while next door at the Legion, Branch 164 offers a cribbage tournament, blind darts and their weekly meat draw.

Events continue through Sunday with a dodge-ball tournament at the Lac du Bonnet Centennial School and the community centre will be open all day for a list of activities.

Just to let the public know the rumours of inactivity at the centre are

without foundation, they report that the Loggers and Truckers will be making yet another stop on April 22 to hold their annual banquet and display exhibition.

Also bowlers are reminded that their annual banquet takes place on Friday April 28 and the provincially successful Walk for Multiple Sclerosis

(MS Walk) will be headquartered at the centre on April 30.

In the more foreseeable future, the community centre board reports that the annual general meeting will take place next week on March 28 at 7:00pm and public interest is encouraged as the board will present amendments to their current con-

stitution, whereby the attending public will be asked to vote on any potential changes. Also, as per usual, the public will get the opportunity to vote on new board members, if anyone wishes to step forward that is.

For more information on any of these events and meetings, please contact Michelle at 345-6737 during regular business hours.

Blues win some - lose some

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the Hawks' sniper Mike Spence put on a one-man show and scored four straight goals, giving Peguis a comfortable 6-1 lead at the end of the second period.

With a never-say-die attitude the Blues did bounce back 6-4 to make it interesting on goals by Jamie Hickey and two more by Reggie Goodfellow, but Mike Spence also returned to add an empty net goal in the last minute to close the score at a 7-4 final.

The Blues are back on

home ice on Saturday this weekend to host the Hawks, and if there is an intangible element to this playoff run, it would be that the Blues are undefeated on home ice over the entire SHL season.

"There's no doubt the guys like to play in front of a home crowd and they really seem to get pumped up when the place is packed to the rafters," Seifried observed. "This time Peguis comes in by bus and that might help us a little on Saturday, but the guys have to get out there and make it happen or it

could be all over for us this weekend."

A win on home ice is imperative for the Blues as they travel back to the Peguis Arena on Sunday, where they have already suffered one loss in this series.

If the Blues can't wrap it up over the next two games this weekend, they at least have to win one game this weekend, in which case the teams will be back at the Lac du Bonnet Arena next week on Tuesday (Mar 28) to play the final game of the championship series.

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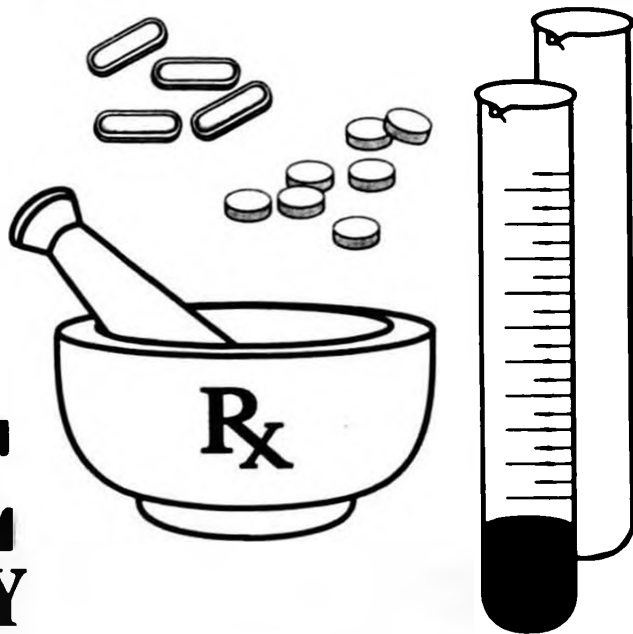
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Powerview RCMP Report

Report from March 14th to March 20th, 2006



DID YOU KNOW? - Powerview Detachment relies on the Forensic Identification Units and Specialized Services of the RCMP in Winnipeg Head Quarters. Locally only 1 member is trained for obtaining fingerprints off of crime scenes with assistance from Victoria Beach Police.

- Canine Units (police dog service) are situated at several Major Detachment area's and respond across the Province. If a canine unit is unavailable within the RCMP then the Winnipeg Police Services Canine Units are contacted and will assist us if necessary.

March 13:

HOLLOW WATER - a complaint of harassment of a sexual nature is still under investigation.

- an incident of threats being uttered is also under investigation by police.

March 14:

BISSETT - a report of theft of rock from a local quarry was made to police.

POWERVERVIEW - a stolen dodge minivan was recovered in the area. The incident occurred in the early morning hours and the vehicle dumped in a ditch.

March 15:

FORT ALEXANDER - an assault and abuse of a youth was reported to police. Investigation continues.

- 1 male is charged after a small quantity of marijuana for trafficking was seized from a vehicle.

- a male youth was threatened by several other youths and assaulted with a weapon.

Investigation continues into the incident.

March 16:

RM OF ALEXANDER

- police attended a local business in the early morning hours after a complaint of a suspicious vehicle sitting on the premises. Further information found the vehicle was legitimately parked but a switch had frozen leaving the brake lights on.

TRAVERSE BAY - sometime during the winter months a cottage was vandalized and 3 windows smashed with rocks. Access was not gained inside the building and no further damage was found.

FORT ALEXANDER

police responded to complaints of several suspicious youth outside the local band office after hours. A patrol of the area found no persons at the location or in the near vicinity. No further call backs were received.

- a female youth was assaulted and sustained an injury to her ear. The youth was taken to local hospital for treatment. Investigation continues on the incident.

- a complaint of a breached court order caused police to attempt to locate a male. Police were unable to do so at this time but will continue to try and locate him.

March 17:

O'HANLEY - a complaint of a possible impaired driver caused police to patrol 304 highway. The vehicle matching the description was not located at this time.

FORT ALEXANDER

- a patrol of the south shore was made by police after a com-

plaint of an erratic driver. Police did not locate the vehicle or driver after a complete search of the area.

HOLLOW WATER - investigation continues into a complaint of threats being uttered stemming from an ongoing dispute between several individuals.

PINE FALLS - investigation continues into a report of fraud.

O'HANLEY - patrols were made by police after complaint of intoxicated persons leaving the area in a vehicle. No vehicle was located on the highway however further information from the local band constable at Black River advised the car was parked in a driveway of a residence. No further action was necessary and no further complaints were received.

March 18:

POWERVERVIEW - police attended a local business to a complaint of a disturbance. All subjects were gone upon police arrival no further action was necessary.

RM OF ALEXANDER

- a complaint of abandoned children was made to police. Further investigation found a babysitter had left the home and not returned. The parents were located and Child and Family Services advised.

FORT ALEXANDER - a male was removed from a residence and transported to a relatives to prevent a further breach of peace.

- an intoxicated male was arrested by police in breach of court conditions. The male was extremely agitated causing problems for family mem-

bers at a residence at the time. The man was lodged in cells until sober and charged accordingly.

- a complaint of an assault involving 3 persons is still under investigation. The incident revolved around a damaged vehicle.

POWERVERVIEW - a male was charged for mischief after causing problems at a residence and being extremely intoxicated. The man was released in the morning when sober and issued a promise to appear in court at a later date.

March 19:

POWERVERVIEW - police attended a location where 1 male had been assaulted with a knife and a second male threatened. One male sustained injuries to his hand in the incident. A third male suspect was identified as the investigation continues.

- a residence was attended by police where a male broke into a house and continued to threaten a female residing there. No one was injured. A

male suspect was later apprehended by police, remanded in custody and transported to Provincial Remand Center.

Investigation continues.

- an attempted theft of 2 vehicles was made in the early morning hours. The Steering column was damaged on both units.

SUMMARY: - Police also actioned 7 requests for assistance to other detachments/service of legal documents, lodged 1 person under the intoxicated person detention act, attended 2 false alarms and processed 3 traffic accident reports.

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.

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Sagkeeng Junior High School News

The Sagkeeng Jr. High School held our 2nd Annual Science Fair on Thursday, March 2/06. There were a total of 61 projects submitted from the grades 4-8 students, and everyone did an excellent job! Thanks to the three judges that came out to help judge the many wonderful projects. Thanks to Debbie Henderson (Science teacher from the local High School), Carol Fontaine and Pam Schacht (Nurses from the Fort Alexander Health Centre). The judges picked the top twelve projects from among the sixty-one.

Congratulations to the top twelve project winners: 1st Brandon Courchene and Beau Bruyere (Drugs), 2nd Curtis Daniels and Christopher Fontaine (Tornadoes), 3rd Odessa and Farrah Bruyere (Global Warming), 4th Brenton and Alyssa Daniels (What's in the Water?), 5th Cody Guimond (Anorexia), 6th Tyndall Fontaine and Jade Alexander (Smokeless Tobacco), 7th Kaitlyn Sinclair and Ramen Boubard (Matter), 8th Nicole Guimond and Kristianna

Montour (Water Pollution), 9th Sandy Bruyere (Smoking), 10th Julian and Calie Chippeway (Saunas and Traditional Sweat Lodges), 11th Natasha Cook (Sound), and 12th Morgan Bruyere and Charlee Harry (Smoking and Your Teeth).

These twelve projects were entered into the regional First Nations Science Fair held by the Manitoba First Nations Education Resource Center (MFNERC) in Winnipeg on March 8th and 9th. The science fair is open to students in Grades 4-S4 in First Nation schools from across Manitoba. Each school is allowed to enter 12 projects per school. This is the second year that we have participated in this regional fair. This was the 4th Annual MFNERC Science Fair. When they began four years ago, there were only 8 First Nation schools from across Manitoba that participated with 40 projects and 80 students attending. This year there were a total of 21 First Nation schools with 180 projects and 270 students attending. There



are many scientists in our First Nation schools!

Everyone had a great time at the science fair. On March 8th the students set up their science project displays. That afternoon they all worked together and designed a beautiful

school banner. On March 9th the day began with a Grand Entry, at which time two representatives from each school displayed their school banners. In the morning there were many judges that went around judging the projects. After lunch the students took down their projects and there was an award ceremony. Each project received either a bronze, silver, or gold medal. They began by giving out the Bronze medal winners in the different science categories, followed by the Silver medal winners, and then the Gold medal winners. Congratulations to our Bronze Medal winners: Sandy

Bruyere, Cody Guimond, Natasha Cook, Nicole Guimond, Kristianna Montour, Brenton Daniels, Alyssa Daniels, Kaitlyn Sinclair, Raven Boubard, Brandon Courchene, and Beau Bruyere. Congratulations to our Silver Medal winners: Tyndall Fontaine, Jade Alexander, Morgan Bruyere, and Charlee Harry. Congratulations to our Gold Medal winners: Julian Chippeway, Calie Chippeway, Odessa Bruyere, Farrah Bruyere, Curtis Daniels, and Christopher Fontaine. Everyone did very well on their science projects! We're all very proud of each one of you!!



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"What is Canada Reads? Canada Reads is a CBC program about books that's designed to appeal to avid and occasional readers alike. Five celebrity panellists each champion a work of Canadian fiction they'd love us all to read and, in a game of "literary survivor," they whittle down that list of five books to one, the book "Canada Reads."

Catch the next edition of the Canada Reads battle of the books from April 17th to 21st, 2006 on CBC Radio One at 11:30 am and 7:30 pm. Readings from the books air that week on *Between the Covers* at 10:40 pm." Check out the website for more information.

If you are interested in reading the books and following the debates, visit the library for

more information! The books that are available here are:

Three Day Road by Joseph Boyden

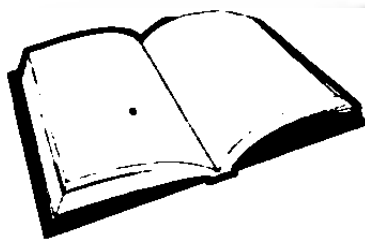
A Complicated Kindness by Miriam Toews

Deafening by Frances Itani
Cocksure by Mordecai Richler

Rooms for Rent in the Outer Planets: Selected Poems 1962-1996 by Al Purdy is available through inter-library loan.

Pick up a bookmark, read the books, and participate in our mini-vote by entering your choice in our ballot-box! Let's find out what the local popular opinion is!

We encourage patrons to let us know which books and authors they really enjoy. Have you read a book recently that



you would like others to read? Share your enthusiasm - post your favourite book on our Lac du Bonnet Reads bulletin board!

A new magazine comes to us from the editors of *Martha Stewart Living* - look for *KIDS: Fun Stuff To Do Together*. The Spring edition is a special birthday issue complete with crafts, games, jokes and riddles, answers to queries about life with kids, cooking with kids, and silly theme party ideas.

Winnipeg River Recreation

Recreation Scene

By: Michelle Chudd

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Manitoba Power Smart Winter games 2006

The games were held this week in Beausejour and we would like to send out congratulations to all the athletes from Lac du Bonnet and Pinawa who participated. We also congratulate those who brought home medals. Thanks for a job well done to the Whiteshell Cross Country Ski Club and to the mission staff volunteers Marc Gosselin, Penny Osis, Bruce Goodwin, Bryn Goodwin and Edith and Keith Olson.

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! This event is an "Open House" of special events at ALL PARTICIPATING FACILITIES include the Pioneer Club, Legion, Mrs. Lucci's, LdB Community Cen-

tre, Skateboard Park, Centennial School and the participating businesses in the Chamber of Commerce walking poker derby.

Venturesome Vegetarian Cooking - Cancelled

Due to instructor conflict, the course scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 from 6-9pm in LdB at Mrs. Lucci's Café has been cancelled. We will try and reschedule with the instructor. Stay tuned for updates!

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

Food labelling lowdown

Do you find food labels confusing?

Do you understand the new food labels?

Are you interested about learning more about healthy eating?

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Wednesday March 29, 2006
6:30pm-9:30pm

Lac du Bonnet Health Center classroom

For further information contact Karen at 345 1220

Agassiz Garden Club

The Agassiz Garden Club is holding a Spring Garden Seminar on Sunday April 2, 2006 9:00am-4:00pm at the Pioneer club in Lac du Bonnet. Tickets are \$20 lunch provided. Topics include Care of Fruit trees, growing and caring for roses, landscaping and making baskets and willow structures. Tickets are available at the craft basket or call Carol at 345 8419 or Marjorie at 345 8520.

Faith Perspective



by Pastor Jake Doell

Give it All You Got!

Who are the people who succeed? Is it the ones with the most talent? No it is the ones who live with a fire burning in their heart. John Wesley the founder of Methodism was such a man. He averaged three sermons a day for 54 years preaching more than 44,000 times in his lifetime. He traveled more than 200,000 miles by horseback and carriage.

His published writings include a four volume commentary on the whole Bible, a dictionary of the English language, a five volume work on philosophy, a four volume work on church history, three works on medicine, six volumes of church music, seven volumes of sermons. He also edited a library of 50 volumes known as the "Christian library." This is just a partial list of his writings. He would get up at 4 o'clock every morning and work with great enthusiasm till 10 o'clock at night. He once said that; "I have more hours of private retirement than any man in England."

At the age of 83 he was upset that he could not write more than 15 hours a day without it hurting his eyes. At age 86 he was ashamed to admit that he did not have the energy to preach more than twice a day although he still rode horseback up to thirty miles a day.

What was the key to Wesley's success as a "purpose driven" preacher? It could be said of him that he lived life with engaging his "whole heart." He gave it all he had and was able to accomplish what others only dreamed of. There is a verse in the Bible that describes Wesley's life. "And in every work he began in the service of the house of God, in the law and in the commandment, to seek his God, so he did it with his whole heart. So he prospered. (2 Chronicles 31:21)"

My friend what dream or vision has God given you to bring about? If it's worth doing, it's worth "giving it all you got." Live life with fully engaging the powers of your mind, body and emotions and you will accomplish more than those who live life half heartedly. The world will be a better place as you use your God given talents to serve God and others. I have never heard a death bed confession of a person who was sorry for living life whole heartedly. We only live this life once so give it your best shot.

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Services to Seniors

Spring Fling

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Saturday, April 29th

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ask the Neighbourhood Mechanic



by Dave Redinger

I purchased my first new car in 33 yrs. Now that the kids have moved out it seems I have a little extra at the end of the week. Turns out, my new car wasn't that new. I had been in stock for almost a year. Sitting around caused a few complications, the brakes had rusted, the wipers had dried out and some of the bulbs had failed. Moral of the story, Try and find out how new your new car actually is, was there any damage that was repaired during shipping. By the way all my problems were easily resolved. Now..... even my wife is happy.

I have a 1990 Oldsmobile Eighty Eight Royal that starts great in the warmer months but during the winter months doesn't. If I don't plug in the block heater the vehicle seems to flood. Basically what I do to

start the engine is hold the ignition on until the engine starts. This sometimes takes up to a minute. Any suggestions?

When the temperature dips a car's battery reserves are low. Sometimes less than 50% of it's available power. Under these conditions the ignition system must be in perfect condition. These vehicles had a reputation for weak ignition coils. Have the ignition system tested by a qualified tech. Never crank an engine for more than 10 seconds at a time. The starter may over heat and fail.

He's my question: about a thousand years ago, before fuel injection, computerized this, that and the other thing, even before the automatic transmission, the golden rule for the best rate of speed for the best fuel consumption was to drive at a steady fifty-five miles per hour. Is it still the same, or does it now depend on things like super chargers, air conditioning,

or whatever?

Frank
Speed Costs! The faster you go the more it costs. I would suggest cruising just under 110 for max performance. (also less chance of getting pulled over). Cheaper to use A/C on the hwy with the windows closed then A/C off and the windows open. The extra drag caused by the lowered widows makes the vehicle less efficient and wastes fuel. Drive like there is an egg between your foot and the accelerator. Easy on and easy off. Keep a steady pace on the HWY. and avoid jack rabbit starts. Follow these basic rules and not only will you save gas you will reduce wear on your car.

Dave Redinger a mechanic with over 40 yrs of experience operates his shop "DOCTOR H HONDA SPECIALISTS in Toronto for the last 25 yrs. Dave can be heard on AM740 every Saturday @ 9am on the Neighbourhood Mechanic.



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Lifeguards

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Soccer

Anyone interested in taking the level 1 coaching clinic or the refing clinic for the upcoming soccer season should contact the Rec. Office as soon as possible. If we have enough people interested, we can offer the course here in Pine Falls.

Babysitting Course

The babysitting course will be held on Saturday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 29th at Wings of Power. 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 exercise 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 23rd 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 18th. 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!!

Report from Legislature On Parliament Hill



Report from Legislature by MLA, Gerald Hawranik

Interest rates

It is expected that interest rates will climb another 1/2 percent before the end of the year. To many Manitobans, this is an almost unnoticeable change. Some Manitobans will pay more interest on their debt, and some Manitobans, who have the good fortune of having savings, will receive slightly more interest on their investments. Either way, the 1/2 percent increase in interest rates will not change their lifestyles.

For the Provincial Government, however, a 1/2 percent increase in interest rates makes a profound difference. According to the 2006 Manitoba

Budget the Total Debt of the Province is projected to climb to \$20.362 Billion. There will be a \$618 Million increase to the debt this year alone. How much is \$20.362 Billion? If you stacked \$100 Bills on top of each other, the stack would be 300kms. (180 miles) high! That's the amount of money that the Province pays interest on. The interest paid on the massive debt is \$1.281 Billion a year. This interest amounts to an incredible \$3 1/2 Million a day!

We pay \$3 1/2 Million a day on the Province's debt. What could this interest pay for? For less than 3 days interest we could rebuild P.R. #304. For less than 3 months interest, every Provincial Road and Provincial Trunk Highway in Lac du Bonnet Constituency could be rebuilt!

What is the effect of a 1/2

percent increase in interest rates to the Province? Because of the massive provincial debt, it means that Manitobans will be paying an extra \$100 Million every year in interest! Clearly the Province should be concerned about this increase in interest rates. Instead of adding to the Total Debt, in these days of surpluses, we should be paying down our Debt! Instead of paying down our Debt, the NDP is adding \$618 Million to the debt, this year alone!

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

Supporting Democracy In Afghanistan

It was a difficult week for Canadians as they watched news reports of two Canadian soldiers killed and several others injured in the line of duty in Afghanistan. And it has reminded us that Afghanistan remains a dangerous place, with hazards ranging from treacherous driving conditions to roadside bombs and suicide attacks from insurgents.

We knew that there would be a price to pay for the noble goal of bringing peace and stability to a region of the world that for decades has known little other than violence and upheaval. It is difficult work, and its benefits are not always immediately visible on the ground. But the Canadian mission in Afghanistan remains as worthwhile now as it was when we took it up. For good reason, all political parties in the House of Commons initially supported the mission and our troops.

But recently, it has appeared that some parties have wavered in their support for what Canadians are doing in Afghanistan. Particularly distressing to me has been the rather ambiguous support from the Liberal Party who, while in government, committed Canada to the mission in the first place. In what appears to be an about-face, they have now demanded a parliamentary vote on the deployment to Afghanistan, all the while trying to reassure the public that they still support it. Yet, when the Liberal government initially committed Canadian troops to the original mission in 2002, they held no such parliamentary vote.

Surely the Liberals, when in government, were made fully aware of the dangers our men and women in uniform would face when they got to Afghanistan. Surely they were briefed on the nature of the mission to which they were committing troops, and on the potential for casualties as the mission progressed. As Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay has said, "This is the type of mission that is demanded in this day and age. Terrorism, which has its roots in Afghanistan, is something that we have committed to fight with our allies."

It was therefore reassuring to see Prime Minister Stephen Harper drive home the point last week. "You do not send men and women into harm's way on a dangerous mission," he said, "and then decide, once they're over there, that you're not sure you should have sent them."

It is tragic any time a Canadian soldier is wounded or killed in the line of duty. But casualties like this should steel our resolve to support them in their work to bring peace and democracy to Afghanistan. I am thankful for the work of our troops serving in Afghanistan, and I urge my colleagues in other parties to continue to support this noble effort.

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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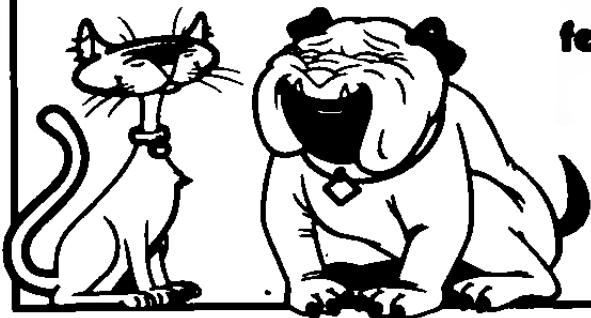
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Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Report period from March 13th to March 20th



On the 13th of March, a report was rec'd of damage to a vehicle's windshield while parked at the Lac du Bonnet Arena on Sunday evening.

On the 13th of March, a report was rec'd of the theft of an extension cord and gasoline from a vehicle at a location on McIntosh in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.

On the 13th of March, a set of keys were turned in as Found Property, after having been found along P.R. #317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Contained a number of keys

with a black key-holder.

On the 14th of March, a report was rec'd of an adult male threatening another adult male at the Personal Care Home in Whitemouth.

On the 14th of March, a report was rec'd of an abandoned vehicle at the Hydro Generating Station at McArthur Falls. Police attended and found that this vehicle was stolen from Wpg. Same was towed to Wpg.

On the 14th of March, a report was rec'd that a vehicle had been damaged at an un-

known location in Lac du Bonnet between the 22nd of Feb., and the 1st of Mar. Wheel-well was pushed in.

On the 15th of March, a report was rec'd of an attempted entry to a storage shed at a location along P.R. #502 in the Town of Lac du Bonnet. Took place during daylight hours.

On the 16th of March, a report was rec'd of an argument at a location in Ste. Rita in the R.M. of Reynolds and that an adult female was moving her effects out. No police attendance was made as no offence had taken place and no breach of the peace appeared to be taking place.

On the 16th of March, Lac du Bonnet police in conjunction with Wpg. RCMP Drug Section executed a Search Warrant at a residence along P.R. #214 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. No-one was at the residence at the time, however, in excess of 500 marijuana plants and a large quantity of growing equipment were seized. Two adult males were subsequently arrested in Wpg.

On the 16th of March, a re-

port was rec'd of the theft of an Internet router and a camera from the Lac du Bonnet Youth Centre. Took place a week ago.

On the 16th of March, a report was rec'd that a full vacuum-cleaner bag which was sitting at the rear of a store along McArthur in the Town of Lac du Bonnet had been set on fire overnight. No damage to any property.

On the 17th of March, a report was rec'd that snowmobiles had been operated illegally the previous evening at various locations in the Lee River Falls - Leeshurland area of the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. No plate numbers obtained at the time. Police attended to the location of those believed to be responsible and issued a warning to the owner of the snowmobiles in question.

On the 18th of March, a report was rec'd of snowmobiles being operated illegally on private property along the Lee River Road in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Two plate numbers were obtained and the

registered owners will be charged accordingly under the Off-Road Vehicles Act.

On the 18th of March, a report was rec'd that a cottage sub-division advertising sign had been set on fire at a location along P.R. #313 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet east of the Lee River. Appeared to have been done some time ago.

On the 18th of March, a report was rec'd of an Intrusion Alarm at a business in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Found to be a False Alarm.

On the 19th of March, a report was rec'd of a white van driving erratically on P.R. #317 in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Police stopped the vehicle in question and charged the adult male driver with imprudent driving and with driving without a valid driver's licence.

On the 19th of March, a report was rec'd that harassing telephone calls were rec'd at a location in the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. Caller known to the complainant.

Lac du Bonnet Community Billboard

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

Prenatal classes: held regularly at Lac du Bonnet. Please register with Gail 268-7465 or call your local public health nurse.

Lac du Bonnet Lions Club meets the first and third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m., LdB Community Centre.

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library open Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.; Wed. and Fri. noon to 4:30 p.m.; Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., ph. 345-2653.

Great Falls Women's Institute meets first Wednesday each month 7:00 p.m. Great Falls Hall. Pat 367-2586, Leone 367-8569.

Ladies' Auxiliary Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 meets first Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall

LdB Committee on Family Violence and Abuse meets second Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Contact person 345-2664.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 general meetings third Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall.

St. John's ACW meets first Monday of every month 1:30 p.m., parish hall.

Lakeshore Al-Anon Group Thursday 7:30 p.m. Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre, 89 McIntosh. Call Teri 345-8712.

Lakeshore Al-a-Teen Group For further information, Phone Kathie 367-8237 (evenings), Vickie 345-6520 (days).

Town of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second and fourth Thursday of the month.

Lakeshore A.A. meetings every Sunday and Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at St. John's Anglican Church, 86 McArthur, Lac du Bonnet. Last Sunday of the month open to the public. Call Ted 345-2839, Ron 753-8403.
Ladies A.A. Meetings Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermot, Pinawa. Doreen 753-8357.
Battered Women's Crisis Line 1-800-362-3344.

Lac du Bonnet Health Centre Auxiliary meets fourth Thursday of the month, Health Centre 1:30 p.m.

Lac du Bonnet Wildlife Association temporarily meets at the call of the chair. Call Peter 345-6190 for information.

New to town? Drop in to the Craft Basket on Second Street and pick up your Welcome to Lac du Bonnet gift, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce.

Two Rivers Seniors Resource Council Inc. Call Pat at the Lac du Bonnet office, Health Centre at 345-1227. Services: driver escort, lifeline personal response system, friendly visitors, fee-for-service handy helpers.

Pioneer Club Meets first Monday of month 9:30 a.m., Pioneer Club.

RM of Lac du Bonnet Council Meetings second Tuesday of each month 10:00 a.m. and fourth Tuesday of every month 6:00 p.m.

Alzheimer Society Harald Huege, Whitemouth 348-3505; Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadashville

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

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

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

ABUNDANT LIFE CHAPEL

Pastor Jake 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, 345-2900
Lac du Bonnet: 5:00 p.m. - Saturday mass; 11:00 a.m. Sunday mass
Pinawa (senior school): 9:15 a.m. - Sunday mass

ST. JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Sandra Tankard 367-9520, church 345-2357
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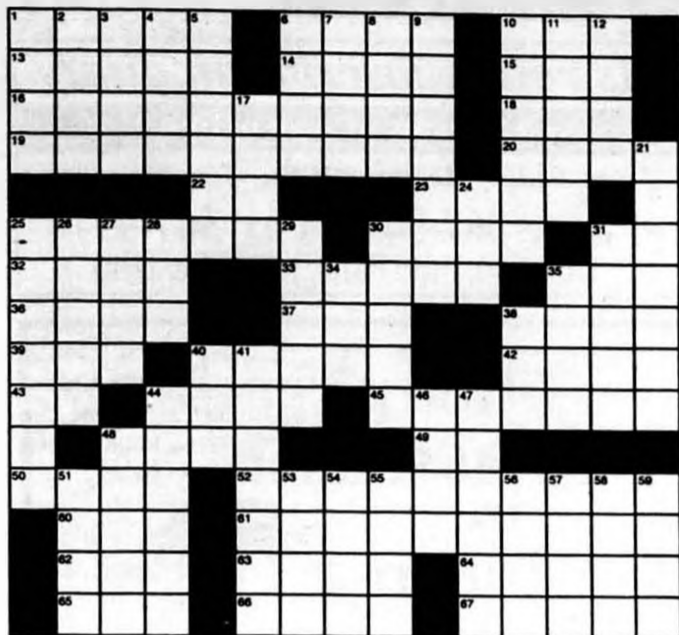
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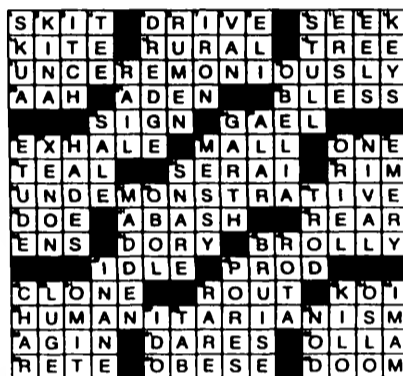
WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- Across**
- Pretentious.
 - Edible taro root.
 - Mock.
 - Smooth, tightly twisted cotton thread.
 - Cut grain with a hook.
 - Period of time characterized by particular events.
 - Not subject to partition.
 - Something serving as a cover.
 - Systems administrator in charge of a mail server.
 - Short bit in a newspaper.
 - On the condition that.
 - Someone acting as an assistant.
 - Originally a peasant dance of the Gavots in upper Dauphine, France.
 - Prefix meaning "in front of something."
 - Used to connect different possibilities.
 - _ on Entebbe, 1977 TV movie directed by Irvin Kershner.
 - Eliminates.
 - Part of the traditional clothing of the Edo period.
 - Level piece of ground.
 - Cleanse.
 - Sir Christopher _, English architect.
- Down**
- Go insane.
 - Large luxurious car.
 - Symbol of royalty in Ancient Egypt.
 - Thin, narrow piece of wood.
 - Spiced molasses cookie, often containing chopped raisins and nuts.
 - Greek goddess of discord and strife.
 - In _, condition of owing.
 - Dick _, king of the surf guitar.

- Having influence.
- Determine.
- Speak in an elevated, often pompous manner.
- Eurasian plant cultivated for its seed and as a forage crop.
- Horatio Nelson _, an examiner for the U.S. Patent Office.
- Troops that serve onboard ships of war or in conjunction with naval operations.
- Acronym for International Technical Service.
- Slender and graceful.
- _ Allston, science fiction and fantasy author.
- Exchanged in rivalry.
- _ Nobunaga, first individual to attempt to unify Japan at the end of the Warring States period.
- Strange and disturbing.
- Helped.
- Abnormally fat.
- City in northwest Kazakhstan.
- Contract matrimony.
- Any high, snow-capped mountain.
- Intentional killing of oneself.
- Vessel in which incense is burned, especially during religious services.
- Socket holding a precious stone.
- Earth god and god of vegetation.
- Furry marsupial that climbs trees and feeds on eucalyptus leaves.
- Grammatical word used to indicate something already mentioned.
- World's largest continent.
- Translate a program written for one's computer so that it can be run on a different model.
- Subdivisions of a play.
- Surface described by rotation of a conic section about a line.
- Immediately.
- Brownings of the skin resulting from exposure to the sun's rays.
- In addition

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

BA XCWD VE DQ AFHWDRGW SWHTVQ
 XT D SWHTVQ UJV DFHWWT UXKJ BWJ

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

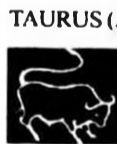
COMEDY IS SIMPLY A FUNNY WAY OF BEING SERIOUS.

Weekly Echo Horoscopes

March 21st to March 27th, 2006



ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20)
 Don't press your luck with your loved ones. You are best to stick to yourself this week. Try to be precise in your communications. Travel may change your attitudes with regard to your philosophy.



TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)
 You are best to stick to yourself this week. Do not yield to children or relatives when they really don't deserve it. Be tolerant, but don't let any one take you for granted. Lack of funds may add stress to your already uncertain situation.



GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
 If you keep busy you won't feel the personal pressures you are going through. Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. Your ability to talk circles around your colleagues will help you forge ahead in the workforce. Pleasure trips should be on your agenda.



CANCER (June 22-July 22)
 You can elaborate on your creative ideas and get involved in groups that relate to the arts. You may find that your generosity has been taken for granted. Not everyone will be pleased with your plans. Try to channel your energy into physical work.



LEO (July 23-Aug 22)
 Secret affairs will eventually backfire on you. You should consider submitting some of your written work for publication. A new you could help your attitude. Take matters in hand when it comes to dealing with clients or colleagues.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)
 Get the whole family involved in a worthwhile cause or cultural event. Concentrate on spending quality time with children. Don't do something silly just to get back at your mate. Opportunities to get together with people in powerful positions could help you get ahead.



LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
 This will not be the day to lend money to friends or family. Exhaustion combined with overindulgence could result in minor health problems. Try to communicate if you wish to help. Travel could include delays and other minor problems.



SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
 You can open up to your mate and let them know what you expect out of this relationship. Do not jump to conclusions concerning your romantic partner. Have some fun, but draw the line if someone tries to fast talk their way into your heart. You would be wise to socialize with as many people as possible.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
 You may find that someone you live with is not too happy, but you can't really do anything about that right now. Travel will enhance romance and adventure. Romance can surface if you get into some of those fitness programs you've been putting off. Your outgoing nature might work against you this week.



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 20)
 You may have difficulties while traveling or problems dealing with close friends or relatives. Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. Physical limitations are possible if you aren't careful. Don't be afraid of opposition; your suggestions are valid.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
 There may be opportunities to attend social functions that are linked to work. Problems with your boss could lead to unemployment. Don't let friends or relatives make you feel guilty if you're not able to attend one of their affairs. Take a trip or just spend some quality time with your mate.



PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
 Limitations at work might set you back. Underhandedness will affect your reputation. Children may be less than honest with you. You may bring situations out of proportion when dealing with the one you love.

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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
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 - 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 Thursday April 6th at the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls 277B Main Street P.O. Box 220 Powerview, Mb. R0E 1P0 Fax: 367 4747



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Qualifications:

- Baccalaureate Degree in a relevant health care profession. (Social Work, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, etc.) with a minimum of five years recent related experience; or a suitable combination of education and health care experience relevant to the position.
- Advanced preparation in health services management.
- Demonstrated positive leadership.
- Proven ability to adapt, plan and facilitate change to meet the care needs of the population.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a resumé and cover letter by **March 28, 2006** in confidence to: Human Resources Assistant, 24 Aberdeen Ave., PO Box 339, Pinawa, MB, R0E 1L0, Fax: 204-753-2015, Email: hr@neha.mb.ca

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

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Wednesday, March 22
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Friday, March 24
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Monday, March 27
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