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AbitibiBowater to close six Canadian mills

Price increase announced Good - and bad - news for Pine Falls

by Charles Norman

AbitibiBowater announced Friday, November 30 that it would be permanently closing paper mills in Shawinigan and Dalhousie and indefinitely idling its Donnacona and Mackenzie mills. Two Mackenzie sawmills that supply chips to the Mackenzie mill will also be closed. The closures represent about 600,000 tonnes of newsprint and 400,000 tonnes being removed from the market. At the same time the new company announced a \$60 per tonne price increase to be phased in over three months beginning in January. A November price increase of \$25 per tonne is holding.

The 600,000 tonne reduction is in addition to the reduction of 650,000 tonnes announced by Abitibi and Bowater prior to their recent merger.

Even with a total price increase of \$85 per tonne probably a third of North American mills will still be operating with a negative cash flow, and Abitibi Bowater will be looking at possible further closures at eastern Canadian mills in the next phase of their reorganisation.

While the closing of these mills, and possible future closing of others is very bad news for the employees of the mills concerned - and for the communities where they are lo-

cated, it is mostly good news for Pine Falls. The price increase made possible by the curtailment of production will probably mean that the Pine Falls mill could operate close to a positive cash flow - but is unlikely to be profitable. There is likely to be little or no money available for capital projects and major maintenance expenditures are likely to continue to be postponed. For the mill to return to a profitable position further mill closings, with corresponding price increases are needed, or the value of the Canadian dollar needs to return to a realistic level, or further cuts are needed.

The Canadian Forestry is lobbying hard for lower interest rates which would lower the value of the Canadian dollar, but ultimately it is outside the control of the industry. AbitibiBowater is looking at further mill closings, but is also trying to reopen their union contracts with a view to reducing their labour costs. If they succeed then Tembec is likely to follow suit.

Newsprint market reduction permanent

The very low level of newsprint demand is not just part of

a cycle. Newspapers have on-line editions and these on-line editions compete with newsprint for advertising. Readers are also getting their news on-line rather than buying a newspaper. The result is a reduction in newsprint demand that may go still lower.

When the employees bought the mill, the total market for newsprint was around 16 million tonnes per year and production capacity was only slightly higher, at about 16.5 million tonnes per year. The result was a dramatic increase in price to roughly \$1,000 Canadian per tonne. By the year 2000 production and market were in balance, but the bottom was beginning to drop out. By October this year the market had dropped to about 11.2 million tonnes per year - drop of thirty percent in seven years and the price is now about \$500 Canadian - half of what it was seven years ago.

Production capacity is being taken off the market continuously and is now about 11.5 million tonnes. With the recent production reductions by AbitibiBowater the total capacity is about the same as demand and the recent price increases should hold, but only if the demand does not continue to drop.

There are rumours that the Bank of Canada will reduce



Price Increase good and bad for Pine Falls

interest rates next week because of lowering of inflation pressures in everything except oil and food, and because of rapidly rising unemployment in Canada's manufacturing industry. If interest rates are reduced and the dollar should stabilise at, say, 90cents US, the Pine Falls mill will survive for the next few years, but the long term future will depend on where the newsprint market stabilises, what happens to the dollar, and what happens to the cost of production in this mill.

In the final analysis if the market allows for there to be thirty newsprint mills, then Pine Falls has to be one of the thirty with the lowest cost of production. If there is only a place in the market for twenty five mills,

then Pine Falls has to be one of the twenty-five with lowest cost of production.

We have some very real advantages, one of them being a very low cost for hydro power, but a disadvantage is the fact that the paper machines are more than 75 years old and require more operating labour than modern machines. The mill has already reduced its workforce from 525 a few years ago, to only 325 today. Further reductions may be necessary.

Its not a slam dunk, but there is a very good chance that, in twenty years, there will be a newsprint mill in Pine Falls, and that, if there is, it will be, in spite of its age, one of the leanest and meanest on the continent.

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Lost dog found after four days in sub-zero temperatures

Dora is our 5 year old border collie/shepherd cross. She is medium size, black and white and has brown eyes. Most of all, she is a friendly and lovable girl. My niece Carly and I brought Dora home July 29th, 2005. She was a pet shelter dog at Petland. From the first moment I saw Dora, I knew that we would love her and that she would become a member of our family. I called my husband right away, I didn't take her home that day, but went back the next day and brought her home after my husband said OK! ... and Melodie, Bob, Sahara (now 6 yrs old) and Savana (now 3 years old) (our Bengal cats) were a happy family.

My husband and I go to most Grey Cups. This year, rather than leaving Dora at home, I thought it would be fun for her to stay at our friends with her other doggie friends.

She went there on Wed Nov 21st. I called and checked to see how Dora was doing, she was in doggie heaven, she was having a great time with all her doggie friends.

Everything was going great, until Saturday when she went missing along with one of our friends dogs Homer. We don't know where they went, but they went missing at noon on Saturday Nov 24th. The search for Homer and Dora started right away, Homer returned 12 hours later without Dora. Dora is not an outdoor dog. Lost dog posters went up, emails were distributed. Bob and I found out Sunday the 25th after the Grey Cup, we wanted to get home and start looking for her that instant, but here we were in Toronto, the games over, and all the football fans were all flying home. No flights and we had made plans to stay to visit family for an extra few days so

our flight wasn't leaving until Wednesday!! Thankfully, the staff at "The Suites at One King West" helped us find a flight home the next day and we were home Monday evening trying to find Dora.

We know a lot of people were looking for Dora, but no luck. Once we returned home Monday evening, we looked for her continuously, only coming home long enough to sleep and then get back out there. It was horrible. We knew she was out there, the temperatures dropped



to -20 and our poor little girl was lost! We were inconsolable, we were so worried about her out there in the cold, our baby was lost and we felt so helpless, all we could do is pray for her and continue to look for her, we felt like we were running out of time, she had been in the cold for three days now. The community rallied, a lot

of people were looking for Dora, people we didn't even know were looking, the support from friends and many other people in the community and the East Beaches Animal Shelter was fantastic! On Tuesday, reports of sightings started to come in. Merrilee Green had reported that she saw Dora on

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Sunday at Clifton Place and Traverse Bay Rd E. At this point we were getting out of our vehicles, whistling and calling for her, leaving food out for her, we were delivering posters door to door. Now we have an area we can focus on. I went to Clifton Place and spoke to Desi, Cam and Clifton Trainer, Desi and Cam also saw Dora on Sunday at the same spot! Then we found out that Jim and Betty Smiley saw her in Billy Goat Estates the next subdivision over. My husband Bob went over to speak to Jim and Betty. They had a sheltered deck with indoor/outdoor carpeting and she curled up and went to sleep there on Sunday night. Apparently there sensor light kept on going on and off and when they checked it out, they saw Dora on their deck. Monday morning she was still there, but Dora skittered off when Jim opened the door to check on her. Bob handed out more posters to residents in Billy Goat Estates hoping that someone else might have seen her.

Now it's Tuesday, Dora's been in the cold for 4 days. It was so blizzard conditions Monday night and the temperature was still dropping on Tuesday.

We were at our wits end, we just didn't know where to look, no more sightings, it was like she just dropped off the face of the map, but the search continued. My niece Carly and I were looking Tuesday night, Bob was looking, friends and many other people in the community were looking, we were in a state of panic, and we started to lose hope. Everyone looking for her would stop their car, call her name, wait for a response and continue to the next block and repeat. My husband Bob had told me on one of our breaks when we returned home that he stayed at the T at the intersection at Billygoat and Porcupine in one place for 45 minutes. He stopped his vehicle, left a mark of himself, left some food and treats for Dora and whistled and called her name. It was dark and cold outside.

Now it's Wednesday, a lot of people are searching.

At about 4 p.m. that day, I was holding my head up I was so tired. I thought "where did you go my poor baby girl, no one has seen you". We were running out of daylight again, the temperatures were dropping to -24. I was at the T at Porcupine and Billy Goat; this was at the intersection where Bob was the night before. I decided I would start doing a search through yards, maybe she was staying off the beaten path, she had already run away from one person. Did I mention how much I prayed for Dora!! There was a fresh snow on Wednesday; I saw fresh tracks in the yard at 11 Porcupine, so I thought this is a good place to start.

I drove up the driveway and looked on the deck. There was a black and white lump on the deck. I thought oh my god, there she is, but she didn't move. I quickly threw my truck into park, you can't imagine the emotion I'm feeling now, I can't describe it, but very overwhelming. I jumped out of the truck

and screamed out DORA!!! Her head went up, I yelled out thank god! You're still alive my baby where were you!!! I ran to her. Dora couldn't walk. I picked her up and wrapped my coat around her. Dora was kissing me and crying at the same time. It was very emotional for us both. I immediately called Bob (who was searching in Grand Pines), our friends Susan and Edwin Thomas, Judy Calvert-Pierce, and Grant Vialoux and Nancy Ateah of EBAS, they were searching for her in Billy Goat at that time. I FOUND HER!!!!...were the first things I said and I'm bringing her home.

We put Dora on her bed in the living room when we got her home. We covered her in blankets and loved her as much as we could. We called the vet as Dora's legs and feet were swollen, we told the vet she was lost in the cold for 5 days, she is an indoor dog. She was in pain, she couldn't walk. The vet told us to warm her up slowly. So we heated

up towels in the dryer, every 10 minutes she had warm towels on her. Dora was very thirsty and very hungry. We held her food and water dishes as she was too exhausted to sit up and eat. Savana and Sahara were very concerned, they too had been missing Dora, they called for her at home also, today, they gave her the space she needed, and we knew they were happy that she was home. She slept for 18 hours, she's going to be OK! Dora went to her Dr. the next day (Thursday). We thought Dora had hurt her left shoulder, the vet explained that when they are out in the cold, their nerves freeze in their back and that is the reason why her legs were in pain. She suffered frost bite on her feet. It is Sunday today and she is 99%. Her feet will be sensitive to the cold now because of the ordeal she went through, but she has nice little slipper booties that she wears for her walks now. We thank god that she is with

us today, we are thankful to have our family complete again (Melodie, Bob, Sahara, Savana and Dora). Bob, Melodie, Sahara, Savana and Dora would like to give their sincere and heartfelt thanks, to all of our friends, to the many individuals in the community and The East Beaches Animal Shelter. Your efforts in posting flyers, calling people, anything you did to help in the search for Dora, were enormously helpful and you have our heartfelt gratitude. Without your help we wouldn't have found her, we wouldn't have known where to look. Thank you.

Dora is 99%, she was very cold, tired, thirsty and hungry when we brought her home, we warmed her up slowly as per our vet's advice and she saw her Dr the next day after a lot of rest and pampering. The only lasting result was her feet were frost bitten, this will heal over time, but she is OK, her spirit is good. Thank you again.



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Important news for Manitoba farmland owners

The Farmland School Tax Rebate
The Manitoba government has increased the farmland school tax rebate to 65 per cent.

This increased rebate is part of the government's commitment to help support the rural economy and provide tax relief to farm families.

A 65 per cent rebate will be available to individuals who paid 2007 school taxes on farmland.

How it works
If you own farmland in Manitoba and you paid your 2007 property taxes, you are eligible for the rebate. Your farmland does not currently have to be in cultivation or used for grazing to be eligible for the rebate. The rebate applies only to the farmland portion of your school taxes and does not apply to residences or buildings on your farmland.

How to apply
If you received a rebate for 2006, an application form has been mailed to you. You can also download an application form from manitoba.ca or pick one up from your local Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation office, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives Growing Opportunities Centre or rural municipal office. Eligible farmland owners have until December 31, 2007 to apply for rebates for the 2004 tax year.

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Educational barriers contribute to nursing shortage

Minister McGifford says a five year wait is a short wait

WINNIPEG - In today's Question Period Manitoba Liberal Leader Dr. Jon Gerrard urged the government to break down the barriers to educational advancement and to adopt a more effective method by which Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) can become Registered Nurses (RN) in a shorter time period. Currently the wait period for upgrading from a LPN to a RN is five to eight years.

"The government's policy for the past eight years has been to throw money at the wait list problem and then to boast about how much money they have thrown around," said

Dr. Gerrard. "In health care, as in education, there has been no strategy and no plan on how to actually fix the problem. Now we have not only waiting lists at hospitals but waiting lists at Red River College for nursing students."

Andrea Gordon-Cameron wants to upgrade from an LPN to a RN and has tried every conceivable avenue, but was told that her only option was the wait the five to eight year period.

"It seems like common sense with a looming nursing shortage that there would be a better system in place to train nurses," said Gordon-

Cameron. "I am baffled that a proactive response is not being made by encouraging and facilitating education and advancement for new and existing nurses. I am completely discouraged and extremely disappointed with the current situation."

Red River College offers upgrading from LPN to RN by opening up seats to LPN candidates that have been vacated by Diploma Nursing students who drop out of the program. However, there are only about six such seats available annually and the waiting list for these coveted spots is about five years.

Legion news



Lac du Bonnet Legion Branch #164

by Norm Rimmer, CD.

Recently I had the honour and privilege of being the guest speaker at the Remembrance Day Service held at the Lac du Bonnet Senior School. I was very impressed as the complete service was organized and put on by the students of the school. I thought that they did an excellent job; none of the staff took part. The students went to a lot of work and I believe it was all put together by Renee Norris and the disappointing fact was besides the student body and the staff of the school, there were five of us from the Legion and one other lady and a small girl. There was no one representing the school board or any other official from the area to appreciate the work these students did.

Dyck; 2nd quarter was Jack Graff and the reverse score was Christa Garrach; 3rd quarter was Pat Cochrane and the reverse score was Dwayne Wickstrom and the final score was Bob Sylvester and the reverse score was L. Sabansky.

Saturday, December 1, 2007 was the last Jam Session until April 2008. Don't forget we are holding a New Years Eve Dance on December 31, 2007 in the Legion hall and on January 1, 2008 the New Years Day Levee.

The next General Meeting for the Branch will be the Annual General Meeting and this year is the year of the elections for a new executive.

The next General Meeting for the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Tuesday, Dec 4, 2007 starting at 7:30 p.m. The Branch's next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec 11, 2007 starting at 7:00 p.m.

The winners of the Grey Cup Raffle Tickets were: for the 1st quarter Jim Law and the reverse score was Susan

East Beaches Animal Shelter Coalition

The East Beaches Animal Shelter Coalition operates a Lost and Found Service. The area we cover is from Gull lake north to Victoria Beach...the east beaches.

Information is posted about the lost pet on our website plus all members living in the area receive an email to forward to their friends and neighbours. Posters are also used. This has proven to be quite successful in re-uniting lost pets with their owners. EBAS is a non-profit organization (charitable status pending).

All work is done by volunteers, including foster programs, adoptions as well as TNR. (Trap, neuter and release of feral cats.)

Memberships are \$20 for a family; \$10 for a single. Contact Betty 756-2548

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Winnipeg River Rec Scene

For the Lac du Bonnet Area

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Submitted By: *Sharon Reillo, Recreation Director*

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Winnipeg River RCMP Report

Reporting from November 19th to November 25th, 2007



November 19:
FORT ALEXANDER - police intervened when a couple continued to harass each other. A female was given a ride to a residence to prevent a further breach of conditions. The pair currently have a no contact order in effect.
BLACK RIVER - construction equipment was vandalized during the weekend. Culprits broke the windows on 2 pieces of equipment.
 November 20:
POWERTVIEW - a male has been charged with breach of probation after failing to report in to police.
 - a complaint of sexual as-

sault remains under investigation.
BLACK RIVER - investigation continues into an assault of a female.
HOLLOW WATER - a break, enter and theft of a residence resulted in a broken basement window. Culprits stole a ps2 game & a pellet gun.
 November 21:
RM ALEXANDER - a complaint of theft of 2 Honda Mini Bikes was made to police.
 - a lone male was located near a business highly intoxicated and falling down. The man was also in breach of 2

court orders and charged accordingly.
 November 22:
FORT ALEXANDER - police attended a residence where a male continued to cause problems fighting with other individuals. The man had left the residence but returned banging on the doors wanting access. Police arrived to find the man intoxicated behind the house. He was lodged in cells until sober. No charges were laid in the matter.
HOLLOW WATER - an incident of threats being uttered is still under investigation by police.
 November 23:

FORT ALEXANDER - police recovered a stolen business truck from Winnipeg.
BLACK RIVER - an incident involving a firearm caused police to seize the gun temporarily. No charges were laid but all parties spoken to by police accordingly.
 November 24:
PINE FALLS - police attended a residence in response to a possible stabbing incident. Further investigation found a verbal argument had erupted and a male left the residence. No stabbing had occurred and no further action was required by police.

- a complaint was received of a female refusing to leave a residence and harassing a male. The woman finally departed after police were contacted.
RM ALEXANDER - several youth attempted to enter a school bus by prying open a door. The youth dispersed down a back lane. Patrols were made however the group had fled the area.
 November 25:
HOLLOW WATER - police continue to investigate a complaint of harassment.
BELAIR - a request to locate persons at a cottage due to an urgent family matter was actioned by police.
SUMMARY: Police also followed up on 4 false alarm(s) actioned 8 request(s) for assistance to other police services/service of legal documents, issued 0 ticket(s) un-

der the highway traffic/liquor acts, attended 0 incident(s) under the Coroners Act, charged 0 person(s) for impaired driving/refusal of breath test, lodged 2 person(s) under the intoxicated persons detention act, attended 1 noise complaints, processed 5 traffic accident reports and transported 3 person(s) under the Mental Health Act to the appropriate facilities.

Lac du Bonnet Legion #164
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES
MONDAY
 Table Top Curling 6:30 p.m. - Lounge
 Bingo 7:00 p.m. - Hall
TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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Stress, depression, and the holidays

Relationships can cause turmoil, conflict or stress at any time but tensions often heighten during the holidays. Conflicts are bound to arise with so many different personalities, needs, and interests. On the other hand, you may find yourself especially lonely or sad if you are facing the holidays without a loved one. **Overspending** during the holidays on gifts, travel, food, and entertainment can increase stress as you try to make ends meet and ensuring that everyone is happy. **Physical demands** of shopping, socializing and preparing for holiday meals can be exhausting. Exercise and sleep are good antidotes for stress and fatigue. High demands, stress, lack of exercise, and overindulgence in food and drink - all are ingredients for holiday illness.

loved one's. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.

Seek Support. If you feel isolated or down, seek out family, friends, or community, religious, or social services. Consider volunteering at a community or religious function.

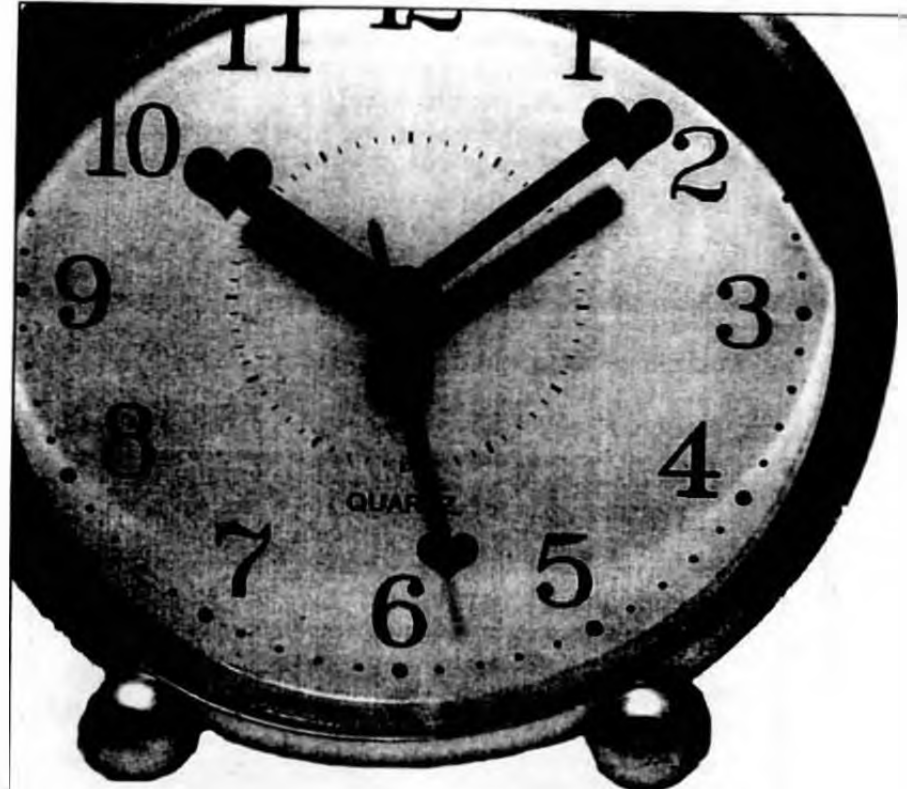
Be realistic. "Norman Rockwell Christmas" are for the movies. As families change and grow, so do traditions and rituals. Find new ways to celebrate together from afar - share pictures, e-mails or videotapes.

Set differences aside.

Learn to say no. If you say yes only to what you really want to do, you'll avoid feeling resentful, bitter, and overwhelmed. If it's really not possible to say no, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for the lost time.

Don't abandon healthy habits. Don't let the holidays become a dietary free for all. Overindulgence adds to stress and guilt.

Take a breather. Make time for you. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breath-



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Accept family members as they are. Even at Christmas, they won't always live up to your expectations. Set grievances aside until a more appropriate time for discussion.

Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting, and other activities. Remember Christmas is a season and everything doesn't have to be done in one day.

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Take back control of holiday stress and depression

Remember that one key to minimizing holiday stress and depression is the knowledge that holidays can trigger stress and depression. Accept that things aren't always going to go as planned. Take steps to manage your stress and you may find that you actually enjoy this years holidays more than you thought you could.

Submitted by Debbie Devigne, Community Mental Health Worker. Source: Mayo Clinic 2007

Breakfast with Santa

Friday, December 7th
9:30am to 11:30am

Join us at Wings of Power for Pancakes & Sausages. Free Pictures with Santa. Gifts, crafts, games & Prizes!

BAIT & TACKLE

Need to knock off a couple gifts off the list?

Stop by... New Stock has arrived!

CLARK'S CORNER

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Library Corner

Lac du Bonnet Regional Library

The Pyjama Story Time Evening was a success with 32 children in attendance. The children were read stories, participated in a scavenger hunt, had a snack and were eligible for book draws. Congratula-

tions to these children that won the book draws: Camdyn Arthur, Hannah Schwab, Kathleen Harland, Noah Pelland, Charlee Leishman, and Braeden Pelland. A special thank-you goes out to our readers, Norma Hladki and Janice Halliday, as well as to all the children and parents that turned out for the fun evening!



Norma Hladki reading to some of the kids. Believe it or not several more squeezed in a little later.

The Winnipeg Humane Society



Laddie, 121141

Laddie is a wonderful ~2.5 year-old Border Collie/Saluki cross whose owner determined three dogs were too much for them. Laddie is great choice if you have other pets at home - he even likes cats! Laddie's been terrific with kids and deserves a super home - best with a securely fenced yard.



Winnie, 150391

Winnie was brought to a local vet clinic as a stray cat. This handsome ~2.5 year-old male needs a permanent address - the 'Inn' is full! Winnie's adoption fee includes his neuter, vet exam, microchip, pet insurance and even an FIV/FelV test!

Where every adoptable dog finds a home and cats get a second chance at life!



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



Parents help the kids find their way around the library in a Scavenger Hunt.

Special Christmas "Tree of Lights"

The Pine Falls District Health Care Foundation Inc. was created to support hospitals, personal care homes, ambulance services and other non-profit charitable, educational and cultural organizations. It is the mandate of the foundation to assist in maintaining and promoting the good health for all the residents served in this area. The work of the Foundation is accomplished through donations from the community.

Honour the memory of a deceased loved one this Christmas season on the Pine Falls Health Complex's Special "Tree of Lights"

This special tribute will enable interested persons to acknowledge their memories by purchasing a light (\$10.00 per name) on this tree, while providing donation funds for the foundation. A tax deductible receipt will be issued to all donors.



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Faith Perspective

by Pastor Jake Doell

Going Against the Flow

In a democratic country like Canada, the majority vote holds the day. In our government the party that holds the majority of seats makes the legislation of the day. Service clubs, boards and many churches go with the majority vote. But what if the majority is wrong, what then? There was a day when slavery "was in." Yet after many years of persistence by the minority, slavery was abolished.

Another example of a majority decision that went terribly wrong was the majority vote taken by the Israelite people, not to continue their journey into the land that God had promised them. (Read Numbers 13&14) Moses had sent twelve spies into the Promised

Land and they came back with two opposing reports. The minority report was the positive report, "Let's go at once to take the land, we can conquer it." The majority report - the negative report was, "They are stronger than we are... there are giants in the land and next to them we feel like grasshoppers." They both had seen the same thing, yet two opposite reports.

Why? The majority looked and seen a few giants and therefore they developed a "grasshopper complex." They lacked the faith to believe what God had promised them. Joshua and Caleb, who were the minority vote decided that in spite of the tremendous challenge that lay before them, they could conquer the land that God had promised to them. The end result was that only

Joshua and Caleb who had "gone against the flow" got to see the fulfillment of the promise given to them by God.

Has God called you to stand for a cause bigger than yourself? Be assured, you will have opposition to His call, sometimes it comes from those in your own camp. But if God has called you, then you can be sure He will make a way. Just a Joshua and Caleb decided to walk by faith and not by sight, so must all who choose to believe God's promises, even when it's "against the flow" of popular opinion.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Annonces communautaires Public

Déjeuner aux crêpes avec le Père Noël

Le comité culturel Chateauguay organise un déjeuner aux crêpes avec le Père Noël, Dimanche le 9 décembre de 10h à 1h00 au sous sol de l'église St-Georges. Petits et grands venez vous régaler, rencontrer ce cher Père Noël dans une ambiance des fêtes.

Concert de Noël

Le concert de Noël de l'École communautaire de Saint-Georges aura lieu le mardi 18 décembre à la salle de Great Falls. Le concert commencera à 19h00 mais des 18h45, vous pourrez entendre les élèves du cours de musique qui vont vous présenter quelques pièces musicales. Vous êtes tous bienvenus à venir voir et écouter nos jeunes talents toujours grandissants.

Pancake breakfast with Santa

The Chateauguay cultural committee is organizing a pancake breakfast with Santa on Sunday December 9 from 10h to 1h00 at St-Georges church basement. Come and join Santa for our Christmas festivities.

Christmas Concert

L'École communautaire St-Georges will be presenting their Christmas concert on Tuesday December 18th at the Great Falls Hall starting @ 7:00 p.m. Early birds will have the opportunity to listen to this year's music students at 6:45 p.m. Come and enjoy this performance by a talented group of performers.

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Strengthening the Youth Justice System

For as long as I've been an elected representative, provincially and federally, my constituents have consistently expressed their concern with Canada's youth justice system. Over and over again, they have told me that our system, and in particular the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), does not effectively hold young offenders accountable for serious crimes with meaningful consequences. They don't think it instills within youth a sense of responsibility for their delinquent or criminal behaviour. At the same time, they do see the need to give youth a better opportunity for rehabilitation so that they do not re-offend.

In addition to a host of other measures to make our streets and communities safer, Conservatives campaigned in the last election to make some important changes to the YCJA to address these concerns. We are committed to responding to the problems posed by youth crime and to using fair and appropriate measures to

hold young people accountable when they break the law. This week, we introduced changes to the YCJA in the House of Commons to do just that.

This legislation will amend the YCJA to allow courts to consider deterrence and denunciation as objectives of youth sentences. This change would allow judges to impose stronger punishments, to show Canadians that society does not accept criminal behaviour and deter other youth from engaging in it. These fundamental principles of sentencing have been missing from the YCJA, and some have said that it has led to some high-profile cases where youth convicted of serious or violent crimes received relatively mild sentences.

The legislation will also change the current pre-trial detention provision in the YCJA. This will make it easier to detain youth in custody prior to their trials if the youth pose a risk to public safety. This was a key recommendation from a

Nova Scotia judicial inquiry into the death of a woman who was hit by a stolen car, driven by a youth who was awaiting trial for other offences.

In addition to legislative changes to the YCJA, Justice Minister Rob Nicholson announced last month that in 2008 a comprehensive review of the Act will be done to address concerns and criticism regarding some of its provisions and principles.

I know from my time as a federal and provincial justice minister that these types of changes have been needed for a very long time. I also know they are widely supported by provincial governments, some of whom have pressed hard at federal/provincial/territorial meetings to have these changes brought forward.

Knowing that this widespread support exists, I look forward to seeing the opposition Liberals and New Democrats step up and pass these measures quickly so that we can protect our streets and communities. These parties have been slow to follow through on their own commitments to get tough on crime since the last election. When it comes to strengthening our

youth justice system, that trend needs to be reversed now. 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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Hot New.... RELEASES

Mr. Bean's Holiday DVD
Cast: Rowan Atkinson, Steve Pemberton, Lily Atkinson, Preston Nyman, Sharlit Deyzac, Francois Touch, Emma de Caunes
Rating: G

Hot Rod DVD
Cast: Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone, Bill Hader, Danny R. McBride, Isla Fisher, Sissy Spacek, Ian McShane
Rating: TBD

I Know Who Killed Me DVD
Cast: Lindsay Lohan, Julia Ormond, Neal McDonough, Brian Geraghty, Garcelle Beauvais, Spencer Garrett, Gregory Itzin
Rating: 18A

The Namesake DVD
Cast: Irfan Khan, Kal Penn, Jagannath Guha, Ruma Guha Thakurta, Tabu, Sandip Deb, Sukanya
Rating: 14A

Waitress DVD
Cast: Keri Russell, Nathan Fillion, Cheryl Hines, Jeremy Sisto, Andy Griffith, Adrienne Shelly, Eddie Jemison
Rating: PG

Bratz: The Movie DVD
Cast: Logan Browning, Janel Parrish, Nathalia Ramos, Skyler Shaye, Chelsea Staub, Anneliese van der Pol, Malese Jow
Rating: PG

Recreation Re-boot

There will be an NCCP - Comp A coaching course held in Powerview on Saturday, Dec 8th 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec 9th from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Powerview School. The cost is \$65.00. Open to coaches in any sport except hockey which has its own coaching clinics. For more

information contact the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

Hockey Equipment Drop-Off
The Broomball league is looking for some gently used equipment for players. If anyone has some hockey equipment they would like to donate, you are asked to drop it off at the Pine Falls Arena or the Rec. Office from Friday, Nov. 9th until Friday, Nov. 16th. Equipment requested is helmets, shin guards, elbow pads, and gloves. For more information, call the Rec. Office at 367-9142 or J.L. Papineau at 367-8570.

Broomball
There will be youth broomball at the Pine Falls Arena on Fridays from 7:00-8:00pm. for anyone aged 10-14. The cost is \$50.00. Depending on the number of players, there may be an additional charge later in the year. Mandatory equipment includes helmets (with cages), gloves and shin pads (soccer shin pads will work). Anyone interested in signing up can call the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

Stamp Camp
There will be a stamp camp held on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The camp will have instruction on techniques and how to stamp on different types of materials. This is not a card class. More information to follow on what projects will be done. For more info contact the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

Pine Falls Badminton Club
The Pine Falls Badminton Club has started and will be running until Wednesday, April 30th. It will be held in Pine Falls School gym from 7:00-9:30 pm. The club is open to anyone 14 years or age or older. The cost for the season is \$25/single or \$45/couple. For more information, contact Ginette Vincent at 367-9970 or Ruth at the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

Spring Shape-Up Boot Camp
Natasha Joy will be holding a shape-up session from Saturday, Jan. 12th to Saturday, March 15th from 10:00 - 11:00 am. There will be a variety of classes including cardio and muscle conditioning - always something different!! The cost is \$60 and a minimum of 10 people is required to run the course. PRE-REGISTRATION MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE DEC. 15th. To register, call the Rec. Office at 367-9142.

Fitness Seminar
Natasha Joy, a certified fitness instructor, will be holding a fitness seminar at the Rivers North Fitness Gym on Saturday, January 5th from 10 am until 2 pm. The cost for the seminar is just \$20. There will also be an optional equipment orientation after the seminar beginning at 2:15 pm for an additional cost of \$5. Learn how to get in shape from a leading fitness expert!!

Pine Falls Curling Club
The league season starts on Monday, Nov. 5th. Men's league is on Mondays, Ladies on Wednesdays, Mixed on Fridays and drop-in curling is held on Thursday afternoons.

Bonspiel dates are as follow:
Men's - Feb. 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Ladies - Feb. 8th, 9th & 10th

Rivers North Fitness Co-op
The co-op membership fee is \$100. Fitness club memberships are \$250.00 for members and \$300.00 for non-members. For more info, contact Bev Dube @ 367-8064 or Linda Cyr @ 367-2382.

Miscellaneous
If any groups in the area have an event or ongoing program they would like to promote, please contact the Rec. Office at 367-9142 and I will put it in my weekly column.

ST. GEORGES MEAL

55 plus - guest welcome Meals are served Monday, Wednesday & Fridays @ 11:30 a.m. - \$6.00 each. Your name must be in 24 hours prior to meal days. Take outs & special occasions welcome.

Wed., Dec. 5
Green salad, pork butt steaks, perogies, vegetables, pineapple upside down cake.

Friday, Dec. 7
Cream of vegetable soup, meat pie, mashed potatoes, vegetables, savannah cake bars.

Monday, Dec. 10
Tomato cucumber salad, beef stew, hot biscuits, walnut squares.

Volunteer Board Member

The newly created Recreation Commission exists to provide quality Recreation opportunities that encourage and promotes healthy living, and serves as a community base and resource for all the residents in the Town of Powerview Pine Falls and the R.M. of Alexander.

The Board encourages Volunteers to apply for the position of a member at large. The Board would encourage those to apply who have an interest in providing recreation programs to the community.

Please provide the Board a letter of intent and submit by email to:

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North Eastman Health Association

Call for Board Nominations

The North Eastman Health Association is a Regional Health Authority responsible for planning, delivering and administering a broad spectrum of Health Programs and Services to a multi-cultural population base of approximately 40,000 residents. North Eastman is geographically diverse, extending east to the Ontario border, north to the 53rd parallel, west to Lake Winnipeg and south slightly beyond the Trans-Canada Highway.

Nominations are now being accepted by the Minister of Health for Board appointments. These appointments will represent a broad cross-section of interest, experience and expertise. The nominees must have a strong commitment to improving the health system, to supporting the RHA and to improving the health of Manitobans. Any resident of the North Eastman Region may nominate a person or persons, including him or herself for the board of the North Eastman Health Association.

Completed and signed nominations forms together with resumes can be mailed directly to the Minister of Health or to the North Eastman Health Association, 24 Aberdeen Avenue, P.O. Box 339, Pinawa, MB R0E 1L0.

Information regarding qualifications, general responsibilities of board members, and nomination forms are available at the Manitoba Health website: www.gov.mb.ca/health/rha/rhadocs.html or by calling NEHA Corporate Office at 753-2012 or toll free (1-877-753-2012).

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15th, 2007

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.

USW 3-1375: meets third Thursday of the month, Chicken Chef, Power-view 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 8:00 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. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.

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

PAA: meeting first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Winnipeg River Senior Service Inc.: Coordinator Tina Polachuk, Pine Falls Health Complex, phone 367-9128, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Services: transportation, home maintenance, foot care, volunteer help, info.

Town of Powerview - Pine Falls: Council meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.

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: Thursdays 8:00 p.m., Senior Scene, Victoria Beach, 1 Atchah Road, 754-1173.

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

Senior Scene Inc. #1 Atchah Rd.

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 MYNERS: Ph: 367-9520 Rector, the Rev. John Groux, Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

ST. THERESA'S: Masses at Notre Dame du Laus

ST. GEORGES: Mass Sunday at 9:00am

ST. JUDAS 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, 3/4 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: - Great Falls Community Centre-Hall, Christian Healing Services 7:00pm, Wednesdays, Minister Isabelle Fiola (204) 367-2359.

Ask the Neighbourhood Mechanic



by Dave Redinger



A record number of new cars have been imported into Canada this year and like so many others you have decided to buy a new car in the United States. Well let's go over some of the things you will need to check before heading north with your new purchase. The following outlines some of the documentation you will need to cross the 49th parallel. Your check list should include: a recall clearance letter. The letter verifies that there are no outstanding recalls against the car. The vehicle must bear a valid US manufactures compliance label at the time of importation. You will receive a valid Canadian sticker after importation. A valid alpha-numeric 17 digit serial number. A metric speedometer. Day time running lights. Infant restraint kit. Eight-kilometre bumper and finally, French labelling for the air bag system if it requires maintenance. Now you're ready to approach the border. At the border you will need a copy of the bill of sale, a valid ownership. Customs requires 72 hours of advance notice of your arrival. They need this time to make sure everything is kosher. They're checking that the car is not stolen, or has any liens or encumbrances registered against the title. The US government may charge you a fee for their part of the paper work. The Canadians will charge you GST at the border, (you pay the sales tax in your home province when you licence the thing). Just a couple of more items: insurance and cash (the Americans won't finance you). The preceding is relatively easy. However, there is a caveat. The vehicle of your dreams may not be allowed into the country at all. There is an admissibility list which you can obtain from the Registrar of Imported Vehicle. www.tc.gc.ca/roadsafety/importation/VAFUS/list/Menu.

As you can see it's not an easy process to import your own car. Certainly makes one wonder if it's worth the effort. Well if there is a \$30,000 dollar differential as there is in some luxury and high performance cars the answer is definitely "yes". If differential is only a few thousand dollars...shop at home.

I owned a 1995 Acura Integra everything is fine on the brakes. No leaks, stopping good, but get this annoying abs light on when am driving away. If I switch the ignition off and on, the light goes out. However, the abs light comes on when I'm moving. Can you tell me what the problem is? My mechanic said I need a computer unit?

Don't throw the baby out with the bath water. Have the unit scanned by someone who is more experienced with this product. The failure appears to be a speed sensor that is not responding. We have changed very few computers on this model. Here's the theory. When the light winks out, the self test is complete and the unit is ready to function. As you start to move off the light is coming on because the computer is picking up the lack of signal from the wheel sensor. Common problem. I hate ABS

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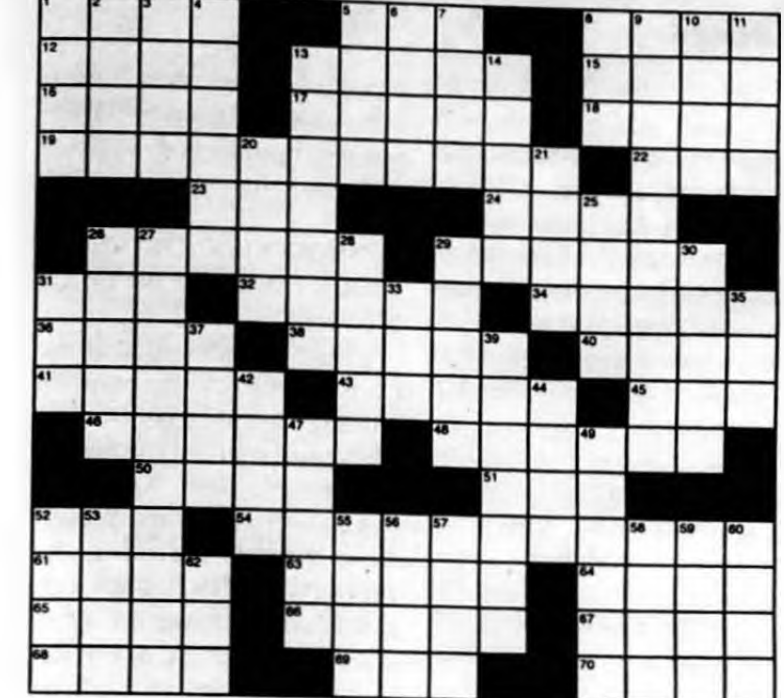
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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



- Across
- Influenzas.
 - Ruddy.
 - Engage in.
 - Prescribed course for ships.
 - Chef _ Batali.
 - Egg-shaped figure.
 - Variant of "Ayda."
 - Something that reveals.
 - Small areas of a room set back into a wall.
 - Announces officially.
 - Mauna _ volcano in Hawaii.
 - Tropical American bird with black plumage and a long tail.
 - Young Men's Christian Association.
 - Heart of _ 1916 film starring Myrtle Gonzalez.
 - Past participle of "learn."
 - TV show starring Billy Ray Cyrus.
 - Love of fine objects of art.
 - Corn salad.
 - Place in a criminal court where a prisoner stands during the trial.
 - Tall, tropical palms of south-eastern Asia that have egg-shaped nuts.
 - English political party.
 - Positions something to make
- Down
- Movable piece of tissue partly connected to the body.
 - Den.
 - Cause the ruin of.
 - Village in Ohio.
 - Past tense of "ring."
 - Unincorporated community in Utah.
 - Legislative assembly in Germany.
 - Rabble.
 - Sudden, great or irresistible influxes of anything.
 - Knock unconscious.
 - _ Benitez, model.
 - Civilians trained as soldiers but not part of the regular army.
 - Oval or round dormer window.
 - Short for university.
 - Acronym for Sevizio Meteorogico Dell'aeronautical Militare.
 - Stomach of a lower animal.
 - People of little refinement.
 - Act of possessing a place.
 - Tapestry covering a wall.
 - Presenting a clear view.
 - Relatively dense in consistency.
 - Acronym for Direct Drive Turntable.
 - Acronym for Total Efficiency Network.
 - Encourage to act.
 - John W. _ , Democratic VP candidate on William Jennings Bryan's third run for the presidency.
 - Aroused to vigilance.
 - In the original place.
 - _ Nolde, German Expressionist painter.
 - General term describing the standard category and overall character of a work.
 - At the summit.
 - Implements used to steer a boat.
 - _ Bayliss, superbike racer.
 - Salty waters.
 - Lessen the intensity of.
 - Free from irregularities.
 - _ Blame Duo, based in Milwaukee, WI.
 - Scorch.
 - Large amounts.
 - Federal health agency in Atlanta.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

BCXDWF VGP HRVJHCK GHF VLF WDKV
 BWGMBGVBEB NBXXBDC QFBCM RHBVVFC
 VDSGT.

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
 WATER, TAKEN IN MODERATION, CANNOT HURT ANYBODY.
 -MARK TWAIN

Weekly Echo Horoscopes November 27th to December 3rd, 2007

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Deception and confusion regarding your status in society is likely. Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance. Your best efforts will come through hard work. You can make career changes that may put you in a much higher earning bracket.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 You can get a promotion if you put in a little extra detail. Compromise if you wish to have any fun at all. If you can work at home, do so. Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
 You can have quite the romantic adventure if you take time to get to know your mate all over again. Changes in your residence may be financially favorable. You have done all you can to sort things out a personal level. A need to be in love may fool you.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
 Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests. Family trips or projects should be on your mind. You may find yourself in the limelight for the wrong reasons. Partnerships will be successful.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22)
 Implement your ideas into your projects at work. Secret activity is evident. Uncertainties regarding relatives will make situations uncomfortable if you attend a family function. Coworkers may not be on your side.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 This is probably causing upset and confusion on the home front. You will be full of good ideas, and your choice of activities may bring you enrichment far beyond your expectations. Let your lover know what your personal intentions are. Try not to get involved in other people's problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You need a job with more responsibility and a higher wage. Opportunities for romance will flourish through travel. You may have a tendency to put on weight. You may want to plan physical activities that will help burn off some of their excess energy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov 22)
 Take things slowly, especially for the sake of those you love. The emotional state of peers may cause a problem for you. You may find that you're being used. Later in the week your boss will pat you on the back for a job well done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Try to visit a country that excites you. Travel will be on your mind, but you should be sure that you've got all your work up-to-date. Your accomplishments could exceed your expectations if you mix a little business with pleasure. You need to spend less time day-dreaming and more time accomplishing.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20)
 You may want to take a serious look at your goals and objectives. Put in some extra hours and finish those careful jobs before you move on to some fun and games. Pleasure trips will ease the tension between you and your mate. Do not travel unless absolutely necessary. Be careful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions. You need to get out and be an observer. Move into a leadership position if you are determined to do so. Don't be shy; show your abilities!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Make sure that you have covered yourself legally and try not to let your temper get out of hand. Feeling under the weather may be a result of overindulgence. Travel if it's needed to start the ball rolling. You hard work and dedication will pay off, so stick to your guns and do your job well.

Lac du Bonnet RCMP Report

Reporting from November 26th to December 2nd, 2007

Monday, November 26th, 2007
Nothing of press value to report for this day.

Tuesday, November 27th, 2007
At 12:34 AM there was a report of a domestic in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. One subject was arrested and charges are pending.

At 10:22 AM there was a report of a theft of tools from a house under construction in the

RM of Lac du Bonnet. Matter is under investigation.

Wednesday, November 28th, 2007
At 7:38 AM there was a report of a suspicious vehicle in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. Matter was investigated and the vehicle was located and there was no criminal activity.

At 6:34 PM there was a report of a theft of bike in Lac du Bonnet. Matter is under

investigation.
Thursday, November 29th, 2007
At 6:40 AM there was a false alarm at a business in Lac du Bonnet. A patrol was made and there were no issues.

At 11:40 AM there was a request to locate a subject in Lac du Bonnet. Checks found the person safe and sound.
At 7:18 PM there was a call of a possible impaired driver in Lac du Bonnet. A patrol was made and the subject located but there were no signs of impairment.

Friday, November 30th, 2007
At 1:59 PM there was a report of a breach of court order in Lac du Bonnet. Investigation revealed that there was no breach.

At 1:05 PM there was a report of Uttering Threats in Lac du Bonnet. Investigation is ongoing into this matter.
At 1:30 PM there was a report of a possible unregistered

vehicle in Pinawa. A patrol was made and a vehicle was found to be unregistered and was towed to prevent offence.

At 3:44 PM there were a vehicle stopped which led to charges of including possession of a controlled substance. There was a small amount of marijuana and liquor seized in the incident.

Saturday, December 1st, 2007
At 10:30 AM there was a report of a roll over in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. A patrol was made and the subject had already left.

At 11:03 AM there was a report of a Hit and Run to a car parked at a business in Lac du Bonnet. Accident had occurred outside of Casey's on November 30th between 8:30 PM and 9:00 PM.

Sunday, December 2nd, 2007
At 11:30 AM there was a

report of a two vehicle accident in the RM of Lac du Bonnet. No injuries and matter is under investigation.

"HIGH RISK DRIVERS" CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR 2007/2008

Please be advised that the Christmas Check stop program will begin on Monday December 3rd and will run through to January 2nd, 2008. This program will focus on "High Risk Drivers" looking for IMPAIRED DRIVERS and motorists failing to wear seatbelts through detection at check stops as well as during other regular patrol duties. The local Detachment wishes to remind motorists to drive to the road conditions and stay safe during the holiday season.

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Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears & Costs for which Property May be Offered for Sale
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- Contact the Town Office for verification.

Dated this 26th day November 2007.

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Town of Powerview-Pine Falls
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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 McInosh. 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 753-8401.

Lac du Bonnet Church Directory

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

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Ladies A.A. Meetings Thursdays 1:00 p.m., 18 McDermod, 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.
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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 Corey Daly 268-4752, Lac du Bonnet, Pine Falls, Victoria Beach, Pinawa, Beausejour, Whitemouth, Oakbank, Hadsashville.

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 Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm, at St. John's Anglican Church Hall. No meetings January, July & August.

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