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St. Georges is Seeing Stars

By Charles Norman

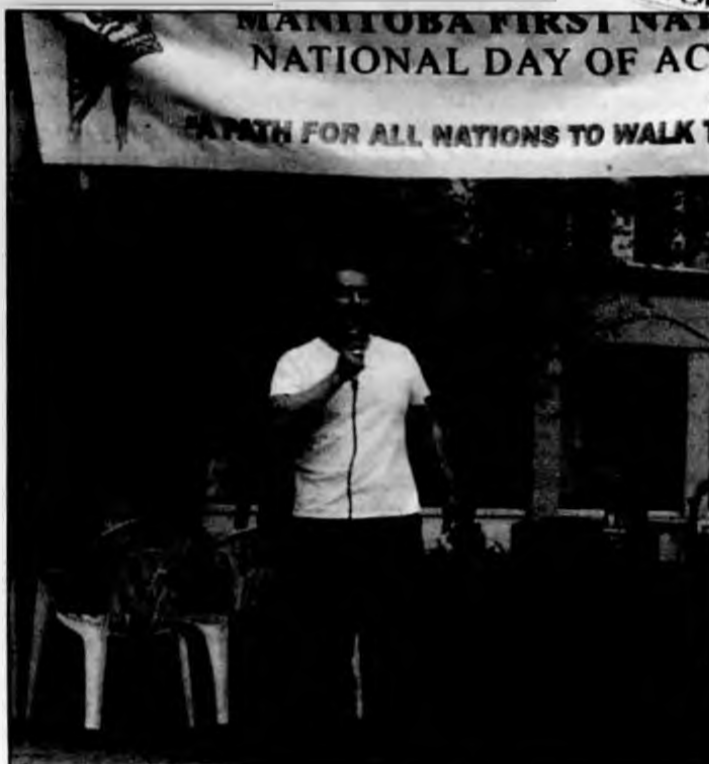
At least 150 St. George residents acted as extras in the making of the latest episode of the Radio Canada series of "La Petite Seduction..." last

weekend. Like extras in the making of any movie, they spent a lot of time just waiting around, but they had a great time.

Also, like any movie, scenes were shot whenever it

was most convenient and not necessarily in the order in which they will appear. One dramatic scene in which Dany Turcotte fought in a

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National Day of Action

Sagkeeng Chief, Donovan Fontaine calls for a fair share of resources for First Nations at the National Day of Action rally in Winnipeg's Old Market Square last Thursday. See comment by Tina Keeper on page 5.



Larry "Razor" Sharpe sparring with Quebec Singer Marie Elaine Thibert on Saturday in St. Georges. This fight was a draw, but the night before at the Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Sharpe sent Mexican boxer Mauro Lucero home after just 4 rounds, scoring the TKO victory.

Opposition to Public Works Building Continues

By Charles Norman
The public hearing held by the town of Powerview/Pine Falls on Thursday, May 29 was classified by one taxpayer as an oxymoron – a contradiction in terms. Joyce Robinson complained that there was precious little "hearing" going on, and that the council had already made up its mind on the location of the proposed public works building.

It was the location that she was taking exception to – primarily because the proposed location is close to her residence.
The proposed site is zoned "open space, recreational and institutional" Under the planning Act council may approve an application for a "conditional use" providing the conditional use is not incompatible

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Letters to the Editor

Open Letter to the Constituents of Provencher

There have been several stories in the press recently regarding my personal life as well as stories about my future as the MP for Provencher.

First of all, I would like to speak to the stories that have focused on my personal life.

Many families have struggles from time to time. Unfortunately, as a Member of Parliament, sometimes certain media outlets (this newspaper not included) feel that those struggles and deeply personal issues are bits of information that need to be shared, in print, with the general public. I understand that as a Member of Parliament, I operate in the most public of places. However, I do not believe that my personal life, and especially that of my family, is fair game.

I have said repeatedly that I will not discuss my personal life in the media. I stand by that statement. I am willing, however, to discuss private matters on a one-on-one basis with my constituents if they desire to do so. As my constituents, you are very important to me and I want you to know that you can approach me at any time with questions or concerns that you may have. I will do my best to answer your questions

without jeopardizing the privacy of other family members and friends.

Secondly, I would like to touch upon recent media speculation that my days as the Member of Parliament for Provencher may be numbered. Let me say in no uncertain terms that as the nominated Conservative candidate for Provencher it is my intention to run in the next federal election. Let me also be very clear that any personal family issues that I may have faced recently, including a pending divorce, have not affected my ability

to serve as your Member of Parliament.

Every day, every situation and every decision brings choices as to which path to take. Most times I believe that we choose the correct path, however, as human beings we will sometimes choose incorrectly. I am no exception and I take full responsibility for the decisions I make. I am very proud of what I have accomplished in my life but I am not perfect. Nor do I believe that the people of Provencher expect me to be. I do believe, however, that it is incumbent

on us to always move forward, and that is what I have chosen to do.

It has and continues to be an honour to represent the people of Provencher and I plan to continue representing you in Ottawa for some time to come. I have always said the most enjoyable part of my job is traveling across the more than 20,000 square kilometers that make up my riding and meeting with individual constituents, listening to their concerns, and ensuring that those concerns are heard in Ottawa.

Should you ever wish to

discuss any issues with me, I would encourage you to email me at toewsv1@mts.net or call my office at 326-9889. Please be assured that, despite the large volume of correspondence that comes my way, I will do my very best to personally respond to you as quickly as possible.

If we should meet at one of the many local events around the riding, I would be more than happy to sit down and talk to you in person. Sincerely,
**Vic Toews,
MP for Provencher.**

Rescue Workers Need to Slow Down

Dear Editor:

At 9:00 am on the morning of May 23, 2008 many people witnessed an ambulance traveling at a very high rate of speed through Pine Falls. I was at the post office in Pine Falls when I saw the ambulance fly by.

My co-worker had just a few minutes earlier, merged

onto highway 11 at Clarks Corner and noted this ambulance traveling without lights or siren as it followed another vehicle. This ambulance didn't seem to be responding to a call. Suddenly the rig was directly behind her with lights and siren and proceeded to speed past her.

I don't know what kind of call they were suddenly responding to but I do know that there was absolutely no reason to be traveling that fast through town. The potential for injury to other motorists or pedestrians is terrifying. Rescue vehicles are not allowed to travel at these excessive speeds. The

Emergency Response Act states no more than 20km over the posted limit. This ambulance was well over and then some.

My parents trained, managed and worked as paramedics in our local ambulance service for many years. As the manger, Ken Gunter, occasionally had to remind a few of his drivers that they need to slow down and not put themselves and the rest of the community at risk with reckless driving. I realize that adrenaline plays a roll in a driver's behaviour, but as professionals they should have better judgment with

their rate of travel.

Most people will remember the accident near the baseball diamond several years ago when an ambulance rolled over and Irene Gunter was seriously injured. That accident was a result of the driver going too fast. As the attendant in the back with the patient, Irene was tossed around like a rag doll and received extensive injuries.

If you are working with emergency services, I would like to say thank you, but please slow down. The life you save may be your own.

Terri Papineau

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Frightening Bear Encounter - Dogs Save the Day

I was out walking an ATV trail in the RM just outside St-Georges with my dogs. We've walked the same route 1-3 times a day for about two months with no sign what-so-ever of bears. On Tuesday, May 27 we had just entered one part of the trail that enters the bush. The dogs went off exploring the bush like they always do. As I was about 35 feet into the bush I heard my Golden Retriever give one loud bark and I knew instantly she'd seen a bear. I turned and took just a few steps toward the trail entrance when I saw my Retriever running like lightning for her life. On her tail, looking like it was touching her it was so close, was a huge black bear. I instantly realized that I could

not leave the bush that way as my other 3 dogs were in the direction my Retriever and the bear were heading and that they would chase her right back at me.

I reminded myself not to run, I moved to a rock as I called out for the other 3 dogs. I couldn't see them and wanted the four dogs together and close to me. As I called the dogs the Retriever turned to come to me still running at break neck speed and still with the bear on her tail. I don't know how but I managed to jump onto this rock that was about 5 feet high. And as I held on to a small tree beside it the dog and the bear kept coming straight at me. I could see two of my other dogs now. They still hadn't seen the bear as neither the dog nor the bear made another sound after the initial bark the dog made. As I called to my other dogs to "come get her" they finally saw her and began to run toward us. I knew they wouldn't get to her before she got to me.

As the Retriever got to the ATV trail, no more than 8-10 feet from me she took a sharp right turn. The bear looked

me right in the eye and without breaking stride charged straight at me. At about 1 to 2 feet distance I simply said, "Get out of here." I jerked back, the tree I was holding on to snapped and I suddenly fell backward off the rock. She was no more than 8 inches or so away from me when I fell.

I hit the ground and immediately rolled onto my stomach to protect myself. At the instant the bear should have been on me...nothing. I heard one more dog bark and I got up. There, no more than 4-6 feet away was the bear. She was staring me right in the eye with my four dogs between us. None of the dogs were making a sound. None of them had ever seen a bear before. The bear eye balled me and my dogs stepped forward and sniffed her. Then they took a step back and she took a step toward me.

I shouted, "Get her girls! Get her!" At that point, my four dogs all moved toward her, she turned and ran off with my dogs now barking and chasing her.

The entire incident from the time I heard my Retriever

bark to when they chased her off could not have taken more than about 10 seconds. I had no time to feel fear, only to react a little. It is amazing how fast one's mind works when the adrenaline is pumping. Through the entire incident neither the bear nor my dogs made a sound except at the end when they began to chase her. Not once did she show her teeth or growl or snap. When she looked me in the eye her face actually looked serene, docile.

As I walked out of the bush I began to call my dogs back as I was concerned that they would be injured by her.

They all came to me and were sniffing me and licking me, nurturing me. My black Lab, Lady, stood guard at the entrance of the trail watching where the bear went. She looked at me briefly a few times but continued to stand guard at the entrance to the trail, watching where the bear went, not coming to me until I was well away from the bush.

The dogs and I walked the 3/4 a mile or so back to my car and returned to my house. I told my kid he is eating dog



food from now on cause the dogs are getting the steak.

It still seems so unreal. It happened so fast. I was so very lucky. That bear could have had any of my dogs or me at any time she wanted to.

I'm not sure if she intended to charge me at the point that she did or if my dog just turned too fast and at the speed she was going I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Either way I never, ever want to be that close to a bear again. Despite the lack of any other aggressive behavior, no snarling etc, I am sure that I am fortunate to be alive with no injuries.

I've seen bears run when they are scared but I have never seen a bear run at that speed before. Nor have I ever seen a bear chase a dog that far. She must have been very scared or very angry as any "threat" the Retriever may have posed to her did not need her to be chased that far to get rid of the threat.

We've all seen bears chase dogs or other animals away, either in live or on nature shows. Never have I witnessed a bear chase anything that far. They chase just far enough for the intruder to not be a problem anymore. She didn't need to chase my dog so far as my dog was leaving and not going back. Frightening.

I learned that unless you are in a vehicle where you can get away, if a bear wants you it's going to get you because you don't stand a chance when it starts to move. I am so lucky that my four dogs were with me.

Editor's note: We normally would not print unsigned letters, but we made an exception with this one. We think you'll understand why.



The girl lying beside this fish is 5'10" tall!

Fish Find

My daughter Tiana Blatz and I were going for an evening walk, as we live near Lamoureux Lane, we decided to go down to the river and walk along the shore from our house to the Powerdam. As we got closer towards the dam, I turned to look at Tiana behind me, and

when I turned back around, I could not believe my eyes.....This huge, ugly thing with BIG Lips was staring at me. I let out a little scream.....and that got Tiana's attention. She said, what is it mom? I'm like...I don't know...looks like a huge fish of some kind. At first we thought it was a catfish, but as we got closer...I knew it wasn't. We climbed

the bank and walked back home to phone my brother to come with his camera...and brought the rest of the family down to see this amazing fish! I don't know if it washed up on shore or what happened but it was huge! The birds or something had already gotten a hold of the eyes and face by the time we discovered it. I forgot to get the measuring tape, as we were limited with time as it was getting dark, so the next best thing was to lie someone beside it, my oldest daughter Macey Blatz..... volunteered, and then we measured her when we got home. She is 5'10 !!!! Oh and the fish...turns out to be a STURGEON.

Dawn Blatz

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Comment

Character Assassination and the Press

By Charles Norman

There was a time when the British used to claim that they had the best, and the worst newspapers in the world. Today that is only half true. One thing they are good at is tearing their victims character to shreds.

One example; a few years ago an employee of a laboratory, (one of three in the world, with the only remaining samples of the smallpox virus in storage) contracted the disease. So did her mother. The mother died.

The press, like swarming teenagers, or a pack of wild dogs descended on the manager of the laboratory. They made his life hell. He killed

himself.

The American press in the 1950's several times hounded people with left wing connections to suicide.

So when the contemporary Canadian media rush into a feeding frenzy over the private lives of Canadian politicians should not come as a surprise. Beyond mentioning the names of the late two, Maxime Bernier and our own Vic Toews The Echo is not going to delve into the muck. Their private lives are their own and are no one's business but their own.

This lust for prurient details of the private lives of public figures may always have been present, but the indulgence of it by the media

is comparatively new.

One of Britain's best Prime Ministers, David Lloyd George, was a liberal member of parliament for 45 years. He served as Chancellor of the Exchequer, (finance minister) and held several other cabinet posts during his long career. He became Prime Minister in 1916, during the First World War, and held that office until October 1922.

He introduced some major reforms; among them were the first old age pensions, and unemployment and sickness benefits.

Today he would not get that opportunity. He would have been torn apart by the press.

As Chancellor of the Exchequer he lived at 11 Downing Street. He moved into the prime minister's residence, 10 Downing Street in 1916.

Here is the scandal. When he moved to Downing Street he left his wife behind, in Wales, and took with him his secretary and mistress, Frances Stevenson. She lived with him openly, ran his household, entertained her husband's guests and in every respect behaved in exactly the same way as if they had been married.

It was never, ever, mentioned in the press. It was considered no one's business but his own.



David Lloyd George

Reinstate Funding for MKO Residential Schools Resource Office: Keeper

Churchill Member of Parliament Tina Keeper called on the Conservative government to reinstate the full Indian Residential School Resolution funding that it recently cut in the Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin (MKO) region. "The Harper government's cuts have already begun to have detrimental impacts on the Indian Residential School Survivors across northern Manitoba," said Liberal MP Tina Keeper. "This process is supposed to be about reconciliation. It is very disturbing that the Harper government would cut this important funding."

Sydney Garrioch, who represents the 30 most northern First Nations in Manitoba, also expressed great concern.

"Despite repeated requests for sustainable funding on the Residential Schools Resource Office Project in northern Manitoba, it has been shut down by Canada effective April 2008," said Grand Chief Garrioch. "Canada has done a great disservice. Our survivors need this office to get answers and to be directed to the right direction. I demand Canada reinstate the funding to the survivors."

The Indian Residential School Program, administered by MKO, provided assistance for survivors. The

organizations plays a crucial role in the lives of residential school survivors who live in northern Manitoba, many of whom reside in remote communities, have no access to internet and are native language speakers.

"Without the assistance of MKO, government imposed deadlines for survivors to apply for compensation may not be met by a substantial number of claimants who reside in remote, northern communities," add Ms. Keeper. "This is completely unacceptable."

The Churchill MP will continue to pressure the federal government to reverse its position and restore full funding to the region.

A Faith Perspective:



By Pastor Jake Doell



Is Your Life a Garden or a Desert?

Are you enjoying life today or has it become down right difficult and it hurts more than it feels good? Is your life producing fruit like - love, joy and peace? Or do you find that these are missing from your life? You see whether your experience of life is like a fruitful garden or a barren desert depends on where you life is planted. God promises us that if we will "delight ourselves in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. We will be like trees planted along a riverbank bearing fruit each season. Their leaves will not wither and they will prosper in all they do." (Psalm 1:2&3)

I grew up in a home that honored the Bible. My life was planted in the garden of God's Word. Then as I grew into adulthood I made the decision to uproot my life from this garden and replant it in the garden of fun and pleasure or so I thought. Instead of irrigating my life with the Word of God, I now began to irrigate it regularly with alcohol. It wasn't long and I began to realize that I had to irrigate my garden more often to get the same amount of pleasure. As I continued to live in that garden my life slowly began to dry up. In fact what once was a garden was now fast becoming a desert. I also noticed that my life was no longer producing the fruit of love, joy and peace. Now there was more strife, less joy and my

love for God and others was dwindling. Finally one day I came to the end of my rope and I cried out to God, "Lord my life is a mess, but if you can still use me, here I am." He did a miracle. He took my life which had become a desert and planted it back in His garden. Yes Jesus specializes in replanting lives from the desert to the garden of His fruitfulness.

My friend, is your life like a desert today? Have those things that started as a pleasure now become the master in your life and they are slowly squeezing all the joy out of your life? Does your life now feel more like a desert than a garden? I have good news for you. There is a specialist who can take your desert like life and replant it in the garden of His blessing - His name is Jesus. When you invite Him to come and replant your life in His garden here is what He promises to do: "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by months of drought. Their leaves stay green and they never stop producing fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7&8 NLT) I encourage you if the desert like life isn't satisfying you; the gardener of life is waiting for an invitation from you to replant your life in His garden.

On Parliament Hill

Your Voice in Ottawa, Vic Toews, MP Provencher

Strengthening Ties With Ukraine

I was honoured to be asked this past week to officially welcome, on behalf of the Government of Canada, Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko as he began a state visit to Canada. Throughout President Yushchenko's visit to not only Ottawa but Manitoba as well, I have been proud to represent so many Canadians, including tens of thousands of Ukrainian Canadians, who feel a special kinship with Ukraine.

President Yushchenko's visit serves to highlight the special relationship between Canada and Ukraine. The roots of this relationship were formed when Ukrainian immigrants first flocked to this country in the late 1800s. Over time, more enterprising Ukrainians made their way to Canada in search of a better life for themselves and their families. With determination and a strong work ethic, these new Canadians significantly contributed to the fibre of the Canada we all know today.

Today, more than 1.2 million people of Ukrainian descent live throughout Canada. These families hold great pride in both their traditional heritage and their adopted home, and through their efforts have forged a strong bond between our two

countries that continues to this day.

After the fall of the USSR in 1991, under the then-Conservative government, Canada was the first western nation to recognize Ukraine when it declared its independence. As Ukraine transitioned to a vibrant, free and democratic society, Canada has been there to lend a hand every step of the way.

President Yushchenko addressed a joint session of Parliament on Monday, where he was introduced by Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The President thanked Canada for our support for Ukraine's bid to join NATO, a policy for which our Prime Minister has advocated strongly.

Mr. Yushchenko also spoke about the need for our two countries to continue strengthening ties, in areas like trade and security.

For the prime minister's part, he spoke of the millions of Ukrainian-Canadians who have helped build our country. "Canadians of Ukrainian origin have made a name for themselves in all the regions of Canada and in every field of activity," Prime Minister Harper said. "Our country is indeed fortunate that so many of them have chosen to settle in Canada." And importantly, the

prime minister spoke in support of Selkirk—Interlake Conservative MP James Bezan's private member's bill to recognize the 1932-33 Ukrainian famine, the Holodomor, as a deliberate act of genocide. This move comes on the heels of an important announcement of a grant to the Ukrainian Canadian Foundation to acknowledge the injustice done to the Ukrainians interned during the First World War. This grant will help to create a fund to promote the historic recognition of this sad chapter in Canada's history.

As we recognize the past, it is also important to look to the future. In this vein, I am particularly pleased with the efforts our Conservative government has made to honour the history between Canada and Ukraine, and build stronger ties in the years to come.

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.



Demonstrator at the National Day of Action protest at Old Market Square in Winnipeg last weekend.

National Day of Action

By Tina Keeper

For the second consecutive year, the Assembly of First Nations is calling on all Canadians to unite in solidarity from coast to coast to help them demonstrate their discontent with the Conservative government. The lack of Conservative political will has had detrimental impacts on the health and social well-being of First Nations. National Chief Phil Fontaine has said, "We have not been able to forge an open, ongoing, reliable, stable relationship with the current government."

The Conservative government broke an election promise to honour the historic Kelowna Accord and chose to disregard the First Nations-Crown political accord. The AFN was forced to hold the first National Day

of Action last year. With one year passed, it is dispiriting that not much has changed.

I would like to recognize the outstanding contributions across the Churchill riding by the Southern Chiefs Organization, the Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and indeed all communities who took part in today's National Day of Action.

The collective efforts across our constituency, province and country will bring further attention to the gross under funding of programs and services to First Nations and will send a clear message to the government that it needs to be addressed immediately.

I join all Canadians with great hopes that this will be the last National Day of Action this country will ever need.

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Powerview RCMP Press Report

News May 12 to May 25, 2008

2008/05/26
POWERVIEW - police referred a matter to child and family services after attending a residence where a parent was unable to care for the children in the home. The parent was having difficulties and mentally & emotionally unstable at the time.

BLACK RIVER - search and rescue effort were pre-empted when 2 boaters returned safely home after having engine trouble out on Lake Winnipeg.

HOLLOW WATER - An ACER computer was stolen in a break in at the CHCH building.

2008/05/27
FORT ALEXANDER - a complaint of a male yielding a weapon trying to gain access to a residence was made to police. Upon arrival police found the male had left the area and no further problems were encountered. The man was not located by police and the complainant declined any charges.

- a break and enter to a residence resulted in a fridge and stove being stolen. Culprits gained access through a side door.

2008/05/28
FORT ALEXANDER - a complaint of threats being uttered was referred to the peace bond process. An ongoing dispute between 2 males was the source of the complaint.

MANIGOTAGAN - police attended a house fire which destroyed a home. The lone male occupant escaped unharmed. Damage is estimated at approximately \$125,000.00.

HOLLOW WATER - a dispute between a father and son resulted in police attending a residence. The ongoing problems within the family unit were dealt with informally and referred to an outside agency recommended for assistance to the family.

2008/05/29
RM ALEXANDER - a complaint of theft was dealt with informally without charges being laid. Police responded when a female's bank account had been accessed by a relative without her knowledge. The suspect was approached by police and the funds returned to the complainant.

- a routine traffic stop

resulted in one officer being accosted by the driver of a commercial vehicle. The man was charged with several offences under the highway traffic act, obstructing a police officer and Highway Transportation statutes. Investigation continues.

BISSETT - the local school was the target of vandalism when overnight a school window was damaged. Several youth were seen in the area but no one has been charged.

2008/05/30
HILLSIDE BEACH - police patrolled the area after complaints of ATV's on the beach and not observing proper ATV riding regulations.

FORT ALEXANDER - a male escaped injury from a vehicle when it caught on fire. Investigation continues into the incident.

2008/05/31
POWERVIEW - police recovered an air compressor left in a ditch.

- a complaint of a fight in progress was unfounded after a male and female were found to be play fighting in a parking lot.

PINE FALLS - a boys red & yellow Supercycle 600 DS bicycle was recovered.

BLACK RIVER - 1 man remains in custody after attempting to assault 1 man with a knife, assaulting another and uttering threats. The suspect went to a house party, called out 1 male who then fled the scene and a chase ensued when police were called. In attempting to stop the man carrying the knife a second man was assaulted but not injured in the incident. Investigation continues into the occurrence.

HILLSIDE BEACH - police again patrolled the area after numerous complaints of noisy ATV's being operated illegally on the beach and streets. The units were not located by police at this time.

RM ALEXANDER - a patrol of highway 11 was made after a complaint of a male breaching a court order was made. The man known to police was not located and no charges were laid.

FORT ALEXANDER - a couple were warned by police for breaching a no contact court order after a routine traffic stop.

2008/06/01
RM ALEXANDER - police assisted in a single vehicle accident. A female and 2 male youth received minor scratches when a vehicle hit loose gravel and rolled into the ditch.

BLACK RIVER - culprits

broke into the nursery / kindergarten building and once inside released a fire extinguisher, flung paint and tossed a computer to the floor. Entry was gained when a door was pried open. Investigation continues.

HOLLOW WATER - police attended a house fire in the subdivision. The house was unoccupied and had been vacant for some time. Arson is suspected at this time.

POWERVIEW - a break, enter and theft of a garage resulted in approximately \$300.00 being stolen.

FORT ALEXANDER - 1 man has been charged with public mischief after continued calls to police with unfounded complaints.

SUMMARY: Police also followed up on 2 false alarms actioned 6 requests for assistance to other police services/service of legal documents, issued 4 tickets under the highway traffic/liquor acts, charged 1 person for impaired driving/refusal of breath test, lodged 6 persons under the intoxicated persons detention act, attended 7 noise complaints, processed 8 traffic accident reports and transported 1 person under the mental health act to the appropriate facilities.

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 RCMP at 367-8728.

Community

Opposition says industrial use is incompatible with original zoning

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 with the general nature of the surrounding area. In this context, the building of a public administration building would be an acceptable conditional use. On the basis that the public works building will be an administration building, the council gave second reading to a by-law to amend its own its own planning by-law to allow the conditional use.

Joyce Robinson disagrees. She says a public works garage with its heavy equipment moving in and out, is an industrial use and as such incompatible with the original zoning. She complained that the building would lower property values in the area and would be a hazard to children living in the area. She also complained, as did others at the meeting, that not enough information had been given as the cost of the proposed building.

Half a dozen formal objections were registered at the meeting and Joyce Robison will be forwarding a formal petition of forty objectors directly to the provincial government's Department of Intergovernmental affairs.

Town Hall Meeting Called

Winnipeg River Emergency Control District (WRECD)

As the Emergency Co-ordinator for the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls and the R.M. of Alexander, I must take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet (Al Caron, the Town of Lac du Bonnet and the LGD of Pinawa (Daryl Woodbeck) for including WRECD in their Emergency Social Services (ESS) Exercise on May 26th, 2008.

The scenario for the exercise was that, due to forest fires threatening Victoria Beach, a partial evacuation of the beach area was undertaken. A large group of volunteers from Victoria Beach, Lac du Bonnet and Pinawa agreed to act as evacuees. A number of these, good actors all, were given different stories to relate and act out upon their arrival at the Reception Centre.

The Reception Centre

located in the Lac du Bonnet High School was set up and manned by volunteers from Victoria Beach, Pinawa and Lac du Bonnet, with the majority from the R.M. of Lac du Bonnet. The Red Cross and RCMP were in attendance and participated fully. The exercise was a real eye opener and demonstrated that it is essential that a community be prepared for possible disaster. During the exercise it became very apparent that the volunteers were well trained and prepared to handle any number of different problems which they were confronted with.

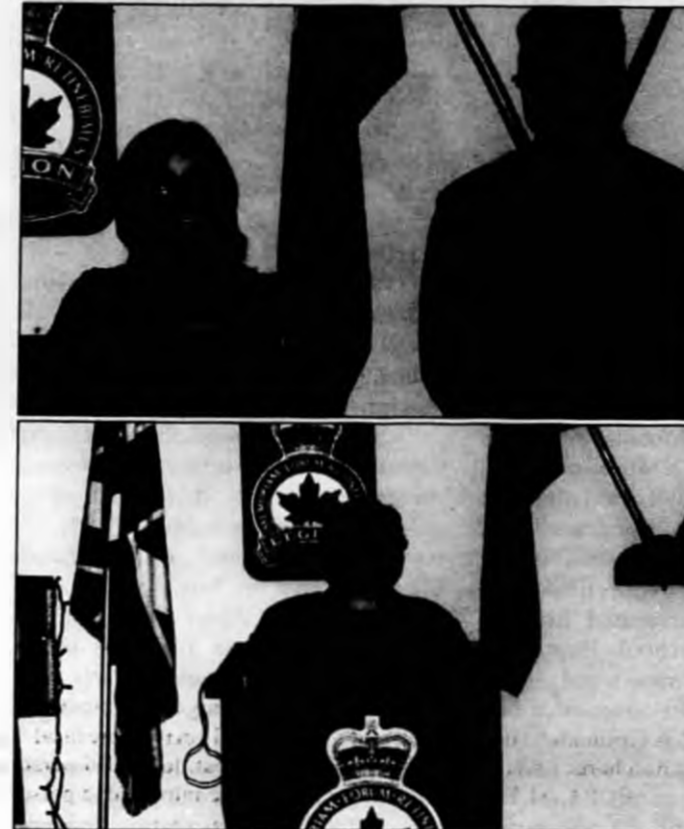
Due to a lack of volunteers from the R.M. of Alexander and the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls, we were unable to take an active part in the exercise, however, Ms. Nadine Roy, Mr. Chick Desautels and myself availed ourselves of the opportunity to observe and learn what would be required if ever our area was to act as a host for evacuees. The most obvious need was very evident - community involvement is a must as a strong volunteer base is essential to successfully operate an Emergency Social Services Centre.

With the above-mentioned exercise in mind and the advent of summer with severe weather, tornadoes and forest fires on the horizon, it is my intention to hold a Town Hall meeting, Thursday, June 19th, 2008 at the Chicken Chef Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be about whether or not we are prepared for a possible emergency or disaster.

People attending will be encouraged to express their views and concerns. Any questions concerning an emergency or disaster will be answered, or looked into.

For further inquiries, call Barry at 340-6192 (cell) or 367-8857.

Barry J. Kemball
 Emergency Co-ordinator
 R.M. of Alexander
 Town of Powerview-Pine Falls



Local Businesses Receive Accolades

Tanya Kemball (top) of the Powerview Chicken Chef accepts the award for Entrepreneur of the Year at the Annual General Meeting of Community Futures Winnipeg River, in Pine Falls on May 26. Bev Dubé (bottom) accepts the Community Initiative Award on behalf of the Winnipeg River Round Table.

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The Adventure Unfolds...



JL Papineau climbs back aboard after an un-planned dip in the Winnipeg River

boxing ring with Larry Sharpe - and lost - was shot Saturday afternoon, but will appear at the end of the show. Knocked the canvas, Dany struggles to rise, threatens to get even next time - and collapses.

The La Petite Seduction series is based on a very successful Quebec feature film in which a small community tried to attract a major industry to its struggling village of 150 residents. They succeeded in finding a company willing to locate in their community, but only if the village had a resident doctor. The film, *La Grande Seduction*, a comedy, covered the extraordinary ways the town tried to convince a doctor that their community had everything he ever wanted - and stretched the truth in the process.

Out of that movie came the TV series *La Petite Seduction* in which communities in Quebec try to attract celebrity to their own com-

munity. Towns and villages from Quebec and New Brunswick have participated. The St. George episode is the first in Western Canada.

In *La Grande Seduction* the villagers had first to discover the likes and dislikes of the doctor. In the St. George episode of *La Petite Seduction* they chose singer Marie Elaine Thibert as the star they wanted to attract to the village. They learned that her favourite song was *La vie en rose* by Piaf, she was a fan of Indiana Jones, she liked boxing, smurfs, smarties. They also discovered that she was not keen on water or flying, but they seemed to have overlooked that - she arrived by dragon boat, and took of in a float-plane as Manitoba Jones in the search for the lost pea.

The action began with the St. George dragon boat and crew, steered by JL Papineau, leaving the St. Georges Beach to go to the St. Georges dock to pick up Marie-Elaine

and Dany. The dragon boat had barely left the beach when JL fell of the stem and got a soaking. The crew waited for him to catch up and crawl aboard before leaving for the St. George Dock. They rounded the Point and drew up alongside the dock, and waited for the shows stars - and waited. The crew got out of the boat and milled around on the dock - and waited some more. It was the first of many long waits, but none of them longer than the farmer who waited at the top of Muck Hill for more than three hours on Sunday morning. (More on him later). The waiting gave time for JL Papineau to go home and get a change of clothes.

Eventually the stars arrived and the dragon boat was paddled back around the point to the beach, where there were greeted with a musket salute by La Compagnie Laverendrye, a contingent of Voyageurs. They were carried ashore,



Graduation ceremony

Dany by Glen Kettles and Marie Elaine by Mario Dupont.

More than 150 people welcomed them with songs and speeches.

Later that morning, on the playing field, Marie-Elaine graduated from St. Georges School. From Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 12 - all in the space of a few minutes. To Graduate from kindergarten she had to make a gigantic flower, For Grades 6 and 12 she had to answer math, history and geography questions.

In the afternoon, still on the school playing field, but under a big tent containing a boxing ring, the fight took place - actually several - many of the extras thought this was the best part of the weekend, after JL getting a dunking, that is.

Powerview's boxing champion, Larry Sharp, took on Dany in what appeared to be a hard fought battle, with the fight ending with Larry

landing a vicious blow to the side of Dany's head. Actually it was a well choreographed with Dany moving his head away as he was gently pushed by Larry.

The producer then asked Larry to box with Marie-Elaine. Apart from being a girl, Marie Elaine is about five foot nothing. Larry was sure he had misunderstood. "Box?" He asked. Yes it was what the producers wanted. The pair gave a good demonstration of shadow boxing with neither landing a blow.

How this will appear in the movie is anyone's guess, but they decided that the boxing competition should be musical. Two guitarist, a drummer, a trumpeter, a fiddler and a mouth organ all participated in the competition with the extras wildly cheering and waving red or blue flags for their choice.

Every episode has to have a legend, and the Legend of the lost fiddler, written by George Lalor, turned out to

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The Search for the Lost Pea: Marie Elaine and Dany take off from St. Georges beach (inset), and arrive at the dock (above) to begin their quest.

be one of the best of the series. In the legend a fiddler loses his fiddle in the river, he dives in after it, and is never seen again. The fiddle washes ashore. His friends fill it with rocks and sink it in the river so that he has his cherished fiddle with him. It is said, that if you listen carefully, on a calm night with just the hint of a breeze, you can hear him playing.

The legend was acted out on the lawn in front of Jill Papineau's home. The production crew said it was one of the best they had ever done. They said the acting was up to professional standard. Later in the evening Jill presented Marie Elaine with a hand made bracelet of

fused glass in the shape and colours of smarties.

On Sunday, Marie Elaine, dressed, not as Indiana Jones, but as Manitoba Jones, complete with whip arrived at la Grande Tasse for pea soup. Dany was immaculate in an outfit reminiscent of Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady*. They discovered that there was no soup because there were no peas. Then followed Manitoba Jones and the search for the lost pea.

Their first clue saw them taking off from the St. George Beach in a Blue Water Aviation Otter, the pilot, Ed Gaffray was wearing a fez. They landed at the dock, got another clue and took off in a jeep. They ended up at about

1:00 PM on the top of muck Hill, (thankfully dry), where a farmer had been patiently waiting since 9:30 AM with a supply of peas. Taking the peas they rushed back to La Grande Tasse where the peas were thankfully received and promptly made into pea soup. Marie Elaine And Dany pronounced the soup delicious. The extras responded with a great collective sigh of relief.

North of Jill's home was another scene, this time dealing with the proposed library. There were chairs arranged as if in a library, with readers and books but no building. Smurfs, all dressed in blue and white, with blue painted faces were part of the scene.



The successful return from Muck Hill - peas in hand!

The finale, in the St. George Museum, was densely packed. Marie Elaine was entertained by local talent which included Kristen Dube

singing *La vie en rose*. The episode will be aired on Radio Canada on July 2 at 8:00 PM.



The dragon boat crew



A Voyageur welcome



The Legend of the Fiddler



Some of the Smurfs

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UNDER THE PLANNING ACT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING BY-LAW 64/08

The Board of the Winnipeg River Planning District under the authority of The Planning Act will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at the R.M. of Alexander Administration office June 18th, 2008 at 6:15 p.m., at which time and place the Board will receive representations from any persons who wish to make them in respect of the following amendment of By-Law 14/90 as amended, and known as the Winnipeg River Planning District Development Plan as amended. A copy of the following amendment and supporting material may be inspected by any person during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the office of the Winnipeg River Planning District located in the R.M. of Alexander Administration Building in St. Georges, Manitoba. Copies may be made and extracts taken therefrom, upon request. For additional information please contact Michele Stefanik, Secretary-Treasurer, Winnipeg River Planning District, Phone (204) 367-6170.

1. General Intent

The general intent of the amending by-law is to allow for mixed uses in urban areas by providing for the addition of Comprehensive Urban Development Land Use designations and related Policies to the Winnipeg River Planning District Development Plan - and

2. Appendix "F"

Appendix "F", being part of the Winnipeg River Planning District Development Plan as amended, is hereby further amended so that the area legally described as follows:

Lot 34, Plan 33570 WLTO in RL 25, Twp 18-10EPM

as shown outlined by a heavy broken line on Appendix "A", attached hereto, annexed to the re-named Town of Powerview-Pine Falls from unorganized territory under Order In Council number 152/2004 and presently un-designated be hereby re-designated "Comprehensive Urban Development Area."

3. Appendix "F"

Appendix "F", being Part of the Winnipeg River Planning District Development Plan as amended, is hereby further amended so that the area legally described as follows:

Lot 33, Plan 33570 WLTO in RL 24, Twp 18-10EPM, Exc. Pcd A, Plan 38958 WLTO

as shown outlined by a heavy broken line on Appendix "A", attached hereto, annexed to the Village of Powerview from the R.M. of Alexander under Order In Council No. 511/1998 and presently designated "Parks, Recreation and Institutional" be hereby re-designated "Comprehensive Urban Development Area"



Approved by the Board of the Winnipeg River Planning District on June 18, 2008. The Board of the Winnipeg River Planning District is authorized to amend the Development Plan as amended, and to make any necessary amendments to the Development Plan as amended.

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day



On Sunday June 15th, 2008, the third World Elder Abuse Awareness Day will be held. Around the world, communities and seniors organizations will use this day to promote the vision of: My World...Your World...Our World...Free of Elder Abuse. The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) introduced the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in 2006. The INPEA is work-

ing with interested individuals, agencies, organizations, governments and businesses throughout the world to promote awareness and recognition of this issue.

This important day is a time to share information, learn more, discuss the issue of abuse of older adults, and become involved.

Please wear a purple ribbon during the week of June 9th to 15th as a sign of recognition that...

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If you would like to plan an event including presentations, workshops, proclamations, "coffee breaks", articles submitted to local media, public service announcements, etc. or for more information please contact Susan Crichton, Elder Abuse Consultant, Manitoba Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat Phone 204-945-1927 or email Susan.Crichton@gov.mb.ca

The response and recognition of this day in 2007 was overwhelming, and Manitoba continues to be a leader in Canada in recognizing this inaugural event. Submitted by Pat Porth, Community Resource Coordinator, Two Rivers Seniors Council 345-1227 or email: tworiver@granite.mb.ca

Pine Falls Royal Bank Celebrates Community Week

RB, Pine Falls branch will be celebrating Community Week between June 9th and 13th.

We have chosen to highlight some important projects in our community and we invite you to participate. Each day we will be accepting donations to help support the specific cause.

Monday, June 9th
Powerview School Children's Playground

Tuesday, June 10th
Wings of Power Helping Hands Program (clothing donations welcomed)

Wednesday, June 11th
East Beaches Animal Shelter (donations of dog or cat food as well as any used

pet items IE: leashes, collars, kennels welcomed)

Thursday, June 12th
St. Georges Library Allard Children's Corner

Friday, June 13th
Annual Customer Appreciation Day BBQ 11am - 2pm
Chase Bilan (Kim Tardiff's son)

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. John Giroux. Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m.

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

ST. GEORGES: Mass Sunday at 9:00am.

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.

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Features

Cougars, Wolves and Wolverines

A natural history of the East Beaches and Winnipeg River



Rabbits and Hares

by Stuart Jansson

The classic "bunny rabbit" is a term often used to describe two quite different species. The cottontail rabbit is a true rabbit, while our most familiar local denizen is actually a hare, specifically the snowshoe hare or *Lepus americanus*.

After a pregnancy of 28 to 32 days baby rabbits, called kits, are born hairless and blind. Their eyes open at about 10 days and they begin to feed away from the nest at about 4 weeks. Rabbits remain brown throughout the year and are somewhat smaller than hares, averaging a couple of pounds. In Manitoba the cottontail is most common in large urban areas, especially Winnipeg. Perhaps it is the abundance of food (they are vegetarians with a fondness for garden produce) and the lack of natural predators that give the urban bunny a good home.

In the local area, by far the most common is the snowshoe hare. Breeding season begins in mid to late March and after a 36 day gestation a litter of 1 to 13 leverets results. However, the average is usually 4 to 7. Hares breed again the day after the young are born and they normally have 3 to 4 litters per year.

Hares are born fully furred miniatures of their parents with eyes open and

are capable of moving almost immediately. The young are nursed only once a day, usually in the evening and are independent at 3 to 4 weeks of age. The mother is only with her young for the few minutes of daily nursing and otherwise keeps her distance from them. This is so that her scent does not attract predators. It is this trait that leads people, when they happen upon a juveniles hare to believe it is abandoned or orphaned and therefore needs rescuing. This is mostly not the case and the little critter is best left alone.

The snowshoe hare is found in every part of Canada, wherever there is some forest cover. The adult weighs 3 to 4 pounds and in a number of areas is a common food source for many people. Well adapted to its environment, the large furry hind feet enable the hare to travel

rapidly over deep soft snow.

As the season changes the snowshoe's coat gradually turns from summer brown to white for winter as protection from predators. The home range occupies an area of 15 to 20 acres within which the hare has an intricate network of trails that crisscross its territory. The trails which are utilized all year round go from resting to feeding areas and are maintained by removing twigs and growth from the passageways. Familiarity with a good trail system helps the hare escape its enemies.

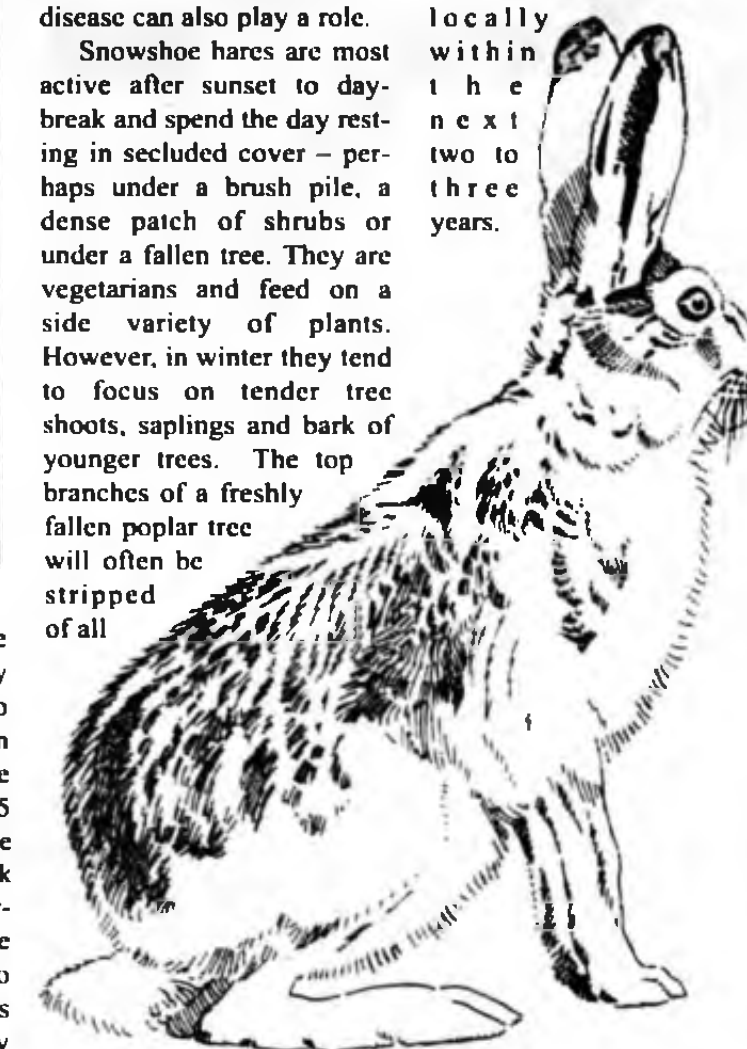
Snowshoe hare populations fluctuate widely on an approximate 10 year cycle. At a peak, numbers can exceed 1,000 animals per square mile, and at a low drop to perhaps 1 or 2. Many predators rely on hares for survival. The lynx is probably the most dependent on a healthy population as their numbers fluctuate from highs to lows in very close relation

to the hare cycle. The population boom or bust is largely the result of predators, but disease can also play a role.

Snowshoe hares are most active after sunset to day-break and spend the day resting in secluded cover - perhaps under a brush pile, a dense patch of shrubs or under a fallen tree. They are vegetarians and feed on a side variety of plants. However, in winter they tend to focus on tender tree shoots, saplings and bark of younger trees. The top branches of a freshly fallen poplar tree will often be stripped of all

its bark in a very short time.

The next peak of the snowshoe cycle should occur locally within the next two to three years.



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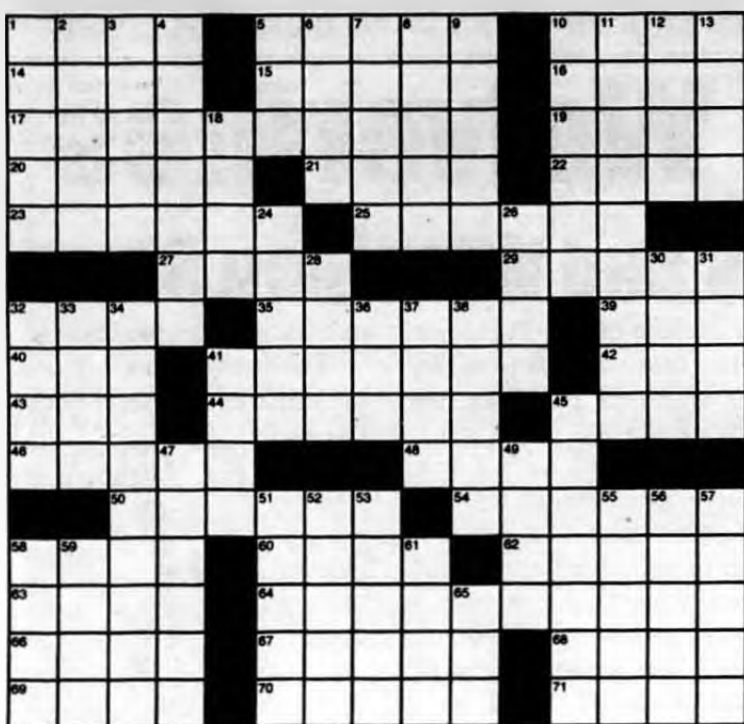
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- Across
- Dunce.
 - Rager, novelist.
 - Ratio of probability.
 - Chieftan.
 - Time long past.
 - Old small, silver Spanish coin.
 - People who express negative opinions.
 - Highest point.
 - Type of chalcedony quartz.
 - Christmas period.
 - Having toes.
 - Racially intolerant.
 - Falling star.
 - Beehive state.
 - Preliminary design sketch.
 - Metrical composition.
 - Sleeveless tunic.
 - Excessive degree.
 - CGS unit of work.
 - Stream of beta particles.
 - Old.
 - Seed nearing spike of

- Down
- Prevent from happening.
 - Ending of a series.
 - Bush with sweet-smelling flowers.
 - Radioactive isotope of hydrogen.
 - Negation.
 - Sheedy, actress.
 - Concert hall.
 - Oberon, actress.
 - Inflow, as of water.
 - Eloquent public speaker.
 - Style of English architecture most common during the period (1250-1380).
 - Woman of refinement.
 - Transportation over snow.
 - Match between two national teams.
 - Potato.
 - Raven, singer.
 - Intense dislike.
 - Cease to operate.
 - Difficulty.
 - Osmond matriarch.
 - Defraud.
 - Latin for "of its own kind."
 - Small ornamental case.
 - Taken into the mouth for consumption.
 - Go off hastily.
 - Alleviate.
 - Nikole, animal behaviorist.
 - Old variant of "sancho."

- Species of Colubrid snakes.
- Wooden frame for carrying dead bodies.
- Love, 1981 film.
- Bookmaker.
- 1,000 million years.
- Shapeless matter.
- Equivalent to.
- Matching set of furniture.
- Around.
- Instrument to birds.
- Insects harmful to crops.
- Branched structure to hang things on.
- Roster.
- Old.
- Finish.

Last Week's Answers



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

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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

I NEVER THINK OF THE FUTURE,
IT COMES SOON ENOUGH.
- ALBERT EINSTEIN

Weekly Horoscopes

June 5 to June 11

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20) You're in the mood to spend time with your lover. You'll have great insight. Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Join humanitarian groups and let your leadership ability take over.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) You need to spend some time getting to know this person all over again. Overindulgence will mean poor health. You can't live your life for others. Find a way to consolidate.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Try not to push your philosophies on others. You could have a need to make some changes this week. Upheavals may occupy your day. You need to be careful not to make promises that you can't fulfill.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) Don't be shy to promote your own interests. Use your creative abilities to come up with new ideas and directions. Be prepared to overcome frustrations and obstacles at work. Delve into your work if you can't make amends at home.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) Control your emotions and everything will fall into place. Double check your work and be sure that your boss is in a good mood before you do your presentation. Take action. Spend time getting to know each other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) You can make it up to them later. Don't let the moods of those you live with get you down. Stay away from social unpleasantness. Your involvement with children will be most rewarding.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) You will be able to find the perfect outfit, and the greatest new accessory for your house. Involvement with prestigious organizations will be to your advantage. Your partner could also use some time alone with you. Interaction with colleagues will only be upsetting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Avoid arguments with relatives who might be conservative and outdated. Be discreet about any information you uncover. Put your efforts into being creative. You must consider yourself for a change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Sudden changes regarding your circle of friends could prove interesting and stimulating. Don't overspend on luxury items. Don't confide in any relatives whom you know have a tendency to meddle in other people's affairs. You need to interact with others if you want to expand your knowledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Don't be too open or put your faith in unreliable coworkers. Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. Get busy trying to make more money. Things will be hectic and family members will be erratic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) You can clear up important legalities and sign contracts this week. Do your own thing. Focus your efforts on your work. Conflicts over joint finances are likely.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) You can make the most headway if you put in some overtime. Get ready to discover love, passion, and the desire to enjoy all that life has to offer. Don't let your mate talk you into going somewhere you'd rather not go. Do your job and then spend some time with family; you'll be glad you did.

Recreation Updates

For Powerview/Pine Falls, St. Georges & R.M. of Alexander

Guess what? They started working on the pool today!! If you have not registered the kids for swimming this summer you had better come to the office and pick up a registration form. The sessions are filling up - so get the kids signed up on the dates that work with the rest of your summer schedule ASAP. Aquasize classes will be starting June 23 for seniors, adults and children. Classes will be 1 hour for seniors and adults and 30 min for children. \$25.00 week or \$6.00 drop in fee. Call the office for more info.

Physical Arts Training Camp registration costs have been confirmed and the Beaches location will be the Victoria Beach Sports Club. Registration forms will be sent out to the schools on Monday June 9th. If you have grandchildren visiting for the summer and you would like to get them registered I will have registration forms available at the office 367-9142. I am also looking for billeting for the instructors of the camp from August 4 - 9 in the Powerview-Pine Falls & St. Georges area. If you would be interested in helping keep the cost down for the kids to attend the camp by opening your home please give me a call 367-9142.

For those of you ages 16 - 99 that are looking for some cheap physical activity you might want to visit the Powerview School soccer field on Sunday's at 6:30 PM. Faith Fontaine has started a soccer scrimmage and invites all interested to attend. There are no fees - just some great fun and exercise.

My phone has not been ringing off the wall with people interested in the 3 summer student positions I have available. If you are ages 15 + and are looking for summer employment working with programs and events in Powerview-Pine Falls and St. Georges please give me a call or pick up an application at the Pineview Rec Office.

The babysitting training course is coming up very fast. Locations at the Beaches will be Walter Whyte School June 9, 10 & 11 and in Pine Falls at the Wings of Power June 14 & 21. Cost is \$20.00 for kids turning 12 in 2008 and older.

I know I have probably forgot something - oh yes - we will be having a mixed softball tournament for ages 9 - 14 in Powerview-Pine Falls. Teams from Sagkeeng, The Beaches, Little Black River, Wanipigow and Brokenhead are all being invited. Contacts for each area are: Val Fontaine and Roy McMullen - Powerview-Pine Falls, Kim Mackelson - The Beaches, Jackie Berthellette - Sagkeeng, Allister Courchen - Little Black River, John Spence - Wanipigow, Norbert Mercredi - Brokenhead. Looking for volunteers to run a BBQ at the fields to help raise money for more equipment and repairs, so if you would like to get

involved in helping give me a call at the office.
Have a great weekend & lets pray there is no frost!!
Lori Vialoux
367-9142
Pineview Rec Director

CHILDREN & TEENS
Babysitting Safety Training Must be turning 12 in 2008 or older
June 9, 10 & 11 @ Walter Whyte School
3:30 - 5:30 each day
June 14 & 21 @ Wings of Power
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$20.00 Per Person
Lori 367-9142

Junior Golf Clinic
Grand Pines Golf Course
Every Wed in June & July @6:30 PM
\$10.00 Each Session
Clinic will include golf etiquette, putting, chipping, swing & woods.
Golf clubs will be available at no charge if required. Range balls supplied. Sing up day of golf clinic in person. For more info call 756-2345

Mom & Tot Music Program
Pine Falls School
Thus July 17th - August 21st
\$90 for 6 week session
1 - 3 year old - 10:00 am
4 - 5 year old - 11:00 am
A variety of music activities guided by Grace Dansereau, a long time music educator for children. The program will include a variety of small instruments, movement, ball play and lots of singing.

Softball
► Level 1: Ages 5 & 6
► Level 2: Ages 7 & 8
Every Sunday May - August @ 2:00 PM
Powerview-Pine Falls Industrial Park
Beaches - Walter Whyte School
Cost \$10.00 per child
Bring your own glove, hat & water

The Palmatol Learn to Play Program is designed to be a young person's introduction to the sport of softball. The emphasis is on Fun, Action and a Positive Atmosphere with a gradual introduction to non-stressful competition.
To register contact Lori at Pineview Rec Office 367-9142

► Mixed Softball for ages 9-14
Sundays May - Aug 2:00 PM
Location: Rupert's Park (Powerview-Pine Falls) & Walter Whyte School
Cost \$10.00 per child
Bring your own glove, hat & water
To register contact Lori at Pineview Rec Office 367-9142

Physical Arts Training Camp
► Victoria Beach Sports Club
July 28, 29, 30, 31 & Aug 1
Before July 7th: \$100.00/week or \$30.00/Day
After July 7th: \$125.00/Week or \$40.00/Day
► Pine Falls School
August 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2008
Before July 7th: \$75.00/week or \$25.00/Day

After July 7th: \$100.00/week or \$35.00/Day
Hop N Pop program will be available only at Victoria Beach Sports Club for kids 3-5 for a cost of \$30.00 for the week. Contact Pineview Rec Office for registration forms 367-9142.
Swimming Lessons
Pineview Rec Office located in Pine Falls School - Poolside Entrance. Stop in the office to register your children
Mon - Fri 9 am - 4:30 am
Contact Lori 367-9142

ADULT
Soccer Scrimmage
16 Years & Up
Every Sun. Evening @ 6:30 PM
Starting June 1st @ Powerview School Field. Contact Pineview Rec Office 367-9412.
Golf
► Ladies Golf Lessons
Grand Pines Golf Course
Every Wed in June & July @ 5:30 PM
\$10.00 Each Session
Lessons include: Instruction by CPGA Golf Pro Tome Betz. Golf clubs will be provided if needed.

► Ladies Open Tournament
Pine Falls Golf Course
Sunday July 13th
Shotgun at 10:00 am
Entry Fee \$35/Members \$40/Non Members
For registration contact Susan Lazaruk 367-2681 or Debbie Robson 367-2892

► Men's Night
Grand Pines Golf Course
Thu's @ 2:00 PM
\$7.00 Entry Fee
Front nine scores count towards weekly event. Prizes.
Book your time with golf shop 756-2345.

► Grand Pines Men's Club
Grand Pine Golf Course
\$50.00
Various events throughout the year will be posted in the golf shop. Be the next Club Champ!

► Junior & Family Golf Night
Grand Pine Golf Course
Every evening @ 6:00 PM
Excluding some tournament dates
Free For ages 16 & under
9 Holes
\$10.00 for adults playing with juniors
Juniors 12 years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Tee times will be on a walk on basis - tee times will not be reserved. Golf club with bags & balls will be provided subject to availability for Juniors. 756-2345.

► East Beaches Wellness Center Fun Golf Night
Grand Pines Golf Course
Every Tue starting May 20th
Best Ball Scramble with Tee Off 6:00 PM
\$20.00 per person plus prizes
Contact Monty 754-3322

► Ladies & Couples Golf Night
Grand Pines Golf Course
Every night all year long!
6:00 PM
\$10.00 per person

Pineview Recreation Commission - Lori Vialoux, Rec. Director

Box 281 Powerview, MB. R0E 1P0 - 3 Walnut Street, Pine Falls
Ph: 204-367-9142 Fax: 204-367-8605 E-Mail: prarec2003@yahoo.ca

Yoga
Fri 7:00 PM @ Pine Falls School Gym
Starting May 9th - July 4th
8 Week Program \$65.00/Drop In Fee \$10.00
Instructor - Grace Dansereau
This program is a Hatha level 1 approach for all adults and seniors who are able to get down to the floor. Grace will modify program to your ability. Please bring a yoga mat & towel to help with stretching. Contact Lori 367-9142

Womens Kickboxing
Every Mon & Wed
September - June
Monthly Charge \$30.00
Southida Sharpe 367-9797

Kickboxing
St. Georges School
Tues & Thurs @ 7PM - 8:30 PM
Contact Nick Bonekamp 367-2702 or Paul 367-8018

Running Club
Sundays at 2:30
Powerview Track
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Southida Sharpe 367-9797

Quilting
Seniors Scene, Victoria Beach
Every Thu at 1:00 PM
Have an unfinished quilt at home or interested in learning how it's done - head over to the Seniors Scene and spend the afternoon with some delightful ladies. Marlene 756-2752.

SENIORS
55+ Exercise Classes
St. Georges Church Basement
Mon, Wed & Fri
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
5 step program with warm up & cardio
Ginette Vincent 367-8244

55+ Exercise Classes
Senior Scene, Victoria Beach
Every Mon 10AM - 11AM
Moderate intensity and modified for each individual.
Included: cardio, strengthen, stretch & balance.
Drop in fee \$5.00 per class
Contact Natasha Joy 756-3868

S & S.M.I.L.E. Program
Senior Scene, Victoria Beach
Wednesdays
Walter Whyte School students & seniors having fun while learning together. If you would like to participate in this program please contact Dee Ricker 756-6471

Ballroom Dancing & Square Dancing
Senior Scene, Victoria Beach
For more information contact Jill 756-2696

Line Dancing
Senior Scene, Victoria Beach
Every Tue @ 10:00 AM
A wonderful way to exercise your body and challenge your memory.
Contact Judy 756-3132

FOR ALL AGES
Let's Get Planting
June 6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
\$6 per person - lunch included
Victoria Beach Sports Club
Learn how to properly plant and transplant native trees and shrubs

Pre-register by calling Manitoba Forestry Association 204-453-3182 or The Cottager Magazine 204-756-8381.

Body Sculpting
Last Class June 23
Walter Whyte School, Grand Marais
Mon & Thurs 6:30PM-7:30 PM
For ages 10 - fit seniors
Moderate - High intensity.
Class is always different and modified for every level.
\$50/10 classes or \$10 drop in fee
Contact Natasha Joy 756-3868

Stretch Class
Last Class June 23
Walter Whyte School, Grand Marais
Mon & Thurs 7:30 PM - 8PM
For all ages
\$20/10 classes
Contact Natasha Joy 756-3868

Beaches Pet Walk
July 26 @ 9:00 AM
Charlie Wall Park, Hillside Beach
Supporting the East Beaches Animal Shelter & Darcy's ARC
Registration free with \$50.00 in pledges or \$10.00 entry fee
Contact Natasha 756-3588

Beaches Half Marathon
Charlie Wall Park, Hillside Beach, July 26, 2008
Contact Natasha Joy 756-3868
East Beaches Wellness Centre
5K Fun Run
Charlie Wall Park, Hillside Beach, Saturday August 9, 2008
Gloria Fillion 756-2913.

Festivals & Events
Canada Day Celebrations
June 29 @ Albert Beach
Fireworks, BBQ & Music
July 1 @ Grand Marais Rec Centre
Flea Market, Craft & Bake Sale, Crib Tournament, Bingo, Entertainment & Fireworks

Public Safety Day
July 13
Victoria Beach Fire Hall
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Hosted by the Victoria Beach Fire Department with information on Fire Extinguishers, Smoke Alarms, and Fireplace Safety including demonstration on Live Fire Exercises & Vehicle Extrication. Visit www.victoriabeachfd.ca for more info.

Summer Winds Music Festival
Victoria Beach Sports Field
Saturday July 26, 2008
Gates Open 1:30 pm
Music, Children's Activities, Beer Gardens & Food
www.summerwindsfamilymusicfestival.com

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The Fitness Co-op is now entering into its second year of operation.
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A Graveside Memorial Service will be held for William Berkeley Crawford at Notre Dame du Laus Cemetery on June 7th, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. Cemetery located on Broadlands Road, just off Highway 304 north.

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Auction Sale

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF LANDS FOR ARREARS OF TAXES RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER

Pursuant to subsection 367(7) of The Municipal Act, notice is hereby given that unless the tax arrears for the designated year and costs in respect of the hereinafter described properties are paid in full to the Municipality prior to the commencement of the auction, the Municipality will on the 28th day of June, 2008, at the hour of 2:00 p.m. at the office of the Rural Municipality of Alexander at 104052 PTH 911, St. Georges, Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction the following described properties:

Roll Number	Description	Assessed Value	Amount of Arrears (to Dec. 31, 2007) & Costs to which Property May be Subject for Sale
11800	95063 Stead Road 44E Pt. LS 5 of SW 33-16-8 EPM	L - \$2,900 B - \$10,300	\$3,552.38
23600	Lot 8 Block 2 Special Plot No. 19386	L \$800	\$1,330.92
25900	LS 11, 13 & 14 of NW 7-17-8 EPM	L - \$27,100	\$1,870.27
26100	Pt. LS 7 & 8 and Pt. LS 1 & 2 SE 7-17-8 EPM	L - \$8,100	\$1,159.02
28200	Pt. LS 1 and Pt. LS 2 of SE 7-17-8 EPM	L - \$15,800	\$2,748.35
51900	Lot 1 Plan 18798 in E-3-25-17-10 EPM	L - \$7,800	\$3,466.21
70560	38 Ash Street	L - \$4,400	\$1,550.05
72109	15 Leisure Pt.	L - \$3,900	\$3,252.55
72110	Lot 8 Block 9 Plan 13598 W.L.T.O.	L - \$3,700	\$2,157.11
72120	36 Retreat Pt.	L - \$4,100	\$2,247.72
153434	Lot 9 Block 2 Plan 15181 W.L.T.O.	L - \$7,900	\$1,891.88
154130	1 Shoreline Dr.	L - \$6,000	\$2,428.05
154168	Lot 1 Block 1 Plan 15333 W.L.T.O.	L - \$6,000	\$2,027.71
161849	Lot 5 Block 2 Plan 15333 W.L.T.O.	L - \$15,900	\$1,825.83
181285	32 Grand Pines Dr. Lot 51 Block 3 Plan 32528 W.L.T.O.	L - \$9,400	\$3,215.49

The tax sale is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The Municipality may exercise its right to set a reserve bid in the amount of the arrears and costs.
- The Municipality makes no representation or warranty whatsoever concerning the properties being sold.
- A non-refundable deposit equal to the lesser of \$500 and the purchase price is required at the time of the sale.
- The balance of the purchase price, if any, must be paid by 11:30 a.m. the day following the tax sale.
- All payments must be made in cash, certified cheque or bank draft.
- The risk for the property lies with the purchaser immediately following the auction.
- The Purchaser is responsible for obtaining vacant possession.
- The Purchaser will be responsible for registering the transfer in the land titles office including the costs thereof.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2008. Margaret Bonekamp Chief Administrative Officer Rural Municipality of Alexander Phone: (204) 367-6170 Fax: (204) 367-2257



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DEADLINE June 15/2008

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Help Wanted

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TOWN OF POWERVIEW - PINE FALLS PUBLICWORKS TERM POSITION (June 30 - August 29)

The Town of Powerview-Pine Falls is seeking a highly motivated, organized individual to work in the Public Works Department on a term position (June 30, 2008 thru August 29, 2008). This position is for a Labourer/Driver Position. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Rate of pay as per the International Union of Operating Engineers Collective Agreement.

The successful applicant must possess a Class 5 driver's license with Air (a driver's abstract must accompany resume). The successful applicant must have the ability to work in a variety of environments, as a team member, with the public and independently. This is a unionized position with applicable union dues being deducted.

All resumes must be submitted to: Town of Powerview - Pine Falls P.O. Box 220 Powerview, Manitoba R0E 1P0

Or delivered to the Town office: 277B Main Street

Resumes must be received no later than Friday, June 13th, 2008 at Noon.

All applicants are thanked for their interest, but only those selected to be interviewed will be contacted. Inquiries may be directed to Larry Stinson, Public Works Supervisor at 367-2070.

Marlene Watson, crmma Chief Administrative Officer Town of Powerview - Pine Falls

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