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Dave Courchene says the opening prayer at Tuesday's meeting.

New Primary Care Centre

A new, \$7.2-million primary health-care centre at the Pine Falls Health Complex, uniting traditional Aboriginal healing practices and modern medicine in an expanded, state-of-the-art setting. Health Minister Theresa Oswald, acting Aboriginal and northern affairs minister Eric Robinson announced yesterday (Tuesday).

Dave Courchene opened the proceedings with a prayer "Today, one of our dreams is being fulfilled: To be recognized, to be respected and to be given a place that we can share the wisdom of our ancestors."

Currently, primary health-care services in the area are provided in a small space in the Pine Falls Health Complex. A new 16,000-square-foot expansion of the Pine Falls Health Complex will include an Aboriginal healing centre and will be built as an extension of the health complex to provide bright, modern facilities and improve patient privacy and working conditions for health providers.

Eric Robinson noted the lower east side of Lake Winnipeg has traditionally been a place of healing, rich in natural medicines harvested by indigenous peoples for

centuries. The area has come to be known as a focal point of spirituality and traditional healing.

"This expansion of the Pine Falls Health Complex marks a true partnership between First Nations and the provincial government," said Sagkeeng First Nation Chief Donovan Fontaine. "This project is a positive step forward in the spirit of unity and co-operation."

Construction is expected to begin by the end of 2009.

The Echo will include a more in-depth article on the new facility in next week's paper.

Vandals Terrorize Neighbourhood



House burned to ground, two classic cars consumed in Halloween fire.

By Charles Norman

A house on Guffi Drive in Belair was burned to the ground in the evening of October 31, (Halloween). The house had a two-car garage in which Monty Vialoux, a Belair resident, restored antique automobiles and stored two of them.

The house belonged to Henrietta Hielema who is a teacher in Kitchener Ontario. She spent her summer holidays in the home.

Vialoux said he was called at 10:00 pm that Halloween night and arrived at the fire about ten minutes later. "By then it was completely engulfed in flames." He said.

Vialoux' two classic cars were a 63 red Chrysler convertible, often used in 4P parades, and a 42 Dodge Business Coupe. Vialoux said that, because it was war time the production run for this vehicle was very small and it was not made at all in the United States. He said it was one of the only two in Canada, perhaps in the world. Now there is only one.

Vialoux told The Echo that the fire Commissioner had found evidence that the

house had been broken into and had determined that the fire had been deliberately set. However RCMP Corporal Boulet said that the Fire Commissioners office had found that the fire was "suspicious". The RCMP Powerview detachment is waiting for the official report of the Fire Commissioner and the investigation is ongoing. Vialoux said the RCMP have not taken statements from him or the owner of the house.

He said vandalism had been a problem for most of the summer. In the previous month, September there had been seven break ins. In one house there was \$40,000 worth of damage. He said four youngsters from a different area were later charged with these offences.

Two weeks later the Hielema house was vandalized, but Vialoux does not believe the four kids who were charged were responsible for this break-in. He said fire extinguishers were stolen from a neighbour and used to spray foam around the house. They wrote the word BITCH in the dust. He said the four teenagers had no way of knowing that the owner of

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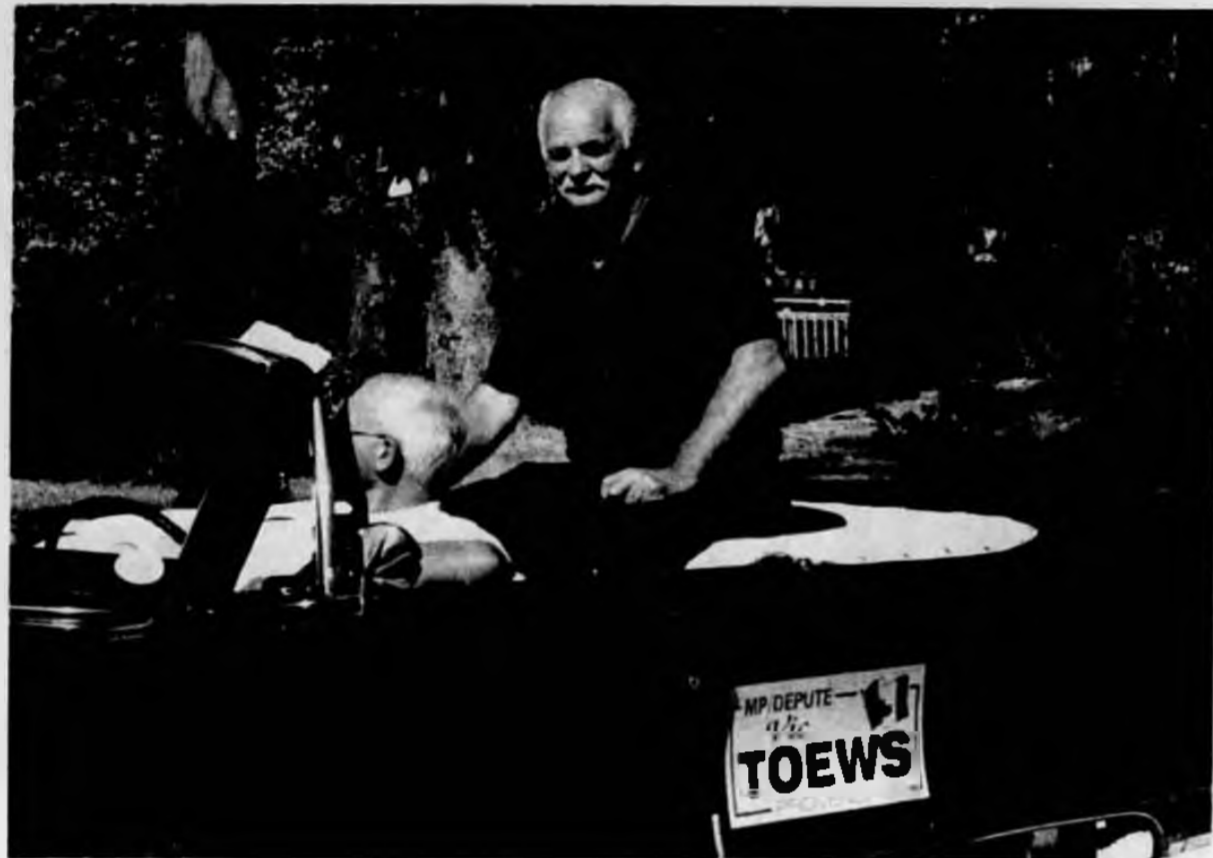
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Vandalism/Arson Prompts Fear

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the house was a woman or anything about the owner of the house. He suspects it was

ATV riders who were responsible but has no evidence whatsoever. Vialoux said Hielema had

had altercations with local ATV users on the road in front of her property, and he has had some problems with



One of Monty's classic cars, seen in a 4P parade, that was destroyed in the fire.

Letters to the Editor

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Musicians Wanted

To the editor
I would like to put out an enquiry for people who are interested in music, just for fun and enjoyment, during the winter months. I would think that would be stringed instruments only. If anyone is interested in this sort of an idea, I believe I could have permission to use the legion house on sat. or sun's, give me a call and see what develops, music makes for a lot enjoyment. Phil Cyr, mornings call 367-2643

He is President of the Belair Property Owners Association and during the summer he placed a sign alongside a public walk that was being turned into mud by ATVs. The sign said "Walking path only - please drive slowly." The sign was torn down and burned. He put up a second sign which was also destroyed. He retaliated by blocking the path with rocks. He said people in his neighbourhood are scared - afraid of saying anything against ATV owners. Vialoux told The Echo that the RCMP have only 18 officers in Powerview to police an area from The Beaches to Bissett, He said it is not enough and has asked the RM of Alexander to consider a Municipal police force.

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Powerview Hotel Closed

The Powerview Hotel Closed last Friday, November 28.

Peter Raymond said the hotel has been for sale for almost a year. He said there was a water line break last Friday and some water damage. The Hotel was closed and has not reopened since.

He said the loss of about 200 jobs at the mill, mostly younger people, has had an effect on the hotel business. The hotel has played a part in the history of the community - Powerview was formed so that a hotel could

be built - and The Echo will carry a more detailed story on the history of the hotel in a future issue.

Churchill MP to Organize Meet and Greet in Communities

MP Niki Ashton Visiting Sagkeeng First Nation

On Friday, December 5th, MP Niki Ashton will be visiting Sagkeeng First Nation for a Meet and Greet event, where constituents can come and speak, visit, and meet the new MP. The event will be held at the Arena Rotunda.

and will be during the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Refreshments and dainties will also be served at the event. Office hours will also be set up from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the upstairs boardroom of the arena. Since being elected, Niki has visited several communities, and continues to keep in touch as the holiday season approaches. Best wishes from MP Niki Ashton.

With New Legislation, First Nations Play a Bigger Role

The East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act introduced this week promises First Nations on the east side of Lake Winnipeg a major role in the protection, management and development of traditional lands. Conservation Minister Stan Struthers has announced. The first of its kind in Canada, the legislation would enable First Nations to develop land-use plans to provide interim and permanent legal protection of traditional lands on the east side of Lake Winnipeg. It would ensure any new development in a traditional land-use area be conducted in collaboration with First Nations and be consistent with the land-use plan. The legislation would also provide a new legal tool to designate land on the east side of Lake Winnipeg as a special protected area.

value and by ensuring that protection and development activities are consistent with land-use plans developed by First Nations" said Struthers. Currently traditional lands can only be protected through the Provincial Parks Act. The minister noted some First Nations have made it clear this mode of protection does not meet their unique needs. Important components of First Nations land-use plans, such as winter roads, management of trap lines, timber cutting and harvesting of wild rice and medicines, need to be managed under a First Nation-led planning process. Struthers said. The legislation also helps the effort to establish a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Struthers said First Nations themselves will determine if they want to take advantage of using the East Side Traditional Lands Planning and Special Protected Areas Act and noted no First Nation will be required to use the act. Since 2004, the province has completed or acted on 92 per cent of the recommendations of the Promises to Keep report.



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Canadian political parties get \$1.95 for every vote we give them. The Harper government decided to end that subsidy. Without that subsidy they would be forced to raise all their revenues from their members. (With tax deductible donations).

The Bloc, the NDP and Liberals were horrified. They need that money. Apparently they do not believe they can easily get it from their members. They were so frightened that they have decided to form a coalition to prevent that happening. This coalition needs the support of all three opposition parties to function. The coalition will be between the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party. The Bloc has promised to support it - at least for a while. Together they have enough seats to govern the

country.

Next week they will defeat the Harper government in Parliament, then go to the Governor General and tell her that she does not need to call an election so soon after the last one, all she needs to do is to hand over the reins of power to the coalition. Stephane Dion will become Prime Minister until the Liberals choose a new leader in May.

It was obvious that Dion had some such plan in mind when he decided not to resign after his shellacking in the October 14 election, but to continue as leader until May.

Very soon Dion will be the Prime Minister of Canada in spite of the fact that he is the only person in Canada that thinks he can do the job. He will be governing with a cabinet that will include New Democrats. It will be a very

left wing government - especially considering how left-wing Dion himself is. His coalition will need the support of almost all the Bloc Quebecois members to stay in power. He will, in effect be a puppet on a string and pulling those strings will be Gilles Duceppe, Leader of the Bloc Quebecois.

Thus the leader of the party that won Quebec will be governing Canada. The Party that won the rest of Canada will be in opposition. It will be a heady time for Quebec. They will be able to milk us dry. We will become their empire, they, our colonial masters.

It is up to the Governor General to decide whether this should be our fate, or whether she would call an election and let Dion's coalition meet the voters in a traditionally democratic manner.

Debating the Unthinkable

By Charles Norman

On October 14 The Bloc Quebecois picked up 49 of 75 seats - a substantial majority. If it had been a provincial election the Bloc would now be the government of Quebec.

Also on October 14 the Conservative Party picked up 133 seats of the 233 outside Quebec.

Outside Quebec, the people of Canada gave Stephen

Harper enough support to enable him to govern with a comfortable majority.

Thus the Bloc could govern Quebec with a comfortable majority and the Conservatives could govern the rest of Canada with a comfortable majority. If Quebec were a separate country, Canada would now have a majority Conservative government. It is what Canadians outside Quebec

voted for.

This might be a good time to open the debate on the unthinkable - would we be better off without Quebec? Does Quebec really have a place in Canada. Canada is a great country. Would it be a greater country without Quebec? Would Quebec be better off without Canada? Would Quebec not make a great free and independent country on its own?

A Faith Perspective:

By Pastor Jake Doell



Faith or Fear?

Faith and fear are two opposite states of mind. The Bible definition of faith is "the confident assurance that what we hope for is going to happen. It is the evidence of things we cannot yet see." (Hebrews 11:1)

Fear is the belief that things will not work out. Murphy's law says it this way, "If things can go wrong, they will." There are some healthy fears like falling off a ladder or getting run over by a truck when you cross the street without looking. Good fear compels you to act in a positive way like looking before you cross the street.

There is also fear of risk or fear of the unknown. Anyone who has ever wrestled with the thought of changing professions has faced these fears. The following story demonstrates the fear of the unknown:

"A man was sentenced to death for committing treason. As he faced the firing squad the commanding general gave the man a choice. 'You can die at the hand of your executioners or you can go through that black door over there.' He was given several hours to think it over.

Two hours later the general asked him what his choice was. The man replied, 'I have no idea what I might face behind that black door - it

could be worse than a firing squad - I choose the firing squad.' A few moments later shots rang out and the man fell to the ground dead. One of the general's aides asked him, "Sir, what was behind that black door?" The general replied, "Freedom."

Fear of the unknown is a very real fear that all of us struggle with from time to time. Maybe you are facing a situation right now and you fear to make a choice because you fear the "unknown." Maybe it a job decision or a move you are considering? Maybe you fear death and you are fearful of what comes after death. Just like the man who had to make a choice of a "firing squad" or the "black door" you fear the unknown. Let me assure you that God's offer of hope may look like a black door - the cross which Jesus Christ died on. But it is the doorway to freedom through faith in Christ and His death for us. The Bible tells us that we all face a firing squad of God's judgment against sin and He offers to us what seems like a black door - faith in Christ and His death on the cross for us. Accept God's offer of freedom through faith in Christ and you can live by faith and not in fear.



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On Parliament Hill

Your Voice in Ottawa, Vic Toews, MP Provencher



Stand up for Canada - Let the People Speak

Less than two months ago, Canadians elected our Government, led by Prime Minister Stephen Harper, with a strengthened mandate to address the global economic crisis.

However, while we have been working on protecting our economy, the opposition has been working on a back-room deal to overturn the results of the last election without seeking the consent of voters and with the support of a separatist party that wants to destroy Canada.

They want to install a prime minister, Prime Minister Dion, who was rejected by Canadian voters just six weeks ago and then rejected by his own party. They want to install a coalition that they explicitly promised not to support. The liberals campaigned against a coalition with the NDP saying that Jack Layton "does not understand the economy".

They want to take power, not earn it. In a recorded NDP teleconference Jack Layton bragged about his longstand-

ing deal with the Quebec separatist Bloc Quebecois and how it has allowed him to enter into coalition talks with the Liberals.

Jack Layton admitted that the NDP has had a secret - and longstanding - deal with the separatists - a deal pre-dating the Government's recent Economic and Fiscal Update (EFU).

The EFU was merely a trigger to execute this longstanding secret deal.

This is an attack on Canada's democracy and Canada's economy. The opposition wants to give the Bloc separatists a veto on national decisions.

Our legitimately elected Government will use every legal means possible to protect Canada. There will be no separatist participation and no separatist veto under our watch.

During a global economic crisis, Canada needs leadership - Canadian leadership - not a Separatist-driven coalition with no mandate from Canadians.

The opposition has every right to defeat the government. But they do not have a

right to take power without an election. They are not entitled to re-gain power without a mandate from voters.

And make no mistake, for the opposition this is about entitlement. They are willing to defeat our duly elected Government to preserve \$17 million in taxpayer-funded entitlements.

This is a very dangerous game for them to be playing at a time when we should be focussed on providing stability during this global financial crisis.

Canada's government should be decided by Canadians. Not backroom deals. It should be your choice. Not theirs. It's time to Stand up for Canada. It's time to let the people speak.

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 8 - 227 Main Street, Steinbach, MB R5G 1Y7, by fax at 204-346-9874 or by e-mail at toewsv1@mts.net

Report From the Legislature



By Gerald Hawranik, MLA for Lac du Bonnet House Leader and the Critic for Advanced Education

Report on Manitoba's Economy

Due to the recent Stock Market crash, pension funds are evaporating and savings are shrinking across Manitoba. The banking crisis in the United States has caused Stock Markets around the world to drop. Many Manitobans have their savings and registered retirement savings plans in Mutual Funds and in shares directly invested within the Stock Exchange, and as a result, the values of their savings and pension funds have dropped dramatically. All of this is sure to have a negative effect on the ability of all governments to continue to provide necessary government services around the world. Many provinces have prepared for a downturn in the economy. When the sun was shining they were repairing the roof. British Columbia, for example, had a Provincial Debt of \$40 Billion only 9 years ago - today it's less than \$8 Billion, because their government paid down the debt. Alberta totally paid out its debt and owes nothing and consequently pays no interest. Saskatchewan paid its \$10 Billion debt down to less than \$5 billion and is on track to eliminate its debt within the next 2 years.

How does Manitoba compare? It doesn't! While all other Western provinces have been good money managers - Manitoba has not!

Manitoba's general purpose debt has grown from \$7 Billion in 1999 to well over \$10 Billion today. The total debt of the province, which includes Manitoba Hydro debt and other Crown Corporation debt, has grown from less than \$16 Billion to well over \$20 Billion since 1999. While other provinces have been fiscally responsible and preparing for a downturn of the economy, the NDP has been ignoring the advice of financial experts and has been increasing the provincial debt when economic times were good.

What do you do when you earn more money than you can use? You pay off your credit cards, pay down your mortgage, and put money into savings! What does the NDP government do? It finds ways to spend every nickel that comes in and then some! The NDP borrows more money, so that when there is a downturn of the economy, you as a Manitoban, has to pay more taxes to pay the interest. This is a fiscally irresponsible government.

If you have any questions regarding this article, or any other issues or concerns in the Constituency, please feel free to contact me at 268-4664, write to me at Box 430, Beausejour, MB, R0E 0C0, email me at gerald@geraldhawranik.com or visit my website at www.geraldhawranik.com





Powerview RCMP Press Report

News November 18 to 23, 2008

2008/11/24

RM ALEXANDER - police were requested to check on the well being of a male who had not been heard from in several days. The man however was located and police were advised he was safe at his residence.

- a break, enter and theft to a residence and trailer was reported to police. Culprits stole numerous items and ransacked the place causing damages to property. Entry was gained by kicking in a front door.

FORT ALEXANDER - a complaint of harassing phone calls is under investigation.

2008/11/25

PINE FALLS - a dispatch to the local pharmacy resulted in the arrest of a male attempting to obtain a fraudulent prescription. Further investigation found the man also had an outstanding warrant which was also executed. He was charged accordingly and will appear in a Powerview Court at a later date.

2008/11/26

MANIGOTAGAN - a break, enter and mischief to a

residence was reported to police. Nothing was stolen in the incident.

FORT ALEXANDER - police patrolled school grounds after a suspicious vehicle and several persons were observed in the area. Upon arrival the vehicle had left the scene.

2008/11/27

HOLLOW WATER - a complaint of an assault in progress between a male and female is still under investigation.

FORT ALEXANDER - police were called to a residence where an emotionally disturbed female was located. A verbal argument with a boy friend had transpired earlier in the day and the woman had advised she was having suicidal thoughts. The woman was taken to local hospital by police for assessment and later released to family members.

- 2 vehicles were reported taken without the owners consent. 1 vehicle was located in Winnipeg. The other remains not located at this time.

2008/11/28

POWERVERVIEW - police patrolled Walleye Lane after a complaint of a female causing a disturbance at a local business. The woman was not located but a second call was received that she had been picked up by a relative and was continuing to be combative. Police attended that location and found no one matching the description in the area however a third call advised that the woman was at home safe, stable and police were no longer required.

- a complaint of theft of prescription medication was reported to police. Tylenol 3's were stolen in the incident.

FORT ALEXANDER - a complaint of a suicidal female was proved to be unfounded. A male was warned by police regarding false allegations.

- police transported an injured male to local hospital for treatment. The man was located on the roadway bleeding from a head injury.

2008/11/29

BLACK RIVER - a firearm was seized and a female charged with failing

to comply with a probation order.

2008/11/30

FORT ALEXANDER - police continue to investigate extensive damage to a vehicle. 3 suspects were reportedly seen vandalizing the vehicle however a positive identification was not made at this point. The incident occurred in the 550 block on the south shore.

RM ALEXANDER - police patrolled several areas after complaints of 2 suspects carrying prohibited weapons in a vehicle. Extensive patrols did not locate any suspects or vehicle matching the description provided.

BELAIR - culprits vandalized a vehicle and stole a 16 ft dual axle trailer from a property.

SUMMARY: Police also followed up on 3 false

alarm(s) actioned 4 request(s) for assistance to other police services/service of legal documents, issued 0 ticket(s) under the highway traffic/liquor acts, attended 0 incident (s) under the Coroners Act, charged 2 person(s) for impaired driving/refusal of breath test, lodged 2 person(s) under the intoxicated persons detention act, transported 1 person(s) under the mental health act to the appropriate facilities, attended 1 noise complaint(s) and processed 6 traffic accident reports.

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Wanted by Powerview Detachment and Winnipeg Police Services



Darren Wayne FLETT (DOB 1971/11/04)
2 Outstanding Warrants - Spousal Assault and Impaired Driving
Wanted by Powerview Detachment



Patrick Alvin MANN (DOB 1964/02/16)
2 Outstanding Warrants - Breach Probation x 3 and Sexual Interference
Wanted by Powerview Detachment

East Beaches News

By Laura TUTTOS

Goodbye to a Friend and Leader

Some folks are followers and some are leaders. Bill Eisler was the latter. Though this writer never met him personally, my ears were filled with praise and honour for this gentleman and character who passed away on November 24th after nearly eight and a half decades of living life to the fullest. The stories I heard would fill and evening and keep you entertained for the entire time. Here are some highlights of a very busy life.

A product of the "dirty thirties" and an member of the Royal Canadian Air Force in the last World War, Eisler like many of his time used his imagination, diligence and perseverance to realize his dreams. Like most he worked at several "paying jobs" and seemed happiest when cooking. Those who tasted his fare commented that he was very good at it. At one point in his working life he even owned his own restaurant not far from Portage and Main. It sounds like cooking might have landed him his wife of nearly sixty years. Bill met Marion in a little café where he was working as a cook after the war.

In the Sixties, he and his wife Marion, despite the absence of "extra" money purchased property in Lester Beach. Bill was a "master of all trades" according to one of his admirers. To provide housing at the Lake Bill reclaimed usable material wherever it could be found. This included a collection of rocks which he fashioned into a gorgeous stone fireplace that is a visual asset to the cottage that now belongs to his daughter and son-in-law, Barb and Wally Pasaur. Barb says "the Lake was his defining piece. He loved Lester Beach and enjoyed all that the Lake had to offer including the community and fellowship that he found there".

After a number of years working for Kraft Foods, Eisler found work with Via Rail. In the Seventies he made the regular round trip from Winnipeg to Vancouver, as a cook on the train. The bonus for him was that one of his daughters and her husband were living in B.C. so in this job he could kill two birds with one stone. He earned a living plus he had the opportunity to visit his daughter while they lived in this

coastal Province. As father of five daughters and one son, you can be assured that earning a living was always something of a priority for this vigorous man.

Early on Eisler was interested in forestry and conservation. He quickly grasped the necessity of maintaining our environment and the nature that surrounds us. Proof of this could be found in his wood shed. Here's the story from Dee Rickner: A gentleman afflicted with Alzheimer Disease attended a wood working shop that Bill was running from his home. The gentleman observed the tree that still grows undisturbed in the middle of the woodshed on Bill's property. Forgetting the real reason behind it, the gentleman commented to his fellow wood workers "Only Bill would plant a tree in the middle of a woodshed." No one wanted to remind him that the tree was there before the woodshed and Bill didn't have the heart to cut it down. Yup, Eisler understood conservation and forestry and respected Mother Nature.

Eisler was an avid skier both on water and in winter. Judy Bagnell remembers that on one occasion Bill used duct tape to attach his video camera to a motorcycle helmet he had. He then proceeded to trek along one of the trails close to his home with the camera running the whole time. Along the way he stopped to interview every passer-by and caught the whole excursion on tape. This was just another of the events that made Bill a colourful leader, a good neighbour and a friend to the folks in Lester Beach.

Bill was self taught in the art of stained glass, wood carving, oil and water color painting. Musically, he was a proficient guitar player and apparently he cut a fine figure on the dance floor, especially if it was a line dancing number. He and his wife Marion were responsible for initiating and maintaining the Sun Country Arts and Craft Sale that was/is a monthly attraction from May until September. Though Eisler was himself an artist of some repute, he was often happy just to sell hot dogs and coffee to the patrons and artisans who frequented the bazaars.

In the Seventies after he re-

forced to sit down".

Besides cooking, Eisler loved his garden and appreciated all the wild fruits and mushrooms that the forest had to offer. One friend recalls that he took it upon himself to mix up potions that might cure certain ailments. He always wanted to help and was "thinking outside the box" before the term was even coined. It was difficult for him when his health failed and he was obligated to have to stay in the city. It was so difficult that once he even coerced someone to drive him from his hospital bed to a

workshop he wanted to attend, then back to the hospital when the workshop ended. Now, that's determination and charm!

I asked everyone I interviewed what it was they remembered about Bill Eisler. Without exception, all said that there were so many things to remember but that they would always remember his smile. His friends and family say that a smile was always the first thing you saw when you saw Bill Eisler. For this, and for making a difference, he will be remembered well.



Bill Eisler

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Cougars, Wolves and Wolverines

A natural history of the East Beaches and Winnipeg River



The Lynx and Horsesohe hare

By Charles Norman 2006. It is reprinted here in weeks ago. This article first response to requests from our readers. An article on the lynx without mentioning its major food on November 14, Cougar was reprinted two

source - the snowshoe hare. They are so interrelated that the numbers of both follow ten year cycles. Fur purchase records of the Hudson Bay Company show a direct relationship for more than 160 years, ever since 1845.

Snowshoe hares, often called bush rabbits, breed two to four times each summer, with litters of from three to seven. Obviously, if unchecked the population of hares would very soon overwhelm the food supply.

Enter the lynx. Lynx feed almost exclusively on the snowshoe hare, and will normally eat one every day or two - 250 to 300 per year. It could be expected that the population of hares and lynx would stabilize and a reasonable balance would be maintained, but it does not work that way.

The survival of young lynx depends on the food supply. If there are few hares then less young lynx survive and the population drops. As the lynx population drops, the hare population increases, followed by the lynx, but much more rapidly. Soon there is an abundance of hares, and the lynx population explodes. Every ten years the lynx population overwhelms its prey, and the population of the hare plummets - Less lynx kittens survive, and the lynx population itself plummets - and the cycle begins all over again. The lynx is, of course, not the only predator of the snowshoe hare, some, at less

than two weeks old, are killed by red squirrels and ground squirrels, for the older animals, coyotes, northern goshawk and the great gray owl are all predators. They are also subject to many viral, bacterial and parasitic diseases.

The snowshoe hare is much faster than the lynx, and the Lynx normally has to lie in wait alongside the well-used snowshoe hare trail. If the lynx is not successful at the first bound the hare usually gets away.

The lynx breeds in February or March and (usually four) kittens are born in April or May.

Lynx are cautious creatures, and try to avoid contact with people, but they are not rare in our area. RM of Alexander Councillor, Ed Forsyth saw one on the new Trans Canada Trail last year, but most people will have to settle for tracks in the snow. Helen Norman, of Belair came across a track two years ago where a lynx had ambushed a snowshoe hare and carried it off into the bush. It appeared that the lynx had crept up on its prey and leapt about eight feet to make the kill.

If you have any comments on any part of this article, or on the behaviour of pelicans please call me at 756 3057 or email me at cnorman@granite.mb.ca.

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The new play structures at Powerview School.



Powerview School Playground

The Playground Committee (Denise Cyr and Melinda Pluchinski) would like to say a special "Thank You" to all who have helped in any way towards the new playground. It has been a long haul but we finally got there.

We have completed our final phase of the project. I am sure you have heard about it from you children. A \$100,000 project which began in September of 2005. What an accomplishment!

We could not have brought this project to completion without all the help from the people, businesses and organizations within our community.

We would like to say thank you as well to those who helped with the installation on September 27:

Brent Alarie - Alarie Projects, Kevin Alarie, Rene Chevretil, Guy Borlase, J.L. Papineau, Grant Pachkowsky, Paul Barnard, Paul Magnan, Mike Dupont, Ian Cyr, Jeff

Pluchinski, Trevor Reid, Sean Kemball, Ian Kemball, Robbie Berthelette, Luc Magnan.

And to all the businesses who supplied our workers with the supplies, food and beverages that they needed:

RayAnn Transport, Osis Building Supplies, Subway, Clarke's Corner, Broadlands Restaurant, Parent Advisory Council, Carrie Peloquin, Colleen Boulette, Kari Kulyk.



New Exhibit at the Library

The new Library in St. Georges is hosting an exhibit of bookmarks that were solicited from artists across the province. The displays called "ARTmarks: A Manitoba Bookmark project and it is touring across Manitoba from now until 2010. Library Manager Lesa Filep says this isn't the last of this type of exhibit we'll see at the Library Allard. "This is the type of programming we're going to be bringing to the community, she said.



Employment Opportunity

Government of Manitoba

Staff Nurse - 4 Positions - NN1, 2 Regular, 1 Full Time Term (renewable), 1 Part Time Term (renewable), Manitoba Justice, Milner Ridge Correctional Centre, Beausejour
Advertisement No.: 20275
Salary Range: \$62,525 to \$73,711 per annum (\$29.96 to \$35.32 per hour)
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

This unique opportunity will be of interest to a dynamic and broadly-experienced nurse who would like to become a member of a professional medical unit that provides assessment and treatment to clients within a correctional environment.

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Candidates who do not meet the essential criteria of a Registered Nurse/Registered Psychiatric Nurse, and who are qualified Licensed Practical Nurses, may be considered at an under fill level. Please provide a photocopy of your Standard First Aid and Level C CPR and 2008 Nurse Registration.

Your cover letter and résumé must clearly indicate how you meet the qualifications.

Duties: Milner Ridge Correctional Centre addresses immediate acute and chronic health care needs of inmates including health stabilization. Provides nursing and treatment delivery including assessments, examinations, administering of medication and treatment of illness/injuries. This challenging and rewarding position provides a great opportunity for a unique and interesting career in nursing, and may lead to further career opportunities. As a member of the medical team, the incumbent must be able to work independently without direct supervision. Reasonable weekend and shift work is required and the possibility of additional shifts on an "as if and when required basis" for part-time term positions.

Apply to:
Manitoba Justice
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1130 - 405 Broadway
Winnipeg MB R3C 3L6
Fax: (204) 945-3764
Email: hrjus@gov.mb.ca

We thank all who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.

Employment Equity is a factor in selection. Applicants are requested to indicate in their covering letter or resume if they are from any of the following groups: women, Aboriginal, visible minorities and persons with disabilities.



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News

More Trouble for the Water Treatment Plant

A petition is being circulated asking that those signing the petition be excluded from the proposed project. To date more than 400 have signed the petition. Since there are 829 people in the area included (The local Improvement District) and it takes a two thirds of those to

defeat the project, i.e. 553 it would appear that those opposed are getting close to defeating the project. However, there is only one vote per lot (a husband and wife get only one vote between them) and owners of multiple lots only get one vote, it could be that the opposition still has a way to go.

Ashton Meets With Mining Industry: Discusses current economic outlook

Ottawa, Niki Ashton has met with the Mining Association of Canada as well as Vale Inco and HudBay officials to discuss the current state of the mining industry in Northern Manitoba.

Ashton, who represents several mining communities, said it was appropriate that she met with the mining early on as MP. "Mining is very important to the Northern Manitoba economy. It is the backbone of the economy in Flin Flon, Thompson, Snow Lake, and Bissett. The mine in Wabowden will soon be open and there are encouraging signs for future developments throughout the North."

The Northern Manitoba MP said that the industry has

been impacted by the recent drop in base metal prices. "As MP I want to ensure that the Federal government is going to be there to work with our mining industry and communities."

Ashton also discussed the situation at the smelter at HudBay. "We are all aware of the possible closure of the smelter. As MP for Flin Flon I want to make sure the Federal government is there for smelter workers and their families."

The MP for Churchill said she will be working closely with mining companies, unions and communities on issues related to mining. "Northern Manitoba mining communities have given a lot to Canada. Canada needs to be there for our communities when needed."

Improving The Treaty Relationship Goal Of Treaty Relations Commission

Partnership Agreement Brings Clarity To Treaty Process: Struthers

The Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and the provincial government have agreed to work together to improve the treaty relationship in Manitoba, Conservation Minister Stan Struthers announced today.

"This agreement will build on the work done by the First Nations and the provincial government in working through treaty rights and will provide the opportunity for greater clarity and understanding," said Struthers. "Treaties signed by the federal government and First Nations have impacts in all provinces and the existing broad base of treaty knowledge within the provincial government will be enhanced through this initiative."

The Treaty Relations Com-

mission of Manitoba (TRCM) is a neutral organization that researches the history of the treaties, develops education tools and improves the treaty relationship: the good faith, mutual respect, understanding and shared decision-making between the Crown and First Nations, the minister said.

Treaty commissioner Dennis White Bird said the partnership agreement is an important step in enhancing the treaty relationship in Manitoba.

"The province has an important role to play in securing the lands and resources of Manitoba for future generations. By signing this partnership, the commission will be able to deliver messages to conservation staff and management about how the First Peoples viewed and main-

News from the Pine Falls Preschool

November has been a fun month for all of us at the preschool. In the first two weeks of November our theme was transportation. We learned all about the different types of transportation, along with creating crafts to show what we have learned. The last two weeks of November we discussed all aspects of winter, from the clothes we wear, to the activities that we participate in. The children have enjoyed playing in the snow and all the beautiful crafts and songs that the winter theme has brought.

On November 22nd, the Preschool had a silent auction along with a bake sale at the Pine Falls Craft Festival that

turned out wonderfully. We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations for our silent auction: Dave's Furniture, La Caisse, Chicken Chef, Royal Bank, Pine Pharmacy, Country Concepts, Celebrations Unlimited, Pine Falls Post Office, Rona, Deals for Dollars, Through the Arbour, Lavoie Logging, Shell/Subway, Dancy's, Sunova, and A&M Fontaine Woodwork.

Thank you to all the crafters at the festival for their donations as well, we appreciate it greatly. Also a great big thank you to the parents, grandparents and friends for your donations along with all the delicious baking which made the bake sale such a huge success. And last but not least, a big thank you to all the people of the community along with outside communities for making our fundraiser a success.

Here is a list of all the winners of the silent auction: Sarah Borlase, Kyndra Mckay, Nancy Windsor, Lucille Cameron, Helen Degagne, Olivia Kemball, Cynthia Chevrefils(twice), Joanne Borys, Denis Zieski, Tammy Kunz, Robbie Desautel, Tannis Morrison, Lori Chartier, Darlene Cowie(twice), Sharon

Stinson, Kennedy Kemball, Don Hills, and Stephanie Kemball. The Preschool would also like to thank the Pine Falls LC for the donation of a laser printer to our school, it was very generous and I'm certain that we will make good use of it.

December's theme is of course Christmas and just a reminder that our last day of school for the Christmas break is the 19th of December and classes will resume on January 5th, 2009. On our last day of school, the talented little students will be performing in a Christmas concert which will take place in the multi-purpose room, located adjacent to the library. We invite all family and friends to join us at 10am for their performance, also we would like to ask everyone who attends bring a non-perishable food item to the concert for our less fortunate members of the community. Also, the children and myself will be visiting the Sunnywood Manor to perform some Christmas songs to our elderly residents on Tuesday, December 16th.

From all of us at the Pine Falls Pre-school, have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Community



Les Nouvelles de la pré maternelle des P'tits Loups

Le mois de novembre nous a apporté de la neige qui a émerveillé les enfants. Les fantômes de l'halloween sont partis pour laisser leur place aux lutins qui se préparent pour la grande fête de Noël. N'oubliez pas d'envoyer vos lettres au Père Noël car il les attend avec impatience. Ils prennent un peu plus longtemps pour se rendre au Pôle Nord.

Le thème du mois de novembre était la famille. Ils ont appris du vocabulaire tel que frère, sœur, papa, maman etc. Ils ont dessinés leurs familles et leurs maisons. Ils ont parlé de leurs animaux domestiques. Un gros merci à Tracy qui a apporté son bébé à l'école pour nous l'a montré. Les enfants ont adoré cette activité. Ils ont appris comment changer des couches et quoi faire quand un bébé pleure ou quand il a faim. Les enfants ont pu pratiquer ce que Tracy leur a montré sur leur propre « bébé ». Le mois prochain, nous aurons une fête de Noël pour les petits. Les enfants décoreront l'arbre de Noël pour cette fête. Ils pourront inviter leurs frères et sœurs. Des activités seront planifiées pour cette grande journée : des

chansons, de l'artisanats et la plus grande surprise, un invité du Pôle Nord!

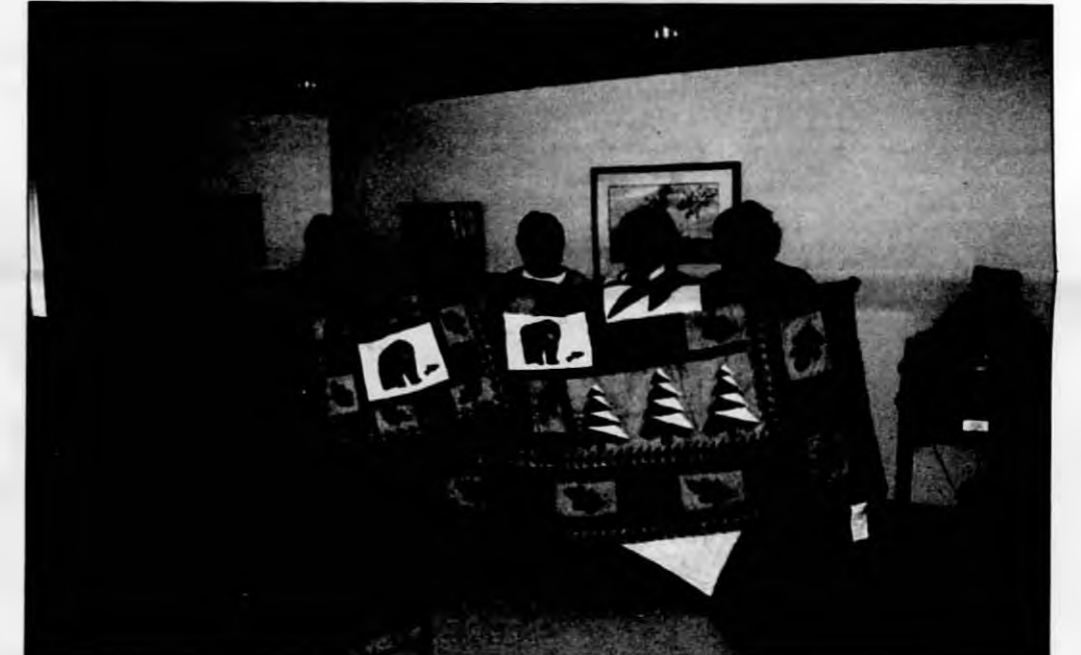
November has as come and gone. We have learned a lot this month. Our focus was on "The Family". The children had a chance to expand their vocabulary according to this month's theme. They also talked about their pets, drew their houses and families among other things. The students were able to practice changing diapers while they watched Tracy do a demonstration with her own child. Thank you very much Tracy for letting us enjoy your baby for the morning!! The ghosts and goblins have left and now we are waiting patiently for the Christmas elves to do Santa's work for our next big celebration! Don't forget to send out your letters to Santa, so that Santa's elves can start working on your requests. We are going to be decorating our tree in preparation for the Christmas party to which your brothers, sisters and other special guests are invited. During our party we will be singing songs, making crafts and of course will be welcoming a very special guest from the North Pole!!!



The Season for Giving



The members of the Pine Falls Health Auxiliary donated an electrical Hi-Low Bed and a Nintendo Wii with 3 additional controllers. In this picture: Left to right: Shirley Reichart, Neta Hutchison, Anita Borlase, Mary Malo, Brenda Rose-Weibe, Care Team Manager, Sunnywood PCH, and Jocelyn Brunet.



And the lucky winner of the quilt was Irene Anderson from Belair

With the unfortunate closing of the Rusty Nail the Management and staff of the Papertown Motor Inn would like to extend a warm welcome to those who find themselves without their favourite little watering-hole. It will be our endeavour to continue where Marlene left off starting with her Wicked Meat Draws. We hosted this past Saturday's Meat Draw and were delighted along with Marlene to see so many familiar face's. We hope to see those same face's and perhaps a few more this coming Saturday. With the closing of one door others open and we open ours to you so that you may have all the opportunities to kick back, relax and enjoy the fellow ship of family and friends in a fun and friendly environment. Please check out our all-new SATURDAY MEAT DRAWS at Nitecrawlers Bar in the Papertown Motor Inn. First draw is at 4:30 pm with five draws in all played every half hour ending with a 100 percent payout loonie draw. Hope to see you there.

Papertown Motor Inn

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Recreation Updates

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

The news is spreading through the beaches that the curling ice is ready at Victoria Beach and Friday Mixed League is starting this Friday December 5th and all regular league curling to starting the following week. Give Glenn & Cathy Halgren a call if you are interested in putting a team in. More exciting news coming out of the beaches area includes a Kids Drama Club starting up in January. The director has been hired and the first production will be of The Hysterical History of the Trojan War. The exact location and cost is not yet confirmed but meetings are being planned and I will let you know more once I have the info. Big thank you to Angel Kraft for getting this program started and Liz Jonkers who recently moved to the beaches for taking on directing the kids. I see a dinner theatre in the near future!

I would also like to thank everyone who attended the Pine Falls Craft Sale. I have heard many positive comments and look forward to putting it together again for next year after I have a year to rest up!! For those of you who had pictures with Santa, all the pictures are in my office and ready for pick up. If you missed out on the wreath decoration workshop make sure to visit Celebrations Gift Shop if you are looking for a fresh wreath for the holiday season. Don't forget that the Great Falls Christmas Craft Sale is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th. The Southeast Regional Manitoba Meis Federation will be sponsoring guitar lessons for kids 10+ starting in January. If your child wants to learn guitar at a beginner's stage or intermediate stage call me at the rec office to register. There is limited space available. The location and exact start date to be confirmed.

The Powerview School drama production of Footloose is running from December 12th to 15th. Tickets are available at the school office; please see below for show times. The St. Georges Library is now open and they will be featuring an exhibition of bookmarks created from artists across Manitoba called ART MARKS. This project is supported by the Manitoba Arts Council and will be displayed for the month of December. See regular operation times below. The Pineview Atoms will be hosting their hockey tournament this weekend so make sure to take in a game & grab a rink burger while you're there! Have a great week!

Lori Vialoux
Pineview Rec Director

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
Christian Faith School - December 12th @ 7:30 PM
Powerview School - December 16th @ 6:30 PM
Walter Whyte School - December 17th @ 7:00 PM
St. Georges School - December 17th @ 7:00 PM
Pine Falls Nursery - December 19th

CHILDREN & Teens
First Lake Winnipeg Beavers
Walter Whyte School
Monday's 3:30 - 4:00 PM
For more info contact Carol Laing 754-6232 or Sue 754-2541

Guitar Lessons
Starting in January
Beginners & Intermediate
Ages 10+
Sponsored by the Southeast Regional Meis Corporation
Free program. Limited space is available. To register contact the Pineview Rec Office 367-9142

Junior Curling
Victoria Beach Sports Club
Starting Thursday Dec 11th
For ages 8 - 15
\$25.00 per person
Slider & broom required (brooms available if needed)
For more info & registration contact Kim Mackelson 756-2984

Beaches Drama Club
Location TBA
Saturday evenings starting January 10th
A kid's production of The Hysterical History of the Trojan War
Directed by Liz Jonkers. Looking for lots of adult help. For more info contact Angel Kraft 756-6426

Pine Falls Skating Program
Pine Falls Arena
Starting Friday December 5th
6:15 - 7:15 PM

Ages 3+
Helmet (hockey or bike), Skates (figure or hockey) and mittens required.
For program costs and information contact Lori 367-9142 or Cheryl Gogo 367-8499

Recreation Hockey
Pine Falls Arena, Victoria Beach Sports Club & Grand Marais Rec Centre
January, February & March
Days & times to be confirmed
Ages 8+
Equipment needed: Skates, Helmet & hockey stick
Program will include coaching & general skills plus scrimmages
Looking for volunteers to help coach this program.
For more info contact Lori 367-9142

Junior Curling
Pine Falls Curling Club
For ages 12 (born 1996) and older
A week program every Tuesday starting November 11th
Cost: \$50.00 per person
To register or for more information please contact Melinda 367-4682 or Fay 367-8968

Minor Hockey Tournaments
At Pine Falls Arena
December 5, 6 & 7
Atoms Tournament
December 12, 13 & 14
Pee Wee Tournament
January 24 & 25
Initiation
February 13, 14 & 15
Novice Tournament

ADULT
Lazer Ladies Hockey
Pine Falls Arena
Every 2nd Wednesday
7:30-8:30 PM
For more info contact Dawn Nault 367-8419

Christmas Mosaic Stepping Stones
Workshop
Victoria Beach Sports Club - December 6
9:00 AM - Noon
Cost: \$45.00
All materials included. To register contact Rec Office 367-9142

Scrapbooking
Pine Falls United Church
Saturday December 6th
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Beginner - Advanced
Supplies are available to purchase or bring your own materials
Starter kits available. For more info contact Karen 467-7294.

Bowling
Pine Falls Bowling Lanes
7:30 - 9:30 PM
For more info contact Evelyn Dodds 367-8413 or Sharon Mignon 367-8376

Darts
Branch 64 Darts @ Royal Canadian Legion
Pine Falls
Tuesday Nights 7:00 PM
For more information contact Jackie Prowse 367-8332

Curling
Pine Falls Curling Club
Men's League Monday
Junior League Tuesday
Ladies League Wednesday
Drop In Curling Thursday @ 1:00 PM
Mixed League Friday
For more info contact Gloria Brody 367-2656 Melinda 367-4682 or Fay 367-8968.
For more info on Drop In curling contact Bob Seguin 367-8344

Curling
Victoria Beach Sports Club
Start dates will be in November
Ladies League (Monday & Thursday Evenings)
Men's League (Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings)
Mixed Fun League (Friday Evenings)
For more info or team registration contact Tracy 756-3742 or Cathy 756-2662

Curling
Grand Marais Recreation Association
Men's League (Wednesday & Thursday Evenings)
Drop In Curling (Wednesday Afternoon @ 1:00)
For more info contact Chris Jensen evenings 754-3058 or email gjensen@mts.net

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

Mixed League (Monday Evenings)
For more info contact Lori Roitich 754-2128

Quilting
Seniors Scene, Victoria Beach
Every Thursday at 1:00 PM
Have an unfinished quilt at home - head over to the Seniors Scene and spend the afternoon with some delightful ladies.
For more info contact Marlene 756-2752.

SENIORS
Golden Leisure Club, Pine Falls
+Seniors Exercise
Every Monday - Friday
10:15 - 10:45
+Canasta
Wednesday & Friday's
1:00 PM
+Cribbage
Every first Monday of the month
1:00 PM

Senior Scene, Victoria Beach TUESDAY'S
+Beginners Line Dancing
Every Tuesday @ 9:30 AM
+Advance Line Dancing
Every Tuesday @ 11:00 AM
Drop In, Fee Members \$2.00 Non Members \$3.00
A wonderful way to exercise your body and challenge your memory.
For more info contact Judy 756-3132
www.seniorsceneinc.com
THURSDAY'S
+Stained Glass & Ceramics
9:30 AM
+Quilting
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
+Square Dancing
3:00 - 5:00 PM
\$7.00 Per Person
FRIDAY'S
+Carpet Bowling
Every Friday @ 1:30 PM
SATURDAY'S
+Dinner Dances
Christmas Dinner & Dance
December 13th @ 6:30 PM
Optional gift exchange
SUNDAY'S
+50 plus Exercise Class
Sundays @ 10:00 AM
Instructor: Natasha Joy
Program includes a lower intensity workout that includes cardio, muscle & stretching.
For more info on Senior Scene programs contact Carol 756-6468.
www.seniorsceneinc.com

Seniors Bowling League
Pine Falls Bowling Alley
Tuesday's & Thursday's
For more information contact Gerry Gauthier 367-8798

Strength For Seniors
LAST CLASS DECEMBER 11
Pine Falls School Gym
Monday's 10:00 AM
Thursday's 10:00 AM
Free program open to all seniors 55+
Class includes Chi Qung Tai Chi, exercise ball & stretching. For more info contact Tina 367-9128

FOR ALL AGES
Pole Walking
Senior Scene, Victoria Beach
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9:00 - 10:00 AM
\$2.00 Drop in fee
Poles available for lending. For more info contact Angie Glows 756-2068.

Broomball
Pine Falls Arena

For ages 12 & up
Friday evenings 7:30-8:30 PM
Cost: \$60.00

Fitness Class For Beginners Only
Pine Falls School
Mondays & Wednesdays
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
November 3 - December 18 (7 weeks)
Cost: \$50.00
Start on the road to a healthier lifestyle improving your cardio, strength & flexibility. Need 10 people to start the program. For registration contact Kim Bonekamp 367-2107 email kbonekamp@hotmail.com or Rec Office 367-9142.

Exercise Class
St. Georges Church Basement
Monday, Wednesday & Fridays
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
5 step program with warm up & cardio
This is a free program for people of all ages. For more info contact Ginette Vincent 367-8244 or 367-9970

Archery
Pine Falls Fire Hall
Starting Wednesday November 19
10 Week program \$40.00
Wednesdays from 4PM - 6PM
For registration contact the Rec Office 367-9142 or Tom Paukovic 367-367-8798

Bean Bag Club
Grand Marais Rec Centre
For more information contact Jean MacDonald 754-3988.

Hall Walking Club
Grand Marais Rec Centre
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
9:00 AM - Noon
For more information on inside walking club contact Bonnie 754-3240

Total Body Workout
Monday & Wednesdays
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ St. Georges School Gym
\$20.00 per month/ Family plans available.
Kickboxing (with or without pads), Stretching, Skipping,
Rubber Bands, Circuit & Felt Pads
Loose Weight & Feel Great!
Contact Nick Bonekamp 367-2702 or Paul Roberts 367-8018

Rise & Shine Fitness Class
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
6:30 AM - 7:30 AM @ Pine Falls School Gym
\$80.00 for 12 Classes
You are welcome to come to all classes or pick and chose what days work best for your schedule. Need 20 people registered to start the program.
To register call the Pineview Rec office 367-9142 or Kim Bonekamp 367-2107 or email kbonekamp@hotmail.com

Festivals & Events
Powerview School Drama Presents Footloose
Powerview School
December 8th - 12th @ 8:30 PM
December 13th @ 2:00 PM
Tickets \$7.00 per person available at School Office.
Parental guidance is recommended.

Breakfast With Santa
Walter Whyte School
December 13th
9:00 AM - Noon
Adults \$5.00/kids 10 & under \$3.00
Silent auction, bake table, 90/90 draw.

All profits will go towards students trip to Ottawa & PAC.

Christmas Tea & Bake Sale
Victoria Beach Senior Scene
Saturday, December 6
1:00 - 3:00 PM
For more info contact Bev 756-8205

Breakfast with Santa
Wings of Power
Friday December 5th
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Pancakes, sausages, juice & coffee, children's craft activities, gifts and silver collection.
For more info contact Michelle or Ginette 367-9641.

3rd Annual Bert Kuz Memorial Dart Tournament
Pine Falls Legion
Saturday, December 13
Registration 10-11 AM
Double \$20 team
For more info contact Jackie Prowse 367-8332

Christmas Caroling
Beaches Area
Friday, December 19th in Victoria Beach
Meet at Victoria Beach Sports Club @ 6:30 PM
Sunday, December 21st in Traverse Bay, Hillside & Lester Beach
Meet at Saffie's Store @ 3:00 PM
All donations collected go to the Salvation Army.
For more info contact Glenn Halgren 756-8381

Christmas Eve Carol Service
St. Michael's Church, Victoria Beach
Wednesday, December 24th
7:30 PM
Looking for interested adults/parents to help coordinate the evening program.
Please call Laurie Danwich 756-2665

RIVERS NORTH FITNESS CO-OP
Memberships
The Fitness Co-op is now entering into its second year of operation.
All membership fees are due. The one time co-op membership fee remains at \$100.00, with members paying a \$250.00 annual user fee and non-members \$300.00. For more info contact Bev Dube 367-8064 or Linda Cyr 367-2382

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
NOW OPEN
Operation Hours
Tuesday 10:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday & Thursday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

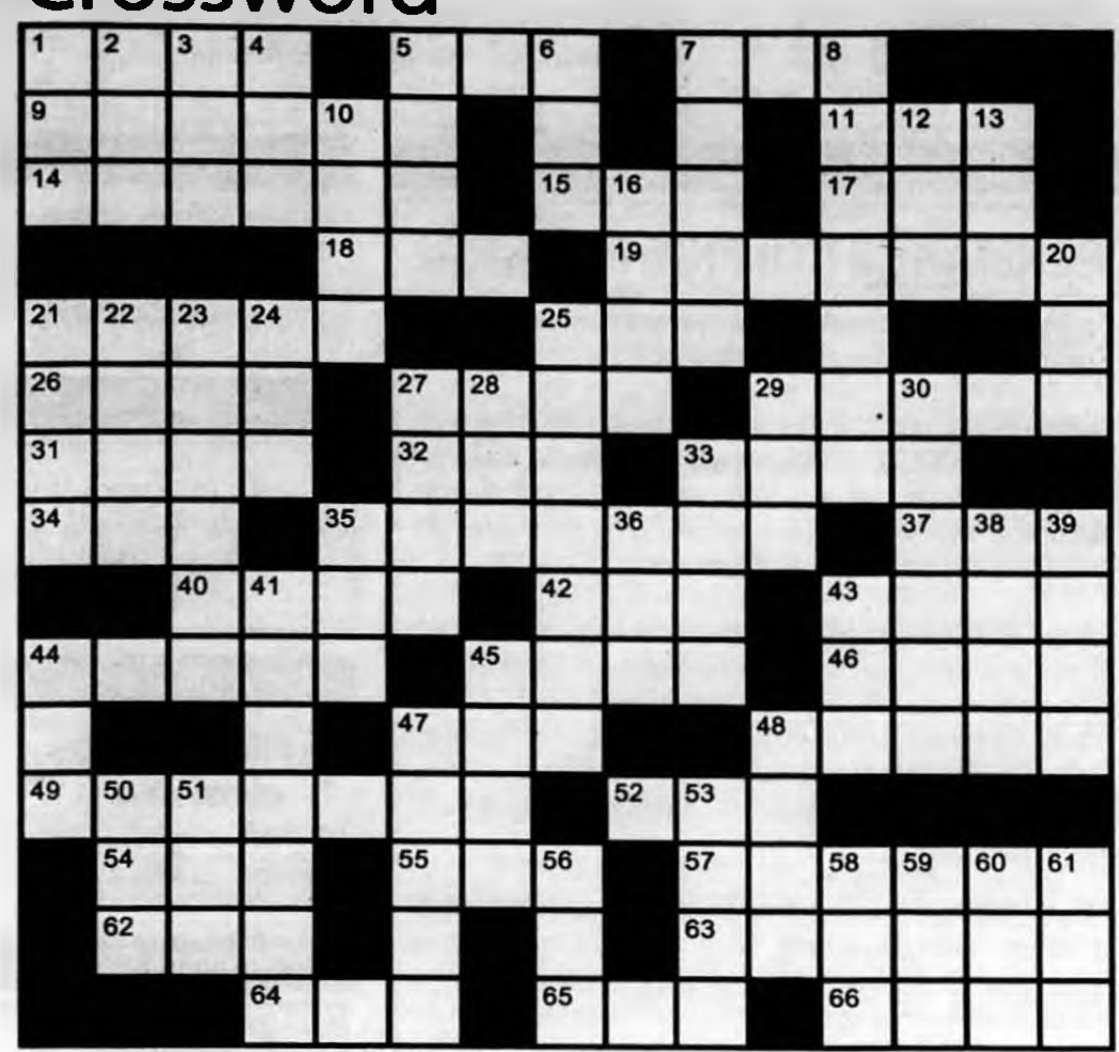
Beaches Library
Located in Walter Whyte School 754-4007
Operation Hours
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Thursday 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Internet Access Site

Pine Falls Library
Located in Pine Falls School 367-8983
Open Monday - Friday
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Internet Access Site

Pine Falls Arena Schedule

TIME	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
12:30-1:45	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Public Skate	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
1:45-3:30				2:15PM Parents Game			
3:30-5:15	Public Skate	Open Ice	Public Skate	4:00-8:00PM Open Ice		Public Skate	Open Ice
5:15-6:15	Initiator Practice	Novice Practice	Open Ice			Initiator Practice	Novice Practice
6:15-7:15	Pee Wee Practice	Practice				Pee Wee Practice	Practice
7:30-8:30		Barium Girl Practice				Barium Girl Practice	Practice
8:45-9:45	Lull Ovens Practice	Old Kings Practice				Lull Ovens Practice	Old Kings Practice
10 - 11:00		Voyagers Practice					Practice

Crossword



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- Across
- Adjutant
 - Adjust
 - Cooking vessel
 - Harsh
 - Recede
 - Make lovable
 - Do
 - Fanciful story
 - Barbie's beau
 - Situated
 - Spiritual leader
 - Cast out
 - Farm division
 - Bedaze
 - Deed
 - Close-fitting
 - A young child
 - Church part
 - Egg layer
 - Sacred inner place
 - Ignited
 - Catch sight of
 - Collision
 - In addition
 - Cordiality
 - Charges
 - Compaq competitor
 - Motor vehicle
 - Blase

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

FTQDQ MDQ FTDQQ WUZPE AR XUQE: XUQE,
PMYZQP XUQE, MZP EFMFUEFUOE.
-NQZVMYUZ PUEDMQXU

- Cat with spots
- Royal Highness
- Compete
- Affirmative
- Japanese condiment
- Imp
- Publishing supervisor
- "Are we there ___?"
- Durable wood
- Solicit
- Meatman
- Remain
- 2000 pounds
- Woolen cap
- Bank clerk
- Hard-shelled seeds
- 007, for one
- Cravat
- of Man
- Tattled
- Battle
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- Hole maker
- Grow dim
- Underground chamber
- Actor Pitt
- "The Three Faces of ___"
- Black gold
- Pitcher
- Weep convulsively
- Be seated
- Dined
- constrictor
- Irritate or vex

- Down
- High card
 - Charged particle
 - Family member
 - Before
 - Arid
 - Oolong, for one
 - Mountaineer's tool
 - Israeli city
 - Rice beer
 - Small quantity
 - Honey maker
 - Kin group
 - Pass away
 - Poison ivy woe
 - Skin disorder
 - Country in Borneo

Last Week's Answers



Each letter represents another letter in the alphabet. See if you can break the code to figure out the famous quotation.

Last Week's Solution

THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF LIES: LIES, DAMNED LIES, AND STATISTICS.

BENJAMIN DISRAELI.

Weekly Horoscopes

- ARIES (Mar. 21-April 20)** Don't let children or elders put demands on your time. Do you really want to start something with someone you can't reason with? You are best to be accommodating for the time being. Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting, this week will be hectic.
- TAURUS (Apr. 21-may 21)** Look into some form of physical recreation. Do not let the reactions of others get you going. Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. You will get out of shape easily if you don't keep on top of things.
- GEMINI (May 22-June 21)** Business trips will be more productive than trying to fight the red tape facing you. Make sure that you get legal matters checked out thoroughly. If you put your energy into physical outlets you will avoid confrontations. Don't start a dispute unless you're prepared to accept irreversible results.
- CANCER (June 22-July 22)** You may want to stay in the background this week. Take care when dealing with older relatives. Sort situations out as best you can. Watch your spending habits. Rely on the one you love for support and affection.
- LEO (July 23-Aug 22)** Try to include the one you love in your plans this week. Pursue outdoor activities or any physical exertion. You need an outlet that will not only stimulate you but also challenge your intelligence as well. Remember that no one can walk through your door if there's someone standing in the doorway.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)** Difficulties may be encountered while traveling in foreign countries. Don't overspend to impress someone who interests you. Do not yield to children or relatives when they really don't deserve it. You will be quite excitable this week.
- LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)** Don't vacillate about asking for assistance if you need it. You may interest some of them in a service you have to offer. Don't hesitate to go ahead with any plans for entertainment. You may find your self a bit frazzled if you allow someone to goad you into an unsavory debate.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)** Entertainment should include sports events or physical activities. You will accomplish the most in the work environment this week. You can make new friends who could turn into intimate connections if you join clubs or take creative courses. Changes regarding family members will set you off.

- SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec 21)** Personal problems may be hanging over your head but don't confront the situation. Sign up for courses or join fitness clubs. Limitations at work might set you back. The home environment will be unpredictable this week.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20)** Joining organizations will provide you with stimulating romantic contacts. Sudden trips may take you by surprise; try to include your mate, mixing business with pleasure. You will need to spend extra time sorting through your work. Do not force your opinions on others the connections will be short lived.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)** You'll be dropping friends for no apparent reason. You may have a hidden adversary who would love to prove you wrong. Travel could include delays and other minor problems. You should get involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike.
- PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)** Opportunities to expand your circle of friends will result in possible new romantic encounters. Travel will promote romantic connections. You can expect to face opposition on the home front. Travel and communications will not run as smoothly as you had hoped.

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Tuesday, December 16, 2008
Margaret Bonekamp
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Alexander

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