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Paper Kings to be Inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame

The 1956/57 Paper Kings are to be inducted into the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame at a gala dinner in Winnipeg in October this year. That year the team won the Edmonton Journal Trophy, emblematic of Western Canada. Continued on page 7

WRLC Electrical Certificate Program Starts May 25

The Winnipeg River Learning Centre is launching its first Apprenticeship trades training initiative on Monday, May 25th with its Electrical Certificate Program. This six-month certificate program will be delivered by the Red River College-Gimli Campus at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre, located at #3 Walnut Street in the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls.

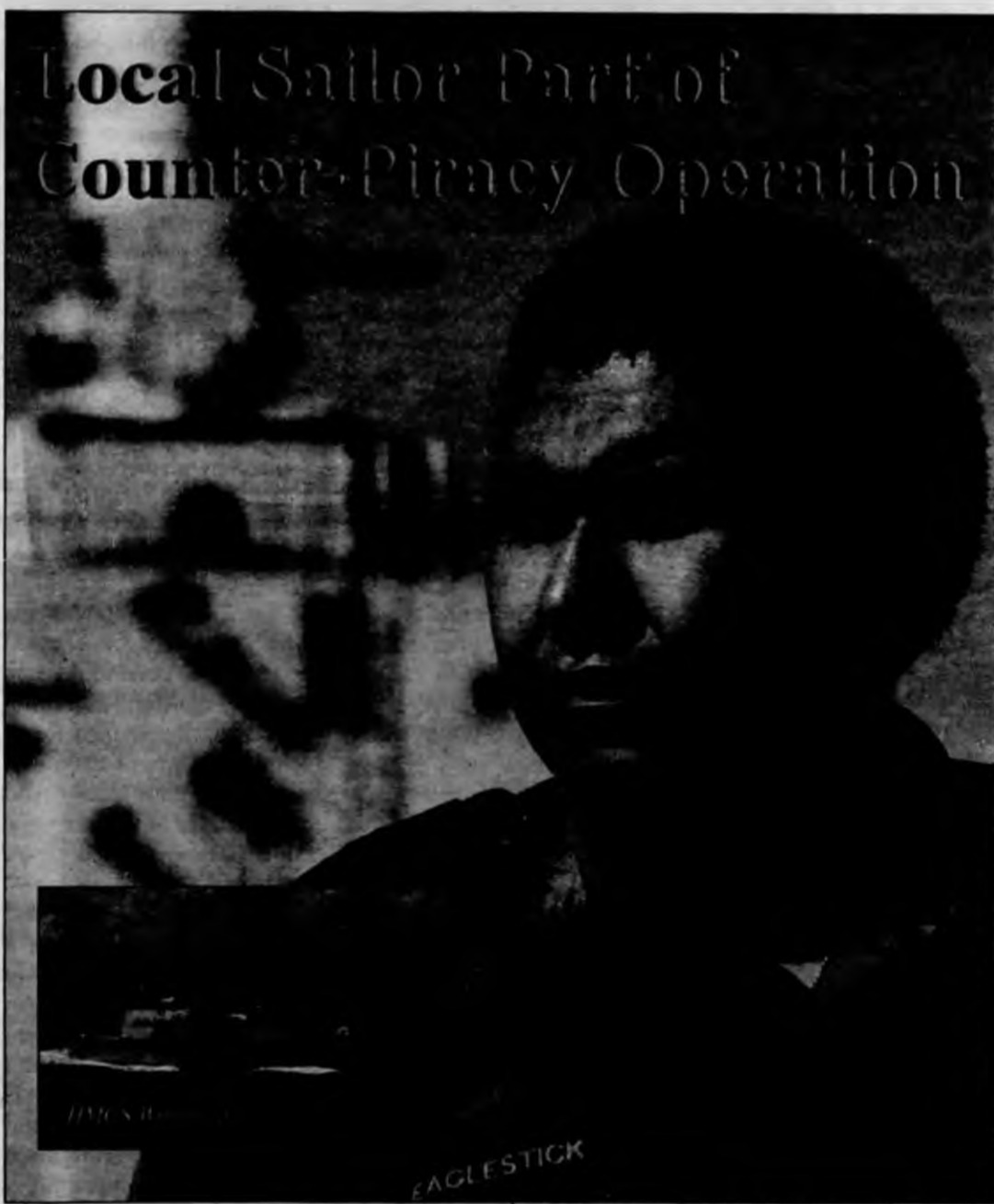
Successful graduates will receive a Red River College Level One Electrical Apprenticeship Certificate upon completion of the program. The WRLC is accepting a maximum of 12 students into this trades training program. A second offering of the Electrical Certificate will start at the WRLC in January 2010.

The WRLC Electrical

Certificate is the first of three Apprenticeship trades training programs planned for the WRLC, located in the former Pine Falls Public School. Carpentry and Piping Trades certificates also will become part of ongoing trades training at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre.

Financial and planning support through Community Futures Winnipeg River, and its Whiteshell Community Adjustment Fund, have made the development and delivery of the WRLC Electrical Certificate Program possible. Access to the school facilities in Pine Falls, granted to the Winnipeg River Learning Centre by Sunrise School Division, also have been a key ingredient to the success of the Winnipeg River Learning Centre to date.

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Seaman David Eaglestick surveys the ocean's horizon during his shift as Lifebuoy Sentry, a type of lookout on a warship. Standing lookout is just a part of David's job as a Boatswain onboard HMCS Winnipeg. See story on page 3.

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Letters to the Editor

The Debate over Evolution Continues

To the editor,
I found the article "Faith and Evolution" quite provocative and in need of some sort of reply. There are several misconceptions that I think Charles is overlooking and it is these I would like to address.

Since the time that Darwin wrote his Origin of Species in 1859 many within the realm of Christianity have been caught off guard not knowing how to respond to his theory. Many, for the sake of academic acceptance, sought to accommodate Darwin and other humanistic intellectuals by coming up with their own theories such as "Theistic Evolution", the "Day-Age Theory", the "Gap Theory" and "Progressive Creation" etc.

All of these theories, however, undermine the Word of God. The Bible clearly tells us when and how God did His work of Creation. "In six days the LORD made heaven and

earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day" (Exodus 20:11). These were six literal days for within the context of the first chapter of Genesis, each "day" was divided into a period of light and a period of darkness and each day ended with the phrase "evening and the morning were the first day" etc (Genesis 1:4).

On each day "God said, Let there be ... And it was so." He literally spoke the cosmos into existence. According to the Psalmist, "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth... For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalm 33:6, 9). Clearly, the omnipotent Word of Christ (John 1:3) spoke, and the universe was created.

I agree with you when you say "religion belongs in the realm of faith and has

nothing to do with science". True science is based on empirical evidence that is observable, testable and repeatable. Historical events such as the origin of the universe, earth and life cannot be observed in the present. At the same time, evolutionists have never experimentally observed the evolution of a single new species.

You made an excellent point when you said that scientists "believe that in Darwin's Theory of Evolution we have all that is necessary to understand where we came from." The fact of the matter is that evolutionists "believe" in Darwin's Theory for it has never been observed and there is no scientific evidence to support it. In fact, evolution is exactly the opposite of the universally proved scientific principle of increasing entropy.

"Natural History Museums" in vain try to "prove" evolution. You have seen examples of "the similarity between the bone structure of late dinosaurs and early birds". This would not prove Darwinian evolution for a reptile and a bird are totally different species. If dinosaurs evolved into birds should we not find at least one transitional form in the fossil record, like a creature that is somewhere between scales and feathers? Just because many animals share the same features as we do such as eyes, ears, nose, a mouth, four limbs, a heart and lungs, etc, does not mean that we evolved from them. Perhaps they have similar

features because they were made by the same Designer.

I also like your example of the evolution of the Steam Engine. With all its complex features we would never think that it came about by blind chance. It would require an engineer to build such a machine. Likewise, it would seem unrealistic to believe that an eye or ear, which is a million times more complex than a steam engine, came about accidentally by random mutations? However, in your example there is one thing you failed to recognize, that at the end of the day, the steam engine was still a steam engine. Later designs may have been more "efficient" or had slight modifications, but it had not, nor could it ever, evolve into a computer or a microwave.

Creationists do not deny "micro evolution", that is, diversity of a kind within fixed limits. However there is absolutely no real scientific evidence for "macro evolution", that is, a change from one kind to a higher kind. Such things never happen in the real world. We can see variety in the cat and dog families on a horizontal plane. But you will never see vertical evolution that would link cats and dogs.

Many evolutionists willingly admit the lack of evidence for evolution and are puzzled at all the "missing links" but most will not humble themselves and allow the possibility of an all powerful Creator, who would not use something so inefficient and cruel as evolution with its death, suffering and struggle for survival, but spoke the cosmos into being by the might of His power.

While faith and science each deal with their specific

realms, we need to recognize that all the real facts of science support special creation and confirm the Bible—not evolution. For evolutionists who would ridicule the possibility of supernatural creation by an omnipotent Creator, I would like to remind you of the details of their theory. It goes something like this. About 15 billion years ago there was a spec smaller than the size of a proton and it exploded with a Big Bang. This explosion was extremely hot, and as it expanded some of the material began to coalesce to form hot blobs of matter.

After a billion or more years one of these blobs cooled down and formed a big rock that we now call earth. After another billion years or more, it started to rain on the rock and it eventually formed a pond. Suddenly, from that primordial pond, the first living cell sprang forth from non living chemicals. This first cell began to multiply and through hundreds of millions of years began to evolve into other creatures, first algae, and then fish and amphibians which grew legs and crawled up out of the pond to become the first reptile. The reptile then changed into many forms of mammals, birds and monkeys and finally man. And here we are now having a conversation about how we got here.

Now if you ask me, this story is sheer fantasy and it would take more faith to believe in evolution than believing an intelligent Creator made all things. Let us not be fooled. Evolution is strictly a theoretical and philosophical faith disguised as "science". I propose therefore, that you rename your article "Faith IN Evolution".



While the design of a steam engine may improve over time, it will never evolve into a computer or microwave.

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News

Primary Health Care Centre Role Statement Completed

By Charles Norman
Last fall the provincial Minister of Health, Theresa Oswald, announced approval for a capital project to construct a new care centre to be located adjacent to the existing Pine Falls Health Complex.

The next step, the completion of a role statement has been completed. The Role Statement outlines the scope of services to be provided by the new facility.

It will service the Blue Water District of the Regional Health Authority. The District covers the area from the Beaches to the Ontario border, and from Stead to Poplar River. According to the Role Statement prepared by

NEHA the district includes a population of 8,236, of whom 2,663 are living in First Nation Communities. The First Nations included are Hollow Water, Black River, and Sagkeeng.

Plans for the centre include a wider range of Primary Health Care programs and services such as midwifery and prenatal care and an expanded focus on wellness and chronic disease management. It will include telehealth services to provide improved access to health care for remote communities. Telehealth facilities use modern digital technology to assist in diagnosis and treatment of people in remote nursing stations.

Physician practice will be enhanced with the introduction of a nurse practitioner and visiting specialists such as an obstetrician and pediatrician who will be able to use on-site facilities.

The centre will improve on a range of partnerships promoting physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wellness.

But the major difference will be the inclusion of traditional healing components

and a committee of elders to provider leadership for the traditional healing component. Part of the building will be set-aside for this purpose.

Aboriginal healing practices will include traditional ceremony and smudging, offerings at a Sacred Fire, one-on-one sessions with traditional healers, teachers and Elders. The centre will be a place where aboriginal families can meet, visit, share, prepare and eat traditional

foods and medicines. Also included will be accommodation suitable for remaining close to loved ones, and where aboriginal approaches to palliative care can be offered.

The next phase of the project will be the architectural and design component, followed by construction next year. NEHA CEO Jim Hayes said he expects the centre to be in operation January 2011.

Sagkeeng Man on the High Seas

Former Sagkeeng resident, David Eaglestick has been serving with the Canadian Forces since graduating from Sagkeeng Anicinabe High School in 2007. David decided to enrol after experiencing military life through the Navy's seven-

week Raven Aboriginal Youth Employment Program.

The Winnipeg is currently conducting counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden as part of a NATO fleet tasked with improving maritime security in that troubled region. The deployment will

last six months and take the ship throughout the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea with stops in Japan, South Asia, Singapore and Australia before Winnipeg returns to the Navy's west coast home port of Esquimalt, BC in August.

What's New at WRLC

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Learning Centre is a project of the Winnipeg River Regional Round Table. The Round Table's vision to establish post-secondary educational opportunities for all citizens of the Winnipeg River region began to take shape in the fall of 2007, when the Winnipeg River Learning Centre was able to open its doors, thanks to start-up support from Manitoba Hydro and the Manitoba Model Forest. The Round Table vision and goals grew from a 2005 feasibility study conducted by Black River First Nation, the RM of Alexander, and the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls.

In 2008, the first full year of operation at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre, more than 30 students enrolled in full-time Red River College certificate programs, and more than 80 students took part in WRLC part-time courses and workshops. As program options increase and become established at the WRLC, residents, business, industry, and organizations in the region will experience the benefits of a skilled and knowledgeable workforce – graduates of the Winnipeg River Learning Centre.

To date, students attending courses at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre come from all communities in the region, including the RM of Alexander, the Town of Powerview –

Pine Falls, Pinawa, Lac du Bonnet, Traverse Bay, Sagkeeng First Nation, Black River First Nation, Manigotogan, St. Georges, and Hollow Water First Nation, to name a few.

In addition to the Electrical Certificate, the Winnipeg River Learning Centre is offering its first Certificate in Business Computing, which got underway in March. The RRC-Gimli Human Resource Management program is getting underway in May, and is being offered on a part-time basis, providing professional development opportunities for HR professionals in the region. The RRC Health Care Aide Certificate program is currently being offered at the WRLC.

Fall 2009 plans at the WRLC include a new Land and Water Stewardship Certificate Program, planned in partnership with Assiniboine Community College and the University of Manitoba. RRC-Gimli Campus fall plans at the WRLC include its Para-Educator Certificate and its Management Development Certificate programs.

For more information contact Garry Enns, Manager of the Winnipeg River Learning Centre at 204-367-2761. Address your email inquiries to Garry Enns at wrlc@mts.net or to garyenns@genesisnet-works.ca



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In March 2009 we saw the culmination of eight months of hard work and focus throughout the mill to improve our performance. We have seen marked improvements in housekeeping, safety, production and quality. All these contribute to better control and lower cost.

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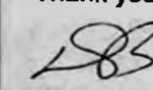
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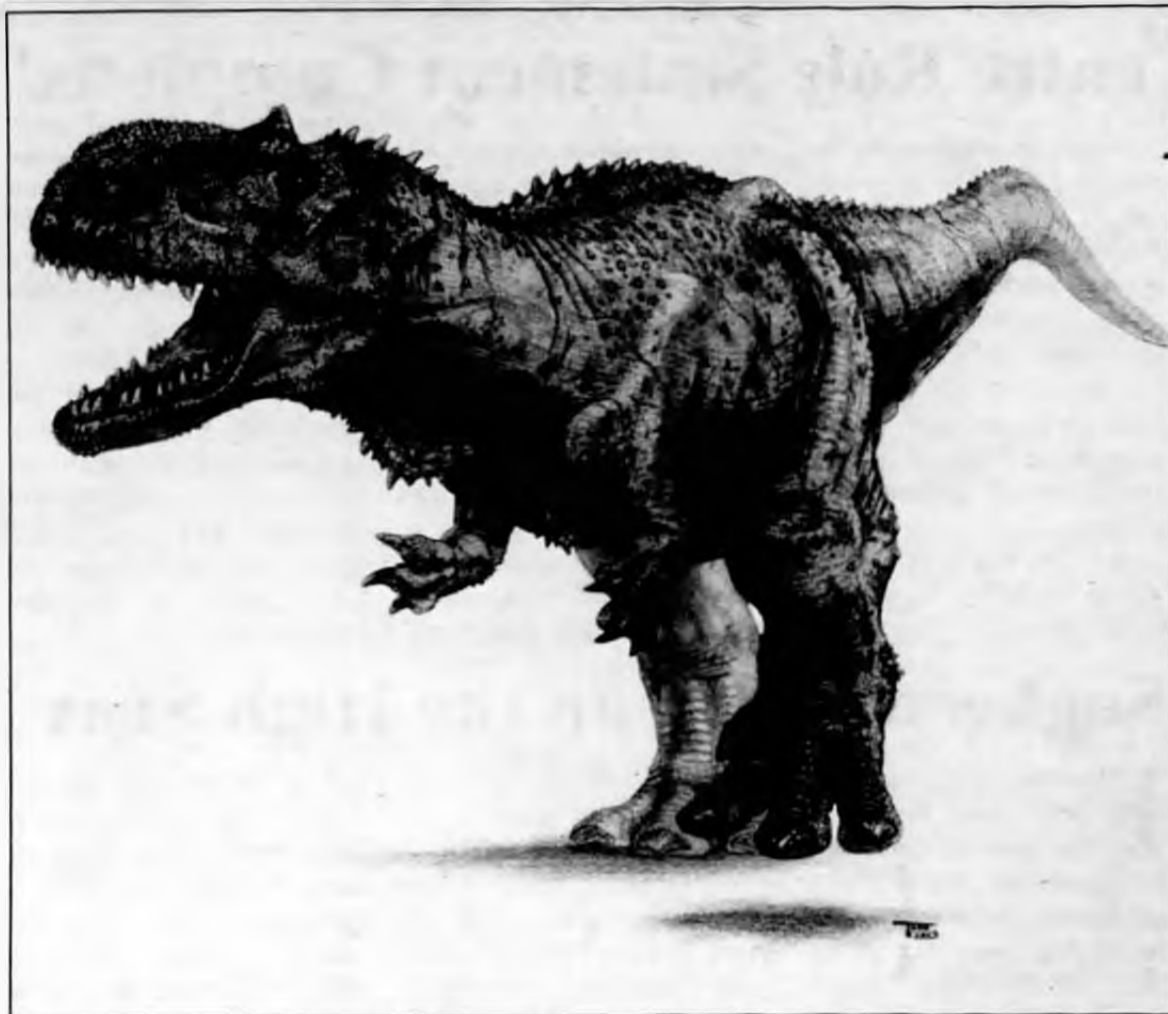
To achieve the above the entire mill has to be working hard together with a focus on improving the mill performance in all areas.

It has been very exciting the last eight months to be a part of this incredible turnaround and I would like to thank and congratulate all employees for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you


Dan Boyer
General Manager

Comment



The End of Evolution (At least as a debate in these pages)

By Charles Norman
Last week's opinion piece of faith and evolution created a great deal of comment, we had phone calls, a visit to the office and a letter to the editor from Noel Chartier. (See page 2)
We did not intend to start a debate.
It was Easter. I wrote about an Easter holiday I had sixty two years ago and managed to make it topical by using it to make a personal comment on Charles Darwin who was born 200 years ago and published Origin of the Species 150 years ago.
It was a purely personal comment. It was not meant to convert anyone to my way of thinking.
A person's religion is very personal. It is often the essence of his very being. To

take it away diminishes him as a person in his own eyes. It is what we did to Aboriginal children in the residential schools. It was wrong. It took away from them who they were. You can do no greater damage to anyone.
The debate on evolution began before Darwin published his book (It sold out in the first few hours after publication). So the debate is more than 150 years old, and it has still not been resolved. It will not be resolved in our tiny little community newspaper.
This is not to say that many, many people are quite convinced that the issue has been resolved, once and for all, and beyond any doubt. The problem is that they disagree with others who are also quite convinced that

they have the true answer.
The debate will continue. Many more words will be spoken than will be heard, many more words will be written than will be read. We do not think that our community newspaper is the place for that debate.
However, since we inadvertently opened the debate we will let Noel Chartier have the last word.
There is, however, one emerging religion which we cannot ignore, lets call it "Greenism" there is a growing number of people who are creating a mythology around environmentalism, and using it as a social engineering tool - to modify our behaviour to a form more acceptable to the social engineer. We will identify these social engineers and expose them whenever they emerge.

A Faith Perspective: The Purpose of an Empty Tomb

By Pastor Jake Doell

Many things only fulfill their purpose when they are occupied. For example a house is only a house till it is occupied by people and then it becomes a home. A school is but a building until the teacher and the students occupy it and then it becomes a place of learning. Even a tomb/grave is not complete without an occupant. Many other things only serve their purpose as they are inhabited by their designated occupants.
The Easter celebration is all about an empty tomb. Jesus had been crucified and a man named Joseph asked for Jesus body and placed Him in new tomb carved out of rock. (Luke 23:53). Isaiah, 700 years earlier had written, "But He was buried like a criminal; He was put in a rich man's grave." (Isaiah 53:9) Three days later as Mary Magdalene and a group of woman went to the tomb, they found it empty. Two angels stood before them and said, "Why are you looking among the dead for someone who is alive? He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Remember what He told you back in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of sinful men and be crucified, and He would rise

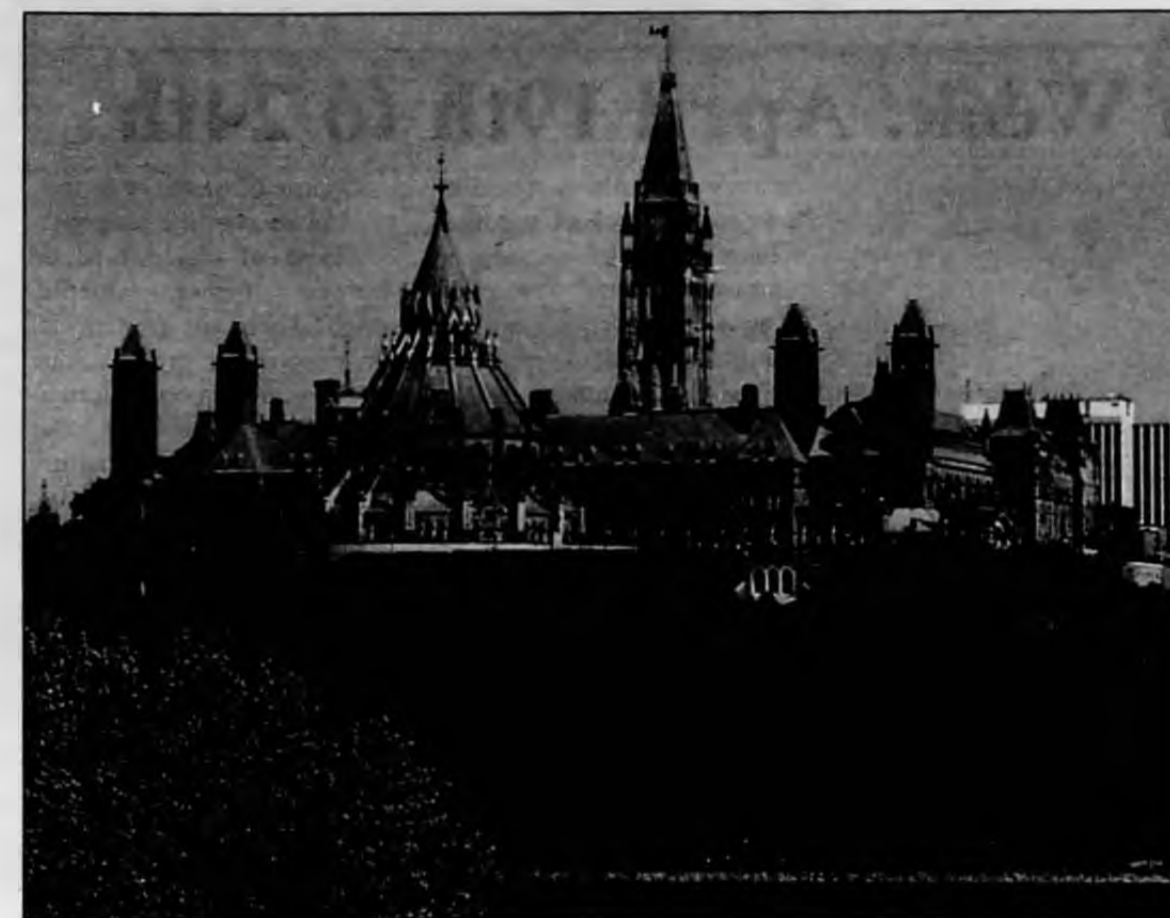
again the 3rd day." (Luke 24:6)
Actually Jesus is the only one who had to borrow a tomb. He had foretold his resurrection; "Listen," Jesus said, "We're going to Jerusalem where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and teachers of the religious law. They will sentence Him to die. He will be mocked, flogged with a whip and crucified. BUT on the 3rd day He will be raised from the dead." (Matthew 20:18&19)

If Jesus had not come out of the tomb, he would be a deceiver and a liar. All those who put their faith and trust in Him, would only be deceived and as the Scripture says "We would of all people be the most miserable."

So what does the empty tomb say to us today living in the 21st century? It says to us that we are living in a world where God still has the last word. It assures us that death has been defeated once and for all by Jesus Christ Himself. It says to us that when Jesus said to us, "I AM the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live even after dying. Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26)



Comment



On Parliament Hill

Your Voice in Ottawa,
Vic Toews, MP for Provencher and
President of the Treasury Board

Creating Jobs for Students

Earlier this week, I announced that as part of our Conservative Government's Economic Action Plan, we are increasing funding to federal public service student employment programs to help Canadian students across the country acquire skills and work experience.
We are providing \$20 million, over the next two years, to enhance federal public service student employment which last year resulted in the hiring of 23,000 post-secondary students. This additional funding will create new job opportunities for up to 2,000 additional students.
Funding under federal public service student employment programs is allocated directly to departments and agencies across the federal public service to pay for student salaries.
These additional funds allow the government to hire more students than previously planned. This benefits regional economies, including right here in Manitoba, since over 60% of student

jobs are outside the national capital region.
This year more Canadian students from all parts of the country can be hired by departments and agencies through three existing programs:
• the Federal Student Work Experience Program;
• the Co-operative Education and Internship Program; and
• The Research Affiliate Program.

We are training and equipping students with skills and abilities, including those sought by the public service. This initiative supports our Government's commitment to the renewal of the federal public service by giving potential recruits an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the large range of careers offered by the federal public service.
But that's not all that we're doing for students. We have also increased funding, by \$20 million, for Canada Summer Jobs, an initiative of the Summer Work Experience Program.

This program provides funding for not-for-profit organizations, public sector employers and small businesses to create high-quality summer job opportunities for students between the ages of 15 and 30.
Not-for-profit employers are eligible for up to 100 percent of the provincial/territorial minimum hourly wage and mandatory employment-related costs. Public sector employers and small private sector employers are eligible for up to 50 percent of the Provincial/territorial minimum hourly wage.

Through our Economic Action Plan, we are investing in youth, creating jobs and stimulating the economy.
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.



MP Report
Niki Ashton, MP Churchill

Spring Ends Access for Many Communities

Spring is here. For many Northerners it is a time to look forward to warmer weather and all that a Northern Spring and Summer brings. For Northerners living in communities served by winter roads it means the end of a brief few weeks in which they have had the same kind of access that most Manitobans take for granted.
For many communities the airport becomes the link by plane to the rest of Manitoba and Canada. For some communities it is even more complicated. Three communities have no airports. At this time of year St Theresa Point, Wasagamack and Pauingassi rely on helicopters to get in and out of their communities. It has been made even more complicated by new Transport Canada regulations that will restrict where the helicopters can land.

The Provincial government has taken an important step in establishing a road authority to expand road access in Northern Manitoba. They have also started to select the route for roads on the East side of Lake Winnipeg.
I believe the Federal government needs to be a partner in extending road access. I have raised this in the House of Commons and most recently in a meeting with Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Chuck Strahl. In the year 2009 there is no excuse why so many of our communities do not have year round road access.

This year I once again took the time to visit many of the winter road communities throughout the riding. I took the time to travel by the winter roads themselves in the same way that so many of my constituents do.
This year was a good year for winter roads. The cold weather meant we had a good winter road season. This was in contrast to the

mild weather in recent years that played havoc with the winter roads.
The reality is that we can't continue to rely on winter roads in the future. At the same time we need to recognize the advantages of extending year round road access.
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So long as we have winter roads I will be travelling on them to visit the winter road communities. I will also be working hard to ensure that we work towards the vision of ensuring every Northern community has the same kind of road access that so many Canadians take for granted.



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WildFire Prevention Week: April 19th to 24th



The Great Lakes Forest Fire Compact (GLFFC) is an international organization that consists of the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba. The organization promotes

prevention, pre-suppression and the control of wildfires along with the sharing of information and resources. These resources include equipment, fire crews, fire teams and air tankers.

(GLFFC) has declared the week of April 19th as Wildfire Prevention Week. We need to be especially vigilant and extremely careful during the spring season. Fine fuels such as dead grass and small shrubs can be extremely flammable during this time. It only takes a moment for a fire to become out of control and the results can be devastating.

In 2008 there were 76 wildfires in the Eastern Region, of these 62 were caused by people and could have been prevented. A total of 4,043 hectares was burned with the average size of the wildfires being 65 hectares, the most notable being the fire in the Woodridge area.

The Wildfires Act requires that burning permits are required between April 1st and November 15th of each year. To check if you are within the burning permit area please contact your local Manitoba Conservation District office.

There is no charge for these permits. You are required to provide the following information and abide by these conditions:

Name of owner or tenant.
Location of the property.

Type of material to be burned. (grass, stubble, slash) There are also special provisions for crop residue burning. For more information on these contact your local Manitoba Agriculture Food and Rural Initiative office for more details.

The fire must be kept under control at all times.

The applicant must bear responsibility for all property damage which may result from burning done under this permit.

To fire guard the area as required under the terms of the Wildfires Act.

No burning before 6 p.m. and the fire must be extinguished by sunset that day.

No burning if winds exceed 15 km/hr.

All ground fires must be extinguished immediately.

This permit may be cancelled at anytime due to fire hazard.

The permit holder should have fire fighting equipment present.

Manitoba Conservation staff would like to wish everyone a safe summer season and would also like to thank those individuals that reported wildfires last year. Wildfires can be reported to our 1-800-782-0076 Report Forest Fires / Turn in Poachers line

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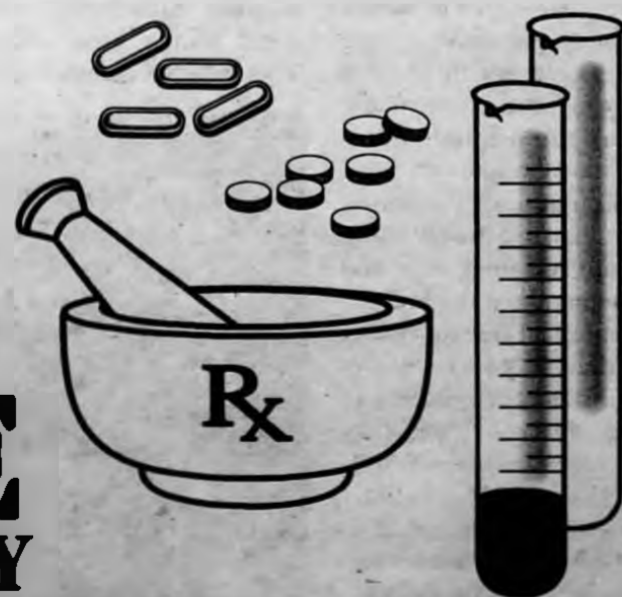
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News

Former Champs Earn Kudos

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Intermediate AA hockey Supremacy.

For a small town, it had a really great hockey team. Beginning in the 1953-54 season the Paper Kings joined the Big 6 AA league that included Brandon, Minnedosa, Dauphin, Letellier, and Portage la Prairie. In the year in question, 1956/57, the Paper Kings met Dauphin in the final best of five. Dauphin took the first two and Pine Falls came back with three straight to win the league.

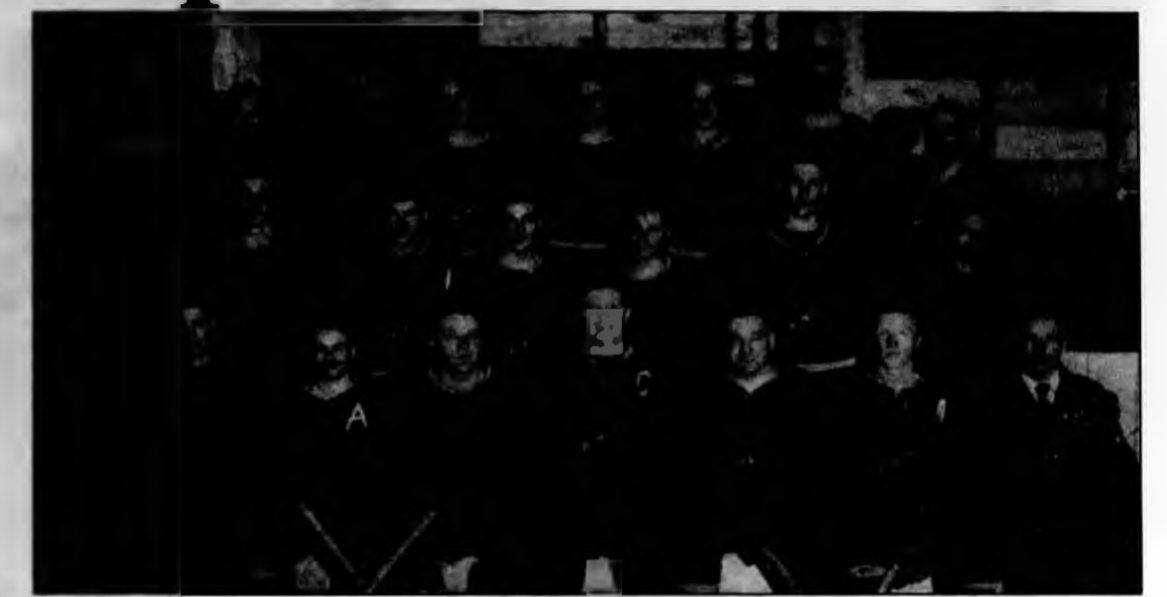
The Manitoba Amateur

Hockey Association then set up a game with the Intermediate AB winner, Poplar Point. The Paper Kings won.

Still climbing the ladder they went to Fort Francis to play the Kenora Thistles. They won again.

The Western Canadian Finals were played in Winnipeg where they played the Kimberly Dynamiters and won four games straight out of a best-of-seven series.

They had played the best teams in the league and won all twelve of their last twelve games.



Hall of Fame Inductees: Front: B. Guay, C. Hubbard, L. May, J. Reichert, B. Juzda, B. McRae, S. Brewster (Eq. Mgr.) 2nd: J. Desilet, (Mgr.) B. Boivin, H. McKay, B. Seguin, G. Woods, M. Balagus, S. Powel (trainer) 3rd: A. Krueger (Pres), C. Ahrensbach, A. Harris, K. McKenzie "C", M. Mathews, T. Marshall, F. McFadden (Exec), Missing - T. Gilchrist, C. Lumsden, D. Thompson, H. Bourgeois.

Municipal Gas Tax Funds to Double, Payments Fast-Track

\$2 Billion annual Infrastructure Investment will provide jobs, boost local economy and improve quality of life for families.

Families and workers in Provencher will soon see faster improvements to roads and other local infrastructure thanks to the Conservative government's doubling of Gas Tax transfers to municipalities, said Conservative MP for Provencher, Vic Toews.

"Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government is doubling the annual funding that Provencher Municipalities receive as part of the Gas Tax Fund and making up to \$1 billion available to municipalities almost three months early," said Toews. "This increased investment will total over \$4.7 million in 2009, up from \$2.4 million in 2008, and will help to create jobs, boost sales for local businesses and improve the quality of life for the families of Provencher during this challenging economic time in our history."

This latest announcement builds on the Conservative government's previous action of providing permanent Gas Tax Fund transfers to municipalities. Doubling

transfers will further help municipalities ensure that their infrastructure is able to meet the future needs of local families, workers and businesses.

The federal Gas Tax transfers to the provinces and municipalities will double starting April 1, 2009, and will provide a total of \$2 billion per year for municipalities to invest in projects like new roads, water treatment plants, improved buses and transit systems, as well as better sewers and bridges. Accelerating the first payment of the Gas Tax Fund by almost three months, the federal government is making up to \$1 billion available to municipalities almost three months early. The first payment will be made in April.

Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, the Conservative government is building on the existing federal investment of \$33 billion in infrastructure with almost \$12 billion in new infrastructure stimulus funding over the next two years. "Our government is proud to be working with provinces and municipalities to deliver stable, predictable funding for infrastructure that Canadians use and depend on every day," said Toews.

Powerview School Teacher Nominated for Book Award

News Release
Andrea's Fiddle, written by Blaine Klippenstein - children's author and high school teacher at Powerview School - has been shortlisted for excellence by the Association of Book Publishers for their annual Manitoba Book Awards.

Shortlisted for the McNally Robinson Book for Young People Award - Younger Category, Andrea's Fiddle is a hardcover children's book featuring watercolour illustrations by Christie Jedele. It is also packaged with a bonus CD that includes narration by Susan Dupuis and fiddle music by Desmond Lagace. It is published by Loon Books Publishing, based in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Blaine says that he wrote Andrea's Fiddle to showcase the Métis culture and to expose young readers to classic Métis fiddle music. This type of theme is in keeping with other writing Blaine has done for Loon Books, much of which reflects the many years he has spent living in Northern Manitoba. Also, his work has been influenced by his experiences working as an educator in the North.

Blaine explains that he believes that it is important

for children in Canada's more remote northern communities to have access to books that reflect their culture. "It's twice as hard to learn to read when children have to first decode the culture in the pictures and stories," he says. "Children need stories and illustrations that reflect their own everyday experiences."

Also shortlisted in the Younger Category are Goose

Girl and Granny's Giant Bannock, both of which are published by Pemican Publications. Shortlist contenders were selected by a variety of juries comprised of writers, publishers and other book industry professionals from across the country.

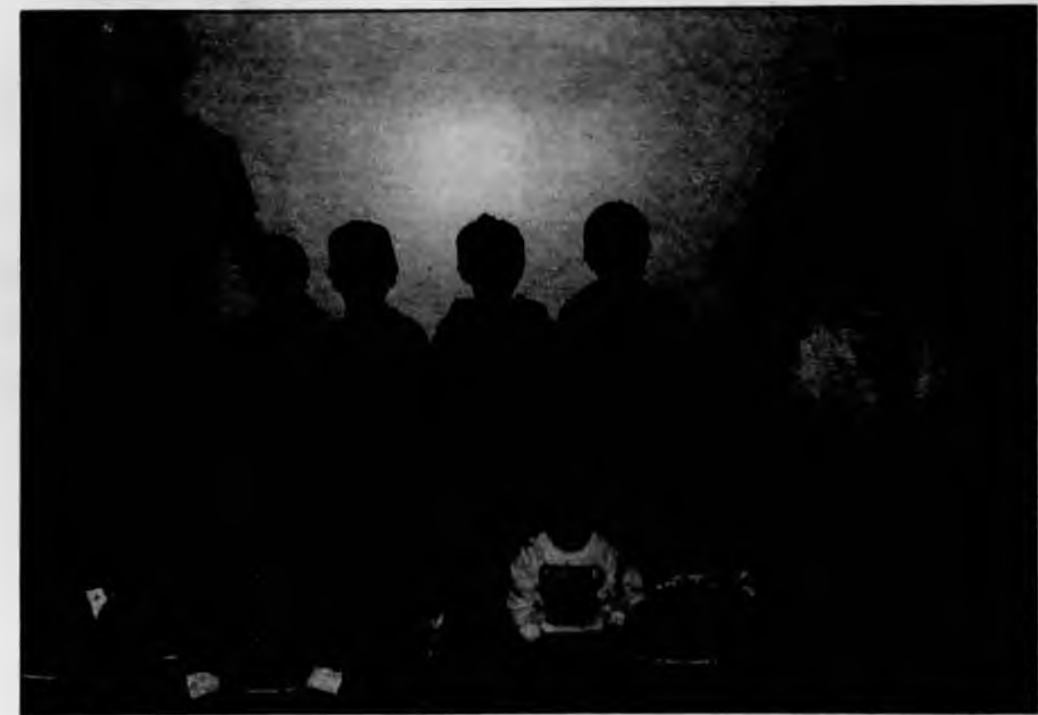
Award winners will be announced at the Association of Book Publishers Manitoba Book Awards gala event on Saturday, April 25.



Cover illustration for Klippenstein's Angela's Fiddle

Sports

Pineview Minor Hockey Awards Night



Initiators Division Team- Coaches Trevor Dowling and Michael Dupont



Novice Division: Back l-r: Coaches Paul Amos, Grant Pachkowsky, Danny Sharpe, front row l-r: Most Improved Player - Kyle Cure, Achievement Awards, Drake Pachkowsky, Nicholas Sharpe, Preston Spence.



Atom Division l-r: MVP - Tyrae Fountain, Coaches Award - Kylor Sharpe, Digger Award - Drew Raymond, Most Improved Player - Nolan Cyr.



Novice Team



Bantam Girls l-r: Most Valuable Player - Kayla Breton, Digger Award - Randie Lemire, Most Improved - Emily Barkhouse, Sportsmanship - Ginette Berthelette



PeeWee Boys Division l-r: Most Improved - Brandon Williams, Top Forward - Cole Pluchinski, Top Defenseman - Connor Cyr, MVP - Jon McMullen



Bantam Girls



PeeWee Boys: Coaches Roy McMullen, Rob Prowse

Feature

Cougars, Wolves and Wolverines

A Natural history of the East Beaches and Winnipeg River

Dwarf Mistletoe

By Charles Norman

Dwarf mistletoe, or witches broom, is a common sight in our area. There are two species; locally the most prominent is *arceuthobium americanum* which is parasitic on jackpine. Also prevalent is *arceuthobium pusillum*, which uses black spruce, white spruce and tamarack as a host.

Americanum is a part of the natural life cycle of the jackpine. Jackpine can reach maturity and die then decay back into the soil, but more often than not they burn, either after reaching maturity and dying or being invaded by dwarf mistletoe and dying as a result of the infestation. The dead jackpine provides an excellent fuel for forest fires.

Fire is an essential part of the life cycle of the jackpine. Its cones will not open unless exposed to considerable heat. Heat from the sun is seldom enough, but the heat from a forest fire does an excellent job of opening the cones. It also rids the area of dwarf mistletoe - and everything else - leaving the cones to deposit their seeds in open ground with lots of sun and no competition from other plants.

The cycle is repeated every 80 to 100 years or so.

Dwarf mistletoe seeds are sticky, covered with a gum called viscin, and infestation of a stand of jackpine probably starts with seeds being transported by birds. Once the seed becomes attached to the needles or bark of a living tree it germinates and sends out a root system that permeates underneath the bark of the host. After two to three years shoots and four to five years to produce seeds. The branch swells at the point of infection and the formation of the broom begins.

There are male and female plants. Pollination of the female plant occurs in late spring. Berries are formed on the ends of stalks on the female plant. Each berry contains a single green coloured seed. The berries mature in late August or early September. Internal pressure grows and eventually causes the seed to be dis-

charged - often as far as 100 feet away. However, an infestation of a stand of jackpine usually spreads at a rate of only one or two feet a year.

The broom looks a little like a witches broom. Its trunk and branches are gnarled and twisted. It has needles and derives part of its nourishment from the air,

but most of it comes from the host. Seeds establish other brooms on the tree and on neighbouring trees. Eventually the tree dies - and with it so does the witches broom.

Witches broom or dwarf mistletoe is a common sight in the over-mature forests of the beaches - especially Victoria Beach and Lester

Beach and in Grand Beach Provincial Park, on the Ancient Beach Trail, for example, where witches broom has cleared entire areas jackpine. It is only a question of time before a fire takes hold and burns the slope of the ten thousand year-old beach, thus allowing the natural cycle to repeat itself.



A close up of bark infected by *arceuthobium americanum*.

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Community



Profile: The Sand Bar Motor Inn

By Laura Tuttle

It is not an accident that sail maker Paul Gray along with Priscilla and their son Tyler chose to find a "Sandbar" while on their life journey. They considered not only the destination but the joy of the journey. So, four years ago they took on ownership of the Sand Bar Motor Inn. Owning this kind of establishment means that their work day extends to the wee hours of the morning. The Grays may not always have time to witness the sun as it sets over the waters next to Grand Marais but they understand the growing current of prosperity that runs strong in Grand Beach. They have set their sails on success.

Priscilla Gray spent the summers of her youth not far from the Sandbar Inn. Lake Winnipeg and the vibrant summer resort which sprawled along the eastern shoreline of Grand Marais, was a welcome retreat from the all girls school she attended in the city. The family cottage was built by her grandparents in the 1920's.

While Priscilla grew up with whitecaps and beaches, Paul Gray found himself close to the banks of the raging Red River. When he was twelve years old, he and a friend built their first sailboat in his parents garage and as soon as he was able Gray tested his boat and his skill at racing in a contest held annually at Falcon Lake. He was hooked on sailing and after he married Priscilla, they spent every spare moment on the water. When Paul

noticed a shortage of persons to make repairs to the sails, he learned the art of canvas repair and has been a full time sail maker since.

No doubt while watching his parents, a young "Chef Tie" learned early that the best recipe in life, is to make your passion your livelihood. Tyler Gray loves to cook, bake and create. The wide variety of dishes that are now his signature pieces speak to his fervor for food creations. At Sandbar will you find delicious wraps for both "eat in" and "take out", plus salads so fresh, you'd think the Grays had a greenhouse out back.

At the end of April 2009, their newly renovated restaurant will feature not only the regular "cottage country" fare but also a unique selection of baked goods, fresh fruit and produce plus deli meats, steak, burgers and chicken. Add to this the seven course meals that Tie has prepared especially for couples on Valentines Day and New Years Eve, or the dozens of selections available on his Chinese food nights or his Mother's day extravaganzas. These meal treats are rivalled only by the Sandbar "Crab Night" feasts that have Tie's patrons marking their calendars weeks in advance.

Regardless of the good food and it's excellent presentation, Tyler Gray says the best thing about life in Grand Marais, is being out on the kite board nearly every day. With the lake out his back door Tie, the chef can indulge in his passion for sailing a kite board. This he

does both winter and summer. In the early days Tie was an avid downhill ski enthusiast and an instructor of the sport until his passion changed to kite boarding. Don't be surprised to see Grand Marais and Grand Beach become beacons for kite boarders from all corners of the globe. Tie is just the person to make it happen.

The Sandbar Motor Inn is open 361 days a year. It is closed New Years Day, Christmas and this year, Boxing Day. It is also closed to the public on November 11th. Remembrance Day is dedicated to the War Amps and the Grays send a special invitation to seniors to view movies and spend time in remembrance of sacrifices made by members of the armed forces and of civilians in times of war, while in a social atmosphere.

Tie says "In the summer it's crazy here." At that

time of year "there is a young crowd who are often unruly and keep the place hopping; but (the rest of the year) it is the "locals" and the loyalty factor that make the place work." Priscilla adds, "The fifty plus people are the main demographic especially in winter and therefore a determining factor in what is offered at the Sandbar.

In summer the Reef Lounge & Vendor, has a staff of 35 to 40 people mostly consisting of people who live in the community. In the winter the Grays provide regular employment to eight people. As an incentive, long term staff at the Sandbar have access to a scholarship fund intended to help with their secondary education. Also, thanks to proceeds from the weekly "Crib Night", the Grays have created a special fund raiser with \$1000 per year going to Walter Whyte School for

Library books and an arts program.

To the Grays "community" means a great deal. Social events to benefit individuals in exceptional circumstances have raised as much as \$5000. Community groups such as the "Grand Beach Cottage Owners Association" used the Sandbar for a fund raiser. They charged \$15.00 per ticket, provided a band and silent auction prizes to raised over seven thousand dollars for their organization. Most weekends one group or another hold Meat Draws and 50/50 raffles to line community coffers. You may want to keep June 20/09 in mind. At that time, there will be a fundraiser for Cancer. The vent will host a motivational speaker and feature a formal dinner, dance & live music. At least one of the Grays has a vested interest in this event.

Health Corner

NEHA Ask your Primary Health Care Provider

Please forward health related questions to: Health Corner, Box 1030, Lac du Bonnet District Health Centre; phone: 345-8647; or Email carvis@neha.mb.ca. For more health information, Please, visit the NEHA website: www.neha.mb.ca.

What is an Adult Day Program?

The Adult Day Program is an opportunity to experience therapeutic recreation, socialization and balanced nutrition in a supportive environment within the North Eastman Region. The goals for Adult Day Programs are:

- Provide socialization
- Address isolation
- Offer nutritional meals
- Make available physical activity
- Address needs of the elderly so that they remain as independent as possible
- Give respite for caregivers
- Prevent or postpone institutionalization

Any adult who would benefit from social or recreational activities within a supportive environment is eligible. They must not have difficulty swallowing and must only require minimal assistance with mobility or activities of daily living. An individual must be referred to the Adult Day Program through a Home Care Case Coordinator. The individual

does not need to be receiving Home Care services to attend the Adult Day Program.

Adult Day Programs run one, two or three days per week depending on the location. An individual may attend as long as there is availability in that program and as long as the program is meeting his or her needs.

Adult Day Programs are subsidized by North Eastman Health Association. The client pays a nominal user fee on a monthly basis at a rate set by Manitoba Health. The current rate is \$7.66 per day, which includes transportation, programming, nutritious meals and snacks.

Transportation is provided in town and in rural areas for all clients, unless other arrangements have been made. The community handivan or a friendly volunteer will pick you up at your home.

North Eastman Health Association has six program locations:

- Oakbank - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Adult Day Program Coordinator, Phone: 444-6127. Home Care Case Coordinator,

Phone: 444-6119.

- Beausejour - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Adult Day Program Coordinator, Phone: 268-7408 Ext. 7230. Home Care Case Coordinator, Phone: 268-7474 or 268-7471.

- Whitemouth - Tuesday and Thursday. Adult Day Program Coordinator, Phone: 348-3940. Home Care Case Coordinator, Phone: 348-4609.

- Lac du Bonnet - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Adult Day Program Coordinator, Phone: 345-1212 ext. 1118. Home Care Case Coordinator, Phone: 345-1217.

- Pine Falls - Tuesday and Thursday. Adult Day Program Coordinator, Phone: 367-4515. Home Care Case Coordinator, Phone: 367-5403.

- Victoria Beach - Wednesday. Adult Day Program Coordinator, Phone: 367-4515. Home Care Case Coordinator, Phone: 367-5403.

Submitted by: Cindy Reimann, Regional Adult Day Program Supervisor, (204) 268-7447

Community

News from École Saint-Georges

We are proud to announce that two of our students won the St-Georges Talent Show on March 27th at the St-Georges Church basement: Annette and David Boubet. The talent show was to highlight our students abilities in the area of the arts. All students from the school were invited to participate and to present a variety of entertainment from: singing, playing piano, dancing, and drama. It was a true success. We would like to thank Madame Ariane Belisle, our French monitor, who was responsible for the total organization of the afternoon.

On March 28th, the Winnipeg Comedy Festival

made its grand presentation again in the St-Georges church basement. Students from grades 7-10th, who are members of the LISTE (ligue d'improvisation de la division scolaire franco-manitobaine) challenged their parents and members of the community in improvising in the style of the popular show: Who's Line Is It Anyway? Comments from the community members were that the evening was hilarious, full of fun and laughter.

Upcoming events: Staff and students of Ecole St-Georges have been working very hard at planning a full day Open House for all community members (parents, grand-parents and community members). Come and visit

us on April 24th and see our students learning and staff teaching. Details will be in the following week of the Echo.

Plans for next year have already begun in which a totally new approach to physical education will be undertaken. Events such as outdoor education, skiing, volleyball, golfing, fishing, canoeing and cross country skiing will be taking place with participation from community members, grand parents and hired staff.

Don't forget to participate to our numeracy event on May 15th. Upcoming details will be published.

C'est avec beaucoup de plaisir que nous vous annonçons que deux de nos

élèves ont gagné la première place lors du Spectacle de Talents qui a eu lieu le 27 mars dernier, au sous-sol de l'église Saint-Georges. L'objectif du spectacle était de mettre en valeurs les différents talents artistiques de notre communauté étudiante tel que le piano, la danse, la guitare et le drame. Bravo à Annette et David Boubet, les récipiendaires du premier prix, soit une bourse de 50\$. Nous tenons à remercier madame Ariane Belisle pour tous ses efforts et son temps pour mettre en œuvre un tel événement.

Le 28 mars dernier, le Festival d'humour de Winnipeg s'est arrêté à notre village pour une présentation spéciale. En première partie, les jeunes de l'école communautaire Saint-Georges (membres de la LISTE) ont invité les parents et les membres de la communauté à les affronter dans le cadre d'un match d'improvisation. Cette soirée, organisée par l'école, le comité culturel et Radio-Canada, fut un grand succès où le rire et la bonne humeur étaient au rendez-vous.

Événements à venir :

Les élèves et le personnel de l'école Saint-Georges planifient une journée Portes Ouvertes où les familles et les membres de la communauté sont invités à venir à l'école pour y découvrir la vie scolaire des enfants. Venez en grand nombre le 24 avril prochain lors de cette journée. Des détails vont suivre dans le Echo de la semaine prochaine.

Les cours d'éducation physique, 2009-2010, seront remaniés de manière à répondre aux intérêts des élèves et des membres de la communauté. Cette nouvelle approche fera la promotion d'une vie active et saine tout en y intégrant la participation des membres de la communauté.

N'oubliez pas de mettre également la date du 15 mai prochain à votre agenda: une demi-journée sur la numérotation est en cours d'élaboration afin de permettre à la communauté de venir constater les derniers développements en mathématiques en regard de l'implantation des nouveaux programmes.

News from the Pine Falls Preschool

Welcome back from spring break and from the Easter Weekend, I hope that everyone had a fun. With spring break week off, March seemed like a short month. We did manage to squeeze in a few themes. We learned all about different shapes, sang some shapely songs and did some "all about shapes crafts". The Saint Patrick's day theme was a fun week. We learned all about pesty leprahuns, pretty shamrocks and best of all...the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The children and I went on a pot of gold hunt. We searched for clues and found the rainbow. Under that rainbow, do you know what we found? You guessed it...a pot of chocolate gold coins. They were delicious! The last few weeks prior to the break we started our Easter theme. With the anticipation of the visit of that special critter, we made a variety of Easter bunnies along with singing songs and ready interesting books on egg hunting and rabbits. The favorite song so far to go along with the Easter theme

has been "little bunny frufu". Searching for eggs from the Easter bunny in our classroom was loads of fun.

Now that Easter is over we will bring our Spring theme where special flowers will bloom in our classroom and the children and I can go puddle jumping (so make sure your little ones have rubber boots and splash pants would be handy). The last theme of the month of April will be investigating the marvelous world of dinosaurs, I have a feeling that it will be a "roaring" good time!

Our Tupperware fundraiser was a huge success and it has arrived already. WOW!!! Thanks to everyone who sold and those of you who purchased tupperware. And a big thanks to the Tupperware consultant Stephanie Kembali for the speedy delivery of everyone's purchases.

Our next fundraiser will be the delicious goodies from Shelley's Cookie Dough. We will be selling it for 2 weeks starting the third week of April.

Dates to Remember:

April 10 - Good Friday (Preschool closed)

April 13 - Easter Monday (Preschool closed)

April 20 - Spirit Week Monday 20th : backwards day (wear your clothes backwards)

Tuesday 21st : crazy hair day

Wednesday 22nd : green day (could be your hair, clothes, anything)

Thursday 23rd : pajama day (wear your favorite pj's to school)

Friday 24th : pajama day (wear your favorite pj's to school)

April 22 - Earth Day

Dress your child for the weather...we will be celebrating earth day by picking up garbage off the school grounds and make mother earth a little happier.

Just a reminder to parents that the weather is finally getting warmer and I'd love to take the children outside for walks, so if you could supply them with rubber boots and splash pants that would be great!

That's all for this month... Until next month, Nancy

Parent & Child Play Group at Wings of Power

Wings of Power is at it again! The latest installment in this fabulous journey is the development of a weekly parent child play group. Every Monday from 10:00 to 11:30 we will be hosting an informal get together (upstairs at 39 Main Street, Pine Falls). Just like every child likes to play (you know they are always asking you to do things with them), every parent needs someone to interact with. This is your chance to respond to both needs. You don't need to bring anything or even get dressed up (unless this is your only outing and you want to). Just come on down to Wings of Power on

Monday morning and meet with other parents in the community. In the time allotted you will have a chance to visit with each other and enjoy a cup of coffee while you watch your child play, grow and develop with the other children. We have a huge library of children's books as well as toys for them to play with. Settle in on our couch and use the time to share the triumphs, humor and frustrations of being a parent. The first meeting is on April 20. For more information, call us at 367-9641. Find out that you aren't alone in the wonderful experience of parenting! We can't wait to see you!

Community

RECREATION UPDATES

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

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

SPRING & SUMMER REGISTRATION

Monday, April 20th
 6:00 - 8:00 PM
 Pineview Rec Office, Pine Falls School
 Soccer, Swimming, Babysitting Safety Training, Dance, Interior Design Seminar, Introduction to Creative Writing & P.H.A.T. Camp

EXERCISE PROGRAMS

Body Sculpture
 Walter Whyte School, Grand Marais
 Instructor: Natasha Joy
 Monday's & Thursday's
 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 10 classes for \$60.00
 Moderate - High intensity. Class is always different and modified for every level. Need a minimum of 10 people for the class. To register contact Natasha 756-3868 or email inatasha@mts.net

Family Fitness
 Pine Falls School
 Monday & Wednesday's
 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Instructor: Kim Bonekamp
 For youth ages 13+ with or without a family member. Includes cardio, circuit training, strength & flexibility. Need 10 confirmed registered to begin the class.
 Contact Rec Office 367-9142

Fitness Class For Beginners
 Pine Falls School
 Mondays & Wednesdays
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 Instructor: Kim Bonekamp
 Start on the road to a healthier lifestyle improving your cardio, strength & flexibility. For registration contact Kim Bonekamp 367-2107 email kbonekamp@hotmail.com or Rec Office 367-9142.

Arthritis Exercise Program
 Pine Falls School Gym
 Every Monday's & Wednesday's
 11:15 AM - Noon
 Instructor: Kim Bonekamp
 This program is designed through PACE for people living with arthritis. There is no charge for this program.
 For more info contact Kim @ 367-2107

Strength For Seniors
 Pine Falls School Gym
 Monday's & Wednesday's
 10:00 - 11:00 AM
 Instructor: Kim Bonekamps
 Free program open to all seniors 55+. Class includes walking, exercise ball, stretching & resistance. For more info contact Kim 367-2107

Total Body Workout
 St. Georges School Gym
 Monday & Wednesdays
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 Instructors: Nick Bonekamp & Paul Roberts
 \$20.00 per month/ Family plans available
 Kickboxing, Stretching, Skipping, Rubber Bands, Circuits & Felt Pads
 Loose Weight & Feel Great!
 Contact Nick 367-2702 or Paul 367-8018

Rise & Shine Fitness Class
 Pine Falls School Gym
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM @ Pine Falls School Gym
 Instructor: Kim Bonekamp
 Program includes aerobics, circuits & boot camp training
 To register call the Pineview Rec office 367-9142 or Kim Bonekamp 367-2107 or email kbonekamp@hotmail.com

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 for all ages. For more info contact Ginette Vincent 367-8244 or 367-9970

Seniors Exercise
 Golden Leisure Club, Pine Falls
 Every Mon, Wed, Thurs & Fri
 10:15 - 10:45

Rivers North Fitness Coop
 \$100.00 membership
 \$250.00 annual user fee with membership
 \$300.00 annual user fee without membership
 For more info contact Bev Dube 367-8064 or Linda Cyr 367-2382

SPRING ACTIVITIES
Interior Design 101
 Osis Building Supplies, Powerview
 Saturday, May 9
 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 \$40.00 Per person
 Maximum of 24 participants.
 Purchase tickets at Osis Building Supplies 367-367-9663 or Pineview Rec Office 367-9142.

Introduction to Creative Writing
 Bibliothèque Allard Library, St. Georges
 \$80.00 per person
 Participants: 6(minimum)-12(maximum)
 Instructor: Donna Besel
 April 23-June 4
 Do you like to write? Feel a need to express yourself clearly? Find encouragement, fun and inspiration in a creative writing classes. To register contact Bibliothèque Allard Library 367-8443 or Pineview Rec Office 367-9142

Pine Falls Golf Memberships
 2009 Memberships forms are now available at the Pineview Rec Office.

Pine Falls Swimming Program
 Session 1: July 6-17
 Session 2: July 20-31
 Session 3: August 3-14
 Duck (Parent & Child Program), Sea Turtle, Salamander, Sunfish, Red Cross Levels 1-10, Bronze Star, Bronze Cross & Bronze Medallion.
 For registration and fees contact Rec Office 367-9142

Soccer
 North Eastman Soccer Association
 Registration Deadline April 20
 Forms Available at Pineview Rec Office, Pine Falls School

Tykes \$40.00 (Born 2005/04/03)
Sprockets \$45.00 (Born 2002/01)
Mavericks \$50.00 (Born 2000/09)
 13 & Under \$60.00 (Born 1998/97)
 16 & Under \$60.00 (Born 1996/95/95)
 Regular price will be charged for first two children. Each subsequent child is \$25.00
 Prices include T-shirt, insurance fees, referee costs, windup and games.
 Black shorts, black soccer socks & shine pads are required. Soccer cleats are optional. If you are interested in coaching, assistant coaching or managing
 Please contact Lori at Rec Office 367-9142.

Softball
 Powerview-Pine Falls, St. Georges
 R.M. of Alexander
 Registration at Rec Office \$10.00 per child
 Starting in May

PHat Camp
 Physical Arts Training Camp
 Victoria Beach: July 27-31
 Powerview- Pine Falls: August 10-14
 Registration forms and prices will be available next week. This year's theme is Way of the Young Legends. Programs include: music video, ninja skool, break-dance, Film, kombat, hip hop, Hawaiian, mask, kung fu, samurai way, Extreme dance combat, cheer, fashion/fitz, improv, film making, And choreography.
 For more info contact 367-9142

MUSIC, DRAMA & ARTS
Guitar Lessons
 Beginners & Intermediate

Quilting
 Every Thursday 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Carpet Bowling
 Every Friday @ 1:30 PM
 For more info contact Judy 756-3132
 www.seniorssceneinc.com

FOR ALL AGES
Hall Walking Club
 Grand Marais Rec Centre
 Monday, Wednesday & Friday
 9:00 AM - Noon
 For more info contact Bonnie 754-3240

FESTIVALS & EVENTS
Wine Tasting Evening
 Pine Falls School Gym
 Friday, May 9th
 Money raised for this event will be put toward the Wings Of Power Breakfast for Learning Program.
 For advance tickets contact Wings of Power 367-9641
 Pine Falls Liquor Mart 367-2965

Victoria Beach Drama Club Presents
The Hysterical History of the Trojan War
 Victoria Beach Sports Club
 June 13, 2009
 \$30.00 Per person
 Includes a catered traditional Greek dinner.
 Cocktails 5:30PM/Dinner 6:00 PM
 Advance tickets only. For tickets call Tannis 756-3474

3rd Annual Beaches 1/2 Marathon & 1/4 Marathon
 July 25th
 Located in Hillside Beach starting at 8:00 AM
 For more info contact 756-3868
 Email: inatasha@mts.net
 Register online: www.events.nunningroom.com

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Bibliothèque Allard Regional Library
 St. Georges
 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
 Internet Access Site

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

Adult Band
 For those who have an instrument or for those who want to learn to play. Everyone Welcome! For more info contact Dorinda Watson 367-2296.

CHILDREN & TEENS
Hip Hop & Jazz Dance
 Pine Falls School Gym
 Tuesday's & Thursday's
 Instructor: Alisha Carlson
 Kids Program, Youth Program & Adult Program
 For registration & fees contact 367-9142

Babysitter Safety Training
 Ecole Powerview School
 Walter Whyte School
 June 12 & 19th
 Ages 12+(or turning 12 in 2009)
 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
 \$25.00 per student
 Karrie Kettle, Powerview School 367-2296
 Bea Henderson, Walter Whyte 754-2240
 Lori Vialoux, Pineview Rec 367-9142

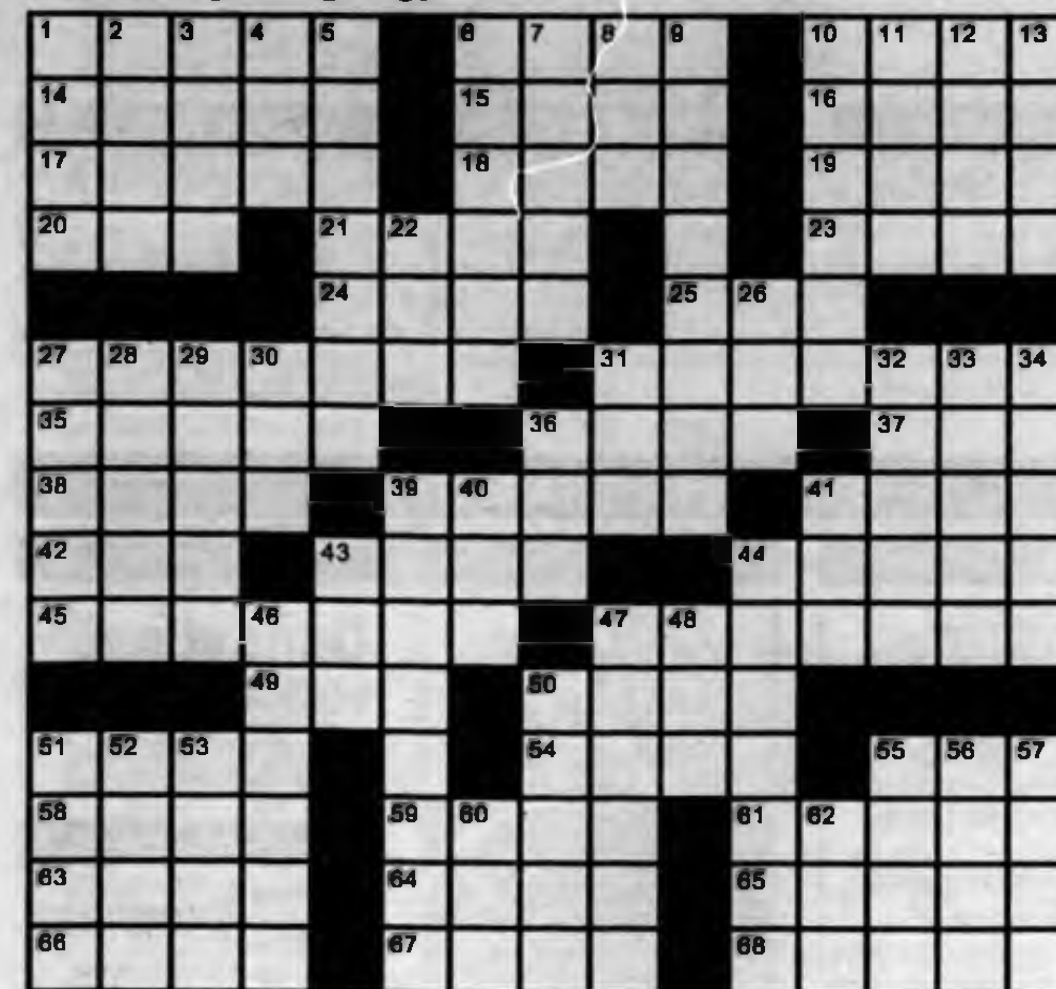
First Lake Winnipeg Beavers
 Walter Whyte School
 Monday's 3:30 - 5:00 PM
 Ages 3-5 (Male & Female)
 October - May
 Games, crafts, music, the outdoors & spiritual fellowship.
 For more info contact Carol Laing 754-6232 or Sue 754-2541

Family Fitness
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 5:30 - 6:30 PM
 Instructor: Kim Bonekamp
 For youth ages 13+ with or without a family member. Includes cardio, circuit training, strength & flexibility. Need 10 confirmed registered to begin the class.
 Contact Rec Office 367-9142

SENIORS
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Canasta
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 1:00 PM

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VICTORIA BEACH
Writing Group
 Every 4th Monday of the Month
 1:00 PM
Advance Line Dancing
 Every Tuesday @ 10:00 AM

Crossword



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Across

- Construct
- Coarse file
- Vesicle
- Concur
- Pitcher
- Opposite of front
- Influence
- Cab
- "If all ___ fails..."

Down

- Support
- Tangelo
- Wrinkle remover
- Romanian monetary unit
- Take away
- Not wholesale
- Prize
- Gender
- Prudish
- Fabricate
- Dog's cry
- Back talk
- Arborist's concern
- Egg cell

Across

- Family
- Bellow
- Abbey area
- Eager
- Acquired
- Rational
- Smoothness
- Not moving
- Acclivity
- Bowling target

Down

- Highway division
- Express joy
- Blow off steam
- Ventilate
- River deposit
- Door part
- Fissure
- Knitted garment
- Miner's find
- Lightly burn

- Extinct bird
- Annul
- Grassland
- Waterless
- Hindu dress
- Perfect
- Poi source
- Consequently
- Entangle
- Choir voice
- Bucks and does
- Crazily
- Single
- Light purple
- Broadcasting (hyph)
- Musical style
- Wrath
- Sweet-tasting fruit
- All in
- Scorch
- "Come in!"
- Furrow
- Certified
- Hearty brew
- Through
- A title
- Gallantry
- Haitian witchcraft
- Elder
- Roll of bills
- Power glitch
- Computer info
- Using speech
- Grime
- Tip
- Nobleman
- Friend
- "___ we there yet?"
- Paternity identifier

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Last Week's Answers

SUMAC SAUNA ACT
 CRAWL ARSON LOW
 AGREE TIARA ARE
 REV MEAD GORGE
 ELEGY PYRAMID
 OBLONG PLEAT
 ROOST QUALM CAB
 GLUE TULIP RACE
 YES GHOST PENNE
 WRITE TRADER
 VAMOOSE SWELL
 IDIOM ATOM ERE
 SIR MAPLE INLAW
 TOT ELATE SUITE
 ASH TENOR ENTER



CRYPTIC PUZZLE

STBDRGPRN XH P EGRDRTHH QN LWXRW IWT
 ETDEAT PGT UGTT ID RWDHT IWT BPC LWD
 LXAA VTI IWT QAPBT.
 - APJGTCRT ETITG

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 DON'T CARE WHAT IS WRITTEN ABOUT ME SO LONG AS IT ISN'T TRUE.
 -DOROTHY PARKER

Weekly Horoscopes April 16 - April 22, 2009

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20) Romance will come through involvement with fundraising organizations. Don't give your heart too readily. Your fun loving approach will be admired and appreciated by others. You can get ready to celebrate your new direction.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) Don't let peers distract you or push their work your way. Don't be afraid to say what's on your mind. Your emotional state will vacillate. Romance may be better than you ever thought possible.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Your tendency to take on too much will end in fatigue. New hair, new outfit, new you. Set your goals and stick to your guns. Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable and should lead to new and lasting friendships.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22) New interests are preoccupying your time. Make plans to meet again in the near future. You may need a good friend to lean on. Someone you work with may be trying to make you look bad.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22) You need to look into ways to change your self-image. Travel could be in order. You have more than enough on your plate already. You will find yourself tied to the phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) Your talent will be recognized. Your ability to do detailed work will dazzle those who are less creative. Don't make financial contributions in order to impress others. Try to iron out any friction over money with your mate or conflicts could prevail.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Update and review your personal investments. You may find that someone you live with may be irritable; you're best to leave them alone. Take time to listen to the problems of family members. This could be the cause of a dispute that may result in estrangement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your ability to dazzle others with your unique and innovative ideas will attract attention. Losses are likely if you have left your financial affairs in other people's hands. You can stabilize your situation if you compromise. This could be a difficult day to deal with coworkers.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec 21) Talking to those you trust and respect will help you sort out any problems. Exercise programs will be effective. Get down to business and do the work yourself. Travel will also be very informative.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan. 20) You can discuss your findings behind closed doors with your boss. Be aware that joint financial ventures could fall apart. Romantic opportunities will flourish through travel or communication. A friendship might suffer if money becomes an issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Your mind will be wandering to exotic destinations. Work diligently and you will get ahead this week. Nagging has never been something that you could tolerate, and it's once again driving you into a lonely state of affairs. Take time to make physical improvements that will enhance your appearance.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) Large organizations may try to talk you out of your hard-earned cash. You may find that family members may not be too easy to get along with. Concentrate on spending quality time with children. You may find that relationships are not going as well as you'd like.

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