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No waterfall station for Bird River

by Linda J. Dalglish

At the September 24 meeting of the Local Government District of Alexander, Councillor Diane Dube placed a notice of motion to rescind resolution 550/91 dealing with the proposed waterfall station at Bird River. This resolution had been passed at the September 12 meeting of the council.

At the October 8 meeting, Councillor Diane Dube's motion was seconded by Councillor Nick Roman. Roman asked to speak about the motion. He said, "I was thinking both ways what's good for the LGD." He mentioned that in St. Clements each subdivision looks after its own water and in Ward I Trainors supply the water.

Roman asked, "Why should the rest of the LGD pay for Ward IV? They should put it in with a LID. That is right with me. I don't want to go against the other subdivisions."

Reeve Richard Lowing said, "In the rest of the LGD, they have private water or LIDs or the subdivision pays."

Roman said he would be willing to give them help forming a local improvement district.

Councillor Jill Papineau said they had missed the intent trying to help two subdivisions because they were unable to get water. She said there were twenty-four subdivisions in Ward IV with the same problem. Water is shallow and full of algae she said. They don't have access to good water. Papineau said that Manitoba Hydro and Abitibi-Price are currently supplying water. She thinks they will be cutting it off soon. Papineau wanted the water study which the Planning District had done for the Village of Powerview and which she said covered part of the LGD of Alexander to be extended.

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WRPD development officer

by Linda J. Dalglish

Russ Clifton is the new Winnipeg River Planning District's development officer. He replaces the short-lived Stan Duack.

Clifton was formerly of the Lac du Bonnet Development Office for two years. He has lived in Winnipeg and rural Manitoba. He has experience in the construction field.

Clifton hopes to take advantage of the courses offered which will help him in the field of development officer. He is presently familiarizing himself with the area he covers and with the new routines.

Presently living on a hobby farm near Lac du Bonnet, Clifton may be moving to the area next summer, possibly looking at one of the attractive lots in the country.

The new area is twice as big as his former territory and is more spread out. He anticipates more travel time.

Clifton says there are a lot of rewards in his work. He says the majority of peo-

ple follow the rules even though they may complain. Some people are unaware that building permits are necessary in rural areas and cottage developments.

Clifton says he tries to treat everyone equally. He is not easily insulted when people get upset when caught doing wrong.

In his spare time, Clifton enjoys his grandchildren and cats and dogs.



New Winnipeg River Planning District development officer Russ Clifton.



Wild rice harvest

Al Armstrong operates a wild rice harvester on a tiny gem of a lake surrounded by dark evergreens.

Travelling at a precise speed, a wild rice harvester covers a lake eight to ten times in order to harvest up to 50% of ripe grains.

Please see feature article on pages 8 and 19.

Local farmers fed up

by Linda J. Dalglish

On October 9, approximately 8,000 to 10,000 farmers attended a protest rally in Winnipeg. This represents 25% of farmers in Manitoba. It was a bright clear day -- good combining weather. It's been a wet year and many of these farmers had crops in the fields.

At least three local farmers attended. Albert Chevrefils has been on the farm all his life and full-time over twenty years. Ron Chevrefils, his son, has farmed with him for over ten years. Jill Papineau attended. She and her husband, Gilbert, farm in the Maple

Creek Road area. All four have jobs off the farm. All four are fed up with the present farm economy and are not optimistic about the future.

The Chevrefils farm in the Broadlands area. They work in winter in the bush or contracting. Ron Chevrefils heard that Mulroney was offering \$700 million and not until spring. That's not even half what's needed. Ron Chevrefils said wheat selling at two dollars and GRIP not providing final payments until next July, is not much help.

Chevrefils said, "Things are serious. It doesn't look

good" for farming. He said his father says farming has its ups and downs. "There is always next year . . . next year. We've been saying that for five years. Some farmers can't give the farm away. It's hard on the older guys. Younger guys don't want to go into farming."

Chevrefils says poor prices are only part of it. Excessive rain at the wrong time has given them the worst crops in a long time. Heads are shrivelled and they're drowned out. Chevrefils says this is only part of a larger picture. World wide in the

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Partners in sustainable development

by Linda J. Dalglish

Vince Keenan, forest renewal supervisor for Abitibi-Price's Pine Falls woods operation, said that they are very interested in the Partners in Sustainable Development of Forests program. He and others had attended an information session in Winnipeg on October 1. Keenan said that a lot of the goals of the program correspond to their own department's goals.

Keenan said they'd like to take advantage of the \$7.5 million project over five years

but is not sure they will be able to find the time and manpower to put in an application. It is necessary to prepare a 50-page report by December 20 in order to qualify. The report has to be made in conjunction with a wide variety of forest users. It is often difficult to coordinate planning such a major undertaking in a short time.

A further obstacle is the amount of time and manpower which the woods department is devoting to showing their operation to people

involved in the buy out. More time and manpower has been devoted to the environmental hearings which are coming up beginning October 16. The woods department would like to make a high quality presentation.

It would be unfortunate to miss out on this golden opportunity, which won't come around again soon. The woods department has to make a decision soon. A letter of intent must be filed by

October 25.

Seat belts save lives

by Linda J. Dalglish

Seat belts save lives but Manitobans are getting the message at a slower rate than most other areas in Canada. Seat belt use increased from 6.4% in 1981 to 79.4% in 1991. In 1981 and 1991 Manitoba was the second lowest province in Canada.

Transport Canada's objective is 95% seat belt use by 1995. Despite the 13% increase in Manitoba over the past few months due to the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program which targeted seat belt use, Manitoba has a ways to go.

Seat belt usage among males is 75.4% and for females 85.3%. Under 25 usage is 75.6%, 25-49 is 76.4% and 50 and over is 87.3%.

Corporal Rod Keeping says that the local RCMP are enforcing seat belt use. *The Review* asked Autopac representative, Vince Harbottle, to demonstrate a seat belt check by Keeping. Harbottle said his seatbelt use has increased since his accident.

RCMP Staff Sgt. Art Peck said, "Too many people have to be reminded to wear their seat belts. Buckling up and making sure children are safely in booster or proper restraint

seats, should be a reflex action."



Corporal Rod Keeping does a mock check of Vince Harbottle's seat belt to promote seat belt usage in the area.

Co-op week in Manitoba

October 13 to 19 will be proclaimed Co-op Week in Manitoba by Industry, Trade and Tourism Minister Eric Stefanson, minister responsible for cooperatives.

Co-op Week will coincide with International Credit Union Day, which will be observed October 17.

Stefanson will officially

proclaim Co-op week on October 15 during a flag-raising ceremony at the Legislative Building. The ceremony will also be attended by Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Linda McIntosh, who is minister responsible for credit unions and caisses populaires, and by heads of major Manitoba cooperatives.

"We welcome this opportunity to recognize the many contributions made by cooperatives and their members," Stefanson said.

The minister noted that over one-third of Manitoba's population are members of the more than 500 cooperatives, credit unions and caisses populaires located throughout the province.

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Councillor Dube said later that an earlier council meeting she had asked if the LGD of Alexander wanted to participate in the water study but there had been no response. She said that the water study was for the Village of Powerview.

At the meeting Dube asked Papineau, "Don't you think they'd be willing to have a LID?"

Papineau replied, "I don't think we should have to ... bringing water to your home is different than a central place."

There was some discussion about the problem of providing year-round water in a rocky area. Rose Beaudry, the resident administrator, said that "it was intended for seasonal residential purposes. Now people want to retire there".

The motion paper had been signed by Diane Dube when the notice of motion had been made, as the mover, Nick Roman, signed it as the seconder. Councillor Monty Vialoux was absent from the meeting for personal reasons which were unavoidable. The paper was passed back to Reeve Lowing. He said if there was any further discussion. He signed the paper and said, "I declare this resolution null and void". There was no vote taken with a show of hands.

In a telephone conversation with the reeve later, he was asked why no vote had been taken. He said it was

unnecessary because a majority of council present had indicated their acceptance of the motion to rescind 550/91 by signing the motion paper.

Allan Screpniak, of Oiseau River Cottagers Association, in a telephone interview said that he thought "apathy was running rampant" in his area because council is going back and forth. He said, "It's a bit of a joke. It's like kids playing games." He doesn't understand what the problem is. He thinks there is a lot of infighting in council and that no one seems to be listening. He said people will have to continue to bring water from the city or a neighbouring district. "It looks like we had it," he concluded.

Bob Malloney, president of the Sunset Bay Cottage Association, said, "We were told it was a go." He said that "People are very, very upset. They can't understand the on again, off again antics of council". Malloney said he had a two hundred foot well but it is not drinkable so he hauls water from Lac du Bonnet or Winnipeg. He said that everybody for his area does the same thing.

Malloney did not think that Ward IV was getting their share. He said many other areas have better facilities than we do. He said fifty people in Sunset Bay would use the badly needed facility.

Malloney said the "we totally support the work of Jillian Papineau. We think she's doing a heck of a job on behalf of Ward IV".

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Agassiz School board will stick to three-year terms

by Louise Fortler

The Agassiz School Board has recommended upholding the current three-year term of office for its trustees at the Oct. 1 meeting, in response to a Manitoba Association of School Trustees (MAST) survey.

Board members were asked for their opinion on whether a school trustee's term of office should be lengthened to four years.

Looking for reasons why they should extend a trustee's term of office, Trustee Barry Bence said, "For us it's pretty minimal but I know in some of the Winnipeg divisions, you're looking at some big bucks there in Winnipeg One and so on."

The decision to poll all board members for their reaction to increasing a trustee's term of office follows the Sept. 16 MAST executive meeting when the motion was passed.

The term of office for a school trustee under the current legislation is either two or three years, depending on the division.

Board members will be reviewing the educational and financial position of the French language program in response to a taxpayer's letter suggesting they eliminate certain classes.

In her letter to the Agassiz School Division, Evelyn Donahue of Beausejour said in light of government cuts and projected school tax increases, they should consider dropping unnecessary programs.

"From a taxpayers' view, the elimination of French language classes in Grades 1, 2

and 3 of the English program is both practical and encouraged," Donahue said.

She said, "Programs such as this cost in excess of \$50,000 a year and their impact in terms of actual learning of the French language is minimal."

Superintendent Waldo Klassen said he didn't know where she got her figures, adding the extra cost to the division is zero since they do not hire any extra staff.

He said even if the students were not offered such a program, they would have to be learning something else during that time slot.

Klassen said however the board will need more accurate information before any decision is made. The assessment will probably be ready for the next agenda, he said.

Trustee Perry Plaisier reported to board members that in-house school suspensions are not being used or monitored as originally designed in the discipline model.

Offering the Lac du Bonnet Senior School's program as an example, Plaisier said according to Trustee Bence, the program is not being run as originally drafted.

Referring to an enclosed report, Bence said the action taken in Lac du Bonnet could be described as an in-house school suspension punishment rather than a form of discipline.

The students who are placed under the in-house school suspension are supposed to have their homework or assignments, Bence said, however there does not appear to be a whole lot of concern as to whether the kids

lose instruction or not.

Bence said according to his understanding the students were out of the classroom for whatever valid reason, so classmates wouldn't be robbed of instruction time.

"Now we're talking of an in-school suspension as a punishment and one of the aspects of the punishment is to rob a child of the ability to keep up with his class."

Assistant Superintendent Sé O'Hagan said the program, first drafted in June of 1990, actually came into effect Sept. 1990 with plans to evaluate it this year.

He said the in-school suspensions vary according to the level of offence.

If a student is charged with "continued minor misbehaviors" for instance, he would receive a 12-hour in-school suspension as determined by the school.

This would enable the student to work towards a realistic plan or contract for getting back into class, he said.

Plaisier said he was also concerned upon learning that when the students were being disciplined, they were not always receiving the proper work.

Somewhere within the discipline model, Plaisier said, we must ensure that each case be dealt with exactly the same.

An assessment of the discipline model will be carried out by O'Hagan for the board's review.

Pitre says buy out talks going well

by Linda J. Dalgleish

Fern Pitre, in a telephone interview on October 2, said that the buy out is going very well. Pitre said that they "sat down with the unions Thursday" (Sept. 26). He said the unions were quite prepared to support it before their unions and all the union executive signed a letter of intent to that effect.

Pitre further said that the native group which would be receiving five percent were receptive and would be providing a letter later.

Banking is taking more time than necessary. They are exercising due diligence in their investigations. The management group have to fund their investigation.

Pitre feels that banking is going to wait and see what the governments are going to do. This will take another week or so. Consultants from the provincial government were investigating the mill last week (Sept. 22-28). They were concentrating on areas where capital projects are proposed after the buy out and evaluating their feasibility.

The management group is also attempting to set up a meeting between Pitre, Jake Epp and the provincial government in the next week or so.

Pitre mentioned the town meeting on October 2 open to the public where manage-

ment was going to make a presentation and answer questions in order to bring them up to date. It is targeted at the community. Presentations were made to the unions and business communities at previous times.

It is anticipated that the deal will close on January 1. Pitre said federal regulations on the environment should be out some time in October.

Pitre and the others in the management group are very busy with the buy out. They are also planning beyond the deadline. They would like to select two or three finalists out of a larger list of candidates to change the woodroom. In this way, plans can be implemented in early spring.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you for the community newspaper

After ravaging through the pages of the October 8 issue of *The Review* during a one hour extensive and thorough read, one thought came to mind: "What a privilege it is to have a community newspaper bursting at the seams (all 12 pages!) with community based news."

Who does one thank for this privilege?...The originators? Pyteke Blaauw, Fran Thompson, or whomever else formed the Manitou Rapids Arts Council in the beginning?...Russ Preston of Lac du Bonnet for chancing a financial loss at the onset with hopes of realizing future rewards?...The community businesses and organizations, who have purchased advertisements in support of the paper?...Community residents who have faithfully subscribed to the newspaper through "sickness or in health?"...Reporters (four in the past six years) who have given their undivided attention to bring the vital community issues to the forefront, and in so doing, have risked personal disfavour?

Who does one thank?...the list is long and in many cases unidentified, but the fruits of many people's labours are realized when one eagerly grabs a minute or two to sit in a quiet private spot, coffee in hand, to "read the latest". The October 8 issue lends evidence to our hunger for community news.

At present, the first reporter employed "from the outside", Linda Dalglish, must find herself in a very unenviable position, with the recent Native March and the Mill Buy-out. Both matters are of a sensitive and explo-

sive nature to the communities at large, and to specific individuals involved.

Without passing opinion as to whether recent articles have been presented accurately or unbiassedly (only those directly in the know can comment here), the community newspaper has at least brought about awareness of the issues and forced interested community residents to ask questions of themselves and others in an effort to find the truth.

Linda Dalglish has, in my opinion, covered as many community events as was possible for her to attend when she's been invited or asked. Her first ever coverage of our 4P Festival was exceptional, prompt and pictorially pleasing, and one might wonder if she managed to catch any sleep before newspaper deadline that week. Her attempts to bring the native's events and issues to the forefront are obvious and long overdue. Our communities are economically more successful because of their support. It seems evident to me that Linda Dalglish has made a sincere effort to adopt this community as her own.

In closing, if you value your community news, stop and say "thank-you" to whomever is responsible, and use the editorial page to present your view in a letter to the editor. What may be misquoted or misinterpreted in a news article can certainly be put right in a letter to the editor, after all, what better than that to make a "good read" and set the coffee groups humming.

Couldn't resist.
Marlene Watson

Hospice reaching into rural areas

Probably because we are all scared of the unknown, nobody likes to talk, or even think about, dying. But, in their own way, members of the Manitoba Hospice Foundation are attempting to ensure that people with an incurable disease die with dignity and respect.

They have been in operation since 1983, addressing the multitude of individual needs of people who are dying. The volunteer visiting service was established in 1987, but it has only been in recent years that they have taken their comfort into rural Manitoba.

Executive-director Margaret Clarke explains that programs are in operation in Beausejour, Gimli, Dauphin and Winkler/Morden.

But the big move, according to foundation president Dr. Paul Henteleff is to put a mobile unit on the road throughout the province and train volunteers.

The need is great because as Dr. Henteleff points out:

"We live in a death-denying society. Indeed the threat of death from illness is often avoided by health-care professionals themselves. Referrals from volunteer visitors are made infrequently, often too late.

"The terminally ill and people in bereavement are commonly avoided because of the discomfort visitors fear in talking to them."

That's where hospice volunteers step in -- trained, willing and comfortable to be able to assist a person who is dying.

If individuals and/or groups in rural areas are interested in having a mobile unit come out to train volunteers locally, or if people in this area are interested in becoming volunteers, Margaret Clarke would welcome your letters or telephone calls -- Mani-

Warren Speaks

with Investigative Journalist Peter Warren



toba Hospice Foundation, 2109 Portage Ave., Winnipeg R3J 0L3 (1-889-8525).

What, I wondered, do you say to a person who is dying?

"Mostly you listen," Dr. Henteleff explained.

"We try to match volunteers and their 'hospice friend' by taking geographic locations, shared interests, age, gender and time requirements into account," Margaret said.

On some occasions, the volunteer will spend a few hours a week with the person who has a terminal illness, thereby freeing a spouse from the home and relieving the caregiver.

I like how Hilda Cotton, a hospice companion volunteer, described her work -- "just being there to comfort, to hold a hand, or perhaps gently message...and being with family as they, too, try to cope with the changes they see and hear."

And, if you feel you'd like to be a volunteer, just don't throw over the idea because you feel you don't have the necessary education or background.

Volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds, some have experienced losses in their own immediate families, "and all of them have a genuine interest in giving of themselves in a variety of helpful ways," Margaret told me.

People who are care-givers to somebody with a terminal illness, or other family members or friends who feel the patient would benefit from a hospice volunteer can either write or phone the foundation.

It is a comforting thought, even for us who are in good health and not contemplating death in the immediate future, that such good people like Margaret Clarke, Dr. Henteleff and the volunteers are part of this organization.

It is also good news that they intend to expand into rural Manitoba...their motto was stolen from Camus, but it says it all:

"Don't walk ahead of me, I will not follow.

"Don't walk behind me, I may not lead. Just walk beside me, and be my friend."

Call or write to the foundation if you are interested, or if you think people in this community might be interested.

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Plant is obsolete

P.O. Box 466
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Letter to the Editor:

I would like to express my concern at the current debate about the proposed sale of the Abitibi-Price paper mill at Pine Falls. The single most important point in connection with this sale is that the plant is obsolete and Abitibi-Price at best recognize that it is uneconomic and impractical to upgrade the facility. At worst, they may be attempting to escape future responsibility for serious environmental problems that have been caused as a result of the past operation of the mill.

There are a number of environmental concerns that will not be addressed through the sale of this facility. The historic operation of the mill and the bleaching process has contributed to dioxin levels

in the Winnipeg River and Traverse Bay. The degree to which this contamination has affected human life, particularly for those who reside in the Fort Alexander community, has not been positively determined.

The degree to which this mill, who have used coal burning heat sources in their operation, has contributed to acid rain fallout in the area is

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Correction

In the October 8 *Review*, in the letter to the editor by Laird Crawford, a mistake was made in the first paragraph. The sentence printed, "Why don't I say left-wing?" should have read "Why do I say left-wing?" We would like to apologize for any misunderstanding from this error.

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also not fully understood.

Abitibi-Price has not been, from an environmental standpoint, a good community citizen and has done little to restrict possible environmentally negative effects from their production practices either in the production of paper or in the primary wood cutting operation. Their practice of piling waste wood and leaving it in those piles presents a fire hazard that threatens the remaining wood supply.

The attempt by Abitibi to secure a financial benefit from the closing of the mill by drawing in the union, the community of Pine Falls, the Canadian and Manitoba governments and more importantly, the local community of Fort Alexander in a purchase arrangement poses some serious questions.

The potential for legal action exists and is being actively considered by a number of people as a result of serious pollution of the water way as well as the air we breathe resulting in destruction of fish stocks and impairment of the health of those living in the area. The sale of the Abitibi operation could seriously impair such claim. The question that should be addressed by those contemplating such a purchase is whether or not they are buying the past and are becoming liable for any judgements that might be secured by any action pursued against the operation.

If the mill is to be sold and upgraded, will the Crown, in protecting the public interest, require that the funds received from the sale be placed in "Trust" as a reserve to satisfy any future claims.

It would be unrealistic for the purchasers to acquire an interest in the past and it would be unconscionable for the province of Manitoba or the government of Canada to invest in an enterprise without assurances that any upgrading of the facility would address the outstanding environmental issues and Abitibi will accept responsibility for past environmental and health damages.

It would be additionally unfortunate if the Sagkeeng First Nation were to compromise their own people by in-

vesting in this project without assurances that the past will be addressed and the future safety of the populace protected.

I can understand the desire by all of those involved to secure employment security through the purchase of this facility but I question very seriously if the asking price of fifty million dollars is realistic given that the plant is obsolete and the real value is in the wood supply that already belongs to the province.

It is imperative before any purchase agreement has been concluded and any transfer of title proceeded with that an environmental impact study is undertaken to establish the potential impact of any process. The governments of Canada and Manitoba must, consistent with their obligations to the public at large, ensure that proper and effective means are established to

Farmers take excessive losses

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last three years the world has consumed more than they have produced, he said he read in a farm journal. Chevrefils said, "Why are we doing this?" He said no other business would take the excessive losses farmers take. He said, "There's always next year . . . maybe next year is too far away."

protect the people, our water ways and our woods from damage through inappropriate investment and exploitation.

We must have some assurances that claims from the past operation of the mill will be addressed and assurances that the new operation will not continue to threaten the health and safety of us all.

Yours truly,
Chief Neeghani Benches
Dr. Dave Couchene CM,
LLD (Hon)

Jill Papineau also attended the farm rally. She said that one lady farmer spoke about how the farm crisis had affected family life. She said with first mothers and then fathers going off the farm to work, the kids are Canada's unpaid workforce. Both Papineau and her husband work off their farm.

Papineau recalled the orderly rally in the city. She said that the farmers colourful hats showed up all across Portage Avenue. She said bystanders and motorists were quiet and supportive. A huge mound of bread was sold for four cents a loaf representing how much farmers are paid for the wheat which makes it. Rural businesses were also represented as agriculture affects the local economy. Many businesses were closed for two hours in support. Papineau said it was the biggest rally ever in Winnipeg and the largest farm rally in Canada.

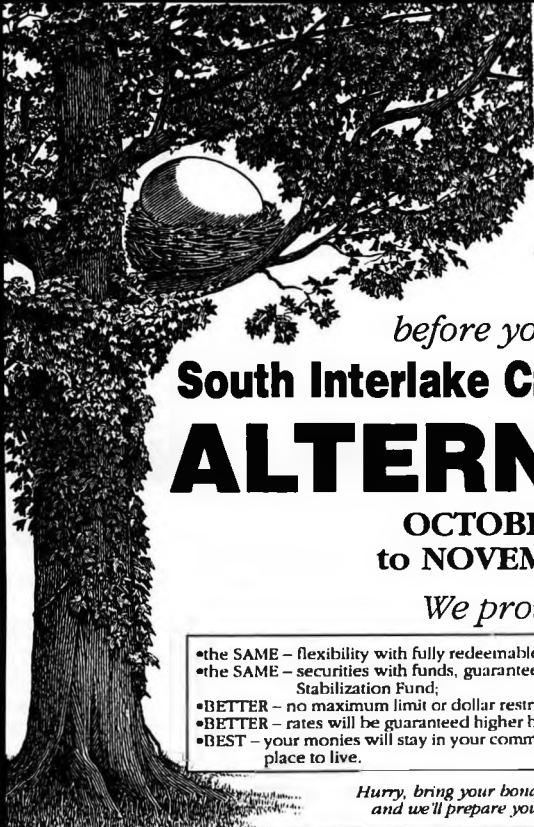
The Eastman Regional Development Corporation requested support from various councils, chambers of commerce and business community by closing from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on October 9. The LGD of Alexander complied with the request.

The farm crisis won't go away with a rally or with government aid. The farm crisis in Canada has been long in coming. The prairies have excellent farm land but high costs, low prices and uncertain economic times may mean the end of farming as it is known today. A rally does make the government and the public more aware of the farmers' plight. Government aid may tide them over until a long-term solution is found. Talk to a farmer over coffee and a doughnut. But pick up the tab. Farmers may produce the ingredients for the coffee and doughnuts but they probably can't afford to buy them.

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Economic development motivation session for business people and students

A number of economic development organizations in the Winnipeg River and Brokenhead areas are pleased to announce the forthcoming visit to the area of an outstanding motivational speaker, William Finley Punnett, or "Billy Two Names". Mr. Punnett is an economic development practitioner from Amherst, Nova Scotia who will be at a public meeting scheduled in the Lac du Bonnet Legion Hall at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 22.

Bill states that, "My goal is to share with and request from others whatever it takes to advance an understanding that small business ownership and the enterprising spirit apply to more than just a small portion of the population. My specific objective is to deliver skills training and mo-

tivation of spirit as a recognizable, understandable opportunity for both individuals and the fabric of their whole community's development."

Susan Horbatiuk of the Winnipeg River Development Committee in Lac du Bonnet has heard Bill Punnett speak on several occasions. "I look forward to making his presentation available to all the people from our area and from Pinawa, Whitemouth, Pine Falls and Beausejour," she says. "He is a marvelous speaker with a sense of humour who makes his subject come alive for his audience, whether students or adults."

Ian Moore, the new general manager at Winnipeg River Brokenhead Ventures says, "Bill's subject is the enterprising community." He has an extensive background in programs which he calls "stay in school" and "I want to be a millionaire." Bill's

experience includes the operation of several small businesses starting when he was an eight-year-old, as well as developing training programs for economic and human resource development."

Other groups supporting the presentation are Employment and Immigration Canada, the Pinawa Economic Development Advisory Committee, the Beausejour Brokenhead Development Corporation, the Lac du Bonnet Senior School and the Eastman Regional Development Corporation. Students are particularly invited to Bill's presentation which is financially supported by CEC, Selkirk, as part of a "Career Week" program.

The presentation is open to the public and no admission fee will be charged. The meeting will be from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 in the Legion Hall, Lac du Bonnet.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Great Falls Women's Institute — meets the first Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m. in Great Falls Hall. For more information contact Laurie at 367-8509 or Dorothy at 367-8582.
- Golden Leisure Club — whist every Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.; meeting every second Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m.
- Library Allard Hours — Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., Friday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Winnipeg River Women's Institute — meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., Library Allard in St. Georges.
- Al-Anon Serenity Group — meetings to be held Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., United Church, Walnut Street, Pine Falls. For anyone who lives with the problem of alcoholism or drug addiction in a friend or relative, call Eliza 367-2936, Leona 367-8418, or Flo 367-2556.
- Silver Haven Club — monthly meetings every second Thursday of the month at 3:15 p.m. after whist game, Powerview Church basement.
- St. Georges Sand Bag League — Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m., St. Georges Parish Church.

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We have recently added a new magazine to our subscription list *Earthkeeper*, an environmental magazine that highlights Canadian issues and discusses what is happening here, in our own backyards. It is full of informative articles, that include addresses where you can write for more information. As for books on this topic, *Two Minutes a Day for a Greener Planet*, provides easy, practical answers to what all of us can do to help save the

earth; and *The Canadian Junior Green Guide*, an ideal book for parents who want to teach their children environmentally accountable ideas.

The children's display corner features *Step into Reading Books*, a series of books that are structured to grow along with the child's developing reading skills. Dr. Seuss also shares this week's display, with his zany characters that will be sure to delight all youngsters.

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New books for Pine Falls Library

We have received some new books in the library including Anne Tyler's book *Saint Maybe*, Ken Follet's latest *Night Over Water* and *Sum of all Fears* by Tom Clancy. Also on the shelves are Margaret Atwood's new book *Wilderness Tips* and Katherine Hepburn's autobiography, *Me, Stories of My Life*. Another interesting book

which has just been received is Margaret Visser's *The Rituals of Dinner*. We are also expecting Robertson Davies' latest *Morther and Walking Spirits* and a new book by Edward Rutherford entitled *Russka*.

The library is open during school hours and also from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings.

La Leche League meeting

Women interested in information about breastfeeding are welcome to attend the next meeting of La Leche League of Beausejour on Friday, October 25, 1991 at 1:00 p.m. in the Ladywood area.

This meeting is the third in a series of monthly discussions which offer both encouragement and information on how to establish a happy nursing relationship. The topic of this month's meeting is *The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties*. The discussion will include questions such as: What can be done if mother's milk supply gets low? What if baby seems fussy all the time? How do other parents handle night waking?

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We want to know what you think of your community's health care services.

Health care is a concern to all of us. To guide us into the future, we need to know what are the community needs and what should be the role of the Pine Falls General Hospital. Tell us what you think.

Please attend this round table discussion on the future of health care!

Refreshments will be served.

Pine Falls Ambulance Service crew wins championship

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

Three members of the Pine Falls Ambulance Service won the championship of the Emergency Interact Update Skills Competition in Winnipeg at the International Inn October 4, 5, 6. Crew members were Joe Rheaume and Ron Pachkowsky from Pine Falls and Pam Simmons from the Victoria Beach Unit. This is a province-wide competition. A large trophy and individual plaques were presented to the team. The trophy was sponsored by the Emergency Health and Ambulance Service Division and Manitoba Health Services Commission.

The scenario the crew confronted was a call to a home for an unknown reason. They found a woman lying on a floor. She had been standing on a step ladder to change an overhead fluorescent light fixture. She fell and pieces of glass were imbedded in her body. She was not breathing. They had to insert an oropharyngeal airway and bag valve mask to get her breathing, treat her abdominal injury and place her on a split litter for a suspected spinal injury.

The crew used a method familiar to them when approaching the mock injury. It is called S.H.A.R.E.S.

- S -- Survey the scene
- H -- Help call for help
- A -- Assess Airway Breathing Circulate
- R -- Red (check for bleeding)
- E -- Ease (put the patient at ease)
- S -- Stabilize

The Pine Falls crew did very well to beat out all contenders including last year's champions DeSalabery.

About five hundred people attended the Interact meetings from across Manitoba, and some from North Dakota, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Other crew members attending from the Pine Falls Ambulance Service were Ken and Irene Gunter, Mary Anne Chartier, Darlene Starr, Pam Simmons, Candace Trainor, Darlene Stucky, Barb Witt, Jeannette Schmidt and Juanita Smith. Left to man the fort were Debbie and Doris Stucky, Jocelyn Manson, Steve Gunter, Roberta Pachkowsky and some of the people who only attended one day sessions.

Sessions were on airway and respiratory management.

Did you know...?

Since the beginning of the 19th century, marshes along the Canadian shore of Lake Ontario have been reduced in area by 40%.



Champions Ron Pachkowsky, Joe Rheaume and Pam Simmons show off the trophy they won at Interact for top-notch emergency service.

quality assurance, history taking, vital signs, burn management, head trauma, pelvic fractures, heart attacks, pregnancy included hypertension and others.

One speaker said that if 99.9% success rate was good enough, then 12 babies will be given to the wrong parents in North America. There would be 5,000 misplaced phone calls every hour. The Pine Falls Ambulance Service strives for 100% care.

Dr. Sheehan, the ambulance medical director, and Dr. Kushke also attended. There were sections for doctors and nurses as well as ambulance crews.

Ambulance costs are high but they can save a life. It presently costs \$375 for a one-way trip to Winnipeg from Pine Falls. If a return trip by ambulance is necessary, it is another \$375. A nurse escort fee is approximately \$150.

Ambulance crews are paid \$8 an hour for their services. They receive a \$100 a year uniform fee. Many do not claim it. Crew members are very dedicated. In Pine Falls we have an exceptionally highly qualified crew. We should be proud of them.

Pine Falls Ambulance has a crew of people who stay with the service in spite of a hectic schedule and interrupted nights. After the picture taking of the trophy, we gathered in the new ambulance to get out of the wind. Ken and Irene Gunter and Ron Pachkowsky have been with the ambulance since 1976. Joe Rheaume since 1981 and newcomer Pam Simmons since 1990. Simmons' 16-1/2 year old son had four years of first

aid in the Scouts.

Pine Falls Ambulance Service offers, as requested, Red Cross up to the minute first aid courses to groups in the area. Contact Irene Gunter or any ambulance crew person for more information.

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Saving energy and the environment

Wild Rice: from canoes and dancing feet to airboats

by Linda J. Dalgliesh

August slips into September. The nights are cold. The aspens turn to gold. Wild geese with their haunting cries drift down to the shallow lakes of Eastern Manitoba. They feed on the tall waving grass with nodding heads called wild rice, to ready themselves for their flight to catch the sun.

Yesterday? Today? Tomorrow?

Yesterday

Wild rice is native to Manitoba and is known since prehistoric times. Cree and Ojibway people both produced wild rice. They introduced it to European fur traders.

The process is described in a publication of Tundra Wild Rice.

"Whole families took part in the harvest which lasted about three weeks. One person paddled the canoe while another harvested. The harvester had two sticks. With one, the high straw was bent over the canoe and a light blow with the other caused the ripe grain to fall into the canoe. Immature kernels remained in the heads. Care was taken not to break the straw so that harvesters could return several days later to collect more ripe grain. A yield of 56 kg/ha (50

lbs/acre) of grain can be harvested by this method. The remainder of the grain would fall into water to reseed the lake or stream."

The Great Lakes Indians employed three different methods of curing the mature green wild rice: prolonged sun drying, smoking and heating over a slow fire, and parching in a vessel."

"Parching was accomplished by heating the green wild rice on a rack of willows or in a large open kettle. The parched wild rice was put into store or clay hollows lined with clean new skins, where boys danced the rice so the outer husk was loosened. The husk was separated from the grain by placing the rice in birch bark dishes. Then, it was tossed into the air for the wind to blow away the husks. Some Chippewas and Menomini used flailing to dehull the rice although treading was preferred."

Today

Some native people in Manitoba still prefer to harvest wild rice in the traditional ways. Each part of the process is ceremonial. Only a small percentage of wild rice is harvested in this way.

Modern methods are quite different. Isolated lakes and streams in South Eastern Manitoba are still harvested for wild rice. Most are on crown lands and are leased to producers. The producers often regulate the flow of water in their lakes and streams in order to maintain the ideal 15-100 cm or 6-36 inches water depth. High quality seed is often sown in ideal locations.

Most producers keep their product organic and withhold the use of pesticides.

Modern airboats with attached harvesters travel at a constant speed in order to harvest only ripe seeds without damaging the stalks. Wild rice ripens at different times on the same stalk, so frequently eight to ten passes are made over the lake in order to harvest the grain at the ideal level of ripeness. In this way up to 50% of the crop is harvested rather than 10% by hand picking.

Back at shore the harvester is unloaded by hand into bags. Until the bags are taken to the processing plant they are turned every few days to cure.

The people who harvest the rice are flown in to remote lakes and left there. They live in tiny cabins, heated by woodstoves with outhouses out back.

The harvesters

Needless to say, the comforts of home are greatly



Paul Van Buren and Al Armstrong unload the trays of the harvester, filling the bags by hand.

missed. Many love the beauty of their isolated lakes. They see wildlife such as bear, moose, geese, deer and even eagles. They fish and hunt for food if there is time. Some while away the evenings listening to battery operated radios, playing cribbage on oversize tables, reading and talking to their partners. They eat food flown in for them which they can order. Sometimes they're flown out for a bath

and a night on the town or with family. Most prefer to stay in camp so they can harvest every moment the rice is ready. They know they only have a month or two to earn their money.

Some harvesters become inventors. Better radio antennae are always useful. René Guétré invented a workable shower except for one problem. It's unheated and open to the elements. I'm sure he'll figure it out for next year. Edna Fortier, a number of years back designed a better heating system which is still in use today. A tiny woodstove is surrounded with layers of flat stones which when heated remain hot for hours.

Many different people work in wild rice harvesting. Some are retired. Dennis Pexoux took holidays to harvest rice. Al Armstrong is an out of work horse race driver whose job was axed with the winter harness races at Assiniboia Downs. Some are farmers who easily make the switch from driving a swather to a wild rice harvester.

The work is cold and hard and lonely. Weather is a major problem. Cloudy, rainy



Sacks of green wild rice wait on the dock of a small northern lake for air transport to a processing plant.

Public hearings will look at forest management, environmental impact

Recently a notice appeared announcing the Public Hearings to be conducted by the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission to review the company's eight year Forest Resources Management Plan and related Environmental Impact Assessment Document.

The company, as the proponent, will submit these documents on the first day and entertain questions from the floor and the commission. Subsequent days will be available from the general public to express concerns, indicate support or opposition to aspects of the plan.

Much time and money has been expended to reach this stage in the review process. The company's objective is clear — namely to receive the appropriate licence. Much of the way business will be conducted in the forest will come from these hearings.

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and mechanical processors; a tradition with a future

weather means the rice won't ripen. Too much wind and the harvesters don't operate. Sometimes freeze up comes early. Edna Fortier was caught by an early freeze up. They had to decide whether to walk to a larger lake several miles away which might be open or break ice for a plane to land. They broke ice. Dennis Pereux's plane took off with inches to spare. When Fortier got back, she wrote to CBC telling them how grateful she was for their voice of culture as she listened to the static filled radio in the bush.

The bags of wild rice are flown by airplane to a lake on a road for transport south, directly south to the processing plant near Silver Falls or to a northern processing plant at Hudwin. The processed rice is then transported out on the winter road.

At the Silver Falls processing plant of Great Northern Wild Rice, Art and Don Gaffray process rice all the way from the Maritimes in the past but mostly in eastern Manitoba now.

Art Gaffray flew in from Hudwin on the day I arrived for the tour. Looking tired and busy, he turned me over to his brother Don for the tour.

Don Gaffray showed me the two large roasters which were loaded with wild rice on a conveyor belt. The roasters were electrically heated and insulated to maintain a constant temperature of 340°-350°. Depending on how wet the grain is, that can take 1-1/2 to 3 hours. The higher the roast, the better the flavour. This very exact science determines that it is "done" by biting it and seeing that it is a dull not a shiny black. The wild rice is then cooled for a half hour before it is loaded into a bin on a front

end loader and transported to another building.

Here Philip and Yolande Bruneau were working cleaning the wild rice. First it is placed in a huller to remove the husk. Then a fan mill removes the straw and any non-wild rice items.

The grain then goes to a specific gravity table which separates the light and heavy rice. The heavier rice is the higher grade. The best rice is #1 which is long grain; #2 is short grain and #3 is broken. The #1 wild rice is used for most cooking; #2 is used in soups or stuffings; #3 is made into rice flour or cow feed. Chaff is an excellent insulator.

The grain is loaded into bags, placed in a shaking table to pack it, and weighed. Each bag is carefully identified with the name of the producer and a sample is removed for the client. The bags are stacked in a storage area awaiting pick-up.

The Bruneaus enjoy their work often munching on "popped" wild rice which they tell gullible people are fried worms. The Gaffrays are pleased with their work and especially appreciate Yolande's sweeping up.

Markets

Wild rice has traditionally had a steady market in the gourmet foods trade. High prices several years ago put the product beyond the reach of the average consumer.

Recently as prices have dropped, new markets are opening up among health conscious consumers. Wild rice is organically grown, high in fiber, and low in fat. It is also rich in protein, minerals and B vitamins. Its unique nutty taste is very appealing.

Tundra Wild Rice has begun to market its products in Europe. Martin Cyr, based

in Vancouver, is their sales and marketing manager. Besides regular wild rice, they are beginning to produce wild rice pasta such as rotini and fettucine. Wild rice flour is sold alone and as part of a wild rice muffin and pancake mix.

Response to these items is positive in countries such as Switzerland, France, Italy, West Germany, East Germany, New Zealand, Hong Kong and South Africa.

Cyr, who has worked on deep sea ships looking for oil in the Arctic and on radio, is undaunted with the challenge of promoting a virtually unknown product overseas. Stationed at Grenville Island in Vancouver, which is similar to The Forks, Cyr uses it as a spring board to market his product. Cyr has become an accomplished wild rice cook and demonstrates his product whenever possible.

Tundra Wild Rice is currently sponsoring a recipe contest for a new cookbook they are developing. If they use your recipe you will get five pounds wild rice and the thrill of seeing your recipe in a book. It will be illustrated and will contain a comprehensive history, facts and figures, helpful hints and in recognition of their European audience will be published in French, English and German. Deadline is soon.

Tomorrow

Don Gaffray hopes that wild rice prices stay low. He feels that wild rice needs to find a market beyond the gourmet foods section of a supermarket. Falling prices are driving out of business some small operators but the quality of the product remains high. This is not "paddy rice". Wild rice in this area maintains its true wild rice flavor.

When the Cree and Ojibway harvested wild rice hundreds of years ago, it was a staple food. Wild rice producers today would like to see wild rice on the shelves

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The Board of Revision will sit to hear complaints and revise the said assessment roll, on Wednesday, November 20, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Office, #16 on PTH #11, St. Georges, Manitoba.

A person including an assessor, may make application for the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:
 a) liability to taxation;
 b) amount of an assessed value;
 c) classification of property; or
 d) a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

An application for revision must:
 a) be made in writing;
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BOARD OF REVISION
 The Local Government District of Alexander
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Should towns/municipalities merge into county type government

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Birthday

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Love Mom and Dad

The Town of Russell wants a place in the municipal history books. It wants to "disorganize", which means to wipe out the political system. Should this happen, town lands would come under the jurisdiction of the Rural Municipality of Russell.

Mayor Langford broke the news of council's historic decision with a front-page statement in the *Russell Banner*. This statement asks a question, "What does the disorganization of the Town of Russell mean?" and then it provides the answers.

Disorganization means that the Town of Russell no longer would exist; all its lands would become lands of the RM of Russell. The advantages are: a broader tax base, reduced costs of administration and police; more efficient use of equipment.

The council of the RM of Russell says no thanks. Should this merger occur equality would be impossible. Residents of the townsite would still have sewer, water and garbage pick-up, but these services would be denied to the farm families.

Clayton Chaloner, publisher of *The Banner*, believes the Langford proposal is based upon the town's loss of part of its industrial base. The town land is all taken up, and an annexation proposal was denied. Some companies, like bulk plants, were moving out of town onto RM lands. The next move is up to the municipal authorities, so stay tuned.

While the Russell story unfolds, there is a growing number of weekly editors writing about the need to reduce the number of municipi-

found he had no support for his opinion.

The answer is also no in Saskatchewan. Kevin Olineck, assistant to the executive director, Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, tells me that SARM, by policy, is opposed to larger units on the grounds of accountability, and also of facilities. Kevin says that despite population changes in any given municipality, the acreage, the road system, and the infrastructure remain the same.

Despite what some editors are saying about the need for a new look at the municipal system, I suspect this is a long way down the road.

It would take an act of raw courage for a province to bring about reorganization. To do so it would have to battle that entrenched Old Boys' Network which likes things precisely as they are.

Neighborly News

by Fred McGulness
Box 1020
Brandon, Man.
R7A 6A3



pal governments. In general their arguments are roughly the same as those posed by Mayor Langford; increased efficiency, and reduced costs. One argument in particular interests me. The *Stonewall Argus* says that organizing municipalities into larger units would induce a "needed shake-up in the status quo".

The editor of the *Dauphin Herald* introduced a new term to this discussion.

He says if a town and rural municipality merge what you have is a regional municipality, or county type of government.

Time for some research. I asked Gary Sandberg if any larger units were being formed in Alberta. Gary's the researcher for the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties. The answer is no. One town mayor who made a speech recently on the state of over-government in the rural districts

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VILLAGE OF POWERVUEW BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVISION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Real Property and Business Assessment Rolls of the Village of Powerview for the year 1991, are on file at the Municipal Office, Lot 32, PTH #11, Powerview, Manitoba, and will remain open for inspection during normal working hours (Monday to Friday, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.).

Council for the Village of Powerview will sit as a Board of Revision to hear complaints and revise the said Rolls at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12th, 1991 at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Office.

Any person may make application of the revision of an assessment roll with respect to:

- liability to taxation;
- amount of assessed value;
- classification of property; or
- a refusal by an assessor to amend the assessment roll under subsection 13(2).

An application for revision must:

- be made in writing;
- set out the roll number and legal description of the assessable property for which revision is sought;
- state the grounds on which the application is based; and
- be filed at the office of the Secretary-Treasurer at least fifteen (15) days before the sitting of the Board of Revision.

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Letters to the Editor

DU speaks O.H. Conservation Centre will be good for Manitoba

Dear Editor,
Letters have been appearing recently in several newspapers authored by members of FOHM, a descriptive acronym for the Friends of Oak Hammock Marsh, a small group of mostly urban-dwellers opposed to the Oak Hammock Conservation Education Centre near Stonewall. The project is a joint undertaking by the provincial and federal governments, and Ducks Unlimited. Construction of the centre is now well underway, having passed all environmental reviews, court challenges, and will be open to the first school groups in the spring of 1993.

Oak Hammock Marsh was restored from its drained remnant over 20 years ago jointly by governments and Ducks Unlimited, and subsequently became Manitoba's most prominent multi-use wildlife management area. From the outset, a conservation centre of this type was envisioned for Oak Hammock by the Wildlife Branch, but only recently have the necessary funding partners and resources come together.

Since work began in August, migrating waterfowl have been concentrating in their normal spectacular numbers at Oak Hammock. It's clear the birds are unperturbed by the construction, having long ago become accustomed to unthreatening human activity in this large no-hunting refuge. On a field trip to the marsh last week with my university class, I was impressed by the thousands of geese and ducks feeding on the managed lure crops within sight of the development, and easily approachable at the usual observation points.

Discussions we held with education staff at the marsh were also very enlightening. They told us that unofficial counts indicate six out of seven people visiting the marsh are in favor of, or unopposed to the project. Most people seeing the tidy construction site are amazed at how small it is, and many have commented they "cannot understand what all the opposition is about". Others say they had been led to believe the building would be "in the middle of the marsh" and are surprised to see that in fact it's adjacent to the existing government facilities at the edge of a small educational impoundment — well back from the marsh proper.

Marsh staff also told us about a recent unsuccessful campaign by FOHM attempting to secure names for a petition against the project. In fact, visitors lodged several complaints of their own, charging that FOHM members were harassing those they could not convince to sign up. The protestors had to be asked by staff not to bother people and allow them to view in peace the wildlife they had come such a long way to see. No one should be surprised at this response for many Winnipeggers favor the project and in particular Interlakers are solidly on the record in support.

FOHM's stated objective is to stop the conservation centre at any cost, even though now they privately admit it's no longer over issues of environmental impact. On the other hand, the need for such a facility at Oak Hammock is easily appreciated by those who realize the magnitude of our wetland losses. The aim of the interpretive program is simply to teach children and adults about the values of marshes and wildlife so as to ensure they remain a part of Manitoba's heritage.

Until now FOHM has expressed a legitimate alternate opinion about the project, but lately some of their harmful fomentings seem less than ethical. One of their latest ploys is an attempt to convince people to donate funds to their cause circuitously via a small political party based in Calgary. This party says they will pass on most of the receipts to FOHM after issuing a "political" tax receipt to donors. This would seem to be a questionable approach at best.

The Oak Hammock Conservation Centre once operational, will be a good thing for Manitobans and is an environmentally sound project. It will provide a valuable facility aimed at assisting other grassroots efforts to conserve wildlife habitat, while at the same time being of economic benefit to the province.

Ultimately, as in all things, it will be the people of Manitoba who will have the final word in judging this project. Their support to date is most encouraging, despite the negative propaganda, and those involved in the effort will make certain they merit this strong vote of confidence.

Sincerely,
R.A. Wishart, PhD
Manitoba Provincial Manager
Ducks Unlimited Canada