Fire Destroys Home on North Shore Road

A fire at 154 North Shore Road burned the home of Norman and Marcella Coss to its foundations on the night of Tuesday, March 13. The main picture above shows the damage that the fire caused. A neighbour took a picture of the fire while it was burning on Tuesday night (inset). The cause of the fire was unknown at press time. We will publish updates as we get them.
Construction underway for Great Falls WTP

RM of Alexander Highights, March 14 meeting

Timing is of utmost importance when making decisions that affect people’s safety and lives and one has to wonder when Minister Ron Schuler will actually take a look at the serious road safety problems we have here in this community. Council received a response from the Minister of Infrastructure’s office stating that council’s recent concerns about the intersection at PTH 11 and PR 304 were being relegated to senior staff for further consideration. This accident waiting to happen scenario was brought to the Town of Powerview-Pine Falls and R.M. of Alexander by ratepayer Carrie Peloquin who had been in a near miss collision at that corner. This is not the first time that both councils have requested a solution over the years but it seems to fall on deaf ears. R.M. of Alexander Council was barely out of session when another accident did occur once again at that intersection! What will it take to get regional staff to address that dangerous intersection? Before lives are lost? Many residents routinely slow down while approaching that intersection and so they should as the stop signs do not appear to be doing their job as they continue to be ignored by so many people crossing across PR 304.

The R.M. of Alexander’s Gravel Crushing tender was awarded yesterday to Ted Pakulak of Tedlon Services out the 8 bids received and they proved to be very interesting with the winning bid at $3.95 for 1” Traffic Gravel and $3.50 for 2” Down totaling $153,500.00 as opposed to the cheapest bid totaling $366,000.00. Quite a difference in price! Public Works Foreman Bill Sinclair reported that work has started on the Great Falls Water Treatment Plant with trees having been cleared for the construction site and the intake line. The excavation of the building site has also been completed. The last phase of the Victoria Beach channel dredging was completed and a full report from the Victoria Bay Estates Excavation Committee submitted by Ken Lenton was received by council. He acknowledged in particular L.Chabot Enterprises and Martin Gurtman, Director of Operations with the vision and the determination to make it happen on budget and on time. Council was thanked again for their major contribution. The excavating team re-dug to clean the portion dug out last winter and utilized silt curtains to protect the fish habitats. All in all a full depth of 12-14 ft has been achieved as opposed to 7-8 ft last spring after sediment had stabilized and considering the excavator was sitting back 126 it is safe to say that a 25-30 ft width has been achieved. Excitement is in the air as the summer season approaches for many boating enthusiasts on Lake Winnipeg.

Les Smith, Elm St. developer from Great Falls appeared before council once again to try and move his subdivision approval forward. CAO Scott Spicer had to clarify the R.M.’s position at some point in the conversation to explain the many concerns which had already been brought to Mr. Smith’s attention. He cited the Municipal Services Standards sections as he spoke and what Mr. Smith and his engineer had to comply with. While it is difficult to arrive at a uniform standard or same conformity throughout the municipality a low benchmark was used in the design storm frequency for ditches & culverts. That is a 20% (5 year return period) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (Ward 4) unless otherwise specified by the R.M. The soil conditions vary greatly from sand in (Ward 1) to clay (Ward 3) and granite outcrop (WEEKLY SPECIALS

Wednesday is Wing Night
Join us on Wednesday Nights for our Wing nights in the Bar & in the Dining Room. Try all the flavours.

Thursday Night Is Rib Night in the Bar.
1/2 rack of our delicious ribs, potato, salad and a beer for one low price.
*Also on Thursday night there will be a WEEKLY MEAT DRAW all proceeds going to local sports

Friday Night is Steak Night in the Bar.
Get your weekend started right with a Juicy Steak, Potatoes, salad and a beer for one low price.

Meat Draw & Karaoke
Join us on the last Saturday of every month for our Meat draw and Karaoke nights.
*Draws start at 6:30pm. Karaoke starts after final draw.
Sunrise School Division Superintendent announces retirement

The Sunrise School Division Board of Trustees sent out a news release on March 7, acknowledging that they had received a retirement notice from Superintendent Barb Isaak effective July 31, 2018. Superintendent Isaak is taking on a new leadership role as executive director of the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents.

“The board is excited for Superintendent Isaak in her new role and we invite you to join us in wishing her much success in this new endeavor,” says Trustee Paul Barnard. Superintendent Isaak started with Sunrise on August 1, 2015 and has provided leadership on many fronts including guiding divisional implementation of the MNP recommendations, supporting the Board of Trustees through changes to its governance model, helping with the Board of Trustees strategic planning process, introducing a new Sunrise Reference and Procedures manual, assisting the approval of the new Dugald school addition and daycare project, guiding the implementation of new divisional branding and communication plan, and supporting schools in their quality improvement goals, to name a few.

“The relationships Superintendent Isaak has built and nurtured with staff, schools and communities will be missed,” says Trustee Barnard. The Board of Trustees will commence Superintendent Isaak’s retirement preparation and planning immediately. This will be followed by Superintendent transition planning.

“Again, please join the Board of Trustees in congratulating Superintendent Isaak in her new career and in thanking her for her contributions to our Sunrise School Division students, schools and communities,” adds Trustee Barnard.

Sagkeeng Hawks win Bronze in Provincial Bantam AA Championship

The Sagkeeng Hawks took home bronze medals in the Bantam Rural AA Provincials held in the Pas last weekend. They had a 2-2 record going into the finals. They lost 8-2 to Flin Flon in the semi-finals, but came back to beat Cross Lake 11-3 for the Bronze medal. Dauphin beat Flin Flon 3-1 in the gold medal game.
Submitted by Turtle Lodge

SAGKEENG FIRST NATION, MANITOBA. The 3rd Onjisay Aki Gathering of Elders, Youth and Scientists took place last month at Turtle Lodge, beginning with a sweat lodge for youth February 25.

Elders and youth from 5 First Nations - Sagkeeng, Norway House, Bloodvein, Biigtigong and Hollow Water came together from February 25-27, along with scientists, to share what they felt would be important to include in a regional school of ancestral knowledge, with ceremonial and land-based teachings and experiences based in all our communities.

In a very powerful and moving 3 days, much healing happened naturally, through the courage of the Youth, the love, kindness and support of the Grandmothers, Elders and Mentors, and the environment that was created through ceremony.

In a touching gesture of honour and respect, Cree Elder Gordon Walker followed the protocols of passing the Pipe with a request for blessing and support from the Turtle Lodge to begin building a Turtle Lodge in his home community of Norway House, beginning this spring.

Much was shared of the communities’ true desires to move forward to establish a school of Indigenous ancestral knowledge that is about building the spirit and identity of the young people, through connection to nature, the greatest teacher, in a process that will move from community to community... as well as be inclusive of urban youth, scientists and western keepers of knowledge.

To keep the momentum going forward with our plans and work together, we will be opening up the Turtle Lodge every Full Moon beginning March 31, for the full day, and invite the communities to come and continue the discussions to establish the ancestral school of knowledge. As Grandmother Burma Bushie from Hollow Water said so eloquently, we know what we want to do, it will just take a little bit of organizing.

We are on the move! Aho!!

Gathering Brings Together Youth, Elders and Scientists
Comité Cultural Châteauguay / Chemin Chez-Nous Host Three Concerts in the Community

On March 14th, 2018, our community was fortunate enough to host two well known French musicians, Jocelyne Baribeau, and Danny Boudreau, for not one, not two, but three shows. They are on a tour organized by Home Routes, an organization dedicated to promoting French folk music. They performed for the students at St-Georges School at 10:30am, Powerview School At 1:00 pm, and finally St-Georges School again at 7 pm, this time however, it was open to the public.

Le 14 mars 2018, notre communauté a eu la chance d’accueillir deux célèbres musiciens français, Jocelyn Baribeau et Danny Boudreau, pour trois spectacles géniaux. Ils sont en tournée organisée par Chemins Chez Nous, une organisation dédiée à la promotion de la musique francophone. Ils ont animé des ateliers pour les élèves de l’école St-Georges à 10h30, de l’école Powerview à 13h et enfin de retour à l’école St-Georges à 19h, mais cette fois-ci, elle était ouverte au public.

Françophone artist of the year at the Western Canadian Music Awards in 2016, Jocelyne Baribeau was also nominated at the COUNTRY GALA in Québec in November 2016 as a female artist from the Western region for her single FRANÇOIS.

Concerts in the Community

and salt. Slices of life, of her a veritable cocktail of sugar ribeau presents her songs as if wearing nothing but a pair of folk and pop-country. Her on-stage presence is dynamic and inspiring while remaining genuine, intimate and moving.

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Audacieuse mais vulnérable, comme si elle ne portait rien d’autre qu’une paire de bottes en caoutchouc et un sourire malicieux, Jocelyne Baribeau présente ses chansons comme un véritable refrain elle-même, un véritable cocktail de sucre et de sel. Tranches de vie, de ses joies et de ses échecs, de réflexion et de malheur, on y découvre un univers musical à la fois charmant et décalé.

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Powerview RCMP respond to fatal snowmobile collision

RCMP release

On March 10, 2018, just after 11:00 am, the Powerview RCMP responded to a report of a snowmobile collision on Snoman Trail #220, approximately 45 kilometres north of Broadlands Road in the RM of Alexander.

A 33-year-old male, from Winnipeg, was travelling on the Snoman trail when it appears he lost control of his snowmobile and veered off the trail colliding with a tree. He was pronounced deceased on scene. The deceased was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision. Powerview RCMP continue to investigate.

RCMP reminder for snowmobile safety

Every winter, our officers are called upon to attend the scenes of tragic snowmobile collisions. Since January 20, 2018, six lives have been lost on snowmobiles across the provinces.

With winter coming to an end very soon, many snowmobilers will head out in the next few weekends for that last ride of the season.

The RCMP is providing the following tips in the hopes of making everyone who rides a snowmobile safer so that they can get home to their friends and family:

- Know your abilities and ride within your limits. This will allow you to always be in control of your snowmobile.
- Use caution, be alert and slow down when operating on unfamiliar terrain. Always look ahead and be ready for hidden or unforeseen obstacles.
- Always ride in groups and let people know where you’re going, the route you will be taking, and when you expect to return.
- Wear the proper protective clothing, including a helmet, to keep you warm and to keep you safe.
- Be cautious of ice thickness when crossing frozen bodies of water. If you are crossing a body of water, please wear a flotation device over your outer clothing.
- RIDE SOBER. Drinking and operating a snowmobile don’t mix.

4th Annual Kick Ass Women’s Day just around the corner!

Library Allard has organized its fourth annual Kickass Women’s Day. It will be held at the Powerview School gymnasium on Saturday, April 21st, 2018 from 10:00am—3:00pm. What is a Kickass Women’s Day? Well it is designed to connect women, young and young at heart with medical information booths, community information booths, vendors showcasing products and services aimed at women’s interests, spa treatments, a guest speaker on wellness and interactive demonstrations. Basically become Queen for a Day and allow yourself to be attending the event offering free sessions! Gratitude jars will be set up.)

There are 4 presenters who will be sharing and providing demonstrations throughout the event as well. Southida Sharpe with Razor Sharpe Fight Club; Alixyn Makowski dietitian with IERHA doing a healthy food presentation; Jennifer Gurke, Palliative Manitoba will be speaking on Grief; and Satira Duval, personal trainer specialist-CSX Fitness Instruc- tor will be demonstrating her program. So much to see and do all day!

Edgewater Recreation & Wings of Power will also have tables showcasing their programs! Mother’s Day is around the corner, you’re bound to find something for that special someone or treat yourselves! Bring your friends, moms, sisters, and daughters! Can’t make it that day, the Silent Auction table will be set up at the library in advance and tickets will be available to purchase at the beginning of April!

Library Allard’s
Kickass Women’s Day!
April 21st, 2018
10:00am-3:00pm
École Powerview School Gymnasium

News
Although the ground is still frozen and plants are still dormant, it is a great time to start planning and preparing your garden for spring.

Here is a list of the top ten tips of things you can do to ensure your garden’s ready for spring and all things green (source: Nature Conservancy of Canada):

1. Clear away and compost the dead stalks of perennials that provided seeds and cover to birds and other wild-life over the winter but may harbour unwanted diseases and bugs.
2. Prune shrubs and small trees to maintain good form and vigour.
3. Rake lawns to remove winter debris. This also helps aerate the soil to ensure air gets in to the root zone.
4. Start turning over your compost pile. The deteriorated organic material at the bottom of the pile can make great mulch to spread over the garden.
5. Wash summer hummingbird and butterfly feeders thoroughly to avoid the buildup of harmful moulds and bacteria.
6. Clean out bird boxes to avoid diseases and pests such as mites that can harm feathered visitors to your garden.
7. Take the time now to plan new beds or revitalize existing ones to get ready for planting in a few weeks’ time. For new or expanded beds, dig areas early and add organic matter (well-rotted compost is great) to improve the soil.
8. Build a bat or bird box to attract new species to your yard.
9. Learn about what plants are native to your area and find out how you can restore a couple of species to your garden.
10. Contact your local gardening or nature club about plants and invasive species that are known to be of concern in your area and avoid buying them. If they already are present, remove them.
Timing can be everything, especially when it comes to planning an outdoor living space. By getting a jump-start on planning, you can afford yourself time to complete the process with maximum creativity and minimal stress.

Try these expert tips and tricks of the trade to help make your dream deck a reality.

**Lay a Solid Foundation**

Don’t skimp on the substructure. Often overlooked, the substructure can have tremendous impact on performance and appearance. For maximum strength and stability, opt for steel framing over wood in order to achieve a consistently flat decking surface. Wooden substructures can split, warp and shift over time, leading to an uneven surface in the deck boards. Dimensionally stable steel offers durability benefits over wood, plus greater design flexibility, sustainability, safety and fire resistance.

**Get the Right Tools**

In addition to magazines, TV shows and social platforms offer outdoor living ideas and inspiration. There are also a number of online tools designed to help guide you through the planning process, such as the Trex Deck Starter, which can help anyone at the outset of their deck building adventures. It provides a user-friendly way to experiment with various deck configurations and design combinations. In three simple steps, the tool can help you choose the right materials for your project and design a customized outdoor living space before ever raising a hammer.

**Choose the Right Materials**

When selecting materials, invest in decking that can hold up against the harshest weather and messiest cookouts. High-performance, low-maintenance composite decking offers superior durability and long-lasting looks. It can also outperform both wood and PVC alternatives over time. With a wood deck, the cost of regular sanding, staining and painting compound considerably over time. Over the life of a composite deck, the reduced maintenance costs of simple soap and water cleanings can add up to a greater return on investment – not to mention the value of all the time spent enjoying your deck rather than maintaining it.

**Add Safety and Style with Railings**

Railings can be one of the most visible parts of any deck so it should be considered at the same time as the deck boards. A good rule of thumb is to use the “three C’s,” which are: coordinate,
Incorporate Personal Touches with Accessories

Have fun exploring the many design elements that are available for customizing your deck. Things like built-in seating, planters and storage, as well as add-ons such as a pergola or outdoor furniture, which can add comfort, character and convenience to your outdoor living space. Further personalize your space with a variety of deck and landscape lighting fixtures. Set up path lights to brighten walkways and use spotlights to showcase trees and architectural features. Easy to install and energy efficient, an option like Trex Landscape Lighting can help keep your outdoor enjoyment going long after the sun goes down.

For more inspiration and tips for designing your dream deck, visit Trex.com.

DESIGNING YOUR OUTDOOR SPACE

Before any work can get done on the deck of your dreams, designing comes first. It’s important to have a plan in mind before diving in so that you have a vision of what you want your deck to become. For example, you might envision your deck as a spacious place to host family and friends with room to mingle, while others may prefer a small, quiet space for reading a book or enjoying the peace of the outdoors. Different sizes, shapes, colors and other factors can all have an outsized impact on the final look of your deck, so take all factors into account before getting started.

Try these starting points for the ultimate deck design:

Choose a Deck Plan

From classic rectangle to beveled-edge to scenic overlook, an online tool like the Trex Deck Starter features a library of proven, ready-to-build deck designs. For a space that defies pre-made plans, you can also opt to create a custom deck plan to fit the layout of your home.

Choose Your Color

The right decking color can enhance your yard’s scenery, complement your home or make your deck stand out. Match your surroundings with natural tones, blend in with your home's exterior by matching the trim or consider bold colors like a spicy red for a deck color that pops.

Frame Your Space

The right railings can pair with your decking to safely frame your space, enhance your view and open even more design possibilities. Based on your decking color, the experts at Trex can help make it easier by offering designer-curated decking and railing duos. You can also customize your railing, making the design your own from start to finish.

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5 Ways to Refresh Your Home for Spring

Family Features

Spring is a time for renewal and awakenings. It’s also the perfect time to take your cues from Mother Nature and devise a plan to reduce and re-imagine your way to a refreshing, updated home you can fully enjoy once more.

Reorganize cluttered areas

If a room (or rooms) in your house are in disarray, start by reorganizing those often-used spaces to give them a like-new look and feel. Begin by removing everything from the room - including the furniture, if you’re able - and separate your belongings into boxes or piles based on what you plan to put back in the room, move to another location and throw away or donate. Once you’ve cleaned the space, re-situate the necessary furniture then place items you’re keeping back in their places in tidy fashion so they’re easy to locate.

Eliminate the extras

While you’re freshening up the house, it’s the perfect time to purge unwanted and unused items, but remember that items in good condition can actually do good for those in need. By donating clothing, electronics, furniture, household goods and vehicles to be sold in The Salvation Army Family and Thrift Stores, you can help transform lives in your local community. A good rule of thumb: if you haven’t used it in the last year and it doesn’t have special sentimental value, it’s probably time to let it go.

Get rid of grime

A whole season’s worth of dirt and dust accumulates during the cold winter months. A deep clean inside and out can restore your home to its former glory. Inside, take time to launder all of your linens, including curtains, rugs and bedding. Move furniture to vacuum behind and below, and don’t overlook dust and dirt magnets like mirrors, light fixtures and the insides of cabinets, especially higher shelves that see infrequent use. Outdoors, hose off or power-wash surfaces like windows, siding, decks and concrete to restore a crisp, clean appearance.

Revise for real life

If there’s an area of your home that isn’t quite working for your lifestyle, spring cleaning is the perfect opportunity to make a change. That may mean reconfiguring furniture for a more functional living room or converting an underused guest room into a useful craft or project space. Take time to consider what changes will make the space more practical, and even sketch out some possibilities on paper to fine-tune your ideas before you get to work.

Discover new decor

A spring refresh is about more than just decluttering and cleaning, it’s about giving new life to your home with new decor, accessories and artwork. One affordable option: seek out unexpected treasures by shopping for great bargains at thrift stores. The proceeds from the sale of items found at shops like The Salvation Army Thrift and Family Stores go to help those in need, and it’s one simple way to update your decor without spending a fortune.

Visit SATruck.org to schedule a donation pick-up or find a thrift store near you.
By Marie-Claire Granger

Between the years 1953 and 1955 several more families moved to Fatima. Some of these families included: Kenneth Mclean, John Matchizen, Zotique Granger and Juliette Barnabé, Steven Chuckry and Olga, Arthur Baril, Ben Matchizen, Aimé Fillion and Thérèse Lapierre. In 1955 at Fatima there were 13 families, 81 Catholics, and 24 students.

The school opened in January of 1953. The school district paid $30 per month to hold classes in the building. Teachers were hired by the school board. Some resided in the building, others boarded with a resident. Aline Gentès was the president of the school district in 1954, and possibly until 1956. Dad also held the position many times through the years. He was also a school trustee.

Lorraine Gagné, who came from St-Georges, taught in 1953-54. She was paid $1600 for the year. The Secretary-Treasurer was Philippe Dubé. Cécile Sorin, who came from Aubigny, taught the first few months in 1954. She was paid $1600 and boarded with the Desbiens. She did not stay the whole year because she got sick. Joseph Desrosiers taught the rest of that school year. His annual salary was $1400. Colette Gentès says, "...the teacher was a very charismatic man and we did lots of singing and lots of plays but nobody passed "Le Concours Français." Paul and Laurent Desbiens, and Dad were trustees in 1953 and many years thereafter. The Secretary-Treasurer was Hector Fontaine in 1954-56. The teacher in September 1955 was Mlle Thérèse St-Onge from Ste. Agathe.

Sudoku

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Bi-weekly Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 21 - April 20) However, you must not neglect your family. You must be extremely careful not to let relatives or friends interfere in your personal life. You’ll find it easy to talk about your feeling this week. Don’t hesitate to find out what your mate’s intentions are. A change is as good as a rest. Don’t go looking for change.

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21) Try not to hassle; act on your initial instincts. Sudden good fortune will help you cover your debts. Relatives will be happy that you dropped by. Get involved in groups that can offer intellectual stimulation.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Try to make amends by planning a nice dinner for two. Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. Real estate investments could be to your ad vantage. Minor fevers or infections will develop if you’re over-stressed.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) Renovations or purchases made for your home will pay off. Residential moves will be favorable. Try to iron out any friction over money with your mate or conflicts could prevail. Changes could be overwhelming.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) You’ve been hurt before and could be again if you don’t play hard to get. You may find your self a bit frazzled if you allow someone to goad you into an unsavory debate. Sudden romantic infatuation could lead to a significant and prosperous connection. You are best to work behind the scenes on projects that require detail or precision.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) Residential moves will be in your best interest. Don’t give them the use of your credit card. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict. Exercise discipline when it comes to controlling bad habits.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Your knowledge and good sense will help more than you think. Your lack of responsibility and attention has been a key issue in your relationship. Difficulties will result if you have to deal with controversial groups this week. Be careful, you may say something you’ll regret later.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21) Talk to someone you trust if you need advice about broaching the subject. Be honest with yourself before getting involved with someone who is likely to lead you on. Your ability to work with detail could help you achieve your goals. You are best to concentrate on your professional endeavors.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) You should avoid getting involved in the personal problems of colleagues. Enjoy a quiet dinner for two and discuss some of the plans you have for the future. Residential moves will be favorable, and larger quarters the most probable direction. Problems with financial investments could make you nervous.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) You’ll be able to discuss your ambitions with your mate. Losses are likely if you have left your financial affairs in other people’s hands. Your need to use emotional blackmail will only cause more conflict. Your concern with older family members and those less fortunate than yourself will only add to your attractiveness.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Don’t think the worst if you hear something negative about your partner. Be confident in your endeavors and others will believe in your efforts. Your ability to take hold of a situation will surely bring you popularity and leadership. You need to put some trust in others.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Try not to lend or borrow money this week. Be sure to organize events that will keep the children busy. Be prepared to take care of the issues at hand. Express your interest if you want the relationship to progress.

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Fatima 1953 to 1955

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closed the summer of 1962 and the students from grade one to six went to school in St-Georges and those in grades seven to twelve went to school in Powerview.

My grandparents Zotique and Juliette, and their young- est son Marc, moved to Fati- ma in 1953. Zotique wanted to help my father on the farm and he also wanted to farm, as opposed to doing carpen- try and odd jobs in Letellier. Jack-of-all-trade jobs in the Letellier area were getting scarce. During the early years of my grandparents time at Fatima, they had considered opening a store and post of- fice along the main road. That never did materialize.

In 1953, Jules, another brother of Dad’s, spent one winter with him, the grand- parents and Marc. Jules de- cided he did not want to live in Fatima. He said it was hard to earn a living there and he did not want to farm.

In 1953 a road was built and gravelled going all the way from Stead to St-Georg- es. Before that it was only a trail. The hydro line came to Stead in 1953. Hydro was connected to our house the same year. In 1954 the only social organization in Fatima was the Farmers’ Union. They held monthly meetings. Aimé Fillion built a bomb shelter on his land at one point, as the Cold War was a reality.

My mom, Cécile Grégoire St-Vincent, a beatu- tiful, petite, Métis French speaking woman, joined the Grangers at Fatima after she and Hercule, a handsome, lean and fit, French speaking man, married on June 11, 1955. Mom was raised on a farm at St-Jean Baptiste. Dad had been raised in the village of Letellier. They had dated for less than a year, saw each other on Sundays and wrote each other letters. Mom vis- ited the Granger family in Fatima with her cousin Cé- lima and her parents, Hermas and Alphonson Grégoire. Mom had previously met Dad at family parties in St-Jean Baptiste. After they married Dad talked about buying or renting property for them in Pine Falls, but Mom wanted to stay in Fatima. She thought he wanted to move just for her. Mom’s parents gave them a cow, as a wedding gift I am assum- ing. Dad had no other cattle at the time.

To be continued...

RURAL MUNICIPALITY
OF ALEXANDER

SENIOR ELECTION OFFICIAL

Applications are being accepted for the position of Senior Election Official (S.E.O.) for the Rural Munici- pality of Alexander. The S.E.O. is responsible for the overall municipal election process and must be able to interpret and understand all aspects of legislation pertaining to the municipal election process and provide consistent advice to his/her election officials and the general public.

The S.E.O. shall
• appoint an assistant S.E.O. and other election officials as required
• provide effective leadership to this team
• establish and maintain the voters list
• give public notice of nominations
• receive and verify nominations
• give public notice of elections
• print ballots
• establish and equip voting stations
• oversee all aspects of the election on election day
• perform all other duties as established in The Municipal Councils and School Boards Election Act

In the years when a general election is not required the S.E.O. will be responsible to update and maintain the voters list and to conduct by-elections if required.

The successful applicant must have computer experience, strong communication and interpersonal skills. Management and previous election experience would be a definite asset. Applicant must be willing to attend election training sessions.

Remuneration to be negotiated, mileage expense at municipal rate. Reimbursement will be provided for office supplies and phone calls. And meals allowance for election day(s) and training sessions.

Written applications are to be submitted, complete with resume in a sealed envelope marked “SEO Application“ and must be received at the office of the Rural Municipality of Alexander by 4:00 p.m. March 23, 2018 to:

Rural Municipality of Alexander
Box 100
St. Georges MB R0E 1V0
Phone: 204-367-6170
Email: info@rmalexander.com

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Obituary

Jack Coote
1938 – 2018

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jack on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at the age of 79 at Pine Falls Hospital.

Left to cherish happy memories are his wife Sharon, daughter Colleen (Garth), son Ian (Jeanette), grandchildren Jason, Ian, Sharon and Danton, great grandchildren Maria, Sophia and Natalie. Jack was predeceased by his parents Ernie and Mona, sister Sylvia McHugh, parents-in-law Ken and Rawny McDonald.

Jack was born and lived his entire life in Pine Falls. He worked for 42 years for Abitibi/Pine Falls Paper Company. Jack was a great supporter of the community, sitting on many boards and volunteer committees. Jack enjoyed hunting, fishing, curling and golfing. He also loved to spend winters, during his retirement, in Texas with his wife and friends.

A come and go celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, March 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Pine Falls Legion located at 7 Tamarack Street. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the family’s choice.

Memoriam

Ernie Cyr
October 16th, 1941 – March 19th, 2016

DAD

What id give, if I could say “Hello Dad” in the same old way. To hear his voice and see his smile, to sit with him and chat for a while. So if your FATHER is still here, cherish him with care, for you’ll never know the heartache until you see his empty chair.

Love,
Kim, Neil, Chelsea

Gone are the days we used to share. But in my heart you are always there.

The gates of memory will never close. I miss you more than anyone knows. Life goes on, I know its true. But its not the same since I lost you. In Loving Memory of my husband,

Love always,
Dar

Memorial

Meal Program Bernice
Open to all to enjoy a hot meal. All meals are $8.00. Meals are at 1pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

Menu:
- Tuesday, March 20th
  - Soup, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, beets, pudding
- Thursday, March 22nd
  - Beef stroganoff, noodles, turnips, banana cream pie
- Tuesday, March 27th
  - Soup, chicken legs, hash browns, broccoli casserole, cheese sauce
- Thursday, March 29th
  - Salad, sweet & sour meatballs, rice, peas, carrot cake with cream cheese icing

Meal Program Kristen
Open to all. A come and go celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2018 at the Pine Falls Hospital.

In Loving Memory of my husband,

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