

# The Pipeline

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## Round the Resort...by Al Robinson

Things have been buzzing around the resort for the past 2 weeks. The weather took a turn for the better (best actually) with temperatures in the high twenties under bright sunny skies. This was mixed with substantial rains, about 3 inches over the past 14 days. The village streets reflect the moisture a little but everything had been so dry that it presents no hardship. The crops and hay lands are doing just great and of course the forest and meadow lands are picture perfect green. It is all so pretty to see. The lake is higher than normal, or at least higher than it has been for the last few years. Of course Tobin Lake does not ever suffer from lack of water as some lakes do. The high water is great for fishing and boating but it increases the bank erosion concerns. At the cottage area, the people have provided considerable rip rap which helps the control a great deal, but the unpopulated shoreline loses many yards of shoreline when high water and high winds combine.

As it has been all year, the cottage market continues to be strong. Doug and Carol-Anne Sanders purchased Marvin and Mary Harder's cottage at 1307 Westview Avenue. Tom and Linda Alberts purchased Ralph Alberts' place at 706 Pine Drive. Construction projects are moving along well. The Arnasons on Birch have their lower levels in place and have their roof on. It is a well planned cottage with a million dollar view of the lake. Ed and Benita Rieger, also on Birch, have their double wide trailer in place and are working to finish it up. It looks just great as well.

As expected, with the opening of the filleting plant and the increase in fishing in general, the movement of the facilities passes has shown marked improvement. One of the local businesses has sold over 200 passes at the time of this writing.

### Bumper Stickers:

*Urban Sprawl: Where They Tear Down the Trees and Name Streets After Them.*

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**Walleye Classic:** 28 teams headed out on the dot of 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10. Makes quite a spectacle as each team roars off to get to their special selected spot first. Fishing time was 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 10 & 11. Each boat was allowed 6 fish per day with none in the "slot" (55 cm - 70 cm for this derby). There were 25-30 fish registered that were over 70 cm and about 200 under the 55 cm bottom of the slot. The teams could only register 2 fish per day that were over 70 cm. The fish were carefully released by the officials committee. They used an aerated recovery tank for those that appeared to be suffering some trauma, and then released them gently into deep water out on the lake. There were 5 teams that shared the \$4,000 prize money. Jeff & Preston Protz of Nipawin topped the list followed by Colin Irving & Darrin Kudelka of Tisdale. Boyd Holmen & Darrin Wouters of Carrot River, Kelly Williams & Don Sahli of Nipawin, Leon Wiebe & Andy Ellingson of Saskatoon. We sold barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers as well as beer at the hall on both days. They were long days, but great fun, and a good addition to village funds as well.

**Dust Control:** A special thanks to Ken Ratzlaff for instigating the application of calcium chloride on most of Birch Avenue. The work was done by NEDC of Carrot River at the cost of 70 cents/foot. Since it was an "opportunity" situation, there was no time to do a complete canvas of who wanted the application done in front of their cottage. Each cottage owner is responsible to pay for their own section, either by direct payment to NEDC or by sharing with neighbors. No other streets received the application. If you want "dust control", discuss it with your neighbors and then ask NEDC to return. I am sure they will, provided they have a street or two to work on. The summer heat, wind and traffic combine to put up quite a dust cloud on the busier streets.

**Cowboy Poetry...**

Dear Mr. Auctioneer,

I was at the auction Saturday past  
And I think ya gaveled a little too fast.  
I moved my hand to shoo flies away;  
You said, "Sold!" an' I bought a bay.  
I waved to a friend a few rows down;  
Bought ten hogs that was walkin' around.  
I went to give my nose a wipe;  
You gave your gavel an awful swipe.  
They yelled my number an' what did I see  
But a big Brahma bull lookin' right at me.  
I don't like to complain an' I hates to be kickin's,  
But what do I do with ten thousand chickens?



### **Food for Thought...by Marv Quiring**

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give" (anonymous)  
My father died in 2002 at the age of 98. He taught me about social justice even though he would not have understood the term – he just lived it. These are my memories: Every fall he would butcher pork and beef and distribute it to the widows and poor of the community. The poor and the down trodden would be our most frequent guests. Transients and beggars would not be sent on their way until they were fed and warm and dry. The practice that left the biggest impression on me, however, was my father's giving. Even though we were poor, he always put 10% of his gross farm income into a little black box until the funds could be distributed to various charities.

In this day and age, we take pride in legislating social justice. In actuality, social justice cannot really be legislated. True social justice comes from within each of us and takes individual time, involvement, and money.

### **Looking Back: The Christies**

Where do we start? Gene sold his Ford dealership in Langdon ND in 1989. It had been in his family for 65 years and still bears the name "Christie Motors". At that time I was working at The Bay in Saskatoon. We decided to retire and started to make future plans. We knew we wanted to spend our winter months in Arizona. We hoped to buy a lake home for the summer months. Gene was, and still is, an avid fisherman so we wanted to be at a lake where the fishing was good. Gene had heard the great fishing stories of Tobin Lake from friends who had been here. Also, we listened to Connie Anklovitch give a weekly fishing report on the radio from here. We decided to come in our motor home and see how we liked it. We stayed 2 weeks. We were so impressed with the people and the fishing, we decided to buy a cabin. We bought a cabin from Connie Anklovitch and family and moved in July 1993. We spent the rest of the summer fixing it up to our liking. On April 12, 1994 we received a call in Yuma AZ from Marg Johnson. She had the unpleasant task of telling us that our cabin had burned to the ground. It never crossed our minds not to rebuild. By this time we felt that Tobin Lake was our home. We moved into our new cabin around July 4, 1994. The next year we purchased the lot beside us. We had a garage built on that property. Gene enjoys the garden as well, although "weeding" isn't his favorite chore!! As we get older, we find we've become "fair weather fishermen". You know – it's too hot, too cold, too windy, or too wet! When we finally jump into the boat and fish, we always enjoy it. We have children in Pennsylvania, Iowa, California and Kelowna, BC. It keeps us busy traveling to see them. We will finally become grandparents for the first time in August. We can hardly wait to have our grandchildren at Tobin Lake and have them enjoy the resort as much as we do.

### **What's Cooking...by Glenda Bueckert**

**Creamed New Potatoes:** 2-1/2 lbs unpeeled red potatoes (cut into 1-inch) slices; 1 tsp salt, 1 pkg cubed cream cheese (8 oz), 1 cup buttermilk, 1 bunch chopped green onions, 1 tsp dried thyme, 1 tsp dried tarragon, 1/4 tsp pepper, 3 tbsp minced fresh parsley. Cook potatoes until tender. Meanwhile, in another saucepan, combine cream cheese and buttermilk. Cook and stir over medium heat until cheese is melted and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat and add onions, thyme, tarragon and pepper. Drain potatoes and place in a serving bowl. Add cream sauce and toss to coat. Sprinkle with parsley. **Yield:** 6 servings.

**Elephant Stew:** 1 elephant, 2 rabbits (optional), salt & pepper. Cut the elephant into small pieces (this should take about 2 months). Add enough brown gravy to cover. Cook over a kerosene stove for about 4 weeks at 365F. This will serve 3,800 people. If more people are expected, add the 2 rabbits – but do this only if necessary. Most people do not like to get a "hare" in their stew. This recipe is nice if planning a community stew supper or family reunion.



## Classified Ads

- **Tobin Lakeside Diner:** Open 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 7 days a week. Sunday smorgs 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Watch for daily specials. Phone 862-4445.
  - **For Sale:** Red Lion pressure system – ½ HP pump and pressure tank, 65 ft heat taped line, filtration system, 36 inch stainless steel sandpoint. Used only 2 years. Call Al @ 862-5801.
  - **For Sale:** 35mm camera with attachments. Call Rick @ 862-2833.
  - **Elk Meat** – Extra Lean Hamburger Special \$1.99/lb; T-Bone, Rib, Sirloin Steaks \$6.50/lb; Minute Steak and Sausage \$5.00/lb; Regular Sausage \$4.00/lb. Tobin Lake Game Farm 862-5207.
  - **3 boys Looking For Odd Jobs.** 2 certified babysitters. Call Justin, Nathan & Mitchell 862-2891.
- Deadline for ads for July 30 issue is July 27.** Give ads to Al Robinson by this date.

## Water Bylaw Information

The village has a water bylaw which describes the terms and conditions for utilizing the village water system. In brief, it sets out the procedure for turn on/turn off, and that there will be different rates for seasonal and year round users. Seasonal refers to the period of time from May 1 to October 15. All service to seasonal users will be turned off as of October 15. Turn on will happen at the owner's request anytime after May 1<sup>st</sup> provided the seasonal and any other required payments have been received. The turn on and off can ONLY be done by a person authorized by Council. Contravention of the water bylaw can result in the application of the village General Penalty Bylaw passed in 1974 which provides for a fine of up to \$500 for infractions.

## The Price Was Right in 1936

- Average starting salary for a university graduate: \$20-\$25 a week
- First-class stamp: 3 cents
- Quart of milk: 12 cents
- Full dinner at Bessborough Dining Room: 75 cents
- Six-pack of Coca-Cola: 25 cents
- 13-day cruise from New York to Bermuda: \$123

But it didn't matter because to most people because they couldn't afford any of them anyway.

*There was no sense being pessimistic – it wouldn't work anyway.*

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### **Bird's Eye View...by Pat & Barry Hankewich**

#### Hand Feeding.

1. Install feeders near your decks or areas where birds can get used to your coming and going.
2. Sit about ten feet away from the feeder for 30 minutes a day. Let the birds get used to your presence.
3. After three days, move your chair five feet closer to the feeder.
4. On the sixth day, sit next to the feeder. The birds will be wary but if you sit still they will eventually feed.
5. When you feel that the birds are comfortable with your presence or seven to eight days, put some seed in your hand and hold it near the feeder level.
6. After a day or so, remove the feeder and filling your hand with feed, hold it in the location of the removed feeder.
7. You may have to maintain this position for up to 30 minutes but you will receive attention from at least one hungry bird or skeptical neighbors!
8. After the birds are feeding securely you may replace the feeder and start working back to your deck where you can be more comfortable in their feeding off you hand. Remember to be successful you must feed every day for at least 30 minutes.
9. Gulls are another story!!!

#### **Bits & Pieces**

**Garbage Dump:** Please make use of the signage at the dump and place your garbage in the appropriate areas! It only takes a few minutes to separate your items so you can put them in the section they are supposed to go into - i.e., household, metal, cardboard, compost.

**Tobin Lake Community Hall:** Rent for weddings, reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. (4 hours or less \$50; full day \$100). Call 862-2895.

**Village Telephone Directory:** The latest issue of the Village directories are available for \$5.00 from the Village Office or Silvertip Store.

**Village Pipeline:** Mail boxes are still for sale. Call Glenda @ 862-2833.

**Village Facilities Passes:** Remember to pick up your pass. Prices are: Seasonal \$25; Weekly \$15; Daily \$5. The proceeds go to the operation of the filleting plant, for boat launching and other amenities like public washrooms and beach area.

#### **Myth Conceptions:**

**Myth:** Bananas spoil faster when you put them in a refrigerator.

**Fact:** This belief comes from an old ad jingle. The purpose of the jingle was to tell people to keep bananas out of the refrigerator...but only until they had ripened. Once ripened, bananas will last longer in the refrigerator.