

# The Pipeline

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## **Round the Resort...by Al Robinson**

Beautiful summertime weather – warm/hot, not too much wind and, with a couple of exceptions, just enough moisture to keep the dust settled and the greenery green.

Berry picking got started this past week. Saskatoons are ready and there are lots of them, although they came in a little later than in past years. Blueberries, raspberries, chokecherries, pincherries and cranberries will all follow in order. Judging from the early appearances, all will have quite heavy crops again this year.

Vacationers, fisherpeople and other tourists are here in full force now. It is quite satisfying to see the fishing being so much better than previous times. This is particularly nice for the tourist/vacationers who can go out for an hour or so and catch enough walleye for supper. The beach, the sun and the fish are important basic components for a successful holiday. These components, coupled with our really spectacular scenery, our abundance of wildlife, all make for a relaxing and interesting summer holiday, whether one is here for 2 weeks or 10 weeks or, in some cases, 52 weeks of the year.

Construction projects continue to make progress. The Boychuks at the corner of Pine & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave have their slab down, footing in, septic tank in and appear ready for framing. The Arnason's cottage on Birch is closed in. The roof is done, interior work is getting started and patio/deck area at the lakeside is taking shape. The Goldades, at the corner of Pine & 2<sup>nd</sup>, are nearing completion of a fairly large addition on the east side of their cottage.

The filleting plant is in full operation now. There has been \$2,680 collected via the village passes that will help defray the cost of the construction and maintenance of the facility.

The Recreation Board donated \$2,500 to the fish plant and \$300 to the playground fence. Way to go!!

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### Village Water Quality

As most of you know, there was a boil water advisory issued July 10. Our water quality is monitored very carefully, both daily and monthly. There is daily testing for chlorine and turbidity levels and regular full laboratory testing once every month. If there is any impairment in the water quality at all, SERM will issue a "Boil Water Advisory". The sampling is so delicate and control is so stringent that any form of even the mildest contaminants are enough to trigger this move. What happens then is that water samples are taken and lab tested in Regina every other day until there are 2 "clear" samples. In this case, the 2 clear samples came soon after the advisory, however sampling and shipping still stretches the time out to at least a week. For example, a sample taken on a Tuesday and couriered to Regina Tuesday is tested Thursday morning. (It has to "rest" in the Regina lab for more than 24 hours.) We get the results Thursday afternoon and, if it is clear, that is step one. A second sample taken on Thursday and couriered to Regina Thursday gets tested Monday morning and we get the results on Monday afternoon. As you can see, even with "clear" samples, a whole week can lapse before SERM will lift the boil water advisory. As can be expected (and accepted), the events at places like Walkerton and Battleford have made everyone super-sensitive to drinking water quality. That is as it should be, but the time it takes to have the all "clear" can make a problem seem more serious than it may have been. As a matter of interest, the only other time there was a boil water advisory issued was last year immediately after the new system went on stream. It also was of very short duration.

### Garbage Dump & Dumpsters

We all need to be very vigilant in maintaining our garbage dump. If we do not, we stand the chance of losing it, which would be very inconvenient and very expensive for all taxpayers. The plans for maintaining an orderly dump are clear, and signage even tells us where each type of refuse is supposed to go. It is therefore a little frustrating to see building products have been dumped into the "household garbage only" pit and piles of old trees dumped alongside the pit. Even a small amount of time and care could eliminate these actions. Also, a reminder again about household garbage bagging. It should be bagged in small bags (kitchen catcher size) and then put into regular garbage bags before putting them in the dumpsters. And, of course, NO fish guts (this problem has pretty well been eliminated).

*Flubber for Kids: ¾ cup warm water, 1 cup white glue, few drops of food coloring, 4 tsp Borax, 1-1/3 cup warm water. Mix first 3 ingredients in first bowl. Mix last 2 ingredients in second bowl. Mix first and second bowls together until set. Lift slowly and squeeze out excess water. Store in covered container. Enjoy!*



### **Fishing Report...by Darren Opp**

The past couple of weeks the fishing and the weather have both co-operated. Since there were very few days that the wind blew the fishermen off the lake, it allowed us all to fish where we wanted to be fishing and not just tucked out of the wind and waves somewhere.

The Big Lake has been awesome for pike. The North Shore, the Flats and Elk Island have been producing excellent numbers of slot fish and over. One group of 5 guys from Minnesota had picture proof of 26 pike caught and released over 40 inches in 4 days fishing the Big Lake. It doesn't get a whole lot better than that! The largest of the 40+ inches was 48 inches, just over 30 lbs. Also, to go along with the 26 over 40 inches they caught and released lots of quality slot fish 10-18 lbs. The few anglers fishing the big water for walleye have still been successful with less numbers, but all quality fish – mostly 3 lbs plus.

The river system has finally turned on. It has been "as good as the river gets". Large numbers of slot fish, many walleye 10-14 lbs and a few reported 15 lbs or more. In addition to a number of big fish, there has also been good numbers of eater size. Grassy Island, New Cabin and White Rock, along with Eagle's Nest and the river mouth between #2 & #3 have all been excellent with the Grassy Island and New Cabin drifts producing more big fish most days.

The jigging spots are still producing excellent fish (Pemmican, Store Point, Hump, Prudens). Lots of small fish to keep everyone entertained, plus many slot fish as well.

Looking forward to the long weekend. Back to some consistent weather and continued good fishing.

We get sort of spoiled fishing Tobin Lake. People travel from all over the country to try and catch a 10-lb walleye or an 18-lb pike. Yet to most that fish a lot here, these are nice fish but not what we are looking for. After years of fishing this lake, we are looking for the 15+ lb walleye and the 25+ lb pike. Yes, we are a bit spoiled, but loving it!!!

***A Little Respect:** Two fellas are fishing in a boat under a bridge. One looks up and sees a funeral procession starting across the bridge. He stands up, takes off his cap and bows his head. The procession crosses the bridge and the man puts on his cap, picks up his rod and reel, and continues fishing.*

*The other guy says: "That was touching. I didn't know you had it in you."*

*The first guy responds: "Well, I guess it was the thing to do – after all, I was married to her for 40 years."*

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

**Beer-Can Chicken:** 1 can (12 oz. beer), 1 chicken (3-1/2 to 4 pounds); 2 tbsp Basic Barbecue Rub (recipe below).

- ♦ Pop tab off beer can. Make a few more holes in the top of the can. Pour out half the beer.
- ♦ Rinse chicken, inside and out, and blot dry. Sprinkle 2 tsp of the rub inside the body and neck cavity. Spoon remaining 2 tsp of rub through holes into the beer in the can. Insert the beer can into the body cavity of the chicken and spread out the legs to form a tripod. Tuck wing tips behind chicken's back. Cook about 1-1/2 hours or until done.

**Basic Barbecue Rub (makes about 1 cup):** ¼ cup brown sugar, ¼ cup paprika, 3 tbsp black pepper, 3 tbsp coarse salt, 1 tbsp hickory-smoked salt, 2 tsp garlic powder, 2 tsp onion powder, 2 tsp celery seed, 1 tsp cayenne pepper.



## Food for Thought...by Marv Quiring

To forgive and forget is an old adage. However, does it teach the correct message? Many people would even say that the forgive/forget message is a biblical teaching. That is a serious misrepresentation of the admonition to forgive. We can easily excuse someone for bumping into us or bending a fender on our car. But what if a person took the life of someone dear to you or abused you or hurt you deeply in some other way? We could never forget that.

Forgiveness, not forgetting, sets us free. True forgiveness allows us to feel and express our anger and disappointment. It allows us to feel the unfairness of the other person's actions. These are often the first steps to forgiveness. Forgiveness is a choice, an act of the will whereby we give up revenge and hate despite the unfairness and the hurt.

It is never excusing someone else's bad behaviour or not holding them accountable. Rather, it is done out of a heart of mercy and care instead of revenge. Lastly, forgiveness is a process, like grief, that takes time and just when we think we have conquered the process, we often need to start it again.

## Looking Back: The Strassers

The Tea Kettle Cottage was purchased from the Christensens of Saskatoon in the fall of 1981. We had a boat and enjoyed fishing so thought the "good life" would be to spend our summers at the lake and travel south in the winter in our van.

Paul was raised in Nipawin and I was raised in White Fox. We were married in 1955 and spent the first 5 years in Victoria, Toledo, Philadelphia and Fort Wayne while Paul played hockey.

We moved to the lake in June 1982 as our youngest was graduating from high school. We had raised our family of 6 (Barry, Gail, Trudy, Alan, Joe and Diana) in Nipawin. We farmed 3 quarters of land where Donlands Community Pasture is, near Tobin Lake. In 1964 we started farming virgin land at Smokey Burn, 37 miles east of Nipawin.

The fishing was not to be as Paul had a massive stroke in August 1982, but we did get to go south and spent many enjoyable winters in Texas, California and Arizona. We added onto the cabin in 1988 and spent our first winter at the lake where we gathered wood and I skied and shoveled snow. I have enjoyed gardening and having our 10, and soon to be 11, grandchildren visit us at the lake when I'm not driving tractor or combine. Some of our first neighbors were the Kochs, Millers, Nordicks, Kendricks, Rudys (and still are), as well as Mahoneys, Roys, Artys, McCormicks and Schulzs.

A crime watch meeting was held in 1985 and I became secretary-treasurer as well as for Heritage Days in 1987. We held meetings with the RCMP and received information on how to close up our cabins to protect against crime. We collected \$10 per cabin and signs were put up. In 1994, I decided a Village Directory would be a good crime watch as we knew very little information about our neighbors in case of an accident. We had this type of booklet in our parks in Arizona. I visited the cabin owners for information and the first booklet was printed in 1995 using money from the crime watch account. Each cabin owner was given one free. Last year, we put out our third booklet.

Paul had another stroke in August 2003 and is in the nursing home in Carrot River. I will be moving to Nipawin this fall. We have enjoyed our 22 years here and I would like to thank everyone for their help and kindness.

*Our Unabashed Dictionary defines: "home cooking" as the place many a man thinks his wife is.*



## Classified Ads

♦ **Tobin Lakeside Diner:** Waffle brunch on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:00 p.m. 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.

♦ **Ladies' spring summer fashions.** Open house and stock sale. All stock reduced 40-60%. All sizes available (xs-xxl). Something for everyone – casual wear, sporty wear, dressy and professional styles.

Date: Sunday, August 1, 2004

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: 711 Pine Drive, Tobin Lake

Refreshments and door prizes.

♦ **For Sale:** Red Lion water pressure system – ½ HP pump and pressure tank c/w filtration system \$235; 65 ft heat taped line \$60; 36 inch stainless steel sandpoint c/w fittings \$95. Used less than 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 August 13 issue is August 10.** Give ads to Al Robinson by this date.

### Court Transquips: Real-Life Courtroom Dialogue

Q: "Could you see him from where you were standing?"

A: "I could see his head."

Q: "And where was his head?"

A: "Just above his shoulders."

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Q: "What is your relationship with the plaintiff?"

A: "She is my daughter."

Q: "Was she your daughter on February 13, 1979?"

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Q: "You say you're innocent, yet five people swore they saw you steal a watch."

A: "Your Honor, I can produce 500 people who didn't see me steal it."

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**Bird's Eye View...by Pat & Barry Hankewich**  
The British Connection.

Pat and I made a flying trip to Port Alberni, B.C. We left on July 2 and returned on July 17. Our daughter was eloping and we had to make sure that she did not 'chicken out'. In reality we had a fabulous time and the wedding was just the way they wanted it to be! The newlyweds are now looking to the next phase and I hope it's not a house!

Though we had witnessed them before, Pat and I had the pleasure of watching Rufous Hummingbirds at our daughter's feeders, Steller's Blue Jays tending to their young in the adjacent trees, crows waiting their feeding, and large numbers of Bald Eagles soaring and fishing as the Sockeye salmon were running.

On our way out we stopped in Edmonton where we noted a pair of Kestrel harassing a family of Robins. In reality the Kestrels were robbing the Robin fledglings as to feed their own young. After an hour of noisy activity, quiet returned as the Robin's nest was empty of young! On our return, we witnessed the same pair of Kestrel teaching two young to fly, but their young appeared more interested in food than flying.

Have you noticed the family of Blue Birds in the resort?

**Bits & Pieces**

**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.

**Maxine on Driver Safety:**

*"I can't use the cell phone in the car. I have to keep my hands free for making gestures."*