

The Pipeline

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Round the Resort...by Al Robinson

Spring is here, the grass has riz. I wonder where my baseball is?

It has been quite a few years since that was my main thing at this time of year. The memories are still there though, and watching our neighbor boys tossing balls back and forth reinforces it.

Winter was fun with its snowmobiling, ice fishing, skiing, the vacation times, and just simply enjoying the snowscapes that winter brings. We had quite a few card parties during the winter, our coffee can curling was a good success, and we had a good turnout to the Christmas tree burning. Regrettably, the winter fish derby had to be cancelled this year. Even though we are quite busy and enjoy the things, when spring does come, we are all quite glad to see it.

Busy, busy, busy around the resort. People are involved in building projects, repair projects, cleanup campaigns, cottage constructions, and so on.

Tobin Lake has always been a vacation, fishing and camping destination but now even that factor is on the increase. The provision of good facilities like the filleting plant, the beach washrooms, the campground upgradings and general spruce-up that has been going on around the resort all adds to our appeal. We are also becoming more popular as a retirement and/or extended vacation destination. The provision of services like natural gas and the year round water service, together with all the other existing services, make it a very attractive place to vacation or simply set up household.

The ice went off the lake earlier this year than most other years. The lake opened up at the mouth in mid April and it was open in the area in front of the resort by April 22nd.

Bryan Baraniski has begun work on his new motel/lounge across from the boat launch.

Michael & Sherry Boychuk are busy as beavers getting their home at the corner of Pine and 2nd Avenue, and moving towards completion. It's a lot of work when a couple does it all themselves.

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Food For Thought...by Marv Quiring

As I have thought about writing this column for another year, I have contemplated its purpose. The powerful Jewish proverb came to mind, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he". As a society, we have become more and more aware of the importance of eating healthy foods and some of us are even trying to implement some of these ideas. "Food for thought" is meant to give us some wholesome mental nourishment to inch our thinking toward positive thoughts. Inspiration for the column comes from my own frailty and is usually a reminder to myself of areas I need to work on. Hopefully, it also resonates with some of the readers.

I have been thinking a lot about our resort in recent days; thinking about people around North America who are planning their holidays so they can spend time at our beautiful resort while I sit here drinking in the beauty and the quietness of this place day after day and almost take it for granted. I have also been thinking about the investment perspective and how property values have increased dramatically in recent years. "What good fortune" we might say, but I think it is much more than that. First of all, we need to thank all of the home owners for the exceptional pride they take in their properties. I also see the phenomenal effort and pride and vision that the resort business owners have put into our village. Silver Tip, Tobin Lake Resort, and Hilltop Campground have led the way and others are following. Thank you, and know that your community is going to continue to support you and celebrate with you at your success.

There is, however, another group that needs some recognition and a resounding "thank you" from our community. I have been watching with interest and some concern the digging up of Birch Avenue in an effort to find an elusive leak. Others have joined me and, as we have stood gazing into gaping holes, we could not help but notice that there was always one person present in that group and that was our mayor. The thing is, he wasn't standing and watching. He was working, holding this, getting that, bringing food, encouraging the contractor, and keeping positive when most were discouraged. This did not happen for an hour now and then, but day after day from early morning to late at night. Mr. Mayor, I owe you a special word of gratitude and appreciation. You have set a great example and shown a level of caring and leadership that would be difficult to duplicate. Thank you. In fact, on second thought, those soaring property values are not just our good fortune, but the result of the vision of the mayor and council to bring in natural gas and water. We are ahead of almost every resort in the province and are grateful for your vision and leadership. That doesn't mean we always agree with council or the mayor. In fact, we may have sharply divergent views on issues and express these to one another. However, I for one want to be truly grateful for all the time and effort our council and mayor have put into this community. Gratitude is also a much greater motivator than is criticism.

Pat Armstrong went to the doctor with two red ears. The doctor asked her what had happened to her ears and she answered, "I was ironing a shirt and the phone rang - but instead of picking up the phone, I accidentally picked up the iron and stuck it to my ear." "Oh dear!" the doctor exclaimed in disbelief. "But what happened to your other ear?" Pat replied, "Oh, the scoundrel called back."

Classified Ads

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Garbage Disposal Area

The spring season brings a need for a general cleanup of the landfill area. It is a natural occurrence since the birds and animals that frequent all garbage disposal areas tend to open up the bags as they go about their garbage cleanup duties. The wind then picks up the empty bags and blows them around. Last year we organized a 5-hour work party of volunteers to pick the bags up and redeposit them in the garbage pit. We need to do this again this year. There will be a garbage dump cleanup bee on June 4 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please come out and help.

The following rules apply to garbage disposal by residents and visitors:

1. Household garbage only to be put in garbage bins - absolutely no fish remains, building materials, leaves, grass cuttings, branches, trees. You must haul these items yourself.
2. There are signs at the dump that direct people to the proper disposal locations. Please note and comply.
3. Garbage must all be bagged in large garbage bags (not grocery bags or kitchen catchers) and deposited in the street dumpsters.

Some procedural changes were put into place starting May 1, 2005:

1. Garbage pickup will be once per week (Tuesday) from May 1 to October 15. Anyone needing additional disposal service will have to perform it themselves or hire it done.
2. The residents on Lakeview Drive and Birch Avenue are required to provide themselves with regular garbage cans for street pickup. All others will utilize the street dumpsters as in the past.

In general terms, the garbage disposal area and our disposal system works well. It just requires village resident and visitor co-operation and support. Without that support, both in words and actions, we may end up having to haul our refuse to Nipawin - a very expensive proposition. We have had some instances where other than village residents/visitors have used the disposal area. Last year there was a lockup procedure utilized to control this. This caused some other problems since people sometimes would arrive to find it locked. Anyone wanting to use the dump, if it is locked, can pick up a key at the village office. Also, if you observe anyone other than village residents/visitors dumping, please report it to Council.

What's In A Name (The Story Behind Saskatchewan Place Names):

NIPAWIN: Nipawin takes its name from a height on the Saskatchewan River four miles upstream from the present town site. The name means *place where one stands*. Commanding a wide view of plain and river, the Indians used to stand there and watch for people coming. The place was also important because it was at a bend of the river where trail and canoe routes met and the Indians could be sure of meeting friends there no matter how they traveled.

CARROT RIVER: The first post office in this district was named for the Carrot River as it was just 2 miles from the river. Carrot River is the English translation for the Cree Indian name for the river which is "Oska Task Se Pe." Wild carrots grew on the banks of the river and the Indians called them Oska Task. They used the same word for our garden variety of carrot, too. So the Indians named the river Oska Task Se pe. It is a very nice sounding name when it is pronounced properly in Cree.

Don't spend \$3 to dry clean a shirt. Donate it to the Salvation Army instead. They'll clean it and put it on a hanger. The next morning, buy it back for 50 cents.

Misc. & Pieces

Village Facilities Passes: These passes are now available at each of the village businesses and at the village office. The price is the same as last year: \$25 for a yearly pass; \$15 for a weekly pass; and \$5 for a daily pass. These passes must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle for anyone to utilize the filleting plant or the boat landing facilities. It is the responsibilities of the village businesses to ensure their guests comply.

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

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

Village Pipeline: Mail boxes are still for sale @ \$15. Call Glenda @ 862-2833.

Serve It Right: This is a short awareness seminar for people who act as co-ordinators or servers for events like the beer gardens we have periodically in the village. The seminar provided information on the responsible service of alcohol to the patrons of such an event. The seminar was attended by Syl Kozun, Al Robinson, Brian Samanski, Bill Rustad, Hugh Macdonald.

Childhood Memories

This is a new addition to the "Pipeline" for this year. We would really like each of our readers to contribute a short personal memory of a time when you were under 10 years of age. The following are examples of what we want.

Al Robinson - Rain: Being raised on a farm in southern Saskatchewan, rain was always a welcome thing since it provided the most important ingredient for a good crop. As a child, though, it had a tendency to restrict our activities, and the thunder and lightning that always accompanied it could be a little scary. Mother had a simple solution to both. She would encourage us kids to put on old clothing and go play in the puddles, even as the warm summer rain was forming them. Because of this, as a child, I always looked forward to the rainy days and even enjoyed the violence of the prairie thunderstorms. Another part of rainy day enjoyment was that Mother always made pancakes with homemade syrup as a rainy day supper treat.

Barry Hankewich - Midnight Games: Not only because it was spring/summer, a wonderful time of year, but a recurring adventure on our farm. On weekends that had church services scheduled at our church, we'd have relatives and friends visit, after the service. Most guests would stay as late as midnight! While the parents waited in the house, us children would play Fox and Goose in the dark. We children enjoyed the thrill of the chase and loved it when we could jump out and spook the startled Fox at it's own game! Talking to the children today, they all remember that it was the only time that they were allowed to run amuck and be allowed to stay up so late was when they visited our home!

Pat Hankewich - "You Know": As a child I remember going to my grandfather's farm in the Moose Range district. My bachelor uncle also lived at the farm. Every time we got there I would ask Uncle Bill what his dog's name was and he would always reply "you know." Needless to say I would get upset and say "I do not know!" It took me a long time to realize that the dog's name was, in fact, "You Know."

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Looking Back...by Glenda Bueckert

Rick and I were married 35 years ago in North Battleford Sask. We were both 19 years of age. Now you know how old we are! We have one son, Devin, who lives in Regina, and is a psychiatric nurse like his dad. His wife is a public health nurse. They have four children which provide us with a great amount of joy. Rick and I have lived in a few locations over the years. All in Saskatchewan. We moved to Carrot River from Meadow Lake and Turtle Lake in 1997. We wanted to get closer to our first born grandchild. Needless to say, they moved away and left us traveling to see them, which we still do. In the spring of 1998, we drove up to Tobin Lake one afternoon and noticed a For Sale sign on the lot we eventually bought. The property belonged to the Puetz family and had never been built on. We moved our old motor home out and began to share the place with the ants. In 2000 we decided to build a cabin which is now our home. Rick continues to work three days a week in Carrot River. I hold down the homefront. We love it at Tobin Lake. We have lots of friends who enjoy a similar lifestyle and we are never at a loss for something to do. It is sometimes hard for us to believe how this place has changed in the seven years we have known it. We have gone from hauling our own water and wood to having running water and gas to the door – luxuries we never expected. We have watched new homes pop up throughout the village and enjoyed meeting new friends and neighbors. We live at 1104 Birch Avenue. Drop in and say hi when you go by.

P.S. We would be pleased if you would consider writing us a history of your coming to Tobin Lake. It is always fun to learn what brought us here. Contact me, Glenda Bueckert, with your submissions and for further information. My number is 862-2833.



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up breathing
congratulations!
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another chance**

Recreation Board Report...by Valerie Best

The recreation board, operating under the jurisdiction of Village Council, is intended to provide recreational, cultural and sport activities within the community and surrounding district. Public input is important to ensure programs that are relevant and beneficial to the community. Consequently, board meetings are open to the public. Highlights of the meetings will appear in "The Pipeline", and minutes are posted on the village bulletin board by the community hall.

Current members of the rec board are Al Robinson (Chair), Syl Kozun (Vice), Valerie Best (Secretary/Treasurer), Al Lariviere, and village council reps Bob Taylor and Bryan Baraniski.

Recent Highlights:

- awaiting approval of grants in order to extend the community hall
- awaiting approval of grants to defray costs for the Canada / Saskatchewan Day celebration
- five people attended the "Responsible Serving of Alcohol" seminar in Nipawin
- plans are well underway for the ***Celebrate Canada and Saskatchewan at Tobin Lake*** event on Friday, July 1, 2005. Several committees have been established. Please share your ideas with committee heads, and thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer. Margret Johnson, in charge of musical entertainment at the beer garden, is busy lining up groups that cater to the family theme. Syl Kozun and Bryan Baraniski are in charge of the beer garden. Al and Ruby Lariviere are planning a wonderful supper that includes boneless roast beef, baked potatoes, mixed veggies and green salads. Leftover meat will be available in the evening as beef on a bun. Sounds good, doesn't it? Darwin and Kathy Worsley are heading up games; Ron Orobko is in charge of fireworks; and Tom Paradis is spearheading fundraising. This promises to be a special day so mark it on your calendar NOW!!!

The next rec board meeting will be at the community hall on Thursday, June 2 at 7:30pm. Come and hear updates from the July 1 committee heads.

If you have any recreational activities you would like the community to be aware of, please call me at 862-4244 and I'll include them in the next report.

What's Cooking...by Glenda Bueckert

Meringue Topped Rhubarb:

2 c. flour	1/4 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. sugar	1/4 c. flour
1/2 c. butter	6 c. diced uncooked rhubarb
Pinch of salt	1 c. sour cream
6 egg yolks	

Meringue: 6 egg whites, 3/4 c. sugar, 1 tbsp vanilla, 1/4 tsp. salt

Blend flour, sugar, butter and salt. Put in lightly greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes. Beat egg yolks slightly. Add sour cream, sugar, salt, flour and rhubarb. Pour over baked layer and bake 45 minutes. Beat egg whites. Add 1 tbsp. baking powder, 1 tsp cornstarch and 3 tbsp. of water to the egg whites. Continue to beat while adding sugar a little at a time until very stiff. Add salt and vanilla. Spread meringue over baked rhubarb and return to the oven for another 15 minutes.

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

Winter of 2004/05:

We've have experienced an interesting season this past winter. We counted at our bird feeders at least 30 pair of Pine Grosbeaks, three flocks of evening Grosbeaks numbering thirty to forty birds each, hoards of Red Poles, and Chickadees, White and Red Breasted Nuthatches, woodpeckers and of course the Red Squirrels.

The bird that interested us was the Northern Shrike. It was present well into winter though it winters just a little south of us. Its arrival to the area would scatter all other flying creatures but by sitting quietly the flocks would come back in mass! This bird is a small raptor that feeds on mice, voles and small birds. Once a kill is made the Shrike impales the victim on a thorn tree or small branches, which serve as a larder, and then eats its fill at its own leisure.

This past winter we were honored with the presence of numerous Great Grey Owls. These great birds were witnessed hunting all around the resort. Pat and I where privileged on more then one occasion to see a kill made and once had to get out of the way as to not have the great bird collide with our vehicle.

It's nice to have you all back again! Have a great Summer!!!

Fishing Report...by Darren Opp

This will be just a short report, because our season has not opened yet. I can touch quickly on our ice fishing which was very moderate for the most part, except for the "WORLD ICE FISHING RECORD WALLEYE" and new lake record (18.3lbs, 36.5 inches long) caught by Father Mariusz Zajac on January 4/05, and the good number of pike 20-30+ lbs that were caught, with some of those pike approaching 50 inches. On the average, ice fishing was not great but there was usually a picture fish (Walleye, Pike and Perch) and some good eaters in the mix to keep anglers happy.

Looking forward to another great season, fish safe and responsibly...

Fishing Rule #1: *The least experienced fisherman always catches the biggest fish.*

Fishing Rule #2: *The worse your line is tangled, the better is the fishing around you.*

Fishing Rule #3: *Fishing will do a lot for a man, but it won't make him truthful.*