

The Pipeline

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Round the Resort...by Al Robinson

Thunder storms, high humidity, heavy rains and heat have been the order of the day for the past month.

However, fall is now definitely in the air. We still see noontday temperatures in the +30C range, but the evenings are jacket cool these days. The changing seasons always bring their own special sights, sounds and activities. The leaves are beginning to turn; the crops are ripening rapidly; and the birds and animals are becoming more active and visible. Goose, duck and upland game seasons open in September, as do the large animal fall hunting seasons such as elk and other species. This area is well known for its fall fishing and hunting opportunities so we will see an influx of these tourists starting now.

The grain fields are also becoming a hub of activity as balers, swathers and combines converge on mature crops of all kinds. By in large, the crops in this area are quite good.

We know that spring is the time of renewal, and summer the time of growth, but fall is the time when all of that activity comes to fruition. Very exciting and satisfying.

Real estate values have experienced the sharpest increase that I have seen in the 30+ years that I have been on and around Tobin Lake. Certainly some of Council's forward thinking, like the water service and natural gas, are helping the payoff benefits that people are reaping today.

Properties that have sold recently include the purchase of Marv Quiring and Val Best's cottage by Richard and Anita Fockler. We welcome new property owners to the Eagle Ridge subdivision: Chad & Monique Tourand, John & Sherry Schemenauer, and Darren & Tessa Opp. Gary & Melanie Fidyk purchased the Hankewich cottage on Pine Drive. It's been a busy, busy time for the businesses, the outfitters, the campground and beach, and, of course, village administration. It has been a very successful summer!

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Looking Back...by Alverta Stanger

Tobin Lake – down the hill and into our northern paradise!
Tobin Lake, our home away from home, where we hear the birds sing early and late. Good morning crows and good evening loons. Hello cats on the prowl – why are you out alone? Let's walk the dog or it walks us, as numerous residents and dogs get their exercise and check out whatever.
Tobin Lake, where neighbors quickly become friends, always willing to lend a helping hand or two. Where the coffee is always on and we especially enjoy those "happy hours". The earlier they start and the longer they last, the better.

Thank you one and all for friendships, old and new. "Live for today and smell the roses. Forget the weeds and thorns."

Long before Tobin Lake, our family enjoyed holidays at Greenwater and Barrier lakes. With the building of Squaw Rapids Dam, now known as E.B. Campbell Dam, Tobin Lake was on the map. With great foresight, Helen and Murray Anklovitch saw and developed a resort now known as the Resort Village of Tobin Lake. Although many changes have occurred at Tobin Lake, I often think of and appreciate the work and dedication of Helen and Murray and their family.

One of the first lots leased belonged to Vern and Lorraine Anderson. With the help from parents, siblings, relations and friends, a sheep shack was to become a 2-bedroom cabin. Donations of lumber from our parents to add a bathroom, windows, cupboards and my mother-in-law's cook stove helped furnish a livable retreat for many years of fun and happiness. There were many others who also worked and shared. Those first years and much later were shared with siblings and their families. Many happy memories are mine – thanks Lorraine and Vern. There were so many of us that we didn't venture far from the home core area. My kids and their cousins learned to swim and fish. In the early years there were free swimming lessons in the summer holidays. We fished off the bank at the west end of the resort. It was good fishing.

For many years a dream of owning a cabin was mine. Finally, with no men in my life to direct me, I was on my own. Hello, Murray, do you have a lot/cabin for sale? Of course he did. I became the owner of a little brown weather-beaten shack and lot. One of my sisters commented, "Well, no one will ever break into that!" But!! After many years my little brown shack is no more and there on the hill is a nearly completed cabin with a panoramic view of "my heaven on earth". Plus, of course, the mounting heating bills, etc. But also now, Ray and I get to be year-round residents to come and go at will.

Tobin Lake Village is growing and many changes are taking place. People come and go, but us lucky ones get to enjoy daily the ever-changing seasons.

One of the changes on this street is the absence of Tony and Sophie who are now residing at their home in Foam Lake, Sask. I thought we would miss their fires burning brightly almost every afternoon, evening and often into the night, but lucky for us, Archie and Bev are camping there while their retirement home is being built across the street. So the fires burn on. Will and do miss Tony's morning drive by and picking mushrooms and berries with he and Sophie. But, we also welcome new neighbors, "the new kids on the block" who have moved to our street.

Tobin Lake, may we enjoy many more years of happy memories of the past and hope for the future, sunrises and sunsets as we slowly but surely wind our way into the unknown.
God bless all and enjoy this wonderful, restful place, and those whose work and dedication keep Tobin Lake on track.

{We welcome your contribution to this section of our Pipeline. Send your writeup to Glenda Bueckert or contact her for pickup @ 862-2833. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Your input has been of great interest to our readers.}

Classified Ads

♦ **For Sale:** 14 ft. aluminum boat with rack for ½ ton \$750 OBO. Table saw \$65.00. Call 862-2898.

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Deadline for ads for October 6 issue is September 29. Phone Al Robinson at 862-5801 or fax ads to 862-9320 by this date.

Bob, a handsome dude, walked into a sports bar around 9:58 PM. He sat down next to a blonde at the bar and stared up at the TV. The 10:00 PM news was coming on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on a ledge of a large building preparing to jump. The blonde looked at Bob and said, "Do you think he'll jump?" Bob says, "You know, I bet he'll jump." The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't."

Bob placed a \$20 bill on the bar and said, "You're on!" Just as the blonde placed her money on the bar, the guy on the ledge did a swan dive off the building, falling to his death. The blonde was very upset, but willingly handed her \$20 to Bob, saying, "Fair's fair. Here's your money." Bob replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 PM news and so I knew he would jump." The blond replied, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."

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Fishing Report...by Darren Opp

This report will be short and sweet. The weather has been, for the most part, very good. Water surface temperatures have been between 68.6F-69.4F which is very warm, and affects the bigger fish more than the small ones. This weather makes the bigger fish really inactive.

Walleye fishing has been really quite slow. The evening has been the best time, with anglers catching a few as the sun goes down.

Pike fishing on the average has been slower, but with some decent days in the mix. Again, the average size of the fish are down, with the big boys being a lot less aggressive in the warm weather.

As our summer quickly comes to an end and our water temperatures cool off, look for the big boys to turn on again. I'm looking forward to some awesome fall fishing. Remember, when fishing is slow, stay persistent. The fish are there - they are just a lot tougher to coax into biting. Different colors, speeds, depths, etc. may trigger the action you are looking for.

Recreation Board Report...by Valerie Best

There was good community attendance at the August 16 meeting where the general consensus was that the Canada Day celebration at Tobin Lake had been a smashing success. Despite the fact that improvements made in fundraising, we did end the day with a profit just shy of \$2400.00 (twenty four hundred dollars). The Canadian Heritage Grant of \$600.00 (six hundred dollars) will help defray the fun fare and fireworks. Hamburgers served by the Rec Board for the end of July "Teddy Bear Run" helped fuel the riders. Thanks to those who assisted at this function.

There was extensive discussion concerning playground facilities. Some of the present equipment is not safe. There is the need for regular maintenance of playground equipment and the fence surrounding the Community Centre. Such maintenance is the responsibility of the Village. Perhaps long-term planning for a should take place between council and the rec board in the future.

For the near term, rec board priorities were established. These include improvements and beautification of the community park including more picnic tables and fire pits; and possible improvements to the grass and the planting of some shrubs. The enclosed area around the hall is actually too small for large groups and future meetings will look at pushing the fence and stage out further towards the North and/or the Eastk. It was also agreed that a small, portable dance floor near the stage would be a good idea with or without extension of the existing cement slab next to the hall.

The village is responsible for hall rental. However, groups wishing to use the rec board roasters and griddles will also pay ten dollars to the board as part of a contingency fund for replacing these items should they become damaged.

Chris Rustad has agreed to add the treasurer's responsibilities to her role as secretary due to Valerie Best's upcoming move.

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the farewell potluck on August 16. Thank you for your kind wishes and the collection of framed photos of our cabin and of Tobin Lake. This has already become a treasured reminder for us of very special people, and a very special place and chapter in our lives. God bless you all.

Marvin and Valerie

What's Cooking...by Glenda Bueckert

INDIAN RICE SALAD

1 1/2 cups hot rice, cooked	1/2 cup salad oil	1/2 tsp. sugar
1/2 cup chopped celery	3 tbsp. Vinegar	1/2 tsp. celery salt
1 cup peas fresh or frozen	2 tbsp. soya sauce	
1/2 cup chopped green onion	1 1/2 tsp. curry powder	
1/2 cup small shrimp	1 tsp. salt	

Mix rice in bowl. Add celery, peas, onions and shrimp. Mix dressing and pour over rice mixture. Stir lightly. Serves 4 to 6.

ORDINARY BRUSCHETTA

1/2 loaf French bread	1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 medium tomato, seeded and chopped	1 tsp dried oregano
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese	1/2 tsp dried basil
1/2 cup mayonnaise	1/2 tsp pepper

Place bread slices on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes on each side or until toasted. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients. Spread over toasted bread. Bake 8-10 minutes longer or until bubbly. Serve warm.

**** If you wouldn't write it and sign it, don't say it!****

Reflections...by Dianna Quiring

What language do you speak? I believe we all need to speak the language of love, treating and loving your neighbor like you want to be treated yourself. Take the time to speak a kind word or do a kind deed while expecting nothing in return.

Taking the time to smile and saying "hi" to someone you pass on the street will brighten their day. Now how hard is it to smile? Smiles are wonderful; they light up your whole face!

Be a word of encouragement to all out there: take time to speak and share the language of love - it is worth it!

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Food For Thought...by Marv Quiring

Little children often have fears. Fear of the dark, fear of being alone, and all kinds of imaginary fears. As we grow older, most of those fears vanish. However, a lot of people hang onto some fears, such as fear of mice, spiders, heights, water, closed in spaces, etc. Some people struggle with immense fears which are classified as phobias and are totally debilitating. It is unlikely that many of the readers of this article can relate to such intense fear. The fear they experience might go almost unnoticed most times. Valerie and I are certainly experiencing some apprehension and anxiety over our upcoming move, but a certain amount of fear and anxiety can keep all of us sharp and alert. Conversely, fear can also quickly produce behaviours that are not productive. For example, I found it interesting to learn that when it comes to investing money, Saskatchewan residents are the most fearful. Hence, more residents of this province invest in GIC's than anywhere else in Canada. Understandably, persons who have experienced the results of some bad investment advice or decisions can become fearful enough to remember only the bad and forget the good when presented with new opportunities.

Changes in life are like that too. We have all experienced good and bad things. When fear sets in we also tend to remember or exaggerate bad experiences and forget or devalue the good. So, how do we gain perspective and not let fear beat us down or control us? The scope of this article cannot provide full examination of this question, but here are some ideas and practices that have been empowering in my own life.

If you are afraid of losing money, health, enjoyment or whatever, practice generous giving of money, resources, and time. Don't do it from what is left over, but make it a priority. For example, adopt a child or children through World Vision or some other organization. Give at least ten percent of your income and time to others and your fear will turn into contentment and joy for it is "in giving that we receive."

Love is another sure fire way of overcoming fear. Not romantic or brotherly love, although there is nothing wrong with such love, but loving others unconditionally. When we love unconditionally, others cannot disappoint us. We just love because we have chosen love. And love does remove fear because it focuses us on others.

J. H. Newman said, "Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning."

*****He who is afraid to ask is afraid of learning*****

Bits & Pieces

Village Facilities Passes: These passes are available at Hilltop Campground, Silvertip Store, Tobin Lake Marina Store, Shorebird Inn 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 docking facilities. It is the responsibilities of the village businesses to ensure their guests comply.

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

Village Telephone Directory: Purchase your updated copy at a cost of \$2.00 at the village office or business places in the village.

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

The additional activity here at the resort this summer has resulted in a considerable increase in traffic on the streets. The erection of speed signs, yield signs and some stop signs have helped control the traffic to quite a degree. Special postings are in place governing the operation of ATV's. This will require some special enforcement procedures, both by the constabulary and the resort citizens.

COWBOY POETRY -THE BIG ONE

Now in Montana's Big Hole is where I made fishing history,
And how you could've missed this tale, to me is sure a mystery.
But in a secret spot I know, one day I cast my line;
Something grabbed the bait and ran - it made my reel whine.
The pole bent double, the line it snapped, I fought to hold my ground,
And then I seen that mighty splash, and my heart began to pound.
It was right there on that spot that I became a firm believer
That even a calm guy like myself can catch the fishing fever.
So I got myself a bigger pole and put on my biggest spinner,
But this time he took the pole and all; again he was the winner.
Well, things kept on a-going till I was down to my last hope,
Which was a king-sized derrick hook on a three-inch nylon rope.
I dallied around a great big tree and tied to one just like it,
Then tossed the hook into the hole and watched that bugger strike it.
I knew I had him hooked for good, but he gave it his best try;
The water churned like a tidal wave, and the hole was near splashed dry.
Then in one great mighty effort, he made his final gallant stand;
He made a jump you won't believe, but came down on hard dry land.
I can't tell you what his weight was; he was to big for any scale,
But you can rest assured, men, he outweighed the largest whale.
Once there was a feller who claimed he caught the record weight,
Well, it was a fish the size of his that was on my hook for bait.
Now no one has caught one bigger, I'll bet you all a buck;
It took a fleet of forklifts just to get it on the truck.
I know there are a few of you who might think this a spoof,
But I have a photograph I took to furnish proof.
I haven't got it with me, but I'll swear the truth abounds;
That fish it was so doggone big, the picture weighs ten pounds.



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

On the evening of April 8 2006, Pat and I were walking home from the neighbors when we spotted a raptor at the top of a tall pine. As you know the Merlin is a Falcon, 10 to 13 inches tall, gray back, grayish white underside with three black bands across its tail. What intrigued us was it took off and climbed to a high altitude. We lost sight for a few minutes but when it was spotted again it had a bird in its talons and was eating it on the wing! We know that they primarily feed on birds but we never heard or witnessed the bird to feed on the wing!

We have a Merlin nesting near the house and last summer we've noted several occasions of the bird twisting and turning in flight as it chased Grosbeaks through the trees. What a superb flier!!

*Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you
to recognize a mistake when you make it again!*

RECOGNIZING A STROKE:

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. You can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to smile.
2. Ask the person to speak a simple sentence (i.e., it is sunny out today).
3. Ask him or her to raise both arms.

Another "sign" of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his tongue. If the tongue is "crooked", if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately.

SOME THOUGHTS:

- If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel good.
- It isn't the jeans that make your butt look fat.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.