

F.W. Gilbert School delights a capacity crowd with their 2008 Christmas concert



Each class had their own number in the production, and some students doubled on stage and as members of the band! Kudos to all the teachers and staff who helped make this such a great event. Thanks to John Tait and Don Ewing for photos.

Annual Christmas Bird Count



Purple finches: two of 20 that were counted December 30th. See Peter's full article on page 2.

The annual Christmas concert at F.W. Gilbert was filled with laughter and song, a feast for both the eyes and ears. The costumes were terrific and it was all so well-rehearsed that the audience could hear and enjoy every line. We're not soon to forget to recycle the fruitcake or that we've got the "power?". More photos page 3.



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Forty-five and Counting!

by Peter Taylor

This year's Christmas Bird Count, our 45th, was held on a cold but sunny December 30th. Nineteen people in seven groups spent the day within our traditional count circle, which extends from Pinawa to Lac du Bonnet, Otter Falls, and River Hills. It was not a day to wander too far from the car, with the temperature hovering around -25°C and a gradually freshening wind. A big spread of warm food and drinks at the Drabys' house was therefore a most welcome sight at the end of the day!

In terms of numbers it was a middling count, with most of the common species close to their long-term averages. Much lower than average were Evening Grosbeaks and Black-billed Magpies, both reflecting recent, widespread declines. Relatively low numbers of woodpeckers probably reflect the poor hiking weather as much as anything else, since their count is normally boosted by walking in the forest with frequent listening stops. Pine Grosbeaks maintained their high numbers of recent years. Purple Finches, which usually winter a little farther south, were a welcome sight at several feeders (see photo). White-breasted Nuthatches set a new high count, Great Gray Owls made a showing, and the Sharp-tailed Grouse count (dominated by a flock of 33 birds) was the highest in 9 years.

Not surprisingly after a frigid December, waterfowl were in short supply, and there was little sign of the "semi-hardy" stragglers that sometimes survive the

winter at feeders. The total of 33 species, with four more reported during the count week, was respectable but well shy of a record. The following list gives all the numbers.

Common Goldeneye 2, Bald Eagle 1, Ruffed Grouse 3, Sharp-tailed Grouse 36, Rock Pigeon 96, Northern Hawk Owl 1, Great Gray Owl 3, Downy Woodpecker 15, Hairy Woodpecker 31, American Three-toed Woodpecker 1, Pileated Woodpecker 3, Gray Jay 36, Blue Jay 148, Black-billed Magpie 8, American Crow 5, Common Raven 275, Black-capped Chickadee 379, Boreal Chickadee 4, Red-breasted Nuthatch 10, White-breasted Nuthatch 64, Brown Creeper 1, Bohemian Waxwing 41, Cedar Waxwing 11, Northern Shrike 4, European Starling 122, Snow Bunting 697, Pine Grosbeak 628, White-winged Crossbill 13, Purple Finch 20, Common Redpoll 242, Hoary Redpoll 8, Evening Grosbeak 280, House Sparrow 140.

Four additional species were seen during the count week, but not on the day: Black-backed Woodpecker, Common Grackle, Lapland Longspur, and American Goldfinch.

Cedar Waxwings have never been recorded on the count day before, and only once in the count week. They are normally replaced by their northern cousins, Bohemian Waxwings, in the winter. Also new for the count is Lapland Longspur, five of which were spotted near Seven Sisters Falls on New Year's Day. It is not ex-

ceptional to see Cedar Waxwings and Lapland Longspurs in winter elsewhere in southern Manitoba, so both species are really overdue on our count.

Local observers were Michael and Jenefer Cavers, Leon Clegg, Les and Paul Crosthwaite, Grant

Delaney, Anita, Ron and Lian Drabyk, Peter Taylor, Frank Walton and Reto Zach. Visiting from Winnipeg were Christian Artuso, Garry Budyk, Ward Christianson, Rudolf Koes, René Séguin, Marlene Waldron, and Jerry Weshnowski.

Read All About It • • • • •

Find out what students at Pinawa Secondary are reading!

Pride of Baghdad by Brian K. Vaughan

Reviewed by Ben Deveau
October 28, 2008

These Lions Did Not Have a Good Day

The *Pride of Baghdad* is a great graphic novel based on the true story of a small pride of lions who escape from a zoo in Baghdad during an American bomb raid and they roam the dangerous streets, free, but at the same time they are fighting for their lives.

My favorite parts of this book are the illustrations, the macabre style of events, and how all the animals interact with each other. The illustrations are very detailed and they are in color. I like how the artist Niko Henrichon made the cute animals look more menacing and sometimes more human than they normally are. There are several intense and violent events in this book including air raids, battles against monkeys, fights against grizzly bears and other epic things. The story is based on animals thus, it rarely shows humans interacting at all and I kind of like that approach to stories

because if there were no humans on earth there would be no pollution and the earth would last a lot longer.

In the story, there are four main characters; two lionesses, one lion, and a cub. My favorite character is the older lioness Safa. She is very tough and has been through a lot in her life. Her and the other lioness, Noor, are always getting into fights because where they came from was so different. Zill is the leader of their pride he is very brave and he is the one who fights the grizzly bear. The youngest lion is called Ali. He is one funny and curious little cub. He ends up being captured by monkeys near the beginning of the story. I liked the way the author portrayed each of these characters.

I liked most of this book, the only part of the entire novel I did not like so much was at the end when something happens that I cannot share with you because it would ruin the story for you. So if you love reading, go out there and find the graphic novel, *Pride of Baghdad*.

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A Green Christmas at F.W. Gilbert School



Santa had to be convinced to 'Go Green' for this year's trek, making for the most delightful concert in recent memory. It had song, laughter, a great message and an opportunity for every child to shine on a very special night. Below, grade two teacher Amber Bieganski sang a beautiful a capella rendition of *Still Still Still* to close the evening.



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JACKRABBIT CORNER

with Bruce Goodwin

Our Jackrabbits have been thwarted twice in a row by the weather, but this last Sunday they were ecstatic. The trails were in excellent condition and we combined a tour with a time trial. The tour started from our regular meeting point at the Hydro Station and ran to the Red-Green Cabin. All of the young novice skiers took the short route but most of the experienced Jackrabbits had extra energy and they first skied to the Diversion Dam and then to the cabin. It doesn't show in the photo, but every one present has logged between 2 and 5 km by that point.

While en route, everyone also joined in the time trial organized by Marshals John Buell and Dwayne Hanson. This event requires each Jackrabbit to ski as hard and fast as possible over a measured track. The fresh fluffy

snow slowed most of us down (well me for sure) and we had only 5 personal bests set. Congratulations to Kaylan, Autumn, Simon, Zenna and Sasha who all burned up 1 km in about 13 minutes – a remarkable feat when you consider all are 6 years of age or younger. There's no couch potatoes in this group!

Nat Fenton was the first to arrive at the Red-Green Cabin and he was ready for us. We could warm up inside the cabin, but most Jackrabbits enjoyed the bright sunny conditions and roasted marshmallows around an open fire. Next week we'll be back working on classic and skate techniques and fine-tuning our downhill survival tricks. However we have more tours planned, including a long-distance tour to the English River Cabin. Visitors are always welcome!

Pinawa Players hold casting meetings for spring production

Yes - the Players are at it again! We have had a moment to catch our breath after Cinderella and are ready to go. John Tait will be directing "On the Flight Path" a 3-act play by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. This is a two character comedy requiring a male and female in the "late 30ish" range. Production dates are March 19 - 21, 2009. Casting meetings will be held Tuesday, January 13 and Thursday, January 15 at 7 pm in the backstage workshop of the Pinawa Community Centre.

Everyone is welcome to join us for either evening. For more information or to help backstage, please call John at 753 2911.

Lac du Bonnet Legion

by Comrade Ann Okrainec

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a New Years. Now once again we start the New Year's resolutions, I usually break mine within hours. Anyway all the best to all the readers out there.

The lucky winners on the Santa draw just before Christmas was Irene Stevenson who won the Penguin and Bob Hampshire won the little statues. The L.A. & Branch were very happy to see so many turn out for the Christmas Dinner at the Legion, those who

cooked and served did an excellent job and gave up Christmas Day to be with you, it was their pleasure and we hope you all had a very Merry Christmas. The New Years Dance will be over by the time you read this article, the tickets have gone well and a hot perogy/sausage lunch was served to all those who attended. Our New Years Levee will also have taken place, more info will be forthcoming in the next article. May all the readers have a Happy New Year in 2009.

Sports Report from Bob Stevenson

We have two curling teams representing Branch #164. Senior team consisting of Bob Lesko, Richard Schroeder, Leon Clegg and Marv Oehlerking. Regular curling consisting of - Bob Ste-

venson, Jim Beauchamp, Jim Hladki and Dwayne Wickstrom. In Darts play down the following members advancing are singles Al Ostroman, Bob Hampshire and Ed Kraus. Doubles - Bob Hampshire and Dwayne Wickstrom; Al Ostroman and Ed Kraus; Darryl Popowich and Allen Savage. Teams - Allen Savage, Doreen Champagne, Esther Toews and Darryl Popowich. Next team Al Ostroman, Bob Hampshire, Dwayne Wickstrom and Terry Tillet. Next team Ed Kraus, Peter Friesen, Curtis Wold and Joe Gurniak.

Cribbage play downs, the following will advance: Singles - Olly Campbell, Barry Vokey, Marguerite Lodge and Isabella Larson. Doubles - Marguerite Lodge and Olly Campbell. Lennart and Isabella Larson. Sharron Wickstrom and Bob Stevenson. Ethel Cottrell and Gary Blazeiko. Teams - Gary Blazeiko, Ethel Cottrell, Olly Campbell and Marguerite Lodge. Next team Irene Stevenson, Bob Stevenson, Sharron Wickstrom and Wilf Mctavish. Next team - Lennart Larson, Isabella Larson, Beryl Savage and Joe Gurniak. Next team Bonnie Popowich, Barry Vokey, Rose Fifi and Kim Chevelday. Good luck to all.

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Lac du Bonnet Legion Branch #164

LEGION WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<http://legion.lacdubonnet.info>

MONDAY -

Table Top Curling 6.30pm
Bingo in Hall 7.00pm

TUESDAY - Po Ke No 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY - Pool 1.00pm
Cribbage 7.00pm

Friday - Hard Card Bingo in Lounge 7:00 pm

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FRIDAY - Bridge 1.00pm
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online calendar: pinawacf.blogspot.com



THE
Biblio File
by Marg Stokes
753-2496

MY FAVOURITE READS OF 2008

The Gargoyle by Andrew Davidson – Andrew’s book reading and signing in September was our event of the year! Love it or hate it, there’s no middle ground with this one. If you want a well-researched, gripping yarn, romance, history, with salvation and redemption for worthy characters, call to add your name to the reserve list.

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini – A riveting story of family and friendship set in the turmoil of war-stricken Afghanistan. In contrast to his first novel, *The Kite Runner*, the story of two boys who grew up together from infancy, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* is about women who endure tragedy with hope and indestructible love. Touching and inspirational – I hope he has another book coming out soon.

Late Nights on Air by Elizabeth Hay – Hay has drawn on her personal experience in this novel about employees at a Yellowknife radio station. Its strengths are the thoughtfully developed characters and her haunting, magical portrayal of the north.

Cochrane: The Real Master and Commander by David Cordingley – An engaging true story of the adventures of Thomas Cochrane, Earl of Dundonald that interested me far more than Pat-

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rick O’Brian’s fictional character Jack Aubrey in the popular *Master and Commander* series. If you like the O’Brian series, or even if you don’t, try this one.

I am Hutterite by Mary-Ann Kirkby – A celebrated memoir about growing up on the Fairholme Colony in southern Manitoba that will likely change your view of Hutterite life.

Nikolski by Nicolas Dickner – This one was fun, unexpected and a debut novel by a Canadian. Look for the book with three fish on the cover.

A Place Out of Time by Alfred Silver

Set in the Red River Settlement in the 1860s, this story describes a time when the Scots Presbyterians, Metis Catholics, English Anglicans, Crees and Ojibways lived together in harmony with practically no formal law enforcement – until their way of life was obliterated by greed and rivalry.

The Film Club: A True Story of a Father and Son by David Gilmour – David Gilmour not only permitted, he suggested his son Jesse quit school to watch movies with him. In this poignant memoir, David shares his vast knowledge of films as he helps his son through a rough time.

The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory – Story of the rivalry

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK OF Jan 7-14, 2009		
Wed. Jan. 7	Marion Stewart	Paul Crosthwaite
Thurs. Jan. 8	Agnes Swanson	Lyn Grant
Fri. Jan. 9	Ann Quinn	Marilyn Berry, Glenys Perry
Mon. Jan. 12	LIBRARY CLOSED	Carol Findlay
Tues. Jan. 13	Evelyn Vandergraaf	Shirley Boyle
Wed. Jan. 14	Thecla Melnick	Bob Jones, Hans Miller

between Mary and Anne Boleyn, set in the glamorous court of Henry VIII. Intrigue, sex, ambition – this book has it all as it brings the history of that period to life. For those who have read this one, try Gregory’s *The Constant Princess* (Katherine of Aragon) or *The Other Queen* (Mary, Queen of Scots).
In Search of April Raintree by Beatrice Culleton Mosionier

– Featured book of MB Writers’ Guild and Winnipeg Foundation’s Literacy for Life in their campaign ‘On The Same Page: Manitoba Reads!’ Their goal is to encourage 12,000 Manitobans to read this book by April 30/09. Set in Winnipeg, this story about two Metis sisters who grow up in foster care is loosely based on Mosionier’s own life.

Rec Scene

with Kim Ogren, Recreation Administrative Assistant
Winnipeg River Recreation District

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The winter brochure is out! Look for the blue brochure at businesses around town or pick up a copy at the Recreation Office. Some classes have started but you can still register. Check the brochure and see what programs are right for you. The street dance class has been cancelled.

Reminder: Earl Warren, of the Canadian Association of Nordic Ski Instructors (CANSI), will be in Pinawa on Saturday, January 10th, offering classic and skate lessons for all levels of cross-country skiers.

Classic lesson: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Skate lesson: 3:00 - 4:30 pm

In order to prepare for this event we need to know how many people wish to attend and which lesson (or lessons) they wish to take.

To register, or if you have any questions, please call Lois Bernardin at 753-2546 by Thursday, January 8th.

Further information regarding the meeting location will be sent when we know the approximate number of participants.

[Editor’s Note: the cost per lesson for skating was removed. Articles with prices are considered Advertising.]

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Skiers reveling in snowy weather

Skiers and Jackrabbits gathered at the Red-Green cabin to enjoy some apres-ski and of course, toasting marshmallows on an open fire. See Bruce Goodwin's article on page 4.



Photo by John Tait

Students excel at Pinawa Secondary

At its Regular Meeting of Tuesday December 17, 2008 the Board of Trustees:

Commended the following:

Honours with Distinction

Grade 7 - Madison Chapel, Madi Melnick, Bethany Nelson, Hannah Voht; Grade 8 - Gabby Deveau, Tessa Trueman; Grade 9 - Mia James-Thiessen, Anna McDonald, James McAuley; Grade 10 - Amber Bilecki, Katya Melnick; Grade 12 - Adam Barnsdale, Marissa Borgford.

Honours

Grade 7 - Marissa Buell, Shannon Gibson, Jonathan Hayter, Jordan Krupka, Natalka Roy Slavik, Adam Wryha; Grade 8 - Dylan

Betteridge, Ben Dearing, James Elliot, Draven Galeschuk, Brett Hessian, Britton James-Thiessen, Jill Lauze, Jessica Nelson, Brendan Nykoluk, Avery Stam; Grade 9 - Tyler Bernauer, Tyson Daymond, Alex Harding, Skye Hilliard, Jacob Jansson, Gareth Senkow, McKenah Sobering, Josiah Voht; Grade 10 - Ben Deveau, Rhys Hatherly, Tomas Ingham, Ryan Karklin, Reanne Krupka, Roderick McIntosh; Grade 11 - Timothy Nelson; Grade 12 - Justin Evenden, Marie Gebauer, Michael Parcey

Confirmed the hiring of Mrs. A. Laliberte as Education Assistant half-time at F.W. Gilbert School effective December 11, 2008;

Accepted a verbal report of the Winnipeg River Recreation Meeting held December 15, 2008;

Adopted the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held December 9, 2008;

Accepted the report of the Intersectoral Meeting of December 2, 2008;

Approved the 2009 Trade Tenders as follows: Vern's Electric, Electrical; Glen's Plumbing, Plumbing;

Reviewed and approved the Current Accounts for the month Accounts Payable in the amount of \$137,213.83 Payroll Accounts in the amount of \$122,328.07.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 7	Jamie Clarke	January 10	Michael Ellis
January 8	Myrna Suski	January 11	Stu Halley
January 8	Dianne Boczek	January 11	Kala Currie
January 8	Chris Crosthwaite	January 12	Oliver Greenfield
January 8	Gabrielle Derksen	January 12	Lisa Krupka
January 10	Melissa Plunkett	January 13	Gerry Oliveira

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THE 50+ LUNCHEON WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14TH at 12:00
noon at the Alliance Church. The entertainment will be Gail Schatzlein and The Queen Mary 2's final voyage to Dubai.

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Children's Place Co-Op 9:30-10:15

POTLUCK & PLAY WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14
F.W. Gilbert School Gym 5:00-6:30

FOOD FOR THOUGHT THURSDAY, JAN. 15 ALLIANCE CHURCH 11:30-1:30

LA LECHE LEAGUE/BABY CAFÉ MONDAY, JAN. 19
Alliance Church 10:00-11:30

PINAWA LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 25/09 following worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE PLACED FREE OF CHARGE

GOODIES & GRUMBLES

☺☺ to Tony and Kyle who came to help a lady in distress

☺☺ to Rick Backer for putting on the 4 on 4 hockey over the holi-
days, it was a blast!

RCMP report

submitted by S/Sgt Glen Reitlo
Lac du Bonnet RCMP Detachment

Tuesday, December 30th, 2008

At 9:22 PM there was an anonymous complaint of an impaired driver in Pinawa. Vehicle was located but not being operated.

Thursday, January 1st, 2009

At 4:43 AM there was a disturbance at a residence in Pinawa. A patrol was made and no criminal actions had occurred.

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- When do you become important enough to be considered assassinated and not just murdered?
- Can you cry under water?
- Who decided that a round pizza should be put in a square box?
- Why did we put a man on the moon before we realized it would be a good idea to make luggage with wheels?
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