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Editor's Note

The September/October issue of *Cottage North* holds within its pages some great stories in, and about, the north.

We look back at some prolific characters from this rugged frontier's early days. Kate Rice, a pioneering woman in the definitively man's domain of prospecting, lived many a great story in her time, and with the help of Marc Jackson, we tell a couple of them. Another person immortalized through their local contributions is Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney,

the financier and founder of Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting, Ltd. Morley G. Naylor tells us the intriguing story behind the man.

People in the north of today are just as interesting, as this edition will prove. There's Jim Parres' story about a groundbreaking local artist who has already done a great many things, Laird Goulet. We tell the story of one Cranberry couple's generous nature, and also take a look at both Flin Flon's and The Pas' junior hockey teams.

Cottage North is also in the for-

est this issue, with two articles telling the story of what happens in the wild lands surrounding us. We take a look inside Tolko at the processes of their operation, as well as tell about the tree planting/forest renewal segment of the cycle.

So if you're ready to indulge yourself in everything that is the north, why not start with the pages of this edition of *Cottage North*, and enjoy!

Jillian Betke

Letter to the Editor

The Great Escape from Bin Laden

Eight hours per day, five days a week, fifty-two weeks a year. The average Canadian spends two thousand and eighty hours at work per year. On top of this, there are family commitments, the work commute, and yard work, to name a few. To sum it up, there is little time at the end of the day to relax and unwind from this

stress we call life. Most newspapers and magazines tell gloomy tales of either energy prices soaring, increased tension in the Middle East, or who's divorcing whom in Hollywood. It is a great feeling to be able to enjoy a paper that pays tribute to its local heritage and community events. If society spent more time enjoying the history and social events within their community, then everyone would feel a little less stress at the end of the day. I

would like to thank the staff at *Cottage North* magazine for giving me a "little escape" at the end of the day to enjoy one more peaceful thing that life has to offer. It's a joy to read such a great regional magazine not weighted down with advertising and fluff. Best of luck with the upcoming issue and I look forward to reading more of your "feel good" stories!

Kyla Torrie

Dauphin subscriber

Pieces of the Past

Iron Caribou Spear

The iron caribou spear (on loan from Doug Eryou) was manufactured by Maclellan. Research shows that after the European settlement of Newfoundland, the Beothuk Indians adopted European materials and products for numerous traditional functions.

This iron spear was chiseled from an iron file with a hook on one end, and a sharpened spear-

head at the other; it was used to kill caribou and the hook was used as a handle. This spear can now be found at the Royal North West Mounted Police Post Museum in Creighton.



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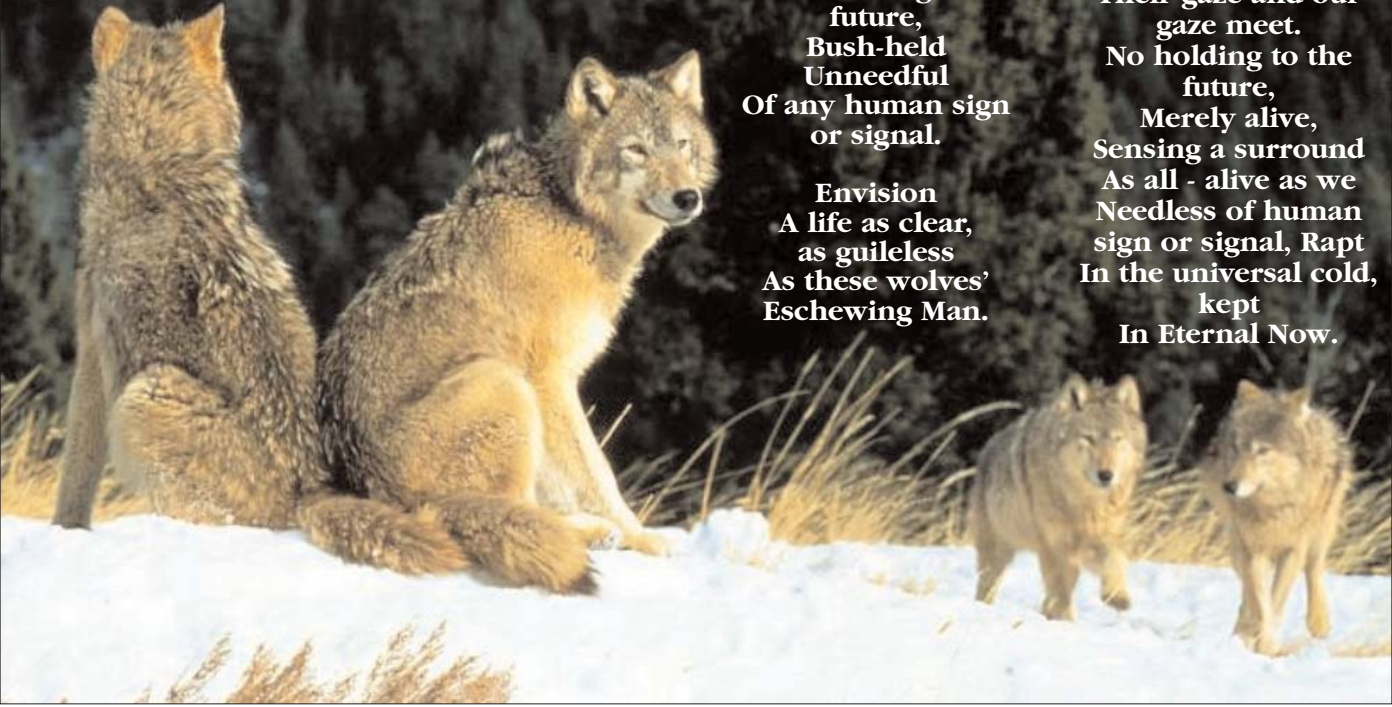
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— Patricia Vickery —



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Dandee's KIDS PAGE

My Smiling Heart



Danielle Labine
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there in a day.

Mom and I got there just after lunch and it was very quiet. Most of the younger kids were sound asleep on their little cots, so we did a tour of the downstairs first.

Downstairs is where they have their school-age centre, the kitchen, laundry room and a big storage room. The centre has lots of different areas where kids can do stuff. They can sit on the couch and read, there are computers for them to work on, a huge table for doing crafts and stuff, and an area for playing with toys. They even have small bikes and ride-on toys for them to use. There's a huge cupboard full of crafts stuff, puzzles, games and books.

There's something for everyone to do.

The storage room has boxes of toys, books and games. After a while they switch them with the toys and stuff that are already out. Matilda said that the kids don't get as bored that way.

While we were downstairs we decided to make a craft with some of the kids. Magann and I made plate puppets together. And of course we had to name them. Magann named hers Mikey and I named mine after Auntie Heather (Matilda!).



For this issue I went to work at Smiling Hearts Day Care in Creighton. My Auntie Heather (I like to call her Matilda) has worked there since it opened and I thought it would be fun to check it out and see what they do



When we were done that, it was time to go upstairs and wake up the sleeping kids. They woke up so quietly - no one even cried. While the little kids were getting changed, Matilda showed me around the rest of the daycare. They have a toddler room, an infant room, a preschool room, and the office.

After I read some books to a little girl named Ashley, it was time for Loretta to do circle time. The kids all sat on the floor in a big circle and Loretta read them some books. I got to read a book called *Thomas and Bertie* to them. They all sat quietly and listened to the stories.

After the stories it was time to sing some songs. Loretta got out a little case full of tiny drawers. Each drawer had a figurine and the words to a song. One at a

time everyone got to pick a drawer and then we all sang the song that was in it. Some of the songs were action songs. (It would be hard to remember the words to all the songs but Loretta and most of the kids knew them.)

After circle time was snack time. Everyone had some juice, crackers, veggies and dip. It was yummy.

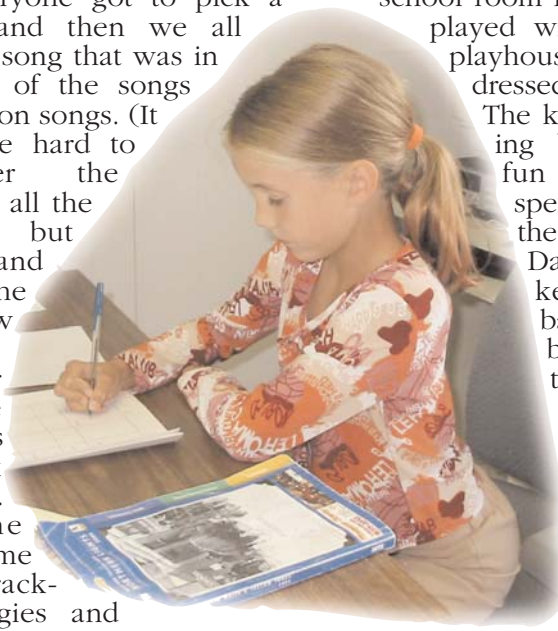
Then it was off to the pre-

school room for free time. Kids played with the dolls and playhouse stuff, and some dressed up in costumes. The kids were all keeping busy and having fun so I went and spent some time in the infant room with Dana. It was hard keeping three babies happy and busy all at the same time.

Wow, the time went very quickly. The afternoon was already over!

I want to thank Matilda (Auntie Heather), Loretta and Dana

for letting me follow them around. I had a lot of fun.



OCN Blizzard's New Coach

– Emanuel Sequeira –

Neil Wilkinson, the rookie coach for the OCN Blizzard in the MJHL, is taking over a team that lost in the league final against the Winnipeg South Blues.

Had the team's success been different, he might just hope to make the playoffs or enjoy a decent run in the post-season. "I want to win the whole thing," Wilkinson said.



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What he's referring to is the RBC Royal Bank Cup – the Stanley Cup Final for junior A hockey. Because the former NHL defenceman of 460 games knows the organization is committed to winning, that brought him to northern Manitoba.

"I'm excited. It's an opportunity with a quality organization," the Winkler native said.

While new to being a head coach, Wilkinson has served as a player/assistant coach. Though Wilkinson hasn't been a head coach, he's had the role of player assistant with Tulsa in the Central Hockey League and Fresno in the East Coast Hockey League. Neither situation worked out because there wasn't an importance placed on winning.

Wilkinson ignores the fact that his never being in this position will prevent him from succeeding. He said he believes what he learned during his playing days will help him break down players' skills package. "I have seen players succeed and others fail," he explained, and it's the same with teams. To him it comes down to commitment. Not just on the ice, but off as well.

Wilkinson feels he has the

players to win, and that's what management expects. Heading into a new season, he will be expecting lots from Matt Summers, former Flin Flon Bomber Carter Chomyn, and Jordan Inglis. He also expects leadership from Chase Cunningham.

The challenge in his job, he said, comes from learning about his players, but that's where his assistant Greg Hunter fills an invaluable role. "He has a good understanding for the players and recruiting. That's been the toughest; learning how systems work in junior."

Upon being named head coach at the end of June, his off-season has been busy. He had to return to Colorado to pack up his family, with August 15 being the first day of camp. "I'm excited about it," he said of the season starting. "Playing as long as I did, my body gets anxious in July. I'm gonna be excited for myself, the fans, and players."

Aside from winning championships, his goal is to move up the coaching ranks.

If his team does indeed win the MJHL, we asked what he thought of the possibility of fac-

ing the Flin Flon Bombers. "There would be a lot of interest," Wilkinson said. "It would be an ideal scenario and good for northern communities."

Despite saying that, Wilkinson, who played for the Winnipeg Jets from 1994-96, said he hasn't thought about it.

Over his NHL career, Wilkinson amassed 813 penalty minutes to go with 83 points.

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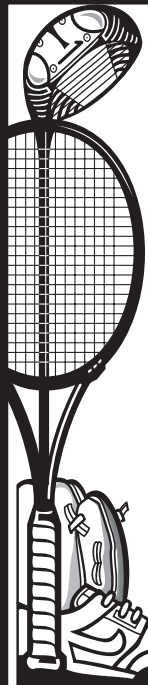
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Laird Goulet

Artiste Extraordinaire



— Jim Parres —

His brush strokes are meticulous. His choice of colour arouses your senses. His conceptual vision is revolutionary, and his artistic direction is painting from the heart. You are going to be hearing a lot more from this Northern Manitoba artist who calls Le Pas/Opaskwayak Cree Nation (OCN) his home.

In Laird's paintings, the colour in his dots reflects the native beadwork for which the Manitoba Cree women are known. Certain etchings symbolize the canine markings of the teeth as seen in birch bark bitings, another intricate Cree craft. As well, Laird includes the four petal flowers (which represent the flower beadwork style practiced by his late Cree grandmother from Cumberland House) in his paintings.

Under the tutelage of his Uncle Ordean Goulet, Laird has mastered balance in the four directions. Laird's paintings are acrylic on canvas and



hone in on the subsistence lifestyle of the Cree: hunting, trapping, fishing, and enjoying life and family.

When I say his "conceptual vision is revolutionary", imagine what a fish would see looking up from his watery domain, at three wolves running across the ice above him. This springs from the viewpoint of how animals see us (the human beings) and their wilderness surroundings.

Ordean feels that Laird has what he calls "animate genius". This is classified as being able to see living things from a wildlife perspective. Laird is also able to tap into the 80 percent of his brain that very few people normally use. His art is definitely cross-cultural and deviates from the traditional artwork and symbolism used by most aboriginal artists to date.

Laird started his artistic journey when he moved to Creighton to upgrade his education. Thus began another leg of his journey through life. Ordean views Laird's progress in

painting as a measure of Laird's growing confidence and self-esteem, and as a rounding off of the four symbols of Balance – Spiritual – Physical – Mental.

Laird has come a long way, according to Ordean, and is continually growing in all aspects of his painting, probably never reaching a peak. Young Goulet is currently completing his apprenticeship in Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanics in Rosetown, Saskatchewan, and loves that type of work as well. It is no surprise that his creativity also shows up in his welding and mechanics. He hopes to land a full-time position as a heavy duty mechanic and eventually save enough to open his own shop. He will use these skills to pay the bills while he continues to paint in his free time.

When I queried Laird about the possibility of painting full time, he was torn emotionally, because welding and mechanical work fit well with his creative mindset. He feels



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that to fulfill his life's needs, he needs challenges (a vocation and evocation). When pressed for a decision on a choice of a full-time occupation, Laird stated that if everything worked out financially, he would be happy painting full time. He also admits to missing the lifestyle of trapping and hunting.

Laird was born in September of 1968 in The Pas, and experienced all of the cultural life around Cumberland House.

Laird has already won a number of awards for his paintings. He won second place in the 2002 Northern Juried Art Show hosted in Flin Flon, and was also given the Mayor's Award for Best in Show during the Prince Albert Winter Festival in 2005. He participated in Queen Elizabeth's visit in 2005 by contributing to a mosaic prepared by many well known artists. The mosaic celebrated the 100th birthday of Saskatchewan.

Laird shared some private thoughts with me, which I would like to pass on to you, my readers:

1. There is only one Master Painter.
2. Laird's gift to be able to paint has given him respect for all life.
3. He is inspired when he sees other people with native blood accomplishing positive things in their lives (i.e. Jonathon Cheechoo and Jordan Tootoo, etc.).
4. All the answers are inside.
5. Living on the prairies has given him a new perspective, because there is nothing blocking the view. You get to see the sun rise and set unobstructed. He had never seen the rays of the sun exactly like that before. The rays want your attention and they know you can read them.
6. He admires and loves his Uncle Ordean for the stabilizing effect and guidance he has imparted to him. He realizes that his uncle has been able to paint (control) his own life.
7. Of all the traditional Old Masters his favourite is Renoir!

Laird and his uncle are presently preparing a five-set, Limited Edition Series of approximately 20 paintings. These paintings symbolize the steps of creating (through the hunt) a finished moose hide for use. I had a sneak preview of the paintings completed to date and they are truly awesome! (I'm not allowed to reveal anything more for now.)

Laird Goulet's paintings can be viewed at Indianheart Creations in Creighton, SK.

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Inset photos celebrating Thompson's 50th Anniversary: (left) Lions Club float in parade, held along the first Santa Claus parade route, (right) Bill Laing and Peter Andresen at mix and mingle; photos courtesy of Thompson Citizen. Background photos taken at Cranberry Portage: (top) Survivor Challenge, (bottom) Cranberry Portage Arts Festival; photos by Emanuel Sequeira.



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Clockwise from top: Making tea at Cranberry Portage Survivor Challenge; Dr. Sydney Garrioch, MKO Grand Chief, presents sculpture to Thompson Mayor Bill Comaskey on the occasion of the City's 50th Anniversary; Lt. Governor John Harvard and Premier Gary Doer unveil the Thompson Nickel Discovery plaque; Paige Harper crowned Queen Mermaid at Flin Flon Trout Festival; and Inco fireworks.

KATE RICE

Extraordinary Woman of the Wilds

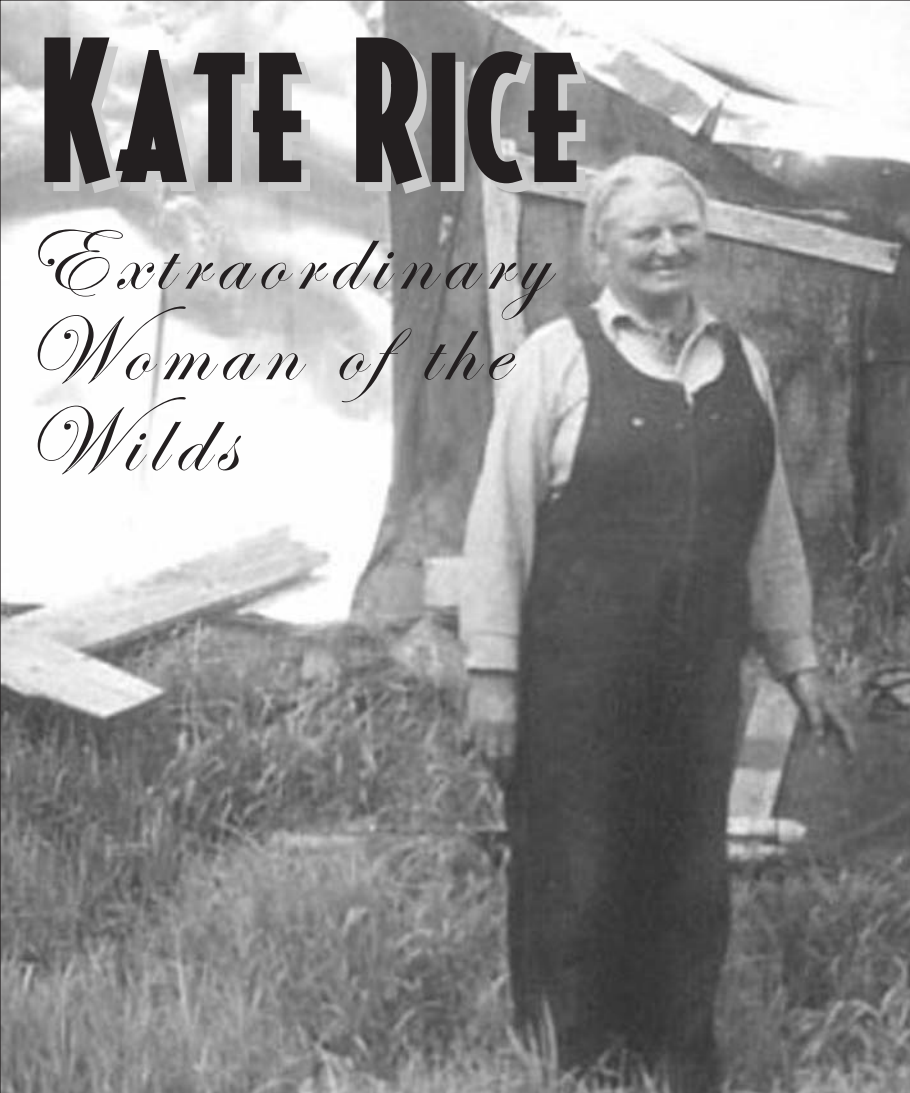


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— Marc Jackson —

A rea pioneer Kate Rice was a woman among men; a female who blazed trails in more ways than one. She was a prospector, a trapper, and an expert canoeist; she could fire a rifle and hold her own debating any subject with any man. She accomplished things that most women would never think of attempting and others that some men wouldn't be capable of carrying out.

Rice was born in 1882 at St. Mary's, Ontario. Schooled there, she graduated from the University of Toronto in 1906, with a gold medal in mathematics. She taught school in Ontario, Saskatchewan, and Alberta before shucking society's conventional estimation of a woman and becoming a prospector during Northern Manitoba's early 1900s gold rush. She formed a partnership with an Englishman named Dick Woosey and began plying her newfound trade along the shorelines and rock outcrops near the community of Herb Lake. Woosey died in 1940, but she carried on her profession until the early 1950s.

For all that's been written about her, Kate Rice was essentially a fairly secluded person. Or so she was in her latter years, when her partner Woosey was no longer around and unfettered development seemed to be encroaching on the last vestiges of bush land she knew and loved.

There are many colourful notations in the annals of Herb/Snow Lake history that draw attention to the fact that as much as people wanted to talk to or interview Kate Rice, she wanted very little to do with any of them.

She lived comfortably in her well-kept island home and greeted all but a select few with the muzzle of what can only be assumed was a loaded 12-gauge shotgun.

However, this was not always the case. There was a time when Kate Rice offered up personal and business related information freely on her own or to any reporter savvy enough to realize her life, and deeds in it, were more than worthy of writing about.

In amongst the many stories done on Miss Rice back in the 1920s and '30s are some real tidbits of information. Things that are not noted in

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anything that has written about this free spirited pioneer over the last decade or so.

One amusing anecdote from the late 1920s, which was attributed to Kate, no doubt had people pondering the possibility of a new way of staking claims. With today's GPS technology and the prevalence of helicopters, the likelihood seems even less farfetched. The article appeared in the Saturday, October 5, 1929 edition of the Toronto Star Weekly and as mentioned, was penned by Kate Rice herself.

In it, she lamented about the weather as she waited in Le Pas for the train that would take her back to Herb Lake. As she thought about how the weather had delayed or kept her from work she so needed to do, she reminisced about a perfect plan for prospecting and claim staking proposed by a fellow prospector.

"His idea was to prospect from some nearby city as headquarters," she wrote. "Preferably living in an expensive flat with all modern comforts. He would buy all his location posts ready-made, machine-turned and shod at one end with a heavy iron spike. He would then proceed to the region of the latest gold find in an airplane. Leisurely fly over the camp, drop his stakes overboard upon desired locations and return the same day to the home comforts. The idea is



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(L-R) June Kobar, Kathleen Rice, Ann Kobar, 1949.

worth consideration, it seems to me. Perhaps in the course of time, prospecting will become a more luxurious profession."

Who knows whether or not the idea was ever put to the test, but other than the mode of transportation (and the current proposal for map staking), claim staking is done today as it was back then, on the ground, with an axe, a few nails, and the claim tags in hand.

An earlier portion of the same article touched upon Miss Rice's sense of

adventure and her almost incomprehensible audacity. This exploit took place prior to her arrival at the train station in Le Pas. It was during the fall of the year, when the weather as well as the northern landscape can be treacherous. Rice was about to canoe from Beaver City (on Beaver Lake, SK) down the Sturgeon and Saskatchewan Rivers to Le Pas, where she would catch the train to Mile 82 (Wekusko Siding) and from there hike and canoe to her cabin on Wekusko Lake.



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"Returning to Beaver City, now a city of one inhabitant," she wrote, "I was fortunate in obtaining that inhabitant's promise to accompany me down the Sturgeon River, and that without delay.

"We had an ideal day for that rather ticklish journey down 30 miles of more or less continuous rapids, with no bright sunlight and no wind, both of which factors can add much to the danger of following the erratic channels of safe water among shoals and ledges.

"As we set out from his camp at Beaver City in the morning, Mr. MacDonald (her guide) muted my pride as an adventuresome Amazon by putting a veto on my running the crooked rapids. He ran both canoes down in succession, while I watched from the shore. The course he took was an almost straight shoot of flat deep current, a perfect toboggan slide for the canoe, but margined on the riverside by boulders that broke the surface of the water into a series of small precipices. As the good man

explained, there was very little a fellow could have done for me, if the canoe left the straight path to flirt ever so little with these lurking dangers.

"After ten or twelve hours of running through every imaginable variety of white water, we came to the last



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kathleen Rice as a young lady.

and worst rapid of all, just above the settlement of Sturgeon Landing on Sturgeon Lake. Here Mr. MacDonald gave me the chance to choose for myself whether or not I would run my own canoe down. After a good survey from the bank of the idiosyncrasies of the channel, I elected to have a go at this famous

rapid, which not a few white men of the region have entered. All of the force of the whole 30 miles of pushing, jostling, haste seems to be behind the water as it rushes around a double bend here and into the deep, wide mouth of the open lake, the channel twice turning at right angles to itself from against a shoal of rocks.

"As the Duckling (my canoe) drew alongside him in the choppy waves of the water below the rapid, it was almost in aggrieved tones that Mr. MacDonald asked how much water I'd shipped. 'Not one drop,' I could truthfully boast and felt myself gloriously avenged for the earlier slight he had put upon my skill."

This was of course one of the many times that she equaled (or bested) a man at a "man's" game, and undoubtedly, Kate Rice had many more adventures over the course of the 25 or more years she would spend in the area around Herb Lake. However, with her body aging and her mind failing, she was removed from her island home in the mid-1950s. After several months in a Brandon hospital, she entered a nursing home in Minnedosa, Manitoba. Penniless, she died there in the early 1960s and was, up until a few years ago, buried in an unmarked grave in that community's cemetery.



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Remember What a Yurt Is?



– Jillian Betke –

What is a yurt? That's the question *Cottage North* posed last year (September issue) to Manitoba Parks officials following word that these little oddities were coming to provincial parks near all of us. And the answers they provided us with intrigued pretty much everyone.

Yurts are round, traditional buildings which actually originated hundreds of years ago in Central Asia as the portable homes of nomadic herdsman. With a design tested and perfected over centuries by these resourceful people in an-always unforgiving land, today's yurts are more than suited for the North American environment. Composed of only five parts (lattice walls, roof beams, roof ring, door, and hide or fabric covering), these are simple little dwellings which primarily appeal to those who are new to camping, don't own their own equipment, or those campers who prefer to leave all of their gear at home.

Which is why they had been tried and proven in other jurisdictions across the continent, and why Manitoba Parks decided to test them in their family vacation programs.



The yurts at Bakers Narrows Provincial Park.

Following a successful pilot project last summer in Whiteshell Provincial Park, officials then decided to proceed with the next stage of the proposal, which was to introduce yurts into other areas of the province. By the end of last season, six yurts were slated for each of Assiniboia, Kiche Manitou at Spruce Woods, Campers Cove at Clearwater, and Bakers Narrows Provincial Parks. All were expected to be finished and fully operational by August of this year.

Measuring five metres in diameter, and in every park grouped, each with their own site, they are private, comfortable, yet still rustic forms of accommodations.

According to Tracy Elbourne, Head of Outdoor Recreation Programs, "So far this year, the program has gone very well. It's taken off very strongly. The response from the public has been 'Wow!'. They're using them and they're really liking them." She even stated (as a boon to the locals), "I personally love the location at Bakers; it's outstanding. All of the yurts are in great places, but the Bakers spot completely lends itself to the yurts."

So for those intrigued by, and interested in staying in a yurt, there are just a few things to know. The cost in 2006 is \$42.50 a night, with a minimum stay of two nights and

a maximum stay of 14 nights. In consideration of all guests, they do not allow smoking, pets or cooking (there is a firepit, or campers may bring a portable barbecue or campstove). Yurts are built for five occupants, but being they fall under the governing policy of provincial campsites, only four adults or one family unit is allowed per site.

Guests must also take all of their own camping supplies (bedding, kitchen necessities, etc.).

But, of course, Manitoba Parks also hope that everybody brings their love of nature, camping spirit, and enthusiasm. So that more and more people may just be able to answer that oft-repeated question, "What is a yurt?"



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One of the yurts at Camper's Cove, Clearwater.



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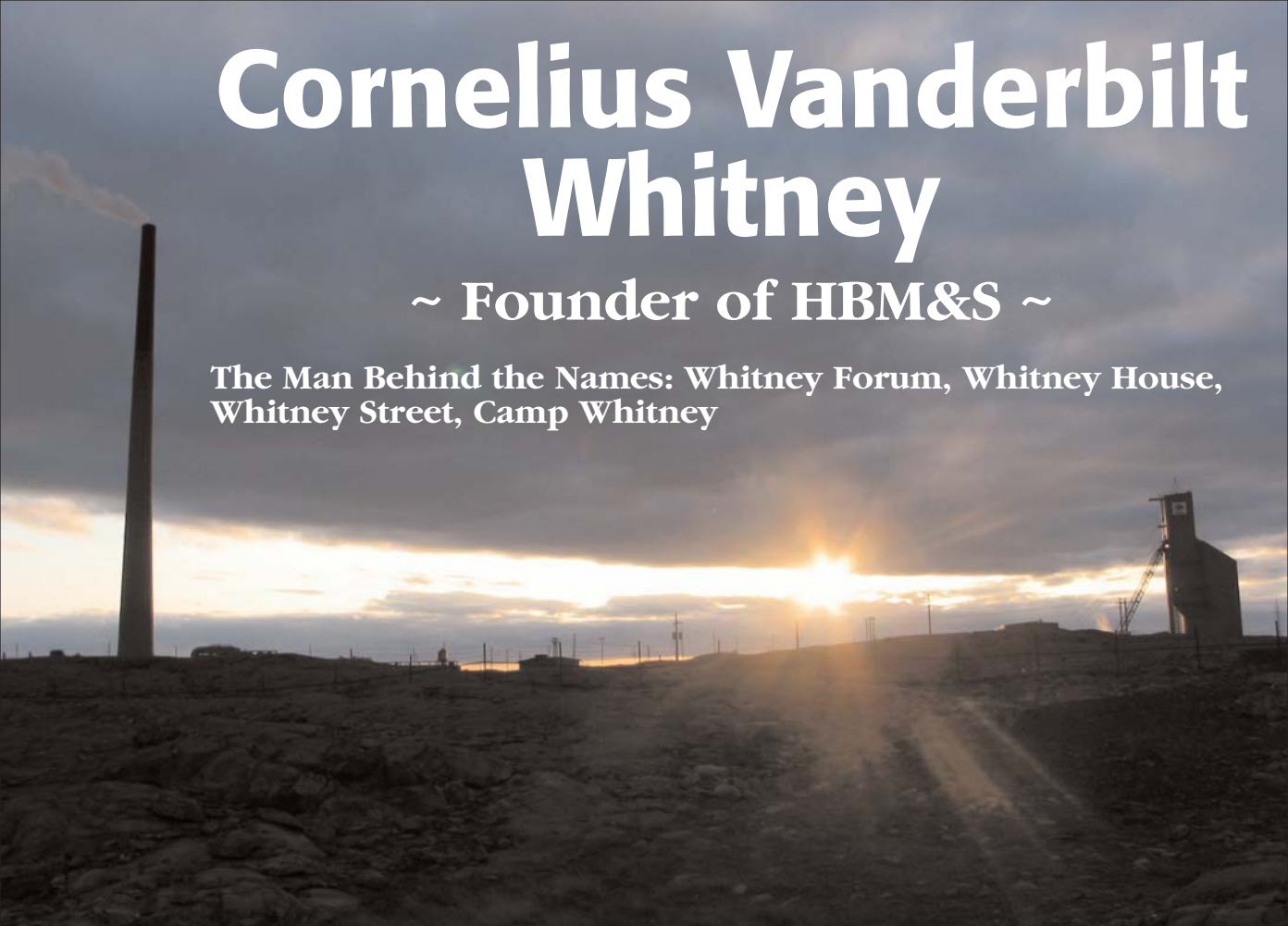


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– Morley G. Naylor –

Let's start off this article with a question for our *Cottage North* readers. What do Flin Flon and the famous western movie actor John Wayne (The Duke) have in common? The answer is that both John Wayne's best movie, *The Searchers* and Flin Flon's major employer, HBM&S Co. Ltd., were "produced" by the same person - Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney. Mr. Whitney founded HBM&S during a time of a worldwide economic depression, and his motion picture company C.V. Whitney Pictures, in 1956, produced the acclaimed movie *The Searchers*, directed by John Ford. Little did us kids packed into the old Rex Theatre on Main Street realize, that as we watched our favourite western hero search for his niece captured by the Comanches, John Wayne was on

the payroll of the same financier who was providing our dad's paycheques over at HBM&S. Amazing, isn't it!

Born in Roslyn, New York, Whitney was the son of the wealthy and socially prominent Harry Payne Whitney (1870-1932) and Gertrude Vanderbilt (1875-1942). As a part of both the Whitney and Vanderbilt families, he inherited a substantial fortune. However, the young Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney still proved to be a very capable businessman, using his connections to make investments that played an important role in the development of the American economy, and of course, that of Northern Manitoba.

Let's look at the history and viability of the Flin Flon ore body to start with. The original significant discovery in this area was the Mandy Mine site, discovered by Sidney Reynolds and Fred Jackson,

in 1915. The tremendous problems in establishing an ore haul from the Schist Lake-area mine site to The Pas by horse teams on land and by barge over water served as the forerunner to the problems a much larger company would face in bringing a huge ore body into production and on to market.

It is now generally accepted that an explorer and trapper from Cold Lake, Manitoba named David Collins discovered an outcropping that became the huge Flin Flon ore body. Collins showed the find to Tom Creighton, a prospector, in 1914, and the area became a hotbed of exploration activity. Numerous mining companies and promoters swarmed the area for a piece of the action. Although not well known, Tom Creighton's exploits in the late 1920's included several contracts for R.H. Channing, agent for the well-known United States Whitney



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family interests in Northern Manitoba. Eventually, Scott Turner of the Mining Corporation of Canada took over complete control of the Flin Flon property option, convinced that he was sitting on an ore body of tremendous magnitude.

At a period of time when Canada and the world were sliding into a great depression, the huge financial resources required would be difficult, if not impossible, to generate. By the fall of 1924, Mr. Turner had meticulously assembled volumes of data on the Flin Flon ore body, and sent a letter to Harry Payne Whitney in New York. The details of this huge find were passed on to R.H. Channing who was in charge of all Whitney mining interests. Needless to say, the Whitney interests were impressed by the size of the discovery. Eventually, Cornelius Vanderbilt "Sonny" Whitney, son of Harry Payne Whitney, visited the offices of the Mining Corporation of Canada to meet with Scott Turner.

C.V. Whitney realized that the stakes were high, but the possibility of a huge return was possible if a gamble of hundreds of millions of dollars was put up front. In the end, an agreement was reached that no other offers would be considered on the Flin Flon

discovery during the period required by C.V. Whitney and his advisors to assess the prospect. Mr. Whitney tasked the now, Flin Flon-area- famous R.H. Channing to 'prove up' the venture. Not surprisingly, a frenzy of activity took place in a compressed time frame - basically a 'put up or shut up' scenario. One can only imagine the complexity of the undertaking, which involved provision for a railroad, metallurgical plant, a hydro electric plant at Island Falls, and a high voltage transmission line to the Flin Flon complex. All of this in the face of the fact that the projected life of the ore body would be seventeen years.

The decision to proceed with the venture was not a given. An extension of time was required by C.V. Whitney before committing the millions of dollars involved to deal with problems of the gold recovery process. Finally, the big decision: "Sonny" Whitney, in the midst of a huge worldwide depression, said YES. The Flin Flon option would proceed. The option held by the Whitney interests was exercised resulting in a holding group to be known as Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company Limited. Financing of the company was incorporated under a Dominion of Canada charter dated 27 December 1927, and was successfully completed by 8 February 1928.

Suffice to say - C.V. "Sonny" Whitney proved to be a capable businessman, using his connections to make an investment that resulted in one of the most successful mining companies in Canada.

I am certain that, on visits to Flin Flon, he was pleased with the operations and the return on his investment and gamble. C.V. "Sonny" Whitney was Chairman of the Board of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company Limited from 1930, and took over as president in 1957, until an organizational meeting in 1962 saw Anglo American of South Africa become strategically involved in Hudson Bay Mining interests.

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More about the man who put Flin Flon on the map. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney was born into two of the most prominent families in the United States. His mother was the sculptor Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, founder of the Whitney Museum of American Art and heiress to a railroad and steam ship fortune; and his father Harry Payne Whitney, heir to a fortune in oil and tobacco.

Business - After graduating from Yale University in 1922, he went to work at a Nevada mine owned by his father. Of course, as we are all aware, he founded the HBM&S Co. Ltd. in Flin Flon. In 1927 he joined with a coalition of backers to establish Pan American Airways and served as chairman of the board until 1941. Mr. Whitney served on the board of the Guaranty Trust Company until 1940. C.V. Whitney also became involved in the motion picture industry, and along with David O. Selznick produced such films as *Gone With The Wind* in 1939 and *A Star Is Born* in 1937. Later, his own company (C.V. Whitney Pictures) made three films, including the acclaimed 1956 production *The Searchers* starring

John Wayne and directed by John Ford.




Sportsman - Like his father, C.V. Whitney was an avid polo player.

He captured the U.S. open polo title three times. He was the third generation of Whitneys to be heavily involved in thoroughbred horse racing. Although he had 15 horses compete in the Kentucky Derby, Whitney never won the prestigious race. Ridden by jockey Eddie Arcaro, Whitney's horse Phalanx finished in a dead heat for first in the 1947 Wood Memorial Stakes, finished second in the 1948 Kentucky Derby, took third in the ensuing Preakness Stakes, then won the Belmont Stakes. The C.V. Whitney Farm in Lexington, Kentucky bred more than 175 stake winners until age forced Mr. Whitney to sell off a large part of his property in the 1980s.

Military Service - Eighteen-year-old C.V. Whitney joined the United States Army to serve in World War I, serving as an Officer Cadet in the Signal Corps and rising to the rank of Second Lieutenant. With the onset of American involvement in World War II, Whitney once again volunteered, rising to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army Air Force.

Government Service - Whitney served U.S. President Harry Truman's administration as First Assistant Secretary of the newly formed United States Air Force (1947-49) and as Under Secretary of



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Commerce (1949-50). He was also appointed President Truman's special envoy to England, Luxembourg, Spain, and Italy.

Environmentalist - C.V. Whitney's interest in the natural history of marine animals resulted in the 1938 founding of the world's first oceanarium, Marineland, near Augustine, Florida, which included a research laboratory that drew academic biologists. The Whitney Marine Lab exists today.

Author - C.V. Whitney wrote four books, even including a collection of short stories for children. The writings include *Lone and Level Sands* (allied air operations during WWII), *High Peaks* (autobiography), *Owl Hoots Again* (short stories for children); and *First Flight* (diary of a cadet in the Signal Corps in World War II).

The Builders - No article on the development of the Flin Flon ore body and metallurgical plant can be written without the acknowledgment of those who carried out the objective of the Whitney financial backing. The names of Scott Turner, Robert Phelan, Roscoe Channing, W.A. "Baldy" Green, and many others, remain as legends in developing an industry that has made, and continues to make, Flin Flon a vital key in the Canadian economy, and a great place to live and raise a family,

some ninety years after the original discovery of ore bearing potential in our area.

The plaque on the Memorial Cairn at HBM&S sums up the contribution of the builders most appropriately. "This cairn is dedicated to the men and women who with great courage came north in the early days and contributed so

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Will your pension be enough?

— *Lenna Gowenlock*
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Everybody wants financial security when they retire. Many of us are counting on employer pension plans to provide that security. But there's a growing possibility that your pension may not provide the retirement income you need.

A trend toward "defined-contribution" pension plans—those where employee and employer contributions are specified, but not the amount the employee will receive at retirement—means many workers don't know in advance how much their pensions will provide. Payouts from these plans are based on the returns earned by investments, with the level of income known only when it's time to retire. If investments perform well, you could have more income than you expect; if they underperform you could be left short.

Defined-contribution plans are different from "defined-benefit" plans, which spell out in advance how much pensioners will receive, based on salary and length of service with an employer. Defined-benefit plans were once the norm in Canada, but they're being rapidly replaced by defined-contribution plans. Most new pension plans are of the defined-contribution type, and many existing defined-benefit plans are being converted.

Companies like defined-contribution plans because responsibility is shifted from the business to its employees. Employers don't have to come up with money to pay fixed benefits when investments perform poorly, as is the case with defined-benefit plans. Instead, their major responsibility is meeting contribution obligations.

That doesn't mean that members of defined-contribution plans

have no control over their future. They can usually choose how money contributed to the plan will be invested. Participants are provided with tax-sheltered investment options, ranging from conservative to higher growth. Their contributions are pooled with those of other plan members and invested by professionals.

But with higher expectations comes higher risk. For example, those who choose a growth option that invests largely in equities could suffer if the stock market has a few down years immediately before retirement.

Even defined-benefit plans have risks. Today, many of these plans are underfunded and could fail to meet obligations to employees. This can be because of poor investment returns or a company's inability to make contributions. If your employer is in financial trouble, a bankruptcy could even wipe out your pension.

How can you protect yourself

from the possibility of less pension income than you'll need? The best strategy is to have other sources of retirement income.

The logical choice for generating increased income is a Registered Retirement Savings Plan (RRSP). If you belong to a pension plan, your yearly RRSP contribution room will be reduced by a "pension adjustment," but you may still be able to build considerable wealth before retirement. That wealth will provide additional income.

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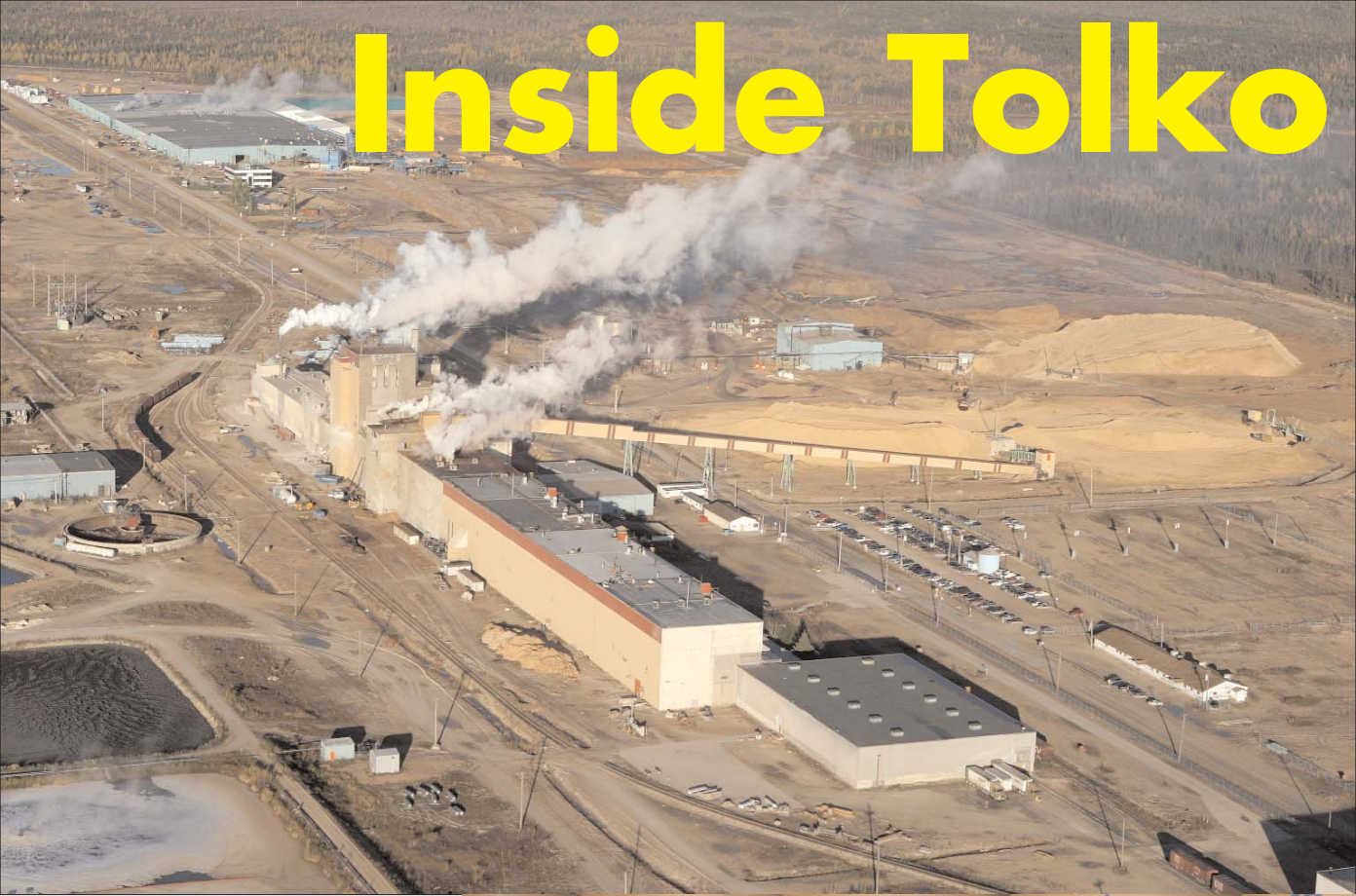
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Inside Tolko



– Jillian Betke –

Manitoba is characterized by three distinct landscapes; in the north there's the tundra, in the south is the prairies, and in the middle is the large boreal forest section, known for its world-class fishing, untamed wilderness, and striking beauty. But beyond the tourism brochure's description of it, this sweeping land holds within it a wealth of resources and opportunities in the billions of trees which blanket it.

Tolko in The Pas, with its Woodland, Lumber, and Kraft Paper Divisions, is the largest Northern Manitoba consumer and manufacturer of these natural, renewable resources, as well as The Pas' largest supplier of jobs and stability. And because everyone that's ever spent any time in the north has seen the evidence of this vital industry, we here at *Cottage North* thought it would be interesting to take a look at what happens before Tolko goes in and harvests the trees, as well as what



happens afterwards.

According to Paul Chapman, Silviculture (the science and art of caring for forests with respect to society's needs) Forester with Tolko Manitoba, the provincial government requires that a Forest Management Plan be submitted and approved under the Manitoba Forest Act. This 1997-2009 plan is considered "... the backbone of our operations," describing timber harvest, road acquisitions and closures, and forest renewal outlines for its 13-year

duration. Within each year, Tolko must also submit an Annual Operating Plan, which details each year's specific activities, as well as looking tentatively to future years.

The Forest Management Plan is a massive agreement which many years worth of research and planning go into creating and finalizing. Starting with the info contained in the provincial govern-

ment's forest inventory - surveyed and established about 20 years ago - Tolko crews are sent into specific blocks of wilderness. Examining the forest resource inventory, they



which may affect site feasibility. They are also looking for and noting what may be impacted by their activities, such as wildlife in and around the proposed cut, endangered plant or animal species, and non-timber values that may include the work or recreation of trappers, hunters, quadders, etc. The plan

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one very important proposal. The Forest Management Plan (FMP), once submitted, must be reviewed and approved by all departments concerned with conservation: forestry, wildlife, fishery, parks, and more. Once approved, the FMP (in addition to each annual plan) then provides the framework by which Tolko goes about their business, which is of course, managing the forest and its resources.

Part of that management also includes being environmentally responsible, and involving the public in various consultation processes. The Woodlands Department imple-

mented an Environmental Management System in 2002, which is a "plan, do, check, and act process built around an organi-

zation's environmental policy." The Pas site specifically has even been registered to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), Environmental Management Specification Standard (14001).



Tolko Manitoba has also implemented a Sustainable Forest Management Plan, which guides its voluntary, independent compliance with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) forestry certification standard.

Part of the development of Tolko's forest management plans also include participation by separate advisory committees, which involve members from various

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interest groups such as governmental, environmental, and First Nations parties. The company also holds public consultation meetings in various affected communities during the proposal stage of planning, informing interested citizens of woodland activities and noting their concerns.

Once all of the intensive certification and administration has been settled, it's time to head out to the forest. According to Mike Doucette, Technical Services Specialist, harvest operations at The Pas are "... largely handled by contractors, the majority of those being First Nations people and businesses." The timber that is then sent to the sawmill is processed into panel wood and lumber, and is shipped all over the world, with the U.S. being the largest customer.

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So from the humble beginnings as Churchill Forestries in 1970, through ownership by Manfor, Repap, and now Tolko, the riverside sawmill site has seen many changes, environmentally, technologically, and economically. Tolko, together with its employees, its contractors, and its community, hope to see a multitude more. Altogether they will ensure, with the responsible management already taking place, that the forest will be there for everyone's benefit for generations to come.



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The Tree Planters



We've all seen them - they descend upon our towns in obvious, grimy bunches, we occasionally see their cozy, collective camps out in the bush, and they may even spend a night or two giving our local watering holes a boost. But what do we, as northerners, really know about 'the tree planters', and what it is they do when they're out there, planting trees? After posing that question, what we here at *Cottage North* found out... well, we got our questions answered, and a whole lot more!

The crew we spoke to, not-officially known as Nicholls' crew, had made their homes and workplaces in every corner of our northern region this past summer, from Swan River to Sherridon to Sasagiu. Contracted by Tolko to reforest their spent lands, these planters live a vastly different life in the summer than that which they live the rest of the year. Essentially isolated from modern society, surrounded by raw nature, and coddled in the comforts of only a hot meal and a wet tent, every planter has their own reason for being there.

But long before a block (section of land to be reforested) ever sees a planter set foot on it, a few others have left their undeniable mark. Tolko (in this case) has surveyed it, loggers have logged it, and truckers have cleared it of the resources they require. Following that, Tolko then sets out a plan to regenerate the forest. According to Camp Supervisor Jaime Nicholls (hence, Nicholls' crew) of Outland Reforestation, "Every contract you go on, and every person you plant for each have their own idea of what it takes to grow the forest properly." The particular contract they were doing with Tolko here in Northern Manitoba, for instance, required that there be 1600 stems/hectare and that there be an Outland-staffed tree checker to ensure quality of the plant (straightness, correct depth, etc.). "The stem count varies; depending on whether they think it'll regen. on its own or not, so that number



could be up to 2000 and can be as low as 1000."

Nicholls explains, "They have to put back a certain percentage of what they take out, by law. I think the way it works is, after a few years, the government comes in and does a regeneration survey, and if it's not growing the way it's supposed to, then they get fined; it's their responsibility. That's what we're hired to do; bring those blocks back up to regeneration. Certain blocks regenerate on their own; we're replanting only the softwood portions because they don't regen. well on their own and around these parts, we're planting mainly black spruce."

"So as camp supervisor, most of my job is working with Tolko, with

their Head Forester Paul Chapman, to plant all the blocks that need to be planted with the right species under the right regulations."

With a total contract (between Nicholls' camp, another Outland camp, and Tolko) to plant 6.8 million trees (yeah, that's a lot of trees) this season, that's one busy summer for everybody. And with 100,000 trees being planted everyday just by his crew, Nicholls has a lot on his own plate. With so much going on, and out in the forest no less, there are bound to be some issues. "You're working in the bush, you're working under pretty remote, extreme conditions, there's always a chance for messing up. There's so many things that can go wrong, it's unbelievable -



the trees will show up frozen [which normally arrive from nurseries in Winnipeg and Prince Albert thawed and programmed to grow], or they'll change the block at the last minute, or a piece of equipment will break. The equipment out here is huge. We've got a track machine, a helicopter, and four or five quads, and we need all that stuff, so when it goes down, we have to change our plans drastically. And the weather is huge, too. If it rains, you just can't get to where you need to. Everything up here with Tolko is winter logged, so the access is really bad. Probably 40 percent of our planting is fly-in."

But even with bad access and a multitude of potential problems, Nicholls and his entire crew are aware that Tolko's problems translate into their problems. "Yeah, their financial problems did affect the planters - the union took a 10 percent pay cut, and that affected the planters, so their pay was cut 10 percent. We actually had less experienced planters return this year as a result. And we can just tell; they don't seem to have as much money to log with, there's not as much helicopter time, and the blocks are smaller, so yeah, we can tell. It's too bad."

But strictly speaking - and every planter would agree - even with

the pay cut, the money made when tree planting is still a pretty big draw. Paid per tree planted, the average wage is \$0.09 - \$0.11 per sapling. While alone that may not sound like much, a driven, experienced planter can put in over 4000 of them a day! (The ones that do that are referred to as 'pounders'. These guys should be as notorious as surfers and snowboarders for their jargon and slang!) Screefing (kicking) the duff (ground cover/litter layer), fighting with mosquitos and horseflies, and straining under the weight of a full bag-up (two hip bags) of approximately 400 wet spruce saplings, this line of work is not for the faint of heart, mind, or body.

According to Jennifer Aberhart, a five-year veteran planter (indeed, as the majority only spend three years doing this), challenge and motivation are the largest parts of this game. "It's really hard on people emotionally - physically, too; sore knees, backs, tendonitis. Then once you're in shape, it's just mental."

But at least as a veteran,

Aberhart has learned how to plod through the adversity. Rookies, like two-month planter Lisa Uyede, inevitably must take some time to adjust to the demands. "Psychologically, the little things can take time to get used to, like living in a tent for months. It's physically and mentally challenging; the hardest times for me so far were the bad weather." But like every planter that sticks it out, Uyede has managed to find motivation and a positive outlook from this experience. "It's so good to do something that makes your body super tired at the end of the day. I really do feel like I've succeeded; I've stuck it out, I feel fulfilled, and I'm happy with the experience. I'm just enjoying it now."

As is Aberhart, "I enjoy the physicalness, staying in shape, working outdoors, and the social aspect. Everybody's so optimistic; it's good morale. As much as there is to complain about, our whole camp has a great attitude and atmosphere. We reinforce camp life, have fun and make the absolute best of it."



In order to do just that, each planter has their own method to drive their planting and get them through each day. Sixth-year planter Marta Olynyk sees value in "...setting goals with people everyday and knowing someone else is going to try to meet it, so you should, too. And then you try for more yourself everyday, too."

Mike Naylor, a 12-year planting rookie, had found joy this summer in other ways. "I really like being outside and I love the physical challenge of tree planting; I've always tried to push myself in that way. I'm also a ferociously proud Canadian, so I really think it's important for people to know and experience everything about this country. Like, I'm a big hockey fan, so just walking into the Whitney Forum the other day was amazing. And, another thing I loved was in The Pas. I was about to jaywalk, just as aggressively as I do in Toronto, and then this nice gentleman just stopped and waved me through; that just blew me away."

But even with the mental game tree planters play everyday, there's still the physical aspect of actually

planting saplings properly and efficiently in oftentimes challenging terrain. Olynyk calls it "... just a robotic gesture, really, once you get it."

The movements must then combine with what tree planters call land management, and that's something only experience can teach them. Aberhart describes it as, "Getting an idea of the piece [a planter's section within a block], being able to know where you are in relation to what you have and haven't planted, and organizing it well."

According to Nicholls, it's this skill which takes the most time for rookies to develop, "I'd say it takes a rookie six weeks to really get in the groove. Like, they could plant 300 trees in their first day. It's hard, especially to get the quality."

Quality is huge in this business. Because if the trees aren't planted properly, they don't grow. If they don't grow, not only will the forest be depleted, but the stock they were planning on using again in 60-80 years wouldn't exist. And in an industry that supports thousands of people and entire communities,

that's simply not an option.

But for as serious and difficult a job as these tree planters and their support staff have (tree deliverers, crew bosses, etc.), they do know better than anyone how to let loose and just have fun. From themed party nights ('70s, '80s, prom; the list is endless) to turning the most mundane task of dish duty into the social highlight of every evening with Dish Wang Ho, undoubtedly everybody's coping skills include having a grand ole' time.

And it was perhaps this crew's status as a fun-loving bunch (and maybe their actual experience out on the block), that found its crowning glory when Outdoor Life Network (OLN), together with Canadian band Barenaked Ladies' member Ed Robertson, approached them to be a part of an upcoming show profiling tough jobs. According to Nicholls, "It was really, really funny. A lot of it was kinda staged. He was a really crappy planter, like really crappy, but he was so cool. He even gave a campfire concert, with stuff that's never been released - we couldn't believe it. It was the highlight of my



planting career, for sure." Spending four days with the crew, and even flying out to blocks, "They wanted to do it straight up. They had tents, he did Dish Wang Ho, made his own lunch. He was a really good sport." Watch OLN in November to catch the show, and to see some tree planters and a musician doing their tree planting thing just down

the Sherridon Road.

So OLN will take the north and show it to the country, just as we at *Cottage North* have now taken tree planting and shown it to the north. So the next time you see a bunch of thrift-store loving ragamuffins romping through town, a jumble of tents and tarps in the bush, or even a few twenty-somethings lingering

at the liquor store, remember what you learned in the pages of *Cottage North*. Think of them in their element - they start and end every day clad in steel-toe boots, gaiters, and hard hats, and when they're out there, they are every bit the hard-working, persevering outdoorsmen and women that they have proven themselves to be.



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Isn't it often the case, that a whim or a hobby evolves into something much beyond the original idea? "I'll just give it a try," or "Let's see what happens" somehow mutate into a fixation, or a full-time job, or even a whole new reputation. Such is the case with one Cranberry Portage couple, but each in their own unique way. Doreen Beiker, known locally a couple years back as the pumpkin lady, and her husband Steve, a fill-the-time-in-retirement maker of sausage, have both been taken over by their hobbies.

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for every student to take home, as well as one big one - a 150 plus pounder of which children were challenged to guess the weight. The pumpkins even became part of their education, popping up in math and art classes. Over 60 of the orange vegetables also ended up in The Pas, and some even ended up at a senior's home in Alberta. But, even with the notoriety that came with being known as the pumpkin lady, it's a title Doreen has since been happy to hang up. "We've got the lawn planted now," she says with relief.

Doreen's husband Steve, however, sees no end in sight for his hobby-turned-job - not that he'd have it any other way. Upon retirement from Tolko

catapulted her to the title of pumpkin lady. But the real story is how she accidentally ended up with 531 pumpkins. "We bought a piece of land we were going to turn into lawn. The first year, we just threw in pumpkin seed to keep the dust down." That year, they ended up with 197 pumpkins. And when they didn't plant lawn the next year, they decided to try it again. "We just scattered seed. I didn't care what would happen... I didn't even know if they'd germinate."

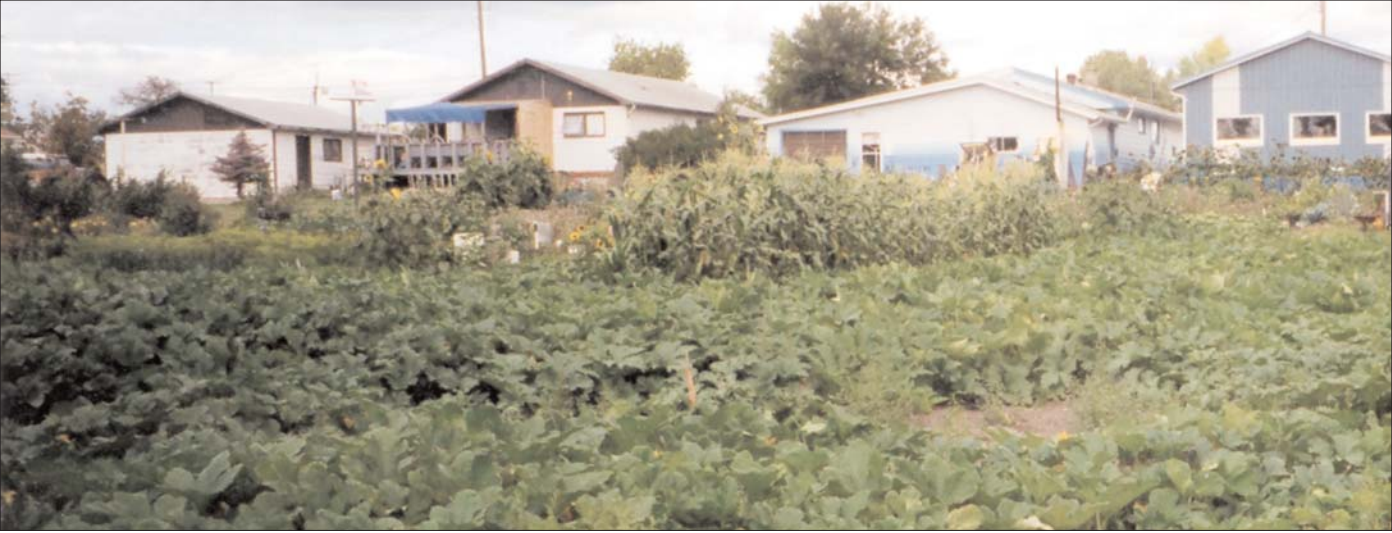


10 years ago, Steve decided to learn the ropes and start doing what comes naturally - sausage making. "I come from Englefeld, Saskatchewan, a town that's 98 percent German and 99 percent sausage makers!" And even though his sometimes full-time occupation was a little more intentional than Doreen's title, he still maintains he likes his downtime. "I do what I can for my regular customers, but I like the summers to myself, mainly." A

But germinate they did. So

much so that the Beikers generously decided to give them all away. Cranberry Portage Elementary School received one

cutter, cooler, and maker of the usual deli suspects (salami, summer sausage, etc.), Steve maintains that what his customers like



The Pumpkin Lady's pumpkins.

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best is his commitment to them. "They know that the meat they drop off here will be the same meat they get back in their sausage. It's important to them, and it's important to me." But with that kind of commitment comes dedication. Incredibly busy, starting with the advent of hunting season in September, he usually manages to wrap up the rush by January. Quite a stretch for the man who originally set out to do this just to fill his time during retirement.

So when a whim or a hobby does take over, there's nothing saying that's a bad thing. When it happens it can, in fact, be a very good thing. Out of it can spring generosity, occupation, and joy, knowing that what you delight in growing or making, others simply enjoy receiving. Be it pumpkins or sausage.

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– Jillian Betke –

May 8, 2007 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of one of the most legendary runs-to-the-cup in western junior hockey history. Fifty years ago this spring, the Flin Flon Bombers exceeded every oddsmaker's expectation, surprised even the most faithful of fans, and won over the west as they brought home their first ever - and only - Memorial Cup, the pinnacle of all Canadian junior hockey. Defeating the unstoppable Ottawa Canadiens, so famously coached by Sam Pollack and Scotty Bowman, by a score of 3-2 in the seventh game, the '57 Bombers solidified hockey tradition in a hockey-fevered town.

Head Coach Bob Kirk built his team around some imports and a core of through-the-Flin-Flon-ranks hock-

ey players, and together they took their team through the regular season with a record of 48 wins out of 56 games. But the Cinderella playoff story really began when the Bombers defeated Fort William to win the Abbott Cup and take the west, launching them into the Memorial Cup Championships.

But even with that magical playoff push already proven, the Bombers weren't getting a whole lot of respect, or credit. In the south and east, oddsmakers were using numbers like 80-1 odds that Ottawa would win, and not only that, but would sweep.

With just enough controversy to get the media mills pumping and east-west team loyalties aligned, the series began in Flin Flon on Friday, April 27. The next day, the *Flin Flon Daily Reminder* proclaimed, "Twelve thousand Flin Flon residents, along with 20 eastern visitors, got



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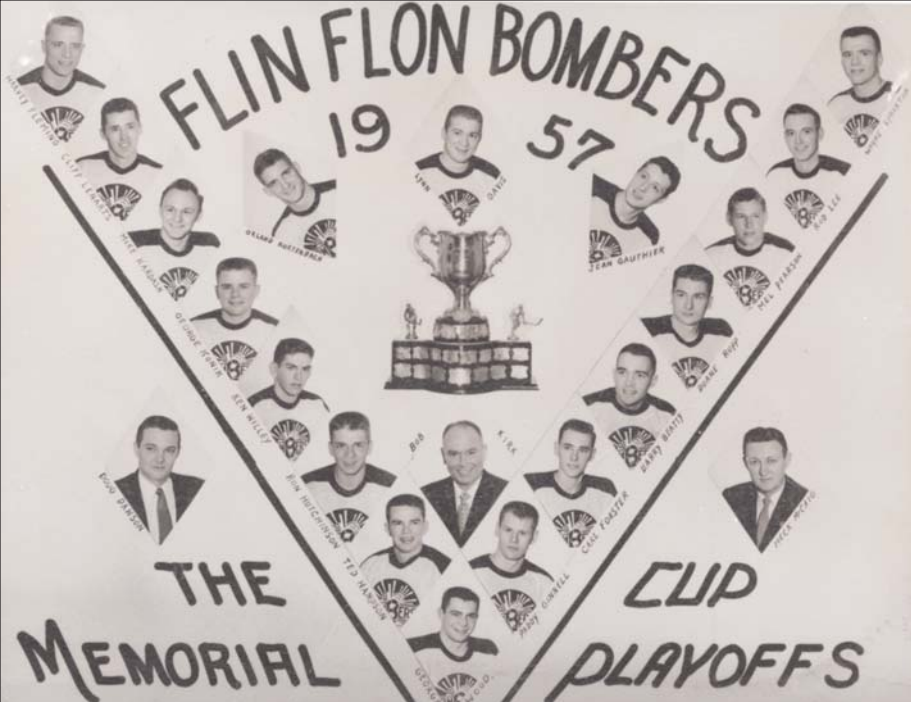
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the surprise of their life here last night when the Bombers dumped Ottawa 3-1 in the first game of a best of seven Memorial Cup playoff.”

Following that unexpected and exhilarating start, however, the Bombers would fall to the Canadiens in both of their following home-ice games by scores of 4-3 and 5-2 respectively.

Heading to Saskatchewan’s capital for the remainder of the games, the publicity makers were at it again,

and the war was on. It became a wild and vicious series and local fans packed the old Regina rink to cheer on their adopted team. The Bombers rallied, and took the next two games with a score of 3-1 in both contests, taking them to within one of the championship. Ottawa, however, won game six 4-2, forcing game seven in the already tenaciously contested series.

The final game found itself no different than the six before it had

been - hard-fought, cutthroat, and pure joy to watch (as it turned out for the Bomber fans, at least).

The underdogs, the grinders, the Cinderella team of the west had won in a series only dreamers and high-risk gamblers had banked on, squeezing by the Ottawa Canadiens with a score of 3-2.

That night, team captain Ted Hampson summed it up, “Everyone thought we didn’t have a chance in the SJHL last fall, but we all decided that we would do our best. The fact we have won the Memorial Cup is because we have all worked together as a team. But even this cooperation could not have pulled us through had it not been for coach Bobby Kirk. He was the one who could get us to work together.”

Back in Flin Flon, *The Daily Miner* reported that there was “comparative calm until about half an hour after the broadcast ended.” Then Flin Flon broke out in a celebration that old timers were actually likening to post-World War Two VE-Day blowouts. Cars with blaring horns made continuous loops of Main Street, which was later blocked off to allow joyful pedestrians somewhere to sing victory songs and participate in the spontaneous congo lines that had formed. Fireworks were even seen going off somewhere in Willowvale.

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tions, and banners and flags adorned the town. Following a parade through all of Flin Flon's subdivisions, the team made their appearance at the platform on Main Street, Memorial Cup in tow, to the delight of close to 5000 fans (approximately another 2000 had watched the parade from their homes). Speeches, presentations

and good cheer dominated, and Head Coach Bobby Kirk was even presented with a Key to the Town. A victory dinner followed that evening, with an address by another western sports legend, Father Athol Murray of Notre Dame College in Saskatchewan.

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Main Street, Flin Flon, 1957, following the Bombers' Memorial Cup win.

were honoured by numerous gifts that were bestowed on them. businesses and organizations, but the impact they made went far, far beyond the accolades and

What had always been a fervent hockey town was thereafter

a fervent hockey town with a rich tradition. One of the local newspaper writers, following the play-off frenzy, made a small but significant observation that spring. "With most boys interested in playing baseball at this time of year it was odd to see a bunch of young fellows in that district (Second Avenue) busy playing hockey over the weekend. They were using a rubber ball as a puck and the goalie, who claimed he was George Wood, was wearing a baseball glove. The two teams had Hampson, Pearson, Ginnells, Koniks, and all the rest."

Those were the boys that had been inspired by the 1957 Memorial Cup Champion Bombers. They may have even been the boys who would eventually take their passion and their skills beyond their little mining community, in turn, to keep on fanning the flames of hockey in Flin Flon.





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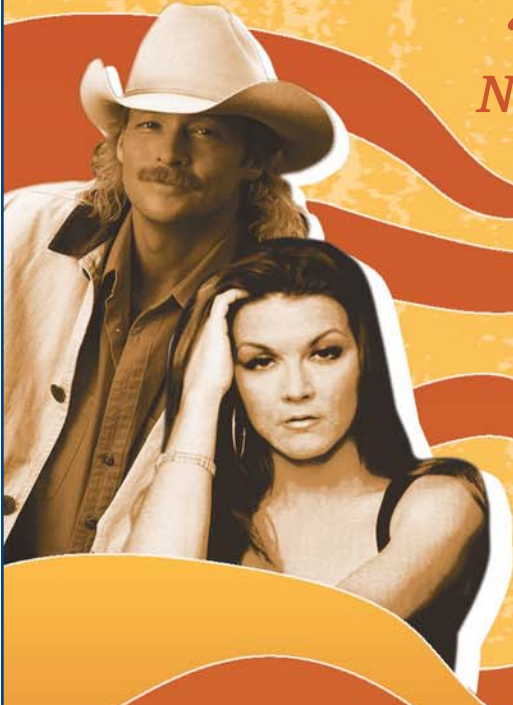
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Prune trees - The traditional time to prune trees is after the leaves fall, but it can also be done as the weather cools. Prune no more than 25 percent of growth, and cut out dead wood. Don't prune shrubs in the fall as it stimulates new growth, making them more susceptible to winter damage.

Compost - Fall is a good time to add to the compost pile or to make a new one - all those leaves and summer annuals to compost. If there was disease in any plants, they shouldn't be composted since the diseases may winter and cause trouble next year.



Prepare grass - Continue to mow grass until it stops growing. If the grass is left to get tall it will get matted under the snow, encouraging growth of snow mold. The best time to fertilize grass is in the fall.

Mulch - Adding mulch to the garden can be done in spring or fall. If waiting until fall, the annuals will have been removed, making it an easier task. To help reduce rot, avoid piling materials against trunks or stems.

Look after bulbs - Fall is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, tulips, crocuses and irises. Generally, plant them three times as deep as the height of the bulb, or follow directions on package if provided. Fall's also the time to dig up tender bulbs. Make sure that the stored tubers are cleaned of all soil and barely moist to discourage fungal infections.



Testosterone Zone



With winter arriving as suddenly as it likes to in *Cottage North* country, it doesn't hurt to do some preventative care to a vehicle before the mercury drops and the snow falls. Here are some tips to prepare your car, and yourself, for the harshest of driving seasons.

Windshield

Check for signs of wear and install new wiper blades if necessary. Be sure to fill the reservoir with washer fluid. If your windshield has a few dings, be aware that the combination of a very cold exterior and a warm interior can expand dings into full-blown cracks.

Battery

Make sure your battery has enough life left in it and the posts are free of corrosion. A weak battery just can't deliver the amperage for a cold winter start.

Hoses/Belts

Freezing temperatures put added strain on all a vehicle's belts and hoses. Check under the hood to make sure things like radiator, heater and vacuum hoses are checked for cracks and bulges, and inspect all belts for damage and splits.

Tires

Check the tread on your drive wheels, and rotate the least-worn tires to where they're needed most. Driving on wet, icy or snowy roads compromises your traction, so you'll need as much tread as possible. You could also have a set of snow tires for winter use.

Emergency Kit

Include things like chains, a shovel, and booster cables in your winter emergency stash. There should also be very warm gloves, extra clothing, warm, waterproof footwear, and a blanket and/or candles to retain heat. Another useful item is a bag of kitty litter or road sand to sprinkle on ice.

Fluids

Checking fluids is the least expensive and easiest preventive maintenance you can do. Change your oil frequently (about every 5,000 km), and don't forget to change your engine coolant and transmission fluid about every two years. Check other fluids integral to your vehicle's performance: power steering, brake, radiator and battery fluids should also be filled to recommended levels.



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