

FEBRUARY 2012

# LYNN LAKE LIFE

**The Sportfishing Capital of Manitoba**

## We're having a by-election for mayor

Lynn Lake residents will go to the polls March 26 to elect a mayor, provided that at least two candidates step into the running.

Senior Elections Official Larissa Bodz says she will be receiving registrations from prospective candidates until the close of business on Friday, Feb. 10 at the Town Office. She notes that candidates must register before they can accept contributions, incur

expenses, fund raise or borrow money for their campaign.

She will accept nominations during business hours at the Town Office the following week – from Monday, Feb. 13 until 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. The written nominations must be signed by at least one per cent of the electors.

Official notices will be distributed through Canada Post, advertised in the Nickle Belt News and posted on

the Town of Lynn Lake Website.

For candidates keen to let the electorate know their platform for the election, Lynn Lake Life will provide space for each to have their message published in the March issue of the free newsletter.

Please contact Economic Development Officer Erkki Pohjolainen at the Town Office to arrange for your submission.



### ***Thanks for the Dedicated Service!***

**IN RECOGNITION OF** 34 years dedicated service to the Town of Lynn Lake, Fred Magson was presented an engraved glass art piece by Town Accountant Nadia Michaluk (left) and Administrative Assistant Sheila Dulewicz during a recent stop at the Town Office. Fred retired as the Town's Works Department Manager and Airport Manager in November.

# LYNN LAKE



The **LYNN LAKE LIFE** monthly newsletter is produced free for community-wide distribution by the Economic Development Office of the Town of Lynn Lake. This newsletter aims to provide Town residents with both a source of information about what's going on around them, as well as a vehicle with which to inform their neighbours of upcoming events and other items of interest. This newsletter is not intended as means to fan the flames of controversy. Therefore the Community Economic Development Officer retains the right as Editor-in-Chief of **LYNN LAKE LIFE** to refuse any submissions perceived to fall short of the newsletter's mandate to deliver a positive message about life in this Northwestern Manitoba community.

Because of the monthly publication schedule, contributions must be forwarded well in advance of the promoted events, or as soon as the information of interest is available. Photos are welcome.

Please send your contribution to Erkki Pohjolainen as email to [edo@lynnlake.ca](mailto:edo@lynnlake.ca), drop it off at the Town Office, 503 Sherritt Ave., or mail it to Lynn Lake Life, PO Box 100 Lynn Lake MB, R0B 0W0.

## Arena opens Feb. 8

Lynn Lake Arena is at long last opening on Feb. 8.

A new compressor has been installed and a refurbished ice-cleaning machine was delivered here in January. As of Feb. 6, Derwin Hrechka started placing lines on the ice and with a few floodings to follow, the

rink is set to go.

While fund raising covered most of the cost of the new equipment, user fees will be required to offset operational costs. The Town will charge \$60 per hour for ice time.

To schedule ice times, call the Town office, 356-2418.

## Amendments protect consumers from unfair debt settlement fees

Amendments to the Consumer Protection Act regulation have been made to protect Manitoba consumers by banning up-front charges, setting maximum fees and requiring debt-settlement agencies to become licensed, Healthy Living, Seniors and Consumer Affairs Minister Jim Rondeau announced, Feb. 2.

"We want to be sure that people already struggling with debt don't find themselves paying large fees up-front with no guarantee the service will actually reduce their debt," said Rondeau. "Some consumers have found themselves worse off than before signing up for debt settlement."

Under the debt-settlement model, consumers may be told to stop paying their creditors and put money aside in a separate account. When the account accumulates a large enough balance, the agency will then attempt to persuade the creditors to accept a smaller payment than what is owed.

Debt-settlement agencies have claimed to reduce debt by a significant amount but there is no guarantee the creditor will take anything less than full payment, said Rondeau.

Under the new regulation, which comes into effect on Feb. 15, consumers can only be charged a fee if the creditor and debtor reach an agreement on reduced repayment. The debt-settlement agency's fee will be limited to a maximum of 10 per cent of the debt owed. The new rules are based on Alberta laws that have been effective in addressing the need for consumer protection in debt settlement, the minister said.

Manitoba is committed to working to promote improved financial literacy through education and outreach initiatives, he added. A variety of financial literacy education options are supported by the province including asset-building programs, financial management workshops and training, new elements of the high school curriculum and information resources.

Information on Manitoba's financial literacy resources can be found at [www.gov.mb.ca/finance/literacy/index.html](http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/literacy/index.html).

For more help finding financial counselling and support to manage debt, contact the Manitoba Consumer Protection Office by email at [consumers@gov.mb.ca](mailto:consumers@gov.mb.ca) or by phone, toll-free at 1-800-782-0067.

Improving options for debt management is a part of Let's Make a Better Deal, Manitoba's five-year plan for consumer protection.

**CHAMBER CHATTER:**

**Directors elected for 2012**

Lynn Lake Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on January 23.

Members in attendance were called upon to elect a new Board of Directors for 2012, resulting in the following: President, Jim Shortt; Vice-president, Marianne Jantz-Olson; Secretary-Treasurer, Ollie Romanow; and Directors Pat Campbell, Joanne Ladouceur and Gord Loewen.

**WINTER CARNIVAL**

Plans for the March 2-4 Winter Carnival were also discussed. As in past years, the dog-mushing race will take place on Eldon Lake and with the arena set to open on or Feb. 7, the prospect of a hockey tour-

namment is promising.

Funding for the dog-mushing competition is reduced this year, but the event organizer, Ollie Romanow, anticipates a good turnout for the events. She also noted that the Winter Carnival Social will prove to be fun for all as in addition to the night of dancing and merriment, special events through the evening include a moose calling competition; musical chairs; a laughing contest; a crying contest; and the ever-popular blindfolded girdle contest.

More information and a detailed schedule of events for the 2012 Winter Carnival will be posted around town when plans are finalized.

**Current Chamber Members**

**Contact**

Marianne Jantz-Olson  
 Eugene Shin  
 Erkki Pohjolainen  
 Tracy Thomson  
 Gord Loewen  
 Joanne Ladouceur  
 Lynn Tozer  
 Ollie Romanow  
 ---  
 Pat Campbell  
 Tyler Hunt  
 Marilyn Hunt  
 Tom Gallant  
 ---  
 Jim Shortt  
 Charles Brassington  
 Lyle, Linda McMillan  
 Nicole Smith  
 Doak's Petroleum  
 Virginia (Jenny) Gallant

**Organization**

Lynn Lake Hospital  
 Lynn Inn  
 Town EDO  
 Clarkes Pharmacy  
 Lynn Lake Esso  
 Manitoba Hydro  
 Northern Store  
 RCL, Br. 236  
 MTS  
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 Northbound Tours  
 LL Friendship Centre  
 WLH School  
 CIBC  
 Lynn Lake Video  
 Lakeview Apartments  
 Grey Owl Outfitters  
 Town of Lynn Lake  
 in The Pas  
 Gallant Photography

*14th Annual*

**Manitoba Tourism Awards**

**Call for Nominations**

Celebrate the people that are making a difference in Manitoba's tourism industry by nominating them for a Manitoba Tourism Award.

For more information about award categories, rules and regulations, and to submit a nomination, please visit: [www.manitobaturismawards.com](http://www.manitobaturismawards.com), call 1-800-665-004 ext. 7833 or 204-927-7833, or email [awards@travelmanitoba.com](mailto:awards@travelmanitoba.com).

Nominations will be accepted until 12:00 noon CST on **Friday, April 13, 2012.**



# Bouquets



time off.

Hats off to Gerald Maniel for stepping in as a temporary casual employee for the Town to provide garbage collection and other duties while Jason Cockerill is taking



Eugene Shin is due recognition for volunteering the use of the Lynn Inn for a fund-raising event to help cover the cost of hosting a hockey tournament as part of the Lynn Lake Chamber of Commerce winter Carnival.



And speaking of the Lynn Lake Chamber of Commerce, Jim Shortt is owed thanks for taking on the responsibility of serving as the organization's president on top of his many other responsibilities. And while we're at it, why not recognize the the other 2012 officers: Marianne Jantz-Olsen, Ollie Romanow, Pat Campbell, Joanne Ladouceur and Gord Loewen.

If you have a bouquet for someone send it with Lynn Lake Life, call Erkki, 356-2418



## THE Lynn Lake Friendship Centre

Box 460  
Lynn Lake, MB  
R0B 0W0  
Phone: 204-356-2407  
Fax: 204-356-8223  
E-mail: lynnlfcc@cancom.net

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Under the direction of the Lynn Lake Friendship Centre Inc. Board of Directors the Executive Director is responsible for the overall administration and management of the Centre's activities.

#### Qualifications:

- Grade 12 with three to five years related work experience.
- Experience in the areas of staff supervision, program management and finance.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Experience in proposal writing
- Knowledge of the Aboriginal Culture.
- Must be able to learn skills and technique in areas related to the management field where required.
- Be familiar with policy development and implementation.

• Must provide clearance through a criminal record and child abuse registry check.

• Experience working with volunteer boards an asset.

Deadline for resumes is February 10, 2012 at the close of the business day.

We thank all interested applicants, however only those given serious consideration will be contacted.

Please submit a resume with three references to:

Personnel Committee  
Lynn Lake Friendship Centre Inc.  
Box 460  
Lynn Lake, MB  
R0B 0W0  
Fax 204-356-8223  
Email llfcinc@live.ca

For a complete job description contact Jamie Hunt, Employment Counsellor at the Lynn Lake Friendship Centre, Phone 204-356-2407.

## Council meeting dates for 2012

Lynn Lake Town Council generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, except for the summer and December.

Unless otherwise notified, here are the dates for the remainder of this

year. Note that the next meeting is on a Monday so as not to interfere with other activities slated for February 14, Valentine's Day:

- February 13
- February 21
- March 13
- March 27
- April 10
- April 24
- May 8
- May 22
- June 12
- June 26
- July – No Meetings
- August – No Meeting
- September 11
- September 25
- October 9
- October 23
- November 13
- November 27
- December 11

## LYNN LAKE



### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Lynn Lake Waste Disposal Grounds will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays until further notice.

**CURRENT OPENINGS**

- The Bronx Motel now hiring cleaning staff.
- Lynn Lake Video is now hiring for full and part time employees.
- Route 391 Bar & Grill is now hiring for full time and part time serving staff and cooks.
- Route 391 Bar & Grill is now hiring for Manager, Assistant Manager & Supervisor positions.

For these positions, apply at the business location and drop off your resume.

**STORE CLERK**

Connie's Jewellery has an opening for the right individual. If you are interested in a retail position, call Connie Cockerill at the store, 356-2961, or stop by the shop at 479 Sherritt Ave.

**3 TOWN OF LYNN LAKE JOBS****TOWN FOREMAN**

The Town of Lynn Lake invites applications for the position of Town Foreman. The applicant is charged with duties including hands-on work as well as coordinating and managing the direction of the public works crew, under the direction of the policies developed by Council and the Chief Administrative Officer.

**The Public Works Foreman shall be:**

- Self-motivated
- Proactive
- Organized
- Personal Accountability
- Forward Thinking

**Demonstrate:**

- Supervisory Skills
- Administrative Skills

**Knowledgeable in:**

- Public Works
- Road Work
- Water and Sewer
- Building and Property
- Capital Projects
- Airport Management
- Safety and Training Programs

**Candidate** must have completed, or be willing to take, the required courses to obtain certification (not limited to):

- Manitoba Driver's License

**JOB BOARD**

- Grade 12 or GED 12
- Class 3 Certification for Water & Wastewater
- Radio License
- Equipment Operator Certification
- All municipal equipment

The Town of Lynn Lake is offering a comprehensive benefits package and wages as per stipulated in the union contract. \$24.76 per hour \*\*COLA will be rolled into wage upon release from Stats Canada.

**TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 3 (ASAP - JANUARY 2012)**

The Town of Lynn Lake invites applications for the position of Temporary Operator 3. This is a full-time term position with the possibility of transitioning to full-time permanent. The incumbent will work under the direction and supervision of the Town Foreman following policies and procedures developed by Council and the Chief Administrative Officer.

**Duties include, but are not limited to:**

- Operate municipal equipment as per outlined in Union Contract
- Perform physical labour i.e. general construction for roads, sidewalks
- Undertake duties as assigned within the Public Works area
- Work after hours and on call as required

**The preferred candidate** will have the following qualifications:

- Manitoba Driver's Licence
- Water and Wastewater
- Radio License – Airport Experience
- Ability to work independently

Wage - \$20.84 per hour \*\*COLA will be rolled into wage upon release from Stats Canada.

**TEMPORARY AIRPORT ATTENDANT (ASAP – JANUARY 2012)**

The Town of Lynn Lake invites applications for the position of Temporary Airport Attendant. This is a full-time term position with the possibility of transitioning to a full-time permanent.

The incumbent will work under

the direction and supervision of the Town Foreman following policies and procedures developed by Council and the Chief Administrative Officer.

**Duties include, but are not limited to:**

- General operation of the airport
- Collect fees for hangar, tie-down, ground and office rent
- Perform related work as assigned
- Work after hours and on-call as required
- Inspect runways, taxiways and lighting system
- Assist pilots and passengers
- Perform ground maintenance and janitorial duties of airport
- Fuel a variety of aircrafts
- Maintain gas and oil sales and receipts
- Operate equipment
- Inspect parked aircraft to ensure that they are properly secured
- Work independently
- Complete grant applications
- Provide information pertaining to airport operations
- Develop/refine policies & procedures

**The preferred candidate** will have the following qualifications or willingness to obtain:

- General airport operations and Safety principles
- Manitoba Driver's License
- Aircraft service techniques
- Customer relations techniques
- Radio License

Wage \$22.03 per hour \*\*COLA will be rolled into wage upon release from Stats Canada.

**Deadline** for Applications to the 3 Town positions: Until suitable candidate is found. Applicants are requested to send a resume along with 3 references to the attention of the CAO to:

Town of Lynn Lake  
P.O. Box 100 Lynn Lake, MB  
R0B 0W0

Ph. 204-356-2418; Fax 204-356-8297

*The Town of Lynn Lake wishes to thank all of those who apply in advance, however only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.*

# Cooking oil, grease major cause of residential fires

**K**itchen fires due to cooking oil or grease igniting into flames cause the fastest-spreading and most destructive type of residential fire.

When cooking with grease or oil, it is extremely important that you plan ahead so that you will know how to react fast to fire. Here are some tips:

## Deep Frying

- The safest way to deep fry foods such as chicken or fries is to use a thermostatically-controlled electric skillet or a deep fat fryer.

## Pan Frying

- Keep a pan lid or cookie sheet handy in case grease or oil catches fire. The lid or cookie sheet should be slid over the top of the pan to smother the fire.

- Never attempt to move a flaming pot or pan away from the stove. The movement can fan the flames and so spread the fire. The pan will also likely be very hot, causing you to drop it. In either case, you are placing yourself at great risk. Your immediate action should be to smother the fire by sliding a lid or flat cookie sheet over the pan. Afterwards, turn off the heat and exhaust the fan, allowing the pan time to cool. Most importantly, react fast, because grease fires spread very quickly.

## Oven Cooking

- Keep your oven clean. Grease and food splatters can ignite at high temperatures.
- Ensure that you wear oven mitts when removing cooking containers to avoid serious burns.
- Follow the cooking instructions for the recipe and the product you are using.

- Broiling is a popular method of cooking. When you use your broiler, place the rack 5-8 centimetres (2-3 inches) from the broiler element. Always place a drip pan beneath the broiler rack to catch the fat drippings. Never use aluminum foil for this pur-



## Fire Prevention Canada

Working with the private and public sectors to achieve fire safety through education

pose because the fat accumulated on the foil could catch fire or spill over.

## Microwave Cooking

Microwave ovens are a marvellous time-saving tool, but there are three characteristics of microwave cooking you should be cognisant of:

- The heat is reflected by the metal interior.
- Heat can pass through glass, plastic and other materials.
- Heat is absorbed by the food.

## Foods, like those in high-fat

or sugar, can heat very rapidly but feel cool to the touch. Pastry fillings can be very hot, but the crust cooler. Milk in baby bottles could be boiling, but the bottle itself not very hot to the touch. Use caution at all times.

**Do not use tin foil** or any other metal objects in the microwave. If a fire occurs, keep the door closed and unplug the unit. Call a qualified maintenance technician to ensure the microwave is in proper working order before using it again.



**WHERE IN LYNN LAKE IS THIS** a regular feature in *LYNN LAKE LIFE*. Submit your answer at the Town Office for where this photo was taken to enter a prize draw. You may recall last month's photo was from the Post Office. **Candace Dale** correctly identify the location and wins a \$15 gift certificate for the Route 391 Bar & Grill. Another exciting prize awaits someone who can identify this location, but this time, there's a twist: What is the significance of the chair?



## LYNN LAKE TOWN

They Came from many miles away  
 There was every type of nationality  
 Through the deep snow and muskeg they did go  
 At Sherridon they did stay  
 In search of a purpose  
 And help us make Manitoba grow.  
 Then later came the CNR  
 To far away places, at home and abroad  
 Through the rugged hills and forests on a winding railroad.  
 Soon after the ore ran out  
 Many people had a choice  
 To move on north,  
 Or to sacrifice for what they had.  
 It was one early morn'  
 When a long train of men, women and children  
 Were hauled away with their homes on sleighs  
 Driven by a Linn, to where an orebody was found  
 Near the border of Saskatchewan  
 And what was named in nineteen-forty-nine  
 The beginning of Lynn Lake Town, at that time.

By Paul Jones

**About the Poet:** Paul Jones worked at the mine in Lynn Lake from 1972 to 1977. While here, he wrote numerous poems and has since produced a DVD compilation of 12 poems. *Whispering North Poems* includes works he did in Uranium City, SK; Lynn Lake, MB; and Faro YT, which he says, "captures the beauty of the north."

Included are his readings of *A Day at Berge Lake*; *Changing Seasons*; *Autumn*; *Everyday a Different Season*; *Reflections After Sunset*; *Crimson Skies at Dawn*; *Faro*; *Whispering North*; *Wintertime*; *Lynn Lake Town*; *Freeze & Frolic Festivities*; and *We Left in '82*.

Call Paul, toll-free, at 1-800-890-4134 for information on how to get a copy.

# call2recycle®

The Town of Lynn Lake is participating in the North America-wide recycling program, Call2Recycle® to make convenient battery recycling available in the community. The only free rechargeable battery and cell phone collection program in North America, Call2Recycle also collects for recycling all single-use household batteries in Manitoba. Please drop off dry rechargeable batteries of up to five kilograms in weight and all dry single-use batteries at the collection box in the Economic Development Office at Town Hall.

For more information, call 1-888-224-9764 or visit [www.call2recycle.ca](http://www.call2recycle.ca)

## MOUNTIES' MINDER

# Snowmobile safety tips

With Winter activities in full swing, the Lynn Lake RCMP would like to remind everyone of snowmobile safety tips:

1. Watch for thin ice and areas of moving water.
2. Dress for the cold and wear a helmet.
3. Cross roadways with care after stopping.
4. Make sure your highly visible by day and night.
5. Ride according to conditions at a safe speed.
6. Reduce speed on unfamiliar trails and at night.
7. Ride sober and with sober friends.
8. Be alert for other riders and people on the trails.
9. Tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back.
10. Carry spare parts, tools, water and something to eat in case your snowmobile breaks down.



CPL. DAVID TAGGART  
 LYNN LAKE RCMP DETACHMENT

