



RAINY RIVER  
DISTRICT NOTES

## Lots of winter left

BY RON WOLF

IT has felt like spring is in the air, but don't be fooled. The Northwest winter is far from over. March has yet to show its uncertain face while April . . . well, as anyone who ever lived in these parts knows, April can be a hodgepodge of weather.

Anything from rain to blizzards can wreak havoc with residences and traffic. Saturday night was a foggy one, which was custom-made for a training night for Rudolph. I had to drive in the pea soup-thick fog, taking passengers to their destinations on icy roads, which rattled the nerves of even the most experienced drivers such as I.

Now that the weather report is finished, let's see what else has happened to our fair region.

A name which has appeared often in the local papers since my arrival here is that of **Jack McMaster**. McMaster has accepted the position of director of education with the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board. He has worked for the board for 18 years in many roles, including elementary and secondary teacher, mathematics consultant, vice-principal, elementary and secondary principal, and superintendent of education. I had the privilege of interviewing him a few years ago.

McMaster said he has been fortunate with the staff and various people he has met over the years.

Alzheimer cash calendar winners were named Feb. 10. The lucky winners live as close as Alberton and as far away as Quebec.

**Sandy Haney** of Alberton was one of the \$40 winners, along with **Val Kellar** of Emo, **Margaret Sideen** of Dryden, and **Leanne Mineault**, **Rick Strain**, **Denise Dubois**, **Paul Albert**, **Irma Green**, **Wes Michalchuk**, **Dorothy Beach**, and **Anna** and **Lee Gordon**, all of Kenora. Other winners were **Susan McIntosh** of Keewatin, **Kristy Boissoneau** of Sioux Narrows, **D. Madder** of Oxdrift, **Yvett Monk** of London, **Bruce Delaurier** of Belle River, **Anne** and **Phil Gammage** of Bothwell, and **Gordon Euler Waldhof** and **Steve Ringuette** of Ancine Lorette, Que.

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