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WEEKEND RAIN didn't hamper holiday action at Debolt topped by queen contest won by Dianne Fester, 18, of Goowin (centre). Miss Fester won honors over four other girls.

Runners-up to queen were (left) Sharon Hillerud, 17, of Debolt and (right) Josy Odaabach, 16, of Crooked Creek. (Staff Photo).

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## BIRTHS

Recent births in the Grande Prairie Municipal hospital:

**FESTER**— Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ron **Fester**, Box 54, Grande Prairie, Oct. 1, a girl;

**CHARLES**— Born to Mr. and Mrs. Winston Charles, Box 29, Beaverlodge, Oct. 2, a boy;

**HAMILTON**— Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hamilton,

9834-93 Ave., Oct. 2, a boy;

**SCOTT**—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Scott, 9321 - 105 Ave., Oct. 2, a boy;

**ROCHON**—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rochon, General Delivery, Grande Prairie, Oct. 6, a boy;

**THIESSEN**— Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Thiessen, RR1 Crooked Creek, Oct. 6, a girl;

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**GOODWIN**

Congratulations to Ronnie and Yvonne **Fester** on the birth of a daughter.

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# Births

Recent births at Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital:

**PATTERSON** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson, Box 7, Grande Prairie, Jan. 15, a girl.

**HODGKIN** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Hodgkin, Gen. Del., Grande Prairie, Jan. 15, a girl.

**SCHAMEHORN** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schamehorn, 9807 - 108 Ave., Grande Prairie, Jan. 15, a girl.

**GIBSON** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Gibson, 9925 - 94 Ave., Grande Prairie, Jan. 16, a boy.

**FESTER** — Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fester, Box 54, Grande Prairie, Jan. 17, a girl.

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# Personally

## GOODWIN

A card party was held in the hall Jan. 19. Ladies' high went to Mrs. Darlene Greco; Men's high to Nick Greco and consolations to Mrs. Doris Sampson and Mr. Welander.

Get-well wishes to Mrs. Alida Moody, who was in the hospital for a few days has arrived home feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Balisky and daughters spent a month's holiday in the States and visited Disneyland and arrived home a week ago.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fester on the birth of a daughter, a sister for Trina.

There will be a meeting held in Goodwin hall Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the Arts and Craft classes. Mrs. Laura Chapman will be on hand to discuss the classes that can

be taken. Anyone interested please attend.

Congratulations to Jim and Ennie Owens who were married 57 years Dec. 22. Congratulations to Jimmy and Betty Lindsey who were married 16 years the same date. Jimmy, Betty, Isabel, Delmer Lenes and Hughie and Una Lindsey and Ken Leveille surprised Ennie and Jim with a visit to their home that evening. Pictures were taken and lunch was served. A very nice evening was spent.

A card party will be held in the hall Feb. 2. Everyone welcome. Ladies bring lunch. On Dec. 8 a card party was held and prizes were won by: Ladies' first Mrs. Darlene Greco; Men's high — Gar Thoryse and consolations to Kelly Massey and Jimmy Sampson.

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# Bezanson students offer Beanstalk fare

By Dorothea Bulford

BEZANSON – Performances of Jack and the Beanstalk by the Missoula Childrens Theatre and Bezanson students will be staged in the school gym Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4.

Show time for both is 7:30 p.m. Tickets for those over 12 years are \$5 each, for those 12 years and under are \$3 each, or \$15 per family.

Reports from Grande Prairie audiences who saw the production earlier this year say it is very entertaining.

The Golden Years Club of Bezanson members are proud to announce the opening of their centre Saturday, March 4. An open house will be held from 1:30-4:30 p.m. with the official opening ceremony at 2 p.m.

Club members would like to express their appreciation to businesses and individuals who gave their assistance and support to the construction of the centre.

Clairmont Multi 4-H Club held its public speaking competition at the Sexsmith Catholic Church on Feb. 25. In the junior category Teresa Antonio took first place and Carla Vaverick second. Tracey Conrad took first in the senior group and David Thorn second. Teresa and Tracey now advance to the district speak-offs in Beaverlodge March 17.

Two local rinks curled in the DeBolt women's spiel last weekend. Terry Johnston, with teammates Karen Schulze, Donna McNally and Cathy Patterson, took fourth in the first event. Skip Yvonne Fester, third Trina Fester, second Jean Stark and lead Alice Dwyer took second in the third.

Very belated greetings are extended to Golden Years Club members Dorothy Allen and Morris Stewart who celebrated birthdays in December and to Pearl McLaughlin, Francis Goodland, Grace Nellis, Olive Stewart and Belle and Gordon Heasler who celebrated January birthdays.

During the club's weekly card party Feb. 14, members recognized the February birthdays of Mildred Parrish, Armyna McNally and Willie Munro.

Belated congratulations to Morris and Olive Stewart and to George and Marguerite Laverick who recently marked their 50th wedding anniversaries.

Jackie Forrest received an honors standing in the Royal Conservatory of Music Grade 2 rudiments examination. Jackie is studying guitar at the Northern Academy of Music.

Heather Bulford has successfully completed the Royal Academy of Dancing Grade 2 and 3 ballet exams. Heather is enrolled in the Deborah Judt School of Dance.

Kathy Bulford has joined Terry Johnston's staff at Bezanson Autotec.

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## Morris Toutant, 49, of Grande Prairie

Morris Albert Earl Toutant, resident of Grande Prairie, Alberta, passed away on Saturday, August 24, 1991, in Grande Prairie.

Morris was born in High Prairie on May 5, 1942. He moved with his parents, Garnet and Arlie Toutant, to Grande Prairie in 1952 where he and his father had the sanitation contract with the city for 11 years.

Morris married Karen Stanley on March 2, 1961. They had four children: Garry, Morgan, Deanna, and Daniel. Morris worked for the City of Grande Prairie from 1968 until the time of his death, at which time he was a foreman for the Public Works Department.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife Karen; sons: Morgan (Violet) of Grande Prairie, Daniel (Roberta) of Beaverlodge; daughter Deanna of Grande Prairie; daughter-in-law Deanna, and grandson Brandon of Edmonton; his mother Arlie; two brothers: Buddy (Kim) of Grande Prairie, James (Bonnie) of Grande Prairie; two sisters: Anne Adair of Grande Prairie, and Jackie (Fenton) O'Gorman of Clairmont; sisters-in-law:



Carol (Bill) Warneke of Chetwynd, B.C., Lynda (Les) Nellis of Bezanson, Judy Honey of Leduc, Yvonne (Ron) Fester of Bezanson, Eunice (Charles) Doll of Grande Prairie, Alice (Pat) Dwyer of Crooked Creek, Carmen (Garry) Caswell of Taber, and Darlene (Dean) Erno of Grande Prairie; brothers-in-law: Butch Robideau, Eric (Theresa) Robideau, and Ira (Jennifer) Robideau, all of Grande Prairie; his father-in-law Alfred Robideau of Bezanson; hunting buddies Tiny (Sharon) Edlund,

and Steve (Peggy) Farrell; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his son Garry in 1963; his father Garnet in 1983; and mother-in-law Anita in 1974.

Funeral service for the late Morris Toutant will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Thursday, August 29, 1991, at 11 a.m., with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating. Interment to follow in the Grande Prairie Cemetery.

By request of the family, no flowers. Memorial donations may be made to the Queen Elizabeth II Cancer Clinic, or charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

## Alfred Ira Robideau, 70, of Bezanson

Alfred Ira Robideau, a long-time resident of Bezanson, Alberta, passed away at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, on Tuesday, January 28, 1992, at age 70.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Robideau; brothers: Leo (Edie) Robideau of Oregon, and Ernie (Margaret) Robideau of Edmonton; his sons: Butch of Grande Prairie, Eric (Theresa) of Grande Prairie, Ira (Jennifer) of Bezanson; his daughters: Carol (Bill) Warncke of Chetwynd, B.C., Karen Toutant of Grande Prairie, Judy Honey of Leduc, Lynda (Les) Nellis of Bezanson, Yvonne (Ron) Fester of Bezanson, Eunice (Charles) Doll of Grande Prairie, Alice (Pat) Dwyer of Crooked Creek, Carmen (Gary) Caswell of Taber, Darlene (Dean) Erno of Grande Prairie; his step-children: Roy (Tannis) Benson; Doloris Benson, Donna (John) Jacklin, Lyn (Jim) Gauthier, Allan (Sheryle) Benson, Larry Benson, Debbie Cardinal, Rose (Kelsey) Coney, Brenda Benson, Patti (Craig) Letendre, Tom (Michelle) Benson; as well as 62 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Alfred was predeceased by his first wife Anita; his second wife Yvette; his father Roy; brother Peter; and sister Amelia Schultz.

Public visitation will take place at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, January 30, 1992, at Oliver Funeral Chapel. N

Funeral service for the late Alfred Robideau will be held at St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta on Friday, January 31, 1992, at 11 a.m. Cremation to follow.

Memorial donations to the Queen Elizabeth II Cancer Clinic, or the Heart Fund, would be appreciated by the family.

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## OBITUARY

### Rudolph Fester, 83, of DeBolt

Rudolph Fester, a long-time resident of DeBolt, Alberta, passed away at the University Hospital, Edmonton, Alberta, on Tuesday, February 11, 1992, at age 83.

Rudolph was born at Armstrong, B.C., on May 9, 1908.

He is survived by three sons:

John (Alice) of DeBolt, Ken (Christine) of DeBolt, Ron (Yvonne) of Bezanson; and 4 daughters: Peggy (Ken) MacLeod of Westlock, Dorothy (Bill) Deleff of DeBolt, Joan (George) Small of Grande Prairie, and Diane (Rodney) Lindemann of Sherwood Park; 14 grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Martha;

two sisters-in-law: Betty and Martha; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife Margaret in 1983; by six brothers: Chris, Adolf, Albert, George, Mike, an infant brother; and his sister Wanda.

Funeral service for the late Rudolph Fester will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Saturday,

February 15, 1992, at 11 a.m., with Pastor Michael McWhinnie officiating. Cremation will take place at Oliver Crematorium.

Memorial donations may be made to the Grande Prairie Diabetic Association, or the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.



# Long Service Award



County Council wishes to extend their appreciation to the following County Staff Members for their long years of service with the County of Grande Prairie No. 1. Bottom row, left to right: Butch Robideau (15), Pat Stewart (5), Dale VanVolklingburgh (20), Dianne Nellis (15), George Lowen (15). Top row, left to right: Lloyd Wenzel (10), Ron Fester (20), Jim Loewen (5), Les Baird (10), Dave Peters (20). Wade Danroth (20). Connie Zwerzinski (5). Missing: Grant Houseman (20), Wendy Pohl (5).

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## Joan Jean Small, 67, of Grande Prairie

Mrs. Joan Jean Small of Grande Prairie passed away peacefully, in her own home, on Tuesday September 16, 2003 at the age of 67 years, surrounded by loving family.

Joan leaves to mourn her son Edward, daughter-in-law Cathy, grandsons Darin, Kent and Kyle Small; son Douglas, daughter-in-law Cloe, grandchildren Natasha Small, Cory Small, Jody Macleod, Jessica Macleod and great-grand son Blake Macleod; sisters Peggy (Ken) Macleod of Westlock, Alta., Dorothy (Bill) Deleff, Grande Prairie, Diane (Rodney) Lindemann, Edmonton; brothers (all of Grande Prairie) John (Alice) Fester, Ken (Christine) Fester, Ron (Yvonne) Fester, as well as many nieces, nephews and great friends.

Joan was predeceased by her husband George and granddaughter Jamie Macleod and parents Rudolph and Margaret Fester.

Joan was born March 3, 1936, along with her twin John in Edmonton, Alberta, at which time her parents farmed in Dapp, Alberta. When Joan was 15 her parents decided to homestead in the Goodwin area of the South Peace. Joan enjoyed the country life and did everything she could to help her parents out. Joan often spoke of the simpler times and always took a "waste not, want not" philosophy to heart.

In March 1955 Joan met George Allan Small and they married only a few months later. Joan and George were the perfect match. Both believed in a hard day's work and over the years their hard work turned into a well-established farming operation that has been passed down to the next generation of farmers. Joan and George took on many ambitious projects over the years,

including building homes, developing yard sites and developing their beloved lake front property at Sturgeon Lake.

Joan was a wonderful cook and no one ever left her home hungry. There was always fresh baking, pies, cookies, and biscuits and cupboards were stocked with preserves. Joan took great pride in her home, her family and especially her garden. She was the essence of a "Country Woman".

As the family grew in numbers Joan took pride in her grandchildren. She always took a sincere interest in their accomplishments and helped them stand tall at times of disappointment. Joan often took the grandkids along on road trips with George to search out parts for their antiques or just simply to the lake for camp outs.

Joan's battle with cancer took its toll but she always looked forward to tomorrow. Even when all around her gave up hope she continued to battle. Joan's outstanding courage helped all who cared for her maintain strong faith and hope.

Funeral service for Joan will be held Friday September 19, 2003 at 2 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, 10005-107 Ave., Grande Prairie, with Pastor Bob Cowie officiating. Public viewing from 1-2 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations to Peace Country Health Home Care (Palliative Care Unit), 10121-97 Ave., Grande Prairie T8V 0N5 or Canadian Cancer Society.

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**Yvonne Margaret  
Fester (nee Robideau)**



Yvonne Margaret **Fester**, resident of Bezanson, passed away at home on Thursday, August 26, 2010 at the age of 59.

She was born on June 1, 1951 in Grande Prairie, AB. Yvonne was raised in Bezanson with 11 brothers and sisters.

She was predeceased by parents, Alfred and Anita Robideau, and sister Carol.

She is survived by her husband Ron; children: Trina (Brad) Binks, and Colleen (Steve) Howell; siblings, Carol's husband Bill, Karen (Marty), Judy (Art), Butch (Loretta), Lynda (Les), Eunice (Charles), Eric (Theresa), Alice (Pat), Ira (Jennifer), Carmen, and Darlene (Dean), and numerous family and friends.

In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Sweetly tender, fond and true;  
There is not a day,

That we do not think of you.

As per Yvonne's request, no formal services will be held. Cremation has taken place.

Thank you to the many caregivers for their tender compassion and support during this difficult time.

Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.oliversgrandeprairie.com](http://www.oliversgrandeprairie.com)

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