

ANDY & JOAN McNALLY

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Keith Withers has been elected president of the 31-member Grande Prairie 4-H beef club. Other executive members include vice-president **Bill Doll**, secretary **Trudy Diederich**, treasurer **Janet Bulford**, and reporter **Danny Lange**. Leader is again **Neil Moon** and committee chairmen include **Joan McNally** for entertainment, **Mary Withers** for the canteen, **Mrs. Marcy**, **Mrs. Friesen**, **James and Charles Doll**. Junior leaders include **Everett McDonald**, **Bill Doll**, **Trudy Diederich**, **Janet Bulford**, **Ernie Lange**, **Keith Withers**, **Dana Marcy**, **Dianne Marcy**.

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Engagements



Diederich - McNally

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Diederich of Dimsdale, Alberta, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their eldest daughter, Donna Mabel, to Mr. Donald McNally, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Andy McNally** of Bezanson, Alberta. The wedding will take place at 3:30 p.m. July 29, 1972 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Grande Prairie, Alta.

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GRANDE PRAIRIE

Fred Drysdale has been re-elected president of the County Agricultural Society for a second one-year term. Ralph Girvan was elected first vice-president and Gordon Badger was named second vice-president. Directors elected to two-year terms include RoseMarie Corry, Mrs. Solveig Nordhagen, Mrs. Joan McNally, Rodney Elvestad, Henry Taylor and Robert Blimkie while Doug Clarkson and Frank Stoll were named to fill the remaining year for directors Neil Moon and Alfred Hill. Mr. Moon and Mr. Hill resigned earlier.

Bowman wins

Legion spiel

BEZANSON — Wayne Bowman skipped his foursome to victory in the Bezanson Legion bonspiel on the weekend.

Bowman, with Barbara Boyd at third, Gordon Crowe second, and Verna Crowe lead, took top spot in the first event.

Henry Ford was second in the first event with Andy McNally third and Elliot McNally fourth.

Dorothy LaForge took top honors in the second event defeating Helen Fenton. Melvin Bulford was third and Gordon Heasler fourth.

In the third event, it was Les Nellis first, Del Hoag second, Bill Love third and Charlotte Robideau fourth.

Hectic curling pace picking up

The South Peace heads into a hectic two-month curling pace during February and March as local rinks cram in their various spiels.

In addition, zone, district and provincial playoffs will be taking up time in some of the rinks, notably the women's and senior women's Alberta finals in Grande Prairie next week, and the Alberta junior men's finals in Fairview in mid-February.

Last weekend, in addition to Wembley, two other area spiels were held.

Donna McDonald captured the West Smoky Legion spiel at Bezanson with a decision over Danny Patterson in the first event. Dale Woolsey was third and Chris Miller fourth.

Henry Ford took the second event, defeating Larry Fells. **Andy McNally** was third and David Kimble fourth.

Gary Sarmaga won the third event over Gordon Heasler with Grant Moon third and John Sarmaga fourth. There were 16 rinks in all.

The Bezanson women's spiel is scheduled this weekend with a 20-rink limit. Entries can be phoned to Larry Fells at 532-6596 or 532-7734. The men's spiel is planned Feb. 16-18.

DEBOLTWINNER

Brian Moore defeated the Stad Enterprises rink skipped by Jack Robertson in an all-local final at the DeBolt men's spiel Sunday. Robertson, down one with last rock

coming home, missed a takeout to drop the closely-played game. Marv Moore was third and Tom Couchey fourth in the first event.

Bev Reddicopp defeated Dean Robertson in the second event final with Keith Widfield third and Lonnie Moore fourth. Stan Johns of Grande Prairie won the third event over Ray Garon. Gale Resources was third and Greg Moody fourth. There were 18 rinks in the competition.

The next major spiel for DeBolt is the women's annual event planned Feb. 16-18. Entries can be phoned to Heather Moore at 957-3742. There is a 20-rink limit.

That same weekend, two other specials are on tap. The

Wanham women's spiel goes Feb. 15-18 and entries can be phoned to 694-3910 or 694-3960. The Hythe men's spiel is Feb. 15-18 and entries can be called to 356-3824 or 356-3064.

Meanwhile, the deadline for the city Saturday afternoon commercial league spiel is Saturday. Entry fee is \$20 and includes a Saturday evening banquet. This is the last regular week for the league. Entries can be given to Wade Webb.

The Sexsmith Ladies Bonspiel will be held Feb. 17-18 at the Sexsmith club with evening curling scheduled for the evenings of Feb. 15-16 as well.

Phone entries to Audrey at 568-2271 or Lenora at 568-3884.

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14 attend meeting

By BEA FELLS

BEZANSON – The Golden Years Club of Bezanson held their monthly meeting Aug. 27 with 14 members attending. The much talked about topic is our drop-in centre which is coming along real well, and expect to get started around the middle of September. Just a few details to wait on.

Our card parties are still going strong every Tuesday night. Everyone welcome to come. We have had very good turnouts most of the summer. Also will be having Thursday afternoon carpet bowling and cards in later September.

Birthday greetings to Hazel Weegar, Molly Lavrick, Bea Fells, Louise Kimble, Alf Robideau, Angie Waldner, Grace Menard, Ruby Boyer, Joan McNally, and anyone else who had a birthday this month.

Congratulations to Bill and Glenda Ford of Bezanson on the birth of a baby boy on Aug. 28.

On Monday, Aug. 10, a social evening was held at the Bezanson Catholic Church for the ladies of the parish. The guest speaker was Lucille Partington. She spoke on her Catholic faith from a Protestant's perspective, which was very informative. The 20 ladies who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

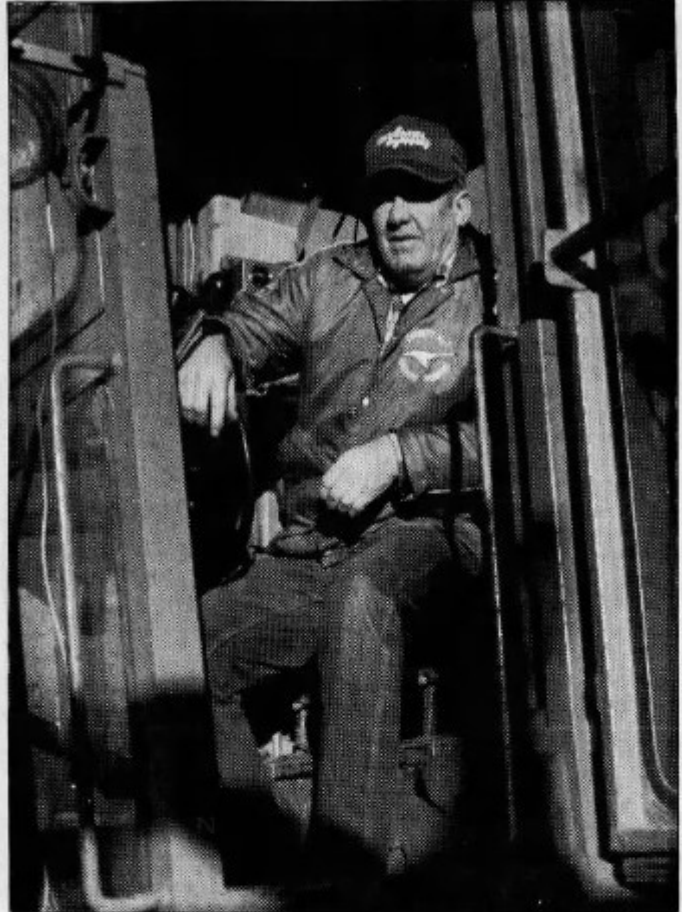
Homecoming plans are being made for the 40th Anniversary of the Bezanson Catholic Church for Sunday, October 11. Watch for further information in the Herald-Tribune and parish newsletters.

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Don Ames started on school bus in 1959.



Andy McNally had to grade very narrow roads.

Veteran bus drivers wrap it up

By LIZ REES

The two men have a combined total of 51 years of public service in the county that neither would change if they could do it all again.

Don Ames and Andy McNally recently received plaques on their retirement: Ames for his 29 years as a school bus driver, and McNally for his 22 years as a grader operator.

Ames began driving a school bus in Bezanson in 1959. "Our first born-started school that year - I figured it was a good way to get a school bus out there," he says with a reminiscent chuckle.

That was back in the days when the buses only held 15 kids - a far cry from the buses of today that hold 60 kids.

Ames said he can't take all the credit for the years of hard work; his wife Rose did a lot of the driving.

He said he still gets a lot of hellos from the people he used to drive to school. "We knew pretty well everybody on the routes. We ended up driving

the kids of some of the kids we started out driving."

For Andy McNally, the days were long - "sometimes up to 18 hours," and it took ambition to get up at 4 a.m. and clear roads for the early school buses.

He started driving a grader in 1966 when the wage was \$1.75 per hour, he recalls, and the dirt roads were very narrow.

"Sometimes you'd get stuck in a snowbank," laughs McNally. "You'd have to call a tow-truck or shovel yourself out.

"It wasn't until 10 years ago when they put radio phones in the graders. Before that you'd have to walk to a telephone if you happened to get stuck."

After all those years clearing snow, McNally says, he was rewarded with some mild winters. "The winters have been getting better. The last five years have not been nearly as severe."

Retirement hasn't sunk in yet, so the two don't know what road they will travel next. They say perhaps some leisurely travelling is in store. Right now, McNally's going to stay on his Bezanson farm and Ames at his Grande Prairie home.

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School's decked halls lure Christmas concert crowd

By Dorothea Bulford
Phone 567-2105

BEZANSON – Strains of Yuletide Carols by pianists Brooke Sorensen, Chandra Hildebrand and Teresa Antonio greeted concert goers as they arrived at the Bezanson school Dec. 15 to attend the annual Christmas program.

The halls were decked and the auditorium glittered with tinsel and lights. Even the Busy Bee, the school's mascot, was outfitted in shimmering silver.

Deanna Robertson and Jackie Forrest were masters of ceremonies for the evening. They had the pleasure of introducing a variety of acts including three original skits written and performed by the French class.

A group of parents made their acting debuts in "Australian Christmas Surprise." Although they were very well received, a spokesman for the group said they have no show business aspirations and will not be taking their act on the road. N

Throughout the evening computer students tracked Santa's journey from the North Pole and relayed information on his progress to the eager audience. He arrived exactly on schedule with bells ringing to the delight of young and old.

We would like to acknowledge the assistance of Jordy Purves and Pat Moon with lighting and Aaron Miller and Bradley Oe with the sound system. Also, many thanks to Shirley Ewert, Tony Doll and Walter Waldner for their

contributions to the program.

The Children's Concern would like to extend their thanks to everyone who supported their food hamper raffle through their donations and ticket sales. Winners of the hamper, announced Dec. 15, were Andy McNally and Betty McLaughlin.

Brenda Patterson has accepted the volunteer position of area representative for Bezanson/Crystal Creek on the Further Education Council. She is "pencilling in" a schedule including oil painting, flower arranging, reflexology and social dance classes for the New Year. Further information will be announced as soon as details (times, places and instructors) are finalized.

Correction: The Bezanson A girls volleyball squad were tied for first place with Sexsmith at the end of league play – not Harry Balfour as printed last week. The Sexsmith team won the tie-breaker played Nov. 22 at Harry Balfour school and went on to capture first place in the County finals Nov. 26 at the Helen E. Taylor school in Wembley.

The West Smoky Legion Branch held its monthly meeting Dec. 12 at the Legion Hut. Most members have paid their annual membership fees, however, a few remain outstanding. If you have overlooked your payment, please forward it to Eleanor Ford as soon as possible. The executive would like to clear the books by year end.

OBITUARIES

Rose Dorscheid, 81, of Grande Prairie

Mrs. Rose Dorscheid, long time resident of Grande Prairie, Alberta, and formerly of the Glen Leslie area, passed away in Grande Prairie on Sunday, October 21, 1990, at the age of 81.

Rose was born in Kleefeld, Manitoba on December 11, 1908. She came to Grande Prairie at the age of 17. She married Art Dorscheid in 1926, and they settled in the Glen Leslie area where they raised their 6 children. Rose was employed at the Grande Prairie Hospital, as a cook, for 25 years.

She leaves to mourn her passing her children: Stan (Florence) of Calgary, Gene (Beverly) of Calgary, Bert of Grande Prairie, Joan (Andy) McNally of Bezanson, Pat (Gene) Chubak of Vanderhoof, B.C.; her sisters: Tena (Ben) Fehr of Chilliwack, B.C.; brother Nick (Alice) Toews of Sechelt, B.C.; sisters-in-law Margaret Toews, Agnes Toews, Vera Ladwig, Vee Dorscheid, and Bernice Dorscheid; as well as 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband Arthur; daughter Gracie; infant daughter Nina; her parents; 4 brothers and 1 sister.

Public visitation will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel on Wednesday, October 24, 1990, from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funeral service for the late Rose Dorscheid will be held at the Alliance Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Thursday, October 25, 1990, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Steve Dorey and Rev. Harold Peters officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorials to the charity of one's choice would be appreciated by the family.

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



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**Delbert 'Bert' L. Dorscheid,
59, of Grande Prairie**



It is with great sadness the family of Bert Dorscheid announces his passing at home on Sunday, September 18, 1994 at the age of 59 years.

Bert was born in Grande Prairie in 1935 and lived in the Glen Leslie region. At 14 he moved to Grande Prairie to live in "the dorm" and attend Grande Prairie High School. After graduation he completed a tradesman apprenticeship and worked for Waterous, Crummy Motors, Park Brothers and for the past 17 years at Northern Metalic. Bert was a familiar site at the cribbage halls and golf courses of the area.

He is survived by his children Kelly of Agassiz, B.C.; Carol (Rod) Wilson of Grande Prairie; Delbert (Gillian) of Chicago, Ill.; grandchildren Jessie, Richard, Shan, Sarah and Gareth; brothers Gene (Bev) of Calgary, Alta.; Stan (Florence) of Nanoose, B.C.; sisters Joan (Andy) McNally of Bezanson, Alta; Pat (Gene) Chubak of Vanderhoof, B.C. He will be sadly missed by nieces, nephews and many, many dear friends.

Bert was predeceased by his parents Arthur and Rose; sister Grace and infant sister Nina Fern.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 1994 at 7 p.m. at ParkLane Funeral Chapel, 9615-102 St., Grande Prairie, Alta.

Funeral service for the late Bert Dorscheid will be held Wednesday, September 21, 1994 at 2 p.m. at ParkLane Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alta. with Lieutenant David Grice officiating. Interment to follow

in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, or a charity of one's choice.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to ParkLane Funeral Chapel, 9615-102 Street, Grande Prairie, John N. Osepiuk Director 539-0098.

Thank You

The family of the late **Andy McNally** would like to express our sincere thanks to family, friends, co-workers, and our communities for their kindness during Andy's illness and passing. Thanks to those that stopped in, brought food, flowers, cards and baskets, made donations, attended the funeral, helped with the chores, hauled bales, and offered support in so many other ways to our families during this difficult time. Thank you too, to the Home Care Workers for being there for Andy and for us too, with their special kindness and care every step of the way.

Thanks to Pastor Willis, the music providers Irene Willis and Joan Martineau, the West Smoky Legion for the legion service, Kay McNally for the readings, the grandchildren for being pallbearers, and anyone else that helped with the service. Also thanks to the Bezanson Community Church and the Bezanson Catholic Church for providing lunch for the funeral guests. Thank you grandchildren for putting together the eulogy; it was a very special tribute to Grampa Andy, he would have been very proud of you all.

Thank you also, to those that continue to be there for us through the difficult moments and difficult days. You are all very much appreciated.

Joan McNally and Family

Stephen "Steve" McNally

1922-2006



Our beloved husband and father was taken peacefully from us on Friday, April 14, 2006 at the QEII Hospital in Grande Prairie at the age of 83 years.

Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 57 years Edna (Wurtz), his three children; Herbie (Patti), Kathy (Terry) and Brucie. Steve also leaves his grandchildren; Buffy Burg (Tyler), Trent and Alysia McNally, David Peters and three great-grandchildren Chad, Taylor and Wyatt Burg.

Steve will also be missed by his brother Barney (Kay), sisters Dorothy Allen and Winnie Boan (Gordon), sisters-in-law **Joan McNally**, Armyna (Rod) Cuthbertson, Mary McNally, Mary Tarant (Stan), Martha Kimpe (Ed), brother-in-law Bruce Wurtz, as well as numerous special nieces and nephews and very special family friend Darcey Fabrick.

Steve was predeceased by his parents Peter and Mary, brothers Terrance, Bob, Tommy and Andy, his mother and father-in-law Katie and Andy Wurtz.

Steve was born on May 19, 1922 in Drake, Saskatchewan. He moved to the Peace Country with his parents in 1929.

Steve joined the Army and proudly served his country in WW2 from 1939 to 1945. After his return, he married Edna Wurtz in 1948.

They lived on the homestead of Edna's parents where they started their family. From there they moved onto their own land five miles east of Grande Prairie.

Steve worked as a lumber grader for Moon's Mill, Canfor and Imperial Lumber.

He will always be known for his contributions to the county fairs and rodeos, supplying animals for Uncle Charlie's barn and the sheep for the mutton bustin, events. Steve also had a petting zoo at the farm that was enjoyed by many school kids. He also brought that enjoyment to the seniors homes.

He was also a big part of horse racing in Grande Prairie, owning many racehorses over the years.

There will be a celebration of Steve's life on Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 3 p.m. from Clarkson Hall, Evergreen Park.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the CNIB.

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Darcey James Fabrick

Darcey James Fabrick, long-time resident of DeBolt, passed away in Grande Prairie on June 1, 2007, at the age of 48 years.

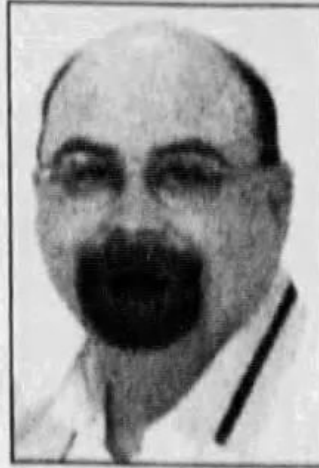
Darcey was born August 6, 1958, in Grande Prairie. Early in his life Darcey began his career as a heavy-equipment operator, which was his passion.

He will be sadly missed by: his son, Jeremy; brother, Mike (Lynn) and family; his sisters, Lavonne (Barry) and family; **Joan McNally** and family and Bob and Jean Stevenson and family.

He was predeceased by: his mother, Gracie; Granny D. and Uncle Andy.

The funeral service will be held at the Bezanson Community Church in Bezanson, on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the QEII Hospital Foundation 5North Palliative Care Room or the charity of one's choice.



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