



ANDREW & MARIAN WALDNER

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BIRTHS

Recent births in the Grande Prairie Municipal Hospital:

TISSINGTON - Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tissington, 10117 - 108 Ave., June 29, a girl;

BLISS - Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bliss, 10126 - 104 Ave., June 30, a boy;

HEIMDAL - Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Heimdal, 10507 - 104 Ave., June 30, a girl;

WALDNER - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Waldner, 9607 - Hillcrest Drive, June 30, a girl;

OLDERSKOG - Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Olderskog, 9413 - 104 Ave., July 1, a boy.

12 Cards of Thanks

OLDTIMERS — The Program Committee of the Grande Prairie and District Old Timer's Association would like to express their sincere thanks to the following fiddlers and those who accompanied them for providing such enjoyable entertainment for those who attended our annual banquet. Gerald Bozarth, Ed Bredeson, Bill Hannas, May Head, Fred Mason, Arvid Moe, Clarence Sjerdal, Victor Ukrainetz and Andy Waldner.

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WALDNER - CAMERON

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Waldner are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori, to Terry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cameron. Wedding to take place October 24, 1981, in Grande Prairie.

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This was yesterday

By ISABEL CAMPBELL

OVER AT BEZANSON, ratepayers disappointed over news that a new teacherage could not be fitted into the county's building program, joined forces to do something about it themselves.

"This year local farmers volunteered their time free of cost if the county would supply them with the needed materials," the Herald-Tribune reported July 19, 1955.

"Perspiring under a blazing sun farmers of the Bezanson district are working on their own time to finish the teacherage for the local school in time for the fall term. If present plans materialize the building should be completed in about three weeks. Already the forms for the basement and the subflooring are complete. Pouring cement will be completed by Friday night."

"An agreement was reached and local men were organized into shifts by Bowden Hawryluck and Charlie Moon, district farmers. About eight men are usually at work at a time. Several extra workers were on hand for the heavy work of pouring the cement. Andy Waldner, county carpenter, is in charge of the building.

"The 24 x 26 ft. structure will boast central heating, a full basement, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a living room and a kitchen.

"Centre of all this activity is a popular young teaching couple Roy Gouchey and his wife Fern. Besides doing an outstanding job in the classroom, Mr. Gouchey is a popular figure in the community. He is a player on the local senior ball club; he has sparkplugged the organization of teenage hockey games in the district. Largely because of his promotion, the school Christmas concert was a big success.

"When it became more evident that the couple must move to another school unless they could find better housing, residents of the area decided it was time to take matters into their own hands.

"Proud of his school, Mr. Gouchey is looking forward to the day when he will ring the bell to call children into the proposed four or five room school which will be built near the present structure . . . to start within the next year or two."

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Good crowd at 5-Mile for St. Pat's

By MILDRED LAWRENCE

A good crowd turned up to attend our St. Patrick's Dine and Dance on March 17. The committees responsible for our activities sure have an eye for decorations — each time they blend in with the theme of the evening. Green and white streamers and balloons with clover (shamrock) leaves wished everyone good luck on St. Patrick evening.

Our new tables and chairs add to the atmosphere in our centre. The tables have been made by volunteer labor and the finish put on them is a work of art. Our chairs are shared with many people. Our "share in a chair" has really gone over well and we want to thank all of the people who have taken part in this. I will publish a list of these later on as we've had other donations besides and I want to make sure to have the complete list. I will not be able

to publish these all at the same time, so please be patient.

THANKS TO MUSICIANS

The music for the dance was again donated by Bud and Linda Alde of Country Roadrunners (they live in Eldoe's Trailer Court), Rob Blimke of Westernaires (a district resident), and Andy Waldner did the fiddling this time. Took me back a few years to when the John Waldner family lived in our district and Andy's dad played the violin for our activities.

A big thanks goes out to all of the musicians for donating their time — we couldn't have had a dance without you!

We welcome the newcomers from near and far and hope to see you here again sometime.

Larry and Carol McGuire have had relatives from the East visiting them.

The Larry Brown's have had daughter Cheryl and family home from Calgary visiting them.

CAME TO DANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Zygment of Eldoe's Trailer Court had family up from Edmonton to visit and they also came to our dance.

Don and Loraine Neilsen family have Don's brother and his mother from Osoyoos, B.C., visiting.

I was very pleased to have a visit with Laurie Blimke at the dance. He was home visiting his mom and dad, Rob and Doloris, and brothers Dean and Glen.

Was happy to hear that Stella Kimble is home after her stay in Edmonton for surgery.

Jim Hartley is away to B.C. attending a reunion with his buddies who were Mounties at the same time he was, before he

moved up here.

There are some weddings coming up shortly. Brenda Kadatz is a bride-elect for April.

Spring is here according to the calendar. The geese and crows are back and the gals with greenhouses are busy.

We have a young fellow who has a birthday on April 1. — as much as he'd like to, it can't be changed. Happy birthday to Allan Chugg.

If you'd like to rent a hall for a small crowd, you can phone Greg at 532-8706 for information on rental of the centre facility.

This was a busy week for Five Milers. March 26 was meeting night. Tuesday night was crib night. More on these next week. The Old Time dance is this Friday night and a gymkhana dance Saturday night. Please note that the Old Time dance is on Friday night and not Saturday night. Time is 8 p.m.

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SONS OF NORWAY NEW YEARS EVE DANCE — to be held Dec. 31. It's party time at Nordic Hall starting at 9 p.m. with dancing to Andy Waldner Orchestra. Dinner at midnight - chinese food. Tickets are available from Harold and Faye Kjemhus 532-5673; Harley and Pauline Berg 532-4985; Mina Dunn 538-2486; Olive Bangen 532-3615; Derryl and Denise Nelson 532-8300. Deadline for members to get tickets is Dec. 20.

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Country dance was fun

By MILDRED LAWRENCE

FIVE MILE — A very small crowd turned out for the country and western dance Nov. 22. Music was supplied by Country Sound — Jack Peters and Marian and Andy Waldner and another lady singer.

This is my kind of music. The harmonizing was beautiful.

Those that were there really enjoyed themselves and for those that said they were coming and didn't — you missed a real good time. Also, a sumptuous potluck supper was enjoyed by all.

We want to thank Jack and his gang for charging us according to the size of the crowd. We will be having them

back for another dance in the new year.

More shares in a chair: Edward and Shirley Kulicki, Logan, Watson Walisser and Shaver (lawyers), Lewis and Wright Insurance 1976 Ltd., Lawravale Farms, Oatway Pioneer Farms, Bob Proud and Mountain Mobile Communications Ltd. We want to thank everyone for their interest and it is a pleasure doing business with you.

Would you like us to advertise your business? There are more chairs to sponsor and for the small sum of \$25 we will put your name on a chair for all to see.

There was a good turn-out at the annual meeting. Several retiring directors were replaced on the board by new ones. More on these next time.

A very large crowd of family and friends turned out to the seniors centre Nov. 29 for a surprise party for Murray and Alice Oatway on their 35th anniversary. Congrats Murray and Alice. May you have many more.

The Grande Prairie Gymkhana Club held their Christmas party in the hall Nov. 29. A good turn-out is reported.

Larry Dorschied and Garth Lawrence travelled to Calgary for the Cattle Commission convention.

Ruby and Ernie Pellerin and daughter Wendy travelled to Lamont for a wedding the last week in November.

A good crowd showed up to the crib tournament on Dec. 2. First prize went to Bert and Irene Balderson, second to Herb Kadatz and his daughter Diane. Next one Tuesday, Dec. 16, same time and same place. These are open to anyone who wishes to come. Time — 7:30 p.m.

**SONS OF NORWAY NEW YEARS EVE
DINE & DANCE** – to be held at Nordic Hall,
9831-109 Ave. Cocktails 6:30, dinner 7:30.
Music by **Andy Waldner**. Door prizes, mid-
night lunch. Tickets \$25 per couple for
members; \$29 non-members. Tickets from
Clarence 532-4379; Palmer 532-6321; Stanley
532-7503; Herman 568-4123; Isak 568-4036;
John 356-3939.

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Senior celebration



The Bezanson Golden Years Club celebrated Seniors Week with a supper and social evening — with music by Ernie Bredeson, Andy Waldner and Marion Waldner and singing by Mabel Bredeson, John Stark and Phyllis Stewart — for the 80-year and over members. Those taking part included Francis Goodland (front left), Hazel Weegar, Art Rees, Maggie Robideau, Willie Munro, Ed Bredeson, Mabel Bredeson and Annie Oe (back left), Peggy Robideau, Claire Irvine, Mildred McPhee, John Stark, Myrtle Fenton, Art Patterson, Edna Anderson, Elsie Ames, Ellis Turner, Billie Ford and Fred Ford.

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Edwin Bredeson, 91, of Grande Prairie



Edwin Bredeson, resident of Grande Prairie, passed away in Grande Prairie on December 27, 1994 at the age of 91 years.

He was born in Goodrich, North Dakota on June 16, 1903. He came to the Peace River Country in 1915, over the Edson Trail, coming to Sexsmith, where he worked on the railroad. He met and married Mabel Berg in 1927 and they both worked in the sawmills for two years and then took up farming in the Glen Leslie area. His biggest enjoyment was music and playing the violin at many local dances. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed baseball, playing for the Glen Leslie team.

He is survived by his loving wife,

Mabel of 67 years; three children: Evelyn (Bruce) Rycroft of Grande Prairie, Ernest (Ellen) of Glen Leslie, Marian (Andy) Waldner of Clairmont; and 12 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren; brother, Alfred (Margaret) of Glen Leslie; numerous nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel today at 7 p.m.

Funeral Service will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel on Friday, December 30, 1994 at 11 a.m. Lt. Dave Grice Officiating.

Donations to the Pioneer Lodge would be appreciated by the family.

Arrangements by The Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, 10212-102 Street, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929. "Dedicated service since 1915."

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OBITUARIES

Mabel C. Bredeson, 86, of Grande Prairie



Mabel Constance Bredeson was born on October 24, 1908 in Viscount, Saskatchewan, and passed away peacefully in her sleep at her home in the Pioneer Lodge on July 31, 1995 at the age of 86 years.

In her younger years, Mabel lived in the Sexsmith area where she met and married Edwin Bredeson in 1927. A couple of years later Mabel and Ed settled in the Glen Leslie district where they farmed and raised their family.

"Grandma" Bredeson had many talents including cake decorating,

baking, and piano playing, and all of these skills were self-taught. Any visitor to her home could expect a cup of hot coffee, a hearty meal and lots of lively conversation.

Mabel's main source of pride came from her family which includes three children: Evelyn (Bruce) Rycroft of Grande Prairie, Ernest (Ellen) of Glen Leslie, Marian (Andy) Waldner of Clairmont; 12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren.

Mabel is also survived by her one brother, Melvin Berg of Hythe, and sister, Margaret (Alfred) Bredeson of Grande Prairie.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Edwin of 67 years, on December 27, 1994.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Salvation Army, would be appreciated by the family.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel on Thursday, August 3, 1995 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Funeral service will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel on Friday, August 4, 1995 at 2 p.m., Lynwood Walker of Salvation Army church officiating. Interment to follow in Glen Leslie cemetery.

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Mel Gorgichuk writes that the Wembley Country Opry, a few weeks ago, was successful for the second round, with 100 people braving the cold to attend. Once inside and with the music playing they soon warmed.

The Silver and Gold Club thank the performers — the **Lowen Bros.**, **Perry Brock**, **Bruce Perry**, **Doreen Miller**, **Aleen Hodgson**, **Max Kennedy** and **Andy Waldner** for doing such a good job of providing the music and song for the Opry.

Sally Smyr with the Farmer's Joke and **Frank Lowen** with his Ballad of the Farmer's Alfabit had the crowd roaring with laughter.

"They all say they can't wait for the next Opry," says Mel.

The Opry is scheduled for Feb. 26, 7-11 p.m., at the Wembley Hall.

"I'm expecting a boom of people," he says.

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Just fiddlin' around at the Jamboree

DIANA RINNE
FOR ENCORE!

Fiddling is fun. That's basically what it comes down to for a number of local fiddlers who took part in the 12th Annual Fiddler's Jamboree held at the Grande Prairie Regional College Theatre, March 28.

The bows were smokin' as a packed house enjoyed the tunes of some 27 fiddlers ranging in age from seven to 87.

For Rob Blimke, who has been playing the fiddle for the past 59 years, music is an important part of life. "When I started playing we had to make our own entertainment. Anybody that could play the fiddle, guitar or piano would get together and make some noise," he laughed.

Blimke and fellow fiddler **Andy Waldner** played together in Bredeson's Orchestra for a number of years and still enjoy the camaraderie of musicians. "We still get called to play for dances," noted Waldner.

Another local fiddler, Oliver Tardiff, gets a lot of enjoyment out of events such as the jamboree. A competitive fiddler, Tardiff has won trophies in events throughout Alberta, as well as in B.C. "It's just a lot of fun," he said. "I had to stop for a few years because I almost lost a finger in an accident, but I can still play," he smiled.



May Head, 87, fiddles a tune with assistance of Jerome Tocher of the backup band during the 12th Annual Grande Prairie Museum Fiddler's Jamboree.

In amidst the old-timer fiddlers were a few younger faces. Delayne Dixon came to Grande Prairie from Fairview for the event. Having just started playing three years ago, Dixon is becoming a jamboree veteran. "This is my second time here and I've been to one in Fairview and twice to Peace River," said the seven and a-half year old.

"She started out playing fiddle with a cereal box," notes mom Laurie. "We're very proud of her. Though she takes violin lessons, Dixon says she enjoys the east coast fiddle music of Natalie McMaster more than the classical tunes of those such as Mozart.

Another young fiddler, Joshua Sorer, agreed with Dixon's take on the classics. Though he is learning the Suzuki method of violin, Sorer said the upbeat style of fiddle music is fun to play. "The faster the better," he smiled.

At the age of 87, May Head has a few things in common with the younger fiddlers. "I never really liked the classical music. I enjoy the country western music," she explained. Head is a self-taught fiddler who took up the instrument

some 50 years ago. "My son got me started on it. He gets mad now if I say I'm going to quit," she smiled.

The Fiddler's Jamboree is an annual presentation of the Grande Prairie Museum.

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Anne Erickson, 73, of Grande Prairie



Anne Erickson, resident of Grande Prairie, Alberta, passed away at the Q.E.II hospital in Grande Prairie on Thursday, December 23, 1999

at the age of 73 years.

Anne is survived by her children; Darlene Doucet, Shurl Morris, Peggy Erickson, Dale Erickson, and Cindy Erickson; grandchildren Randy, Kimberely and Brenda (children of Darlene and Norman Doucet), Kevin, Robert and Koralee (children of Shurl and Tom Morris), Ivan, Corey and Rachael (children of Peggy Erickson), Dustin (child of Cindy Erickson and Gilbert Chenoweth), Patrick and Celine (children of Dale Erickson and Adeline Cloutier), brother **Andy Waldner** of Grande Prairie, sisters; Olga Green of Prince George and Tina Pitman of Grande Prairie.

Anne was predeceased by her husband Louis in 1978, her sister Sarah in 1988, Walter in 1992, Johnny in 1995, Maggie in 1997, mother Sarah in 1966, and father John in 1946.

Funeral service will be held on Friday, December 24, 1999 at 2 p.m. from the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses (10318-92 St.) Grande Prairie with Mr. John Westra officiating. Interment to follow in the Grande Prairie Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Anne's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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Photo: Fiona Isaacson

REAL COUNTRY SOUNDS

The band "Country Sounds" performs at Kleskun Hill Park Sunday. From left are, **Andy Waldner**, **Marion Waldner**, David Oldskog and Wayne Rodacker.

Justina Pitman



Mrs. Justina Pitman, longtime resident of Grande Prairie, passed away suddenly at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Grande Prairie on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the age of 73 years.

Justina was born in Clairmont, Alta. on February 20, 1932. She grew up in the Clairmont/Grande Prairie area. She attended school in Clairmont with her brothers and sisters and friends. She married Lloyd Pitman on November 5, 1948 and moved around with him to different towns while he worked on the rigs, finally settling in Grande Prairie. She had Dianne on March 2, 1950 and Yvonne on April 15, 1952. She worked for N.A.D.P. for 17 years.

She volunteered for the Grande Prairie Ag. Society and for the Seniors Out-reach where she was recognized for Volunteer of the Week. She also worked on the children's Handicapped School Bus.

She enjoyed bowling, camping and fishing. She loved being with her family and playing with her grandchildren.

Justina leaves to mourn her passing; daughters Dianne Johns (Terry) Theriault, Yvonne (Earl) Kolodiy, grandchildren Tammy (Joe) Hudson, Stacey Urness, Keith (Christie) Urness, great grandchildren Keira Urness, Baily Hudson, Jonathan and Chase Urness, brother **Andy (Marion) Waldner** and sister Olga Green.

She was predeceased by her husband Lloyd in 1991, father John in 1946, mother Sarah in 1966, sisters Sarah in 1988, Annie in 1999, Maggie in 1997, brothers Walter in 1992 and John in 1995.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 2 p.m. from Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie.

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■ PICNIC MUSIC



PALOMA MIGONE Sun Media

Marian Waldner from Country Sound plays the accordion at Grande Prairie-Smoky MLA Mel Knight's annual constituency appreciation picnic at Kleskun Hill Park yesterday.

WALDNER, Andy - Andy Waldner, resident of Grande Prairie, passed away at the QEII Hospital Monday, February 21, 2011 at the age of 81. Complete obituary to follow.
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THANK YOU

The family of the late **Andrew Waldner** would like to say thank you to many friends, and family for all the kind words, generous gifts and friendships that you shared with our father, Andy.


Thank you to Norm Garberg, Carrie and Ian Waldner for your gift of music. Laine and Shaney Ingalls for creating a beautiful slide show of your grandpa.

Thank you to Norman Ingalls for the kind words of love spoken in the eulogy. Thank you to everyone that danced to our dads music. To the people that touched dad's heart and made him smile.

Thank you everyone for being part of our fathers trail of life.

Most of all- thank you dad for sharing all the love and all your dreams.

Marian, Joanne, Wayne, Allan, Lori and Elaine.



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