



College Charter Graduates

CHARTER STUDENTS and graduates of the Grande Prairie Junior College are: Front Row, (left to right) Pearl Kramps, Grande Prairie; Phylis Spence, Hinton Trail; Trudy Toews, Beaverlodge; Jane McKenzie, Hythe; Joyce Helm, Grande Prairie; Suzanne Brown, Woking; Roberta Fletcher, Grande Prairie; Marilyn Torgerson, Grande Prairie; Dorine Meunier, Eaglesham; Cheryl Anderson, Saskatoon; Karra Lee Brown, Woking; Vicki Chledowski, Sexsmith; Ruth McNaughton, Sexsmith; Second Row (left to right) Pat Carter, Grande Prairie; Judy Boyko, Spirit River; Gloria Cranston, Wembley; Darlene Mosand, Valhalla Centre, Kathy Savill, High Prairie; Linda Williamson, Man-

ning; Margaret Pohr, Bluesky; Valerie Patterson, Grande Prairie; Joan Stewart, Beaverlodge; Mrs. Joan MacAlister, Wembley; Mrs. Margaret Marston, Grande Prairie; Natalie Tomnuk, High Prairie; Third Row (left to right) Keith Compton, Grande Prairie; Donald Meen, Grande Prairie; Ron Goede, High Prairie; Willie Marx, High Prairie; Terry Rehaume, Wembley; Gary Borstad, Grande Prairie; Delbert Schlicht, Beaverlodge; Robert Podruzny, Wanham; Alan Elliott, Spirit River; Robert Backus, Grande Prairie; Dennis Patterson, Grande Prairie; Gary Reyda, Brownvale; Jim Waldren, Grande Prairie; Fourth Row (left to right) Dennis Pronovost, Grande

Prairie; Gary Saville, High Prairie; Larry Robinson, Grande Prairie; Terry Williamson, Manning; Fred Welter, Grande Prairie; Richard Scott, Belloy; Russ Mann, Sexsmith; Mike Sather, Wanham; Dave McNaughton, Sexsmith; Gordon Bradley, Grande Prairie; Ron Thorpe, Debolt; Lyle Molyneaux, Grande Prairie; Brent Dale, Hythe. Missing were: Richard Clements, Grande Prairie; Louise Dusseault, Girouxville; Connie Doerkson, Grande Prairie; Jack Field, Grande Prairie; Loraine Kles, Grande Prairie; Mrs. Margaret Penner, Debolt; Helene Spice, Grande Prairie; Doug White, Spirit River; Cheryl Widdfield, Grande Prairie; Roy Wiebe, Grande Prairie.

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Weddings have been very frequent in our area this fall. Bridal showers were held in the Legion Hut for Mary Lou Fells, who became Mrs. Paul Podulsky Jr., they now reside in Grande Prairie; Dorthea Fitzsimmons of Wembley who became Mrs. Jim Bulford; Valerie Patterson, who married Terry Williamson now residing in Manning, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wilson, now residing in Edmonton.

Jim Laverick had his foot severely injured in a power take-off on a baler. The Ford and Laverick families wish to thank all who have helped in any way during this time of misfortune.

It is with regret that we announce that yet another phase of our community life has ended. It seems that due to lack of support and interest our local United Church has had to close its doors after serving the community for approximately 10 years.

We would like to extend a welcome to all newcomers to our district: Mr. and Mrs. Don Glass and family; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moody and family; Mrs. Bernice Welander and family; and Mr. and Mrs. James Ford and family.

Jim and Donna Ford now have our local store open and ready for business.



Mr. and Mrs. Terry Williamson of Manning (nee Valerie Patterson) Paquin Photo



SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS — Kerry Edey (left) and Kim Reiner (right) explain the operations of their model sulphur plant to teacher Val Williamson at the Swanavon school science fair Friday. The students placed first in

the competition. Other winners included Angela Camenzinda, Dorothy Evaskevich, Sandra McLennan, Lucille Plante, Atef Ghazouly and Arthur Willard.

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New graduates honored

Gary R. Kohlsmith (left) and Terry A. Williamson (centre), both of Grande Prairie, will be recognized at a special dinner meeting of Grande Prairie and district chartered ac-

countants to be held today. Officiating at the ceremony will be Mr. W. D. Grace, (right), president of the 2,200-member Alberta Institute of Chartered Accountants. Accompan-

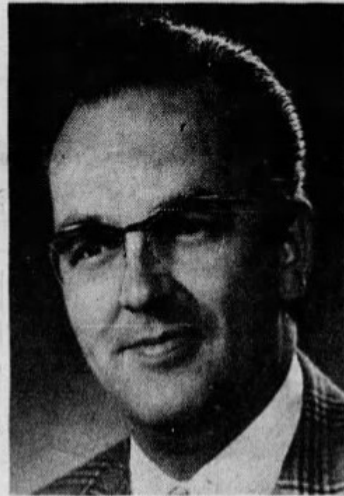
ying him is Mr. Vic Dzurko, the executive director of the Institute.

Both Mr. Kohlsmith and Williamson completed the strenuous C.A. final exams

last October and will become fully-registered C.A.s when their term of service is completed May 15, 1974 and September 2, 1974 respectively.

Mr. Kohlsmith received a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Alberta in May 1972 and has been working for J. H. Bennion & Co. in Grande Prairie since that time. Born in Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, he attended high school in Westlock, Alberta, before going on to the University of Alberta.

Mr. Williamson was born at Berwyn, Alberta and attended the Grande Prairie Junior College before joining J. H. Bennion & Co. in 1969 where he has remained employed.



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Sharp-eyed hunters turn rocks into chocolate



Sarah Card, 13, helps her four-year-old sister Whitney with her Easter bonnet, while sister Caitlin, 6, looks on.

Annual Easter egg hunt keeps youngsters scrambling

By PAUL COWLEY
Herald-Tribune staff

No stone was left unturned as dozens of local children combed Muskosepi Park in the annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday afternoon.

Hundreds of colored rocks were hidden throughout the park to challenge the sharp-eyed youngsters to find as many they could to later exchange for chocolate eggs.

Val Williamson, said she has been looking forward to the egg hunt for months. Her one-year-old daughter, Kaylee, was still new to the concept of hunting for Easter eggs.

Nine-year-old Theresa Chong was a firm supporter of the concept of trading painted rocks for chocolate.

Her strategy was simple.

"There are a lot of young kids. It's a nice way for a family to get out and enjoy themselves."

Helen Chong

Move quickly and avoid crowds.

"Go to the trees or you go way into the areas where there is no one else," Chong said.

Helen Chong, her mother, said the family used to come to the Easter egg hunt every year but missed it last year. The Easter events are a good way for families to spend the day, she said.

"There are a lot of young kids. It's a nice way for a family to get out and enjoy themselves."

Jack Rogers, the park's special events co-ordinator, was

pleased the weather co-operated with this year's event.

"I think this is the best weather we've had in six years," Rogers said. "Usually, we're out in the snow."

There were a number of activities to keep children occupied. At one table, boiled eggs could be turned into works of art with a little glue, sparkles, crayon and dye.

Inside the pavilion, paper plates, ribbons and crepe paper were converted into Easter bonnets.

A puppet show and magic act were also featured in the pavilion.

But the hit with many of the younger set was a petting zoo which featured a pot belly pig, goats, a rabbit and miniature horses.

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Earl Lindsay Weegar, 70, of Bezanson



Earl Lindsay Weegar passed away surrounded by his family at the Q.E.II Hospital, on August 18, 2001 at the age of 70.

He was born to Rupert and Hazel Weegar in the DeBolt district and was a longtime resident of the Rex Patterson homestead in Bezanson.

Earl's huge heart made him a friend to all he met and the devotion of so many helped to lighten the burdens of his later years.

Earl is survived by his wife Allie, whom he cherished.

He loved and was loved dearly by Dave and Rhea Patterson, Keith Patterson, Val and Terry Williamson and Annette and Ron Mort. He was a loving and generous Grandpa to Sandy Mayhew and children, Terri, Greg, Joe, Trevor, Ashley and Brittany, Cathy Patterson and James Patterson, Lisa Wallace and son Dillon, Parri and Greg Ulrich and children Heather and Tanner, Michael Williamson and little Darrin Mort. Earl is also survived by his dear siblings, Harvey and Pat Weegar, Lorice and Des Stark, Delmar and Betty Weegar and all of their families. He was predeceased by his parents Rup and Hazel and brothers-in-law Roger and Vernon LaValley.

Earl's great affection for all people, a good visit and a 12-point crib will be fondly remembered and sadly missed. In memory of Earl Weegar, please send flowers to someone you love.

Funeral service will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2001 at 2 p.m. from the Bezanson Community Church with Rev. Jonathan Siggelkow officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

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Get ready to grow something

JEANNE GAGNON
Herald-Tribune staff

The soil is black and thick and darkens the hands as they sink into it. The hands hold in them a few tiny seeds – seeds so small it's hard to imagine what they will bring. But in only a few weeks, what started as a seed can break out of the dark soil, becoming delicious food. Gardening, for some, can be almost a spiritual activity but there are many other tangible benefits.

More and more people are planting their own fruit and vegetable gardens because they want good healthy food they know has been grown without pesticides and a lot of added chemicals, said local gardener Lorna McIlroy. In her plot of land grows corn, tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, carrots, peas, beans, beets, rutabaga turnips and radishes.

"It's hard to pick favourites. Everything that grows is exciting," she said. "With vegetables, there's just nothing like your own new potatoes, fresh from the garden. Green peas. Corn is a bit of a challenge, but if you can grow your corn and just pick it and get it immediately into the boiling water, it's good."

McIlroy had to downsize her big vegetable garden when she moved to a city lot from a larger yard in Clairmont, about five years ago.

"I'm doing less, but enjoying every blossom and every bit of gardening just as much," she said. "They (vegetables) certainly taste better than the ones that are picked green and shipped in."

Grande Prairie is located in the plant hardiness Zone 2, out of the nine zones in the country. The zones are based on the average climatic conditions in an area and indicate where different varieties of plants, trees and shrubs will likely survive. Farmers must also take into consideration the date of the last frost. In Grande Prairie, the last spring frost was listed as May 18 and the first fall frost is listed as September 13. Because spring was late this year, said McIlroy, she recommends gardeners wait until June 1 to be on the safe side.

"The frost-free dates would apply to setting out bedding plants such as tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, corn. Potatoes, corn, beans, cucumbers, pumpkins and squash should not be planted until the soil has warmed up (May 10-20)," she explained.

Some seeds, such as peas, beets, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, kohlrabi, radish, rutabaga, Swiss chard and turnip can be planted as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring. Other seeds, such as lettuce, spinach, seed onions, carrots, parsnips, garlic and parsley, can even

be seeded the previous fall or early in the spring."

McIlroy has been gardening all her life in this area and she said strawberries, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli will do well.

"All the root crops do really well because we have the long days of sunshine in the summer. We really do have good growth, the root crops, the peas, the beans," she said.

For those living in apartment buildings where growing plants in a pot or container is probably their most viable option, she said many vegetables and herbs will do well in such an environment.

"Tomatoes do well in containers. That's totally how I grow mine now," she said. "You wouldn't be growing your deep root vegetables in containers because they need the extra room that you wouldn't have in a container. Some people are successfully growing potatoes in a barrel, where they plant a row of potatoes at the bottom of the barrel and they put soil and then another row of potatoes."

McIlroy recommends people use locally grown plants in their garden. Greenhouses, such as Dunvegan Gardens, Wetsley Greenhouses and Willow Valley Greenhouses are an option, as are large stores.

"They are growing the varieties that are suitable for the area and it's good to support them. Some of the larger stores bring in plants as well and as long as they take care of them, I don't have a problem with that," she said.

Dunvegan Gardens sells a wide variety of fruit and vegetable plants, including tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, onions, potatoes, lettuce and strawberries. The most popular with customers are tomatoes, cucumbers and potatoes, said Val Williamson, store front manager at Dunvegan. As for herbs, basil and parsley are the most popular. Dunvegan also offers chives, coriander, dill, lavender, mint and thyme, to name a few.

"Potatoes are really popular, especially this year, with the economy being the way it is," she said, adding it's cheaper to grow your own vegetables and herbs than to buy them.

"And better quality – so much better flavour," she added.

She said all the vegetables and herbs can be grown in a container. This year, they started selling a mini garden, which includes radish, cucumber and two tomato plants, four types of lettuce and parsley.

"We have a lot of seniors and a lot of kids that like gardening, but they don't have the space so we decided, we had these containers, we decided to try and see how popular they'd be and they're quite popular," she said.



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Left: Val Williamson shows off some vegetables in a greenhouse at Dunvegan Gardens.

Below: Lorna McIlroy stands behind the plants that will end up in her garden once the warmer weather hits. Behind the row of potatoes are corn (left) and tomatoes.

Second from bottom: Rows upon rows of Big Beef tomato plants await a new home at Dunvegan Gardens. Bottom: Onion plants start to take shape at Dunvegan Gardens.



In illustrating how growing your own food is economical, McIlroy said she's heard with \$50 worth of seed, you can get hundreds of dollars worth of vegetables.

"If you enjoy doing it and aren't grudging at the time, it certainly is economical," she said. "It will all be successes in gardening but you can really enjoy those successes and build on the failures and makes some changes," she said.

Involving children in the "magic" of growing their own food is very important, she added.

"Our future could well depend on it!"

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