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School's decked halls lure Christmas concert crowd

By **Dorothea Bulford**
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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. 

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.

Bezanson Christmas concert

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – During the past few days classroom schedules have deviated slightly from their normal rigorous routines of lessons and studies.

Students in art classes have been concentrating their artistic talents on creating original decorations to “deck the halls.”

The auditorium has taken on a festive air with murals featuring Garfield and his friends. Finishing touches are applied to costumes as actors memorize and rehearse recitations and skits in readiness for the annual Christmas

concert.

The curtain will rise on this year's production at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 in the school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parents and pre-school children are invited to the viewing of the 3D film, *It Came From Outer Space*, presented at 1 p.m. Dec. 16 at the school.

Following the film, school will be dismissed until Jan. 3.

Local residents are reminded of the regular monthly meeting of the Bezanson Agricultural Society on Dec. 20, at the curling rink. Festive refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. with the business agenda at 7:30.

Halloween's not here yet but Bezanson sees Yule approach

By Dorothea Bulford

BEZANSON — Although Halloween has yet to arrive, signs of the approaching festive Christmas season are beginning to appear.

Many who include home-made creations among their traditional preparations have begun the countdown to the completion of their projects.

Stitchery buffs enjoyed a Creative Circle open house hosted by Linda Bulford Oct. 15. A variety of pictures and kits were on display showing several needlework techniques. Darlene Brooks received the door prize of the popular Jack Frost kit — a picture in counted cross-stitch.

Local ladies wishing assistance with their ceramic items can attend afternoon or evening lessons tentatively scheduled to start Nov. 23. For further information call Lynne Oe at 567-2221.

In past years the Bezanson-Crystal Creek Craft Club, with funding assistance through the Further Education Council, offered instruction to assist beginners with their projects.

However, due to the lack of registration, several planned courses had to be cancelled last year and none have been approved for this year. If you would like lessons available for the 1989-90 fall and winter seasons, call Eleanor Ford at 567-2435. She will compile a list of interest and co-ordinate a facility, instructor, etc., if there is a minimum of eight interested adults in a course.

The ghosts and goblins, witches and vampires, black cats and pumpkins will be dancing to the music of the Baby Blue Band at the Bezanson Agricultural Society Halloween Cabaret on Oct. 29, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Cocktails will be served at 9 with costume judging later in the evening. Advance tickets are \$7.50 per person and available at the Bezanson Auto Tec store or from any society member.

Residents of the community are reminded of the annual general meeting of the Bezanson Agricultural Society on Nov. 15. Attendance at the fall meetings has been low, resulting in too much work for too few hands. Help is

needed to ready the curling rink for another season and anyone wishing a pre-Christmas craft flea market will need to step forward to organize the event.

There is a work bee to hook up the sewer system at the hall on Sunday at 11. Remember, "many hands make light work", so your assistance will be appreciated.

The Oct. 17 meeting of the West Smoky Legion was well attended by current members and interested community residents. Prior to the meeting, it was generally felt that the branch may have to dissolve due to dwindling attendance. However, the significant show of support at the meeting has stayed any closure or cancellation in Legion-sponsored programs for the present time.

Eleanor Ford is supervising renewals and signing up new members. If you are unsure of your status, give her a call at 567-2435.

Everyone who has enjoyed the annual wild game supper jointly hosted by the Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will want to mark Nov. 19, on their calendar, when this year's supper will be held. Alternate meat choices will be served for the non-adventurous diner not wishing to sample the wild varieties.

The ladies co-ordinating the meal would appreciate your helping hands with this ambitious undertaking. Give Donna McNally a call at 538-9858 to volunteer your services or donation.

Community residents 50 years of age and over are reminded of the monthly meeting of the Golden Years Club tomorrow at 1:30 at the Legion Hut. Decisions regarding the next phase of the building project need to be made, making this an important meeting to attend.

Parents of three- and four-year-old children have organized an informal play-school program for their youngsters. The group enjoys activities in the kindergarten portable Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30. For further information, call Terry at 539-9888, or drop into the centre during play-school hours.

The community wishes quick recoveries to Alan Sorenson and Danny Antonio who experienced home accidents last week.

Bezanson Christmas concert scheduled

By Dorothea Bulford

BEZANSON – Bezanson students from kindergarten through Grade 9 will be presenting their Christmas concert program Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Santa Claus has scheduled a visit during the evening and will be distributing gifts to the younger children of the community.

To assist Santa with this project, the Children's Concern are selling raffle tickets on two food hampers. Tickets are 50¢ each and available from students or the Bezanson store. Collection boxes for food hamper donations are located in the school and in the store.

The kindergarten class is raffling a gingerbread house, a pinecone wreath and a candyball. Tickets are 25¢ each and are available from the students. Winning tickets for both raffles will be drawn and announced at the concert.

The Golden Years Club sends belated, but hearty greetings to Wladmyer Kochalyk, Allie Weegar, Ann Bulford and George and Marguerite Laverick who celebrated November birthdays.

Curlers, if you are interested in playing in the square draw at the Bezanson rink, phone Terry at 539-3820 or 532-6169. If there is sufficient interest, play will start as soon as ice can be installed.

CWL hosts annual fowl supper

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – The Bezanson Catholic Women's League and parish members are hosting their annual fowl supper Sunday in the Bezanson Hall from 4 to 7 p.m.

Adults and teenagers can dine for \$7, children seven through 12 are \$3 and six and under are free of charge.

There will be a bake table to tempt your post-Thanksgiving and pre-Christmas diet plans as well as bazaar items to assist you with your gift shopping.

Congratulations to Nita Sarmaga and Wilfred Menard who will be reaching the status of senior citizens this month. Milfred Patterson, Gertie Edginton and Des Stark are also celebrating October birthdays.

The pay-what-you-pull raffle held by the Golden Years Club was drawn for at the seniors afternoon card party Oct. 11. Nita Sarmaga won the first prize of \$200 cash; Harriet Wright of Calgary won the second prize, a quilt hand-made by club members; Albert Tomshak of Clairmont won the third prize, an afghan made and donated by Edna Anderson.

Proceeds from the raffle went to the senior centre building fund.

District residents extend their sympathy to the Audet family on the passing of August Audet.

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Christmas craft sale

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Finding individual and unique gifts for the special people on our Christmas lists can be a difficult and frustrating task.

The Bezanson Agricultural Society comes to your aid Saturday with its second annual bazaar-styled craft sale in the community hall.

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Golden Years Club, will give everyone a good start at 8 a.m. Tables of handicrafts will be open for sales from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The pancake breakfast plates are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for those 7 to 12 years and free for children 6 years and under.

Good luck to all Santa's helpers in their missions this year. It can be hazardous, but when all of the holiday maneuvers are complete, it is always gratifying to see our accomplishments.

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Doucette wins Bezanson crib crown

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Twenty-eight players pegged points in the Jim Fells Memorial Crib Tournament hosted by the Golden Years Club in the Legion Hut Oct. 1.

Ted Doucette from Goodwin placed first and received the individual trophy donated this year by Bill Nellis. Ted's name will be added to the display trophy which will be kept in the seniors

centre. Second and third place winners, Willie Munroe from Goodwin and Bill Nellis from Clairmont, received money prizes.

The seniors will be in the kitchen of the Legion Hut on Sunday, flipping pancakes and grilling sausage and eggs from 5 to 7 p.m. Plate prices for the all-you-can-eat supper are \$3 for adults

and \$1.50 for those 7 to 12 years, with those six years and under free of charge. Proceeds from the evening will be applied to the Seniors Centre building fund.

Residents of the community extend their sympathies to Elmer and Joan Ford and families on the passing of Ernie Ford on Oct. 2.

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Clubs, sports and 4-H activities begin organizing for fall in Bezanson district

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON — Karate lessons through the Shorinryu Club in Grande Prairie begin tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. in the Bezanson hall. The hour-long sessions scheduled for Monday and Wednesday evenings are open to anyone over six years of age at a cost of \$25 a month with a sliding fee scale for families. If you are interested, but missed Monday's registration, call Irene Wilson at 532-6648.

4-H clubs are regrouping for another year of projects and activities. Registration for the Kountry Krafters and the Clairmont Quick Starts is today at 7 p.m. in the Clairmont United Church. Anyone interested in assisting the clubs with projects or becoming a member (open to ages 10 to 21) can call Donna and Calvin Conrad at 567-2233.

The Bezanson Junior High Volleyball squads under the coaching of Mrs. Gerrard and Mr. Mitchell begin their season play Oct. 6 at Teepee Creek

against teams from there. Drop in and give the teams your support.

Friends and family of Polly Patterson helped her celebrate her 65th birthday Oct. 3, with a surprise party Oct. 1. Polly was lured to her son's home by an invitation for a lasagna dinner prepared by granddaughter Tara. The meal was superb and Polly enjoyed the after-dinner guests who arrived in convoy to congratulate her.

Gertie Sorenson with children Murray and Raelin, recently enjoyed a holiday in Ontario visiting relatives and sight-seeing in the Toronto area. They found the Science Centre with its mix of past, present and futuristic displays most impressive.

Danny Antonio was the lucky recipient of a \$400 gift certificate from the Co-op Gas Bar in the Herald-Tribune Reader Roundup contest.

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Bezanson set for activities

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON — Students have returned to classes and the frost is on the pumpkin. Clubs and organizations who suspended their activities for the summer months are resuming their regular meetings and functions. Fall has definitely arrived; can winter be close behind?

The Bezanson Agricultural Society met Sept. 20 at the curling rink. The turn-out was small as harvest operations kept many in the field. However, those in attendance enjoyed a very productive meeting.

The schedule for renovations to the hall lighting and sewer system was reviewed and it was noted that these will require immediate attention to ensure completion before freeze-up.

Plans were discussed for a Halloween Dance Sat., Oct. 29. Ghosts and goblins should watch for further details in the weeks to come. The society will again assume responsibility for the flooding and upkeep of the school skating rink.

The Jim Fells Memorial Crib Tournament is scheduled for tomorrow (Saturday) the Legion Hut with registration from 12 to 1. All crib players are welcome. Lunch and coffee will follow the card games. Fee for the afternoon is \$4 per person.

If you would like to lead or assist a Brownie or Guide group or if you are interested in a program for your child, give District Commissioner Dorothy Martin a call at 567-3642.

Any news you'd like to see in this column? If so, you can call me at 567-2105.

Bezanson Legionnaires host wild game supper

By Dorothea Bulford

BEZANSON – The Wild Game Supper, sponsored by the West Smoky Legion at Bezanson Community Hall on Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., is the opportunity your taste buds have been waiting for.

The third annual event promises to be a gourmet's delight with a variety of wild meats and alternate choices for the less adventuresome diner.

Advance tickets for the supper are \$6 for adults, \$3 for those 6 to 12 years with free admission for those 5 and under. They are available from Bezanson Autotec or any Legion member.

A cabaret and dance with music by Skyline follows from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission to the dance is \$6 per person. Raffle tickets on a gift certificate from Larry's Sport Shops will be sold during the evening.

A reminder to all district residents: the annual general meeting of Bezanson Agricultural Society will be held Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the curling rink.

Parent/teacher interviews are being held throughout the county this week. In Bezanson, this was Tuesday and today.

Sexsmith Secondary School has scheduled 6-9:30 p.m. today and tomorrow for interviews. Students attending these schools will enjoy another short week of classes as teachers will have Friday off to compensate for time spent holding these interviews.

Last week, students had a holiday Thursday while teachers attended a day of in-service and Friday in observance of Remembrance Day.

Bezanson students, adults plunge into Halloween fun

By Dorothea Buiford

BEZANSON — Bezanson really got into the thrill of Halloween this year.

The school was invaded Oct. 28 by a variety of ghosts, goblins, witches, and several unidentifiable creatures, as teachers, students and parents celebrated Halloween. A number of human species attended in everyday dress apparently feeling that they were sufficiently frightening without the benefit of costumes, make-up or masks.

Prizes, courtesy of the Students' Union, were awarded to the funniest, the scariest and the most original

costumes in each grade. In the adult category, student judges awarded the most original to "The Bed", Mr. Hildebrand; the funniest to "Me and Grama", Elaine Cissell; and the scariest to "Wicked Witch", Mrs. Moon.

The gymnasium was transferred into an arcade of games designed by students from Grades 5-8 to test participants' luck and skill with prizes for all.

A panel of teachers judged "Goosey Surprise" by Heather Loewen and Teresa Antonio first; "Stick the Stinky" by Scott Englebert and Andrew Wilson was declared second; "Haunted Bar" by Edith Sowen and Brandy LaValley

third.

The Grade 9 girls and boys each designed a house of horror and conducted tours of them throughout the afternoon for the footbrandy and the brave.

A big hand to everyone who put so much time and effort into their inventive costumes, games and decorations.

Sixty-four entries were received in the third annual pumpkin-carving contest. Judges Betty Weegar and Helen Fenton had the difficult task of determining the best entry on the basis of neatness and uniqueness and the best dressed entry on imagination shown and work involved. Each entrant received a candy bag for their efforts.

Richard Coney, Lorne Ewert, Jeffery Thompson, Lennie Patterson, Stephen Thompson, Michael Laverick, Edith Sowen, Dennis Coney and Jackie Forrest were awarded \$10 each for their entries in Grades 1 to 9 respectively.

Jodie Cissell, Chandra Hildebrand, Laura Oe, Steven Ewert, Tania Patterson, Raelen Sorenson, Dwayne Mauerer, Katie Doll and Deanna Robertson each received \$10 for their best dressed pumpkins in Grades 1 to 9 respectively.

Thank you to Bezanson Auto Tce, Big J Contracting, B.J. Enterprises, Busy Bee Ceramics, Fenton Greenhouse, First Edition Printing, Forrest Farms, George Mauerer Enterprises Ltd., Lennie Cissell Welding, Mini Creek Dairy Farms Ltd., Soda Express, and Rudy's Mobile Home Transport for sponsoring and assisting with the contest for the students.

Costume winners at the Bezanson Agricultural Society Halloween Cabaret were: best man, "Big Bad John" alias Tom Laverick; best woman, geisha girl, Rosalie Cissell; and best couple, the California rabbits, Howard and Norren Laverick.

If you missed seeing the antics of these characters, you won't want to miss the entertainment the executive has planned for the general meeting of the society. It has been re-scheduled to Nov. 22 so as not to conflict with parent/teacher interviews.

Anne Giesko celebrated her 80th birthday, which was Nov. 1, on Oct. 30 with friends and family at Aurora Court.

You will have an opportunity to purchase your literary Christmas gifts and support the school library Nov. 14-17 during the annual Book Fair. Available publications include a selection for everyone from pre-school to adults and will be on display during regular school hours as well as from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 15 and 16 during parent/teacher interviews.

Proceeds from the sales are used to purchase additional books for the school library.

A shower in honor of Jennie Klimack and Shane Adair will be held in the Legion Hut Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. The couple will be united in marriage Nov. 26.

The Bezanson B volleyball squads attended an invitational tournament in Sexsmith Nov. 5. Although both teams finished in last place, the players agreed they enjoyed the competition and gained some practical experience.

Bezanson A and B teams travelled to Sexsmith today to play their last sets in this season's league play.

CWL supper at Bezanson successful event

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Emily La Valley, on behalf of the Catholic Women's League of Bezanson, graciously thanks each and every one for their generous donations to the fowl supper Oct. 23. Also, a big thanks to all of the willing hands that helped in many ways.

The ladies hope you enjoyed your evening and will be looking forward to seeing you again next year.

The Bezanson boys A volleyball team took second place in the Harry Balfour invitational tournament Oct. 22. They defeated Teepee Creek Oct. 27 to remain undefeated in first place in league play. Next action for the boys is Nov. 3 at Harry Balfour school.

The October bottle drive netted the junior high students \$440.15. The students thank Eleanor Ford, Donna McNally, Kathleen Bulford, Jim Robertson, Chris Miller, Bob Vetsch, and Jerry Oe for driving the pick-up crews and everyone who supported them. The money will assist students taking a Jasper ski trip later in the year.

Remembrance Day services conducted by the West Smoky Legion will be held in the Bezanson school auditorium at 11 a.m. Nov. 9. Community residents are invited to join the school students and teachers for the services.

The Lo-Cal Diet Club is an informal support group for people concerned with weight loss or control. Members follow their own self-styled diets and exercise regimes to the degree they find suitable for their individual needs. The group meets at the home of Allie Ames Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. to weigh-in. For further information, give her a call at 532-6495.

Do you find events in our community entertaining, informative, and interesting? I believe we all enjoy learning about the things that keep everyone busy in Bezanson. Help us cover your activities by calling 567-2105 and make sure they don't go unnoticed.

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Notices

SOCIAL DANCING COURSE — will be held April 5 at Bezan-
son school. Contact Dorothea Bulford (567-2105) for further infor-
mation or to register.

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BEZANSON/CRYSTAL CREEK CRAFT CLUB — will be holding a registration meeting for fall courses at 7:30 p.m. in the Bezanson School. For further information, contact Pat Withers 532-6292, Dorothea Bulford at 567-2105 or Sharon Kimble at 532-6686.

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FITZSIMMONS — Gordon Hilliard Fitzsimmons passed away October 19, 1972 at Grande Prairie at the age of 67 years. He was born at Strassburg, Sask. and was a resident of the Wembley area. He is survived by his wife Harriette; 3 daughters, Mrs. Don (Gertrude) Thompson, Hay River; Mrs. Jim (Eleanor) Wood of Grande Prairie, Mrs. Jim Dorothea) Bulford, Bezanson; 3 grandchildren, 2 brothers, Arnold and Earl of Sask., 1 sister Mrs. Edith Wilson, B.C. He was predeceased by one sister Lilian in 1947.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 23 at 2 p.m. from the Oliver Funeral Chapel with Rev. C. Swallow officiating, interment followed in the Lake Saskatoon Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Chapel of Grande Prairie.

West Smoky Legion installation held

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – New officers of the West Smoky Royal Canadian Legion branch were sworn in at an installation ceremony in the Legion Hut April 10.

District Commander Bill Hakes of Spirit River and Zone Commander Keith Bennett of Grande Prairie administered the oath of office to executives Bruce Fenton, president; Donna McNally, secretary; Eleanor Ford, treasurer; and Howard Withers, sergeant-at-arms.

Everyone using the kitchen facilities of the Legion Hut can now enjoy the

added convenience of a microwave, thanks to Earl and Allie Weegar who donated the appliance.

Forty-four seniors tallied points through 40 hands of whist in the Golden Years Club tournament April 8. Cash prizes went to Earl Weegar, first with 286 points; Herman Hindmarch, second with 280 points, and Polly Patterson, third with 277 points.

Thanks to Marie Ames, Betty Ford, Allie Weegar and Sally Sedore who assumed kitchen duties for the day, and serving the noon lunch and afternoon tea supplied by club members.

Hazel Weegar sold tickets on the

club's pay-what-you-pull raffle. First prize – an afghan made and donated by Edna Anderson – went to Elizabeth Foley; second – a macrame plant hanger – went to Mabel Hindmarch, and Dorothea Mansfield received third prize – a scenic picture.

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Covered ice plans on hold

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Ideas for a covered ice surface in Bezanson were shelved at the March 21 meeting of the Bezanson Agricultural Society. The executive and directors felt that further investigation into such a major project was not warranted until more representation from the community is received at society meetings.

Plans for the society-sponsored family night April 15 were announced. You are invited to bring your favorite supper dish or dessert and join your neighbors for a potluck supper in the community hall from 5 to 7. Organizers are looking for more acts for the talent show to follow.

If you or your group would like to perform, call Janet Sarmaga at 567-2376 after 6 p.m. Dancing begins at 9 to the music of Long Shot. The society is also hoping to arrange a fireworks display. Cost for the evening is \$10 per family.

A limited number of tickets are available for the West Smoky Legion buffet and social evening April 21. The Ladies Auxiliary will cater a Chinese smorgasbord and bingo will be called after.

Tickets are \$7 per person and available from the Bezanson General Service Centre or Legion members. You may be well advised to get your tickets early. The January, February and March buffets were very well received and tickets for this month's affair are expected to go quickly.

I fully realize that it is folly to wish time away, but I am certainly glad to have seen the last of the March 1989 page on my calendar. For myself and many others, last month represented a classic example of contradiction.

We were encouraged to give extra care and attention to our dietary intake during those 31 days as they were proclaimed nutrition month. Those same 31 days included the feast days of Saint Patrick (March 17) and Easter Sunday (March 26).

As it appeared impossible to eliminate the calorie-laden treats traditionally consumed during these festivals, I sought out some suitable substitutions. Spinach bunnies, anyone? Or how about some low-cholesterol yogurt eggs?

Society discussing minor ball, rink roof

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Rumors of an early visit to the community by a certain white rabbit have been circulating through the membership of the agricultural society. It is generally felt that the furry fellow will make his appearance at the regular monthly meeting of the society March 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the curling rink.

The organization of family night, minor ball equipment and a feasibility study for a covered ice surface are also on the agenda.

The Missoula Children's Theatre actor/director touring team of Melanie Buckhouse and Ross Mackinney completed their week of residency in Bezanson March 4. This year's production of Jack and the Beanstalk involved 58 students in acting and directing.

The performances were enhanced by the roles. Piano accompaniment was contributed by Shirley Ewert.

Between stage rehearsals, workshops on make-up and improvisation were conducted for the students.

The show was taped by Fredricks Video and copies are available through Children's Concern by calling the school or Donna McNally.

Thirty-five junior high students, accompanied by two teachers and several parents, travelled to Marmot Basin March 5 for three days of skiing. Local school bus driver Bruce Fenton contributed his services to chauffeur the group in a 66-passenger county bus.

A number of award categories were established to suit the wide range of talents displayed on the hill. The students presented Fenton with a toque to commemorate his flight down the Knob hill. Lapel pins went to Carmen Cissell – "tow-stopper" of the year; Craig Zenner – biggest "fish story"; Bret McNally – best tumbling act; John Engelbert – inventor of the most original ski stop, and to Aaron Wilson – most improved skier.

Generally the students agreed that getting up and down a mountain slope is not always an easy feat, but they found the biggest challenge was sleeping through the snoring coming from the adults' cabin.

Expenses for the trip were covered in part by fund-raising campaigns and with donations from the Children's Concern group and the Students Union. Many thanks to everyone who assisted with the expedition.

Bezanson karate students earn honors

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Karate students were tested Feb. 25 at the Shorinryu Karate Club in Grande Prairie by Tom Watanabe, a sixth-level black belt holder from Montreal.

Sheryll and Raina Patterson and Irene Wilson received their yellow belts and Bret and Darby McNally, Andrew Wilson and Shaun McCormack received their green belts. Michelle Chaboyer, instructor of the Bezanson students, received her first-level black belt and Joe Alfonso, who started the local classes, received his third-level black belt.

Entries for the closing bonspiel March 17-19 can be made at Bezanson Autotec from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., or call 532-6169.

A meeting to determine the Further Education classes offered next year will be scheduled as soon as time permits. Give some thought as to the courses you would like to take or teach and watch for the meeting date to be announced.

Registration deadline for the proposed reflexology class is March 15. If you are interested in attending this course, call Donna McNally at 539-9858.

The annual Family Night is on the calendar for April 15 and the Agricultural Society is again inviting performers to take part in the amateur segment of the evening. There are openings for headliners as well as opening and supporting acts. If you need further information or encouragement, call Janet Sarmaga at 567-2376 after 6 p.m.

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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.

TO OUR relatives and friends who gathered at the Legion Hut October 23 to celebrate "Wilfred and Nita's 70th birthday". Thank you for the unforgettable 25 anniversary. The decorations, food, and entertainment were great and your attendance was a special gift we shall always treasure. Jim and Dorothea Bulford. P.S. In the future, we will be questioning your motives and will expose those hidden agendas!

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Tamarack focus of meeting

By **DOROTHEA BULFORD**

BEZANSON – Camp Tamarack – the facility, the programs and the charges made for their use – was the focus of a public meeting held in the Bezanson Hall Feb. 16.

The local Catholic Women's League, on behalf of concerned residents and with the support of the agricultural society, invited Association President Gordon Sears and camp director Kylee Haining to attend the forum. Following a brief slide presentation featuring the facilities and programs available at the camp, specific questions from the floor were addressed.

The annual general meeting of Camp Tamarack Association will be held tonight (Feb. 22) in the camp lodge (5 km south of Grande Prairie on Hwy. 40) at 7:30. The association is a public non-profit organization and everyone with an interest in its operation is welcome to attend.

Low-cost housing for senior citizens is now available in the hamlet of Bezanson. Located next to the Golden

Years Club centre, the individual cottages are approximately 600 square feet and equipped with four appliances (fridge, stove, washer and dryer). Inquiries or applications can be made to the manager, Eleanor Ford at 567-2435.

Breakfast, brunch or lunch with the Golden Years Club in their new centre on Saturday, Feb. 25. Pancakes, eggs and sausages will be served from 8 a.m. until noon at a cost of \$3.50 for adults, \$1.50 for 12-17 year olds, and no charge for those 6 years and under.

The Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Bezanson School next week for the fifth consecutive year. This year the touring team, with a supporting cast of school students, will present two performances of Jack and the Beanstalk, Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Past productions of Snow White, Pinocchio, Cinderella and the Wizard of Oz proved to be extremely popular – so much so that some fans of live theatre have attended both performances of each production.

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Bezanson curlers in thick of winter season bonspiels

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON—Thanks to the efforts of community-minded volunteers who installed and prepared the ice surface, curlers in Bezanson are enjoying a fine season.

Square draw competition began Jan. 9 and although inclement weather cancelled some draws, play continues Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The ladies hosted a very successful bonspiel last month. The Barb Robertson rink from DeBolt placed first in the 1st Event, while first in the 2nd went to the Dianne Gacek rink from Sexsmith, and the Bezanson foursome of Helen Fenton, Lynne Oe, Jeanne Meinecke and Linda Ogden took first in the 3rd.

Many thanks to the fellows who maintained the ice, worked the lunch counter and served the banquet.

Two local rinks met in the 2nd Event playoff in the DeBolt Legion bonspiel Feb. 5. Ray and Jean Robideau and Rod and Janice Gliege placed first, while skip Terry Johnston, third Terry Moon, second Lynn Miller and lead Cathy Patterson finished second in the event.

In the West Smoky Legion bonspiel last weekend, the Danny Patterson rink took first over Bill Maile; Les Nellis first in the 2nd over Don McNally; and in the 3rd Event, Ray Boyer's rink needed an extra end to beat Terry Johnston's foursome.

The men's bonspiel is scheduled Feb. 24-26. Entries can be made by calling Bezanson Autotec from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 532-6169, Albert Schulze at 532-6681, or Dale Woolsey at 532-6166.

Jay Schenk of Clairmont has assumed road maintenance duties for the county in the Bezanson area.

Paulette Stark has recently joined the janitorial staff at the school. She takes over duties from Polly Patterson who retired after 9½ years of service.

Residents of the community are happy to have Belle and Gordon Heasler home from Edmonton where Belle received medical treatment.

The Heasler family extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Belle during her illness, the paramedics and RCMP for their immediate care and attention Christmas Day, the doctors and nurses in the QEII and University hospitals and to the numerous relatives and friends for their calls, cards and flowers. Your caring and support were appreciated and made the days easier for all.

Classes for intermediate oil painters had to be cancelled as there are no available instructors. Interested painters are now investigating the possibility of arranging some unstructured sessions to gain experience.

There has been some interest shown in social dance lessons for the beginner and advanced dancer. Workshops will be scheduled during March if there is sufficient interest.

For further information on these or other possible courses, call Brenda Patterson at 532-6297.

The children of Walt and Martha Antonio hosted a social evening Jan. 14 in honor of their 40th anniversary. All of the couple's children were home for the weekend: Kathy and Raymond Shandro, Joan and Barry Kucher and Tyler from Andrew; Allen and Janet Antonio from Valleyview, and Patti Antonio from Edmonton.

Katherine Osepuik and Verna Lange, Martha's bridesmaids, attended with their husbands Nick and Bob standing in for Walt's bestmen, Louis Kons and Mike Vavrek, who were unable to attend.

The anniversary cake, decorated by Mary Antonio, was iced in white, with red ribbons woven through the sides

and topped with satin roses and doves.

Master of ceremonies Mike Antonio shared memories of an extremely cold Jan. 20, 1948, when Walt and Martha were united in marriage at Webster.

Val Chledowski, Frank Plakta and Ed Kaczkielo provided music for the evening, including the old-time favorite, the heel and toe polka.

The celebration also marked the Jan. 13 birthdays of John Pinsch, Martha's uncle (88 years), and Allen Antonio (25 years).

A number of neighbors followed up this evening of celebration with a surprise visit, shivaree style, to Walt and Martha's home Jan. 18. The couple was presented with a plaque commemorating their ruby anniversary and many good wishes for their continued happiness together.

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Bezanson bonspiels come thick and fast

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – The Bezanson Ladies Bonspiel was held recently. First in the 1st event was Terry Johnston and teammates third Donna McNally, second Cathy Patterson and lead Karen Schulze. In the 2nd event the Arlene McNally rink took first, while the Sheryll Patterson foursome took first in the third.

The banquet, always a highlight of the ladies spiel, depicted a Hollywood theme this year and attracted appearances from several "famous" entertainers. The prize for the best costumes was awarded to the McNally rink of Shirley Temple quadruplets.

Guests of honor included several local senior ladies who took part in the sport in past years. Thank you for your participation and support ladies! Also, thanks to the fellows who maintained the ice surfaces, worked the lunch counter and served the banquet.

The men's spiel is scheduled Feb. 15-18. Entries may be phoned to the Bezanson store from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 532-6169.

Last week's bitterly cold weather caused postponement of the Bezanson Legion bonspiel, which was originally slated Feb. 1-4. The West Smoky Legion Branch apologizes for any inconvenience and hopes that all curlers will be able to enjoy the event when it can be rescheduled.

The West Smoky Legion is sponsoring a Buffet and Social Evening on Feb. 23, in the Legion Hut. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing a fried chicken banquet, with family entertainment to follow. Advance tickets are now on sale and available from the Bezanson store or Legion members.

Several community organizations and businesses are sponsoring a bonspiel for students in Grades 5 through 12 on Family Day, Feb. 19. Entries may be phoned to organizers Janet Laverick at 567-2465 or Janet Doll at 567-2470, who will make up rinks and a draw for the day.

Nine hardy card enthusiasts braved the elements Jan. 30 to attend the weekly card party at the Golden Years Centre. Murray Stark lent a helping hand to draw the winning tickets in the pay-what-you-pull raffle held by the Golden Years Club. Beatrice Felsing of Wanham received the first prize of \$200 cash; second prize, an afghan, went to Janet Sarmaga of Bezanson, and the third prize, a punch bowl, went to Jean Selke of Bezanson. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who supported the fund-raising effort.

Bezanson school reunion 1915-51 scheduled

By **Dorothea Bulford**

at the Bezanson Hall.

phone 532-6195.

BEZANSON – A reunion of the teachers, students and their spouses register as soon as possible with Polly Patterson, Box 143, Bezanson, or

There will be a ratepayers meeting in the Bezanson School Tuesday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. County officials and councillors will be in attend-

ance to address any concerns or questions from local residents.

Bezanson Agricultural Society sponsors their annual Family Night on Saturday, April 7, at the community hall. Area residents are invited to bring their favorite main or side dish or dessert for a potluck supper from 5 to 7 o'clock. A program of local talent will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m. and a dance with music by the Nightriders goes to 1 a.m. Admission for the evening is \$10 per family.

Congratulations to Heather Bulford on the successful completion of the Grade 4 and 5 Royal Academy of Dancing exams. Heather attends classes at the Deborah Judt School of Dance in Grande Prairie.

The West Smoky Legion Branch reminds members of their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hut.

The Bezanson Community Church Ladies Fellowship will be held April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Golden Years

Centre. All ladies are welcome to attend and enjoy the art of Ukrainian Egg-Decorating and view the video "The Dorie Van Stone Story".

The rescheduled West Smoky Legion Bonspiel was held March 15-18 with 20 rinks competing. In the First Event, the Don McNally rink won over the Paul Wilson foursome; in the Second Event it was Stan Tissington over Bob Fleck, and in the Third Event Grant Moon over Tom Laverick.

Playoffs in the Bezanson Closing Bonspiel were March 25. The Terry Johnston rink emerged first in the First Event over the Jean Meinecke rink. In the Second Event, the Fenton Greenhouse foursome won over the Henry Ford team.

A buffet and social evening sponsored by the West Smoky Legion will be held Saturday, April 28, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Hut. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary will prepare dishes of Chinese cuisine.

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Legion meet rescheduled

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Cold weather Jan. 9 caused the postponement of the West Smoky Legion annual meeting. It has been rescheduled to 8 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Legion Hut. Members are asked to take extra notice of this date change as it falls on the first Monday of the month, not the usual second.

The Golden Years Club is in their new centre. Local residents 50 and over are eligible for membership in the organization and are urged to join.

Bezanson Junior High basketball squads started their 1989 season on the winning side against visiting teams from Harry Balfour last week.

Community calendars sold by the Students' Union have been received and are now being delivered. Thanks to everyone who purchased advertising and calendars. The project was a successful fund-raiser.

County councillor Phylis Stewart addressed the Grade 7 and 8 Social Studies class recently. She spoke on the structure of the local government and the responsibilities of various departments.

Local author Art Patterson visited the school Jan. 19-20. He read selections from his book of poetry, *Sideshow*, and spoke to the students on writing techniques.

The Bezanson ski hill is experiencing yet another season of insufficient snowfall. This is the fourth year running that the hill has seen very limited use due to the lack of snow. Ski club president Grant Moon says they are still hopeful that the hill will receive about one foot of snow to accommodate some skiing this year.



Rhonda Antonio with llama Lady Shandell

Llamas at home on Peace farm

By Dorothea Bulford

Tom and Rhonda Antonio's farm in Bezanon recently became home to three exotic animals — Lady Shandell, an eight-month-old female llama; Silverchief, a three-year-old male llama; and Buck Rogers, an eight-year-old gelding, were purchased by the Antonios from the Rearvumere Ranch at Invermere, B.C.

Tom and Rhonda became interested in the animals after reading a promotional pamphlet Tom's parents received when they visited the Rearvumere Ranch while on a holiday. After researching future market potential, the Antonios decided this was a diverse aspect they wanted to add to their farming venture.

Raising llamas is a relatively new venture in the agricultural community which has enjoyed a growing popularity, creating a big demand for available breeding stock.

Having a natural curiosity for humans, these animals make excellent pets. Literature on the animals says "They do not show aggression by spitting, as many believe. When challenged or irritated they will warn the intruder by vocalizing, flattening their ears and raising their heads. Only if these warnings are not heeded will the llama take further action."

Being sure-footed and capable of carrying 100 pounds over 15-20 miles per day, the llamas make excellent pack animals for wilderness guides. And sheep farmers have found that a llama pastured with their flock can provide protection for the sheep from coyotes.

Llamas are very tough-skinned with abundant coats of fine wool which can be combed out during the summer months.

The llamas require care very similar to cattle and horses, but are less sensitive. It is unusual for a llama to overeat and they can go for extended periods without water. Native to South America, the llamas tolerate our winter weather very well and do not require shelter until the mercury drops below -25 degrees C. The animals are also extremely clean.

Sun greets Sports Day

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – The Bezanson Sports Day, originally scheduled June 10 and postponed due to rain, was re-scheduled to June 17 when sunshine accommodated the many outdoor events.

Following the mid-morning brunch at the Golden Years Centre, a parade assembled at the Community Hall and travelled to the north ball diamond. The imaginative designs of the entries made a difficult job for judges Dianne Goff, Ray Boyer and Phylis Stewart.

Gymkhana, volleyball and horseshoe events went throughout the afternoon.

Practise paid off for Mel Bulford in the horseshoe competition as he captured the singles title and paired with John Sarmaga to take the doubles title.

The hamburger barbecue supper was delicious and allowed everyone an opportunity to recoup their energies for mutton bustin', the greasy pig chase and ball games. There was a variety of games for the under-six crowd as well as matches designed for family teams.

A '50s-'60s theme dance wound up the activities. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers for their donations of time, energy and food. You made the day a fun time for all.

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Bezanson seniors host St. Pat's tea

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Tea was served in elegant fashion at the Golden Years Centre on St. Patrick's Day. Centre pieces and place settings were decorated with green ribbons, streamers and shamrocks in honor of the Irish.

Members of the Golden Years

Club also had a bake sale table that proved popular. Edna Anderson donated a needlepoint bathroom vanity set for the door prize. It went to Heather Bulford.

A 50-plus dance will be held at the Golden Years Centre on March 31, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission is \$4 per person at the door.

Ladies, please bring lunch.

Terry Johnston and her staff at the Bezanson General Store recently marked seven years of service to local residents. During the anniversary sale, customers were treated to coffee and doughnuts and chances on door prize draws. A coffeemaker was won by Mary Ann Harris of DeBolt.

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Bezanson curling resumes

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Curling action has resumed in the Bezanson rink following a break during the holiday season.

A funspiel and Christmas tree burn sponsored by the Agricultural Society was held Jan. 6. Although time did not permit advance promotion, the family event proved very successful and it is hoped that it will become an annual affair.

Square draw competition resumed Jan. 8 and continues with 7 and 9 o'clock draws Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings.

The ladies' bonspiel is scheduled Jan. 25-28. Entries are \$100 per rink and may be made by calling the Bezanson Store at 532-6169.

The annual general meeting of the Golden Years Club of Bezanson will be held Jan. 25, at 1:30 p.m. in the Golden Years Centre. Members are reminded that any outstanding pay-what-you-pull raffle tickets should be turned in at this time.

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Legal information for everyone

By SHARON KIMBLE

The L.I.F.E. (Legal Information for Everyone) Project is sponsored by the Alta. Law Foundation through the Grande Prairie Area Further Education Council.

This project is designed for the layman. Its aim is to give the general public a better understanding of

laws and the legal system.

There are two facets to the project:

1) Courses are conducted by lawyers in rural areas throughout the Peace River District on topics that would be of interest to the public. Possible topics could include: a) real estate and business law (ie. real estate transactions, bankruptcy, estates and

wills, transfer of farm land); b) family law (ie. matrimonial law, estate planning); c) criminal law (ie. giving evidence); d) constitutional law (ie.

has been formed. It is composed of a number of local lawyers who have agreed to speak to organizations or groups at a meeting or group gathering regarding

Adult education body for Bezanson-Crystal

The Bezanson/Crystal Creek Craft Club is responsible for arranging adult education courses in the areas of Bezanson and Crystal Creek. Courses planned for January-April/85 include: Blue Jeans making, glass etching (using a chemical solution), landscaping and horticulture, making fabric frames, making pants that fit, square dancing, round

dancing, painting for the beginner, and a law for the layman course. We are, also, hoping to arrange an introductory computer course in June.

For further information, contact Sharon Kimble (532-6686) or Dorothea Bullfore (567-2105).

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year!



rights of the individual); e) environmental law (ie. surface rights, finding out what environmental laws are in existence, the appropriate government departments to contact in regard to environmental laws).

2) A Speakers Bureau

law topics that would be of interest to the group. This Speakers Bureau is open to any groups who have specific law topic interests.

If you have any questions about the project or would like to participate in it, contact Sharon Kimble (532-6686) or Gail Morgan (538-4363 or 538-2688).

We would like to take this opportunity to send our wishes for a Merry Christmas and every happiness in the New Year!

Bezanson CWL

The members of the Bezanson Catholic Women's League would like to wish you all great joy and happiness this Christmas and in 1985. We would, also, like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been so supportive of the various activities that have been

sponsored by the Bezanson CWL in 1984.

If you would like information regarding the Bezanson CWL contact Jeannette Forrest (539-9807), Liz Lange (567-2176), Theresa Moon (532-6198) or Sharon Kimble (532-6686).



Student spiel winners: Rodney Fells (left), Melonie Lange, Peter Carifelle, Walter Antonio

Theatrics and curling popular

By Dorothea Bulford

BEZANSON — The Missoula Children's Theatre tour team of Patrick Moore and Roger Welch were in Bezanson in mid-February, when auditions, intensive rehearsals and workshops were held in preparation for Feb. 16-17 performances of *Beauty Lou* and *the Country Beast*.

Patrick as Buckaroo Bob and Roger as the Country Beast were joined by a cast of 47 students and three student assistant directors. Piano accompaniment was courtesy of Shirley Ewert.

Judging by the audience reaction and student achievement, it was a successful endeavor. However, low attendance at both performances kept ticket receipts well below the amount required to cover the expenses of the project. Supplementary support has been received from the Bezanson Agricultural Society. Many thanks to society members for their assistance.

The curling rink has been the centre of a good deal of activity lately.

In the men's spiel first event, the Bob Fleck rink won over the Dave Thomson foursome; in the second it was John Young over Ray Robideau, and in the third, Everett McDonald over Sherman Robideau.

Sixteen rinks took part in the student bonspiel Feb. 19. Ample student participation, volunteer kitchen and maintenance help and generous sponsor donations made a very enjoyable day for everyone. The playoff rounds saw the Roddy Fells rink victorious over the Stanley Bulford rink in the first event. In the second event, the Teresa Bulford foursome won over the Pat Moon team.

With a minimum of co-operation from Mother Nature, the Bezanson Agricultural Society was able to revive its annual snowmobile rally Feb. 24. The event had to be cancelled in recent years due to extremely poor conditions

caused by the light snowfall received. Entrants left the curling rink on a course well-marked with directional signs, points of interest and checkpoints where playing cards were drawn to build a poker hand.

First prize — highest poker hand of the day — was 25% of the entry fee. It was claimed by Tom Maxwell. Draws were made for second and third prizes (10% of the entry fees) and were won by Lanny Meinecke and Michael Laverick.

As with many activities, volunteer help was needed to organize and conduct the rally. Thank you to those many helping hands. Also, thanks to Mountain Mobile for the use of their two-way radios and to CJXX for their publicity assistance.

The West Smoky Legion Bonspiel has been rescheduled for March 15-18 at the Bezanson Curling Rink. Rinks entering the competition should have a Legion member in their foursome. Entries will be accepted at the Bezanson Store (532-6169), or call Bruce Fenton at 567-2107.

The Golden Years Club enjoyed a good turnout for the pancake breakfast served Feb. 17 at the Golden Years Centre. A pay-what-you-pull raffle was held, netting the club a further \$51.85. First prize, a decorative doll donated by Wauneita Ogden, was won by Hazel Weegar. Second prize, a cassette tape player, went to Gayle Parrish.

Club members will host a St. Patrick's Tea and Bake Sale in their centre Saturday, March 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission for the tea is \$1.50 per person.

March 13 is the regular monthly meeting of the Bezanson Catholic Women's League. Meetings are held in the church basement at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. There is still wool available to knitters wishing to assist with the Christmas in July project.

Members of the West Smoky Legion Branch 244 are reminded of their regular monthly meeting on Monday, 8 p.m., in the Legion Hut.

Talented students help create Bezanson mural

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Under the direction of freelance artist Tim Heimdal of Grande Prairie, a group of 14 students from Grades 1 through 9 have created an eight-foot-square mural depicting the agricultural and industrial aspects of the Bezanson area.

The painting was completed during nine hours of supplementary classes April 10-14 when the students were excused from their regular schedule to work on the project.

The budding artists were first asked to pencil-sketch their choice of subjects familiar to them from their surroundings. Components of these sketches were selected and arranged together to create a pleasing combination of shapes. This composite was then transferred on to a transparency to be used with an overhead projector.

"Working from the transparency it is like a coloring book," Heimdal explained.

The students used water-based housepaint for its safety and quick-drying qualities in the last phase of the mural's development.

The mural is on display in the front entrance of the school.

Bezanson students and teachers travelled to Teepee Creek school April 19 for a performance by Sun Ergos. The Calgary-based dance troupe of Robert Greenwood and Dana Luebke performed their rendition of an Indian legend.

Junior high students enjoyed an address by Frank Pavlick on April 21. The noted sports poet read some of his poems and revealed many of his sources

of inspiration, while sharing his humor and piano talents.

This fall's Grade 1 class attended orientation classes April 27-28, designed to familiarize them with school and classroom procedures. The upcoming scholars enjoyed number and alphabet exercises as well as bubble-blowing.

May 4 was Education Night at the school, when student projects in several subject areas were on display for viewing. Choral speaking was demonstrated by the Grade 1 and 2 classes and a recorder concert was performed by the Grade 3 and 4 classes. The Grade 7 and 8 classes designed a golf-with-geometry game to challenge the math skills of contestants.

Hockey playoffs and cows calving periodically interrupted Family Night attendance April 15. Although the simultaneous scheduling of these activities created some stiff competition, the community evening was a success. A potluck supper was served from 5 to 7 and an entertaining talent show followed. The audience enjoyed piano selections, vocal numbers, air bands, dance demonstrations and the debut performance of the Bezanson Ballet Troupe. Throughout the dance, the band Long Shot accommodated several requests from the crowd for favorite tunes.

Sympathy is extended to Kit and Ed Bossert and family on the tragic loss of Roy Bossert. Roy passed away May 14, at the age of 19, as the result of a car accident outside of Calgary. Services and burial will be held in Calgary.

Hamper raffle at Christmas concert

By **Dorothea Bulford**

Christmas is a coming, the goose is getting fat,

Please put a penny in the old man's hat.

BEZANSON – Don't forget to place your donations to the food hampers in the collection boxes located in the store and in the school. These hampers are being raffled to assist Santa with his deliveries following the Christmas concert program to the pre-school and Grades 1, 2 and 3 children.

Raffle tickets are 50¢ each and available from Bezanson

school students.

The Christmas concert will be presented Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Members of the Golden Years Club and invited guests celebrated the festive season with a buffet and social evening Dec. 5. The Heart Valley Mennonite Choir led carol singing and delivered the story of Christmas.

Verna Graham won the door prize – a white poinsettia supplied by the club.

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Christmas craft sale at Bezanson

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON — The Bezanson Agricultural Society offers people relief from their holiday shopping headaches with its third annual craft sale in the community hall Dec. 2.

A pancake breakfast will be served by the Golden Years Club from 8-11 a.m. for the perfect start to the day. The all-you-can-eat plates are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for youths 6 to 11 and free for children 5 and under.

Tables will be set up on two floors to accommodate a record number of crafters displaying their handiwork. The resulting mini-mall will be open for sales from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with ample free parking available.

Copies of Smoky River to Grande Prairie are available through the Golden Years Club. The book records the history of the area and the lives of those who have made

their homes here. Orders may be phoned to Merle Patterson at 532-6195 or Ann Bulford at 567-2106.

Grande Prairie Regional College students Gaylene Peterson, Joyce Arlidge and Brent Cage have been attending classes in Bezanson. They are first-year education practicum students observing teachers as they conduct their classes.

County councillors Phyllis Stewart and Ray Boyer attended the recent Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties convention in Edmonton.

Bezanson school students, teachers and staff members enjoyed fresh hot buttered popcorn prepared by Students Union chefs Nov. 15. Proceeds from the highly successful sale were added to the general coffers of the organization.

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Ag society year coming to an end

By **DOROTHEA BULFORD**

BEZANSON – Another business year for the Bezanson Agricultural Society comes to a close later this month. Throughout 1989 the society sponsored a variety of events and provided support to a number of local organizations. The community hall, ball diamonds, curling rink and most recently the Old Townsite, operated under the supervision of the society for the benefit of area residents and visitors.

Many volunteer hours were generously donated to ensure the success of these ambitious projects and facilities.

Before the society begins another year of activities there is one last, but not least, item that must be addressed.

We would like to acknowledge the leadership of the executive, the tirelessness of board members and the support received from the community at large.

Residents are invited to attend the annual general meeting of the society Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 in the curling rink. The agenda includes election of officers and future endeavors of the society.

Bezanson activities come thick and fast

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON – Karate lessons have resumed in the Bezanson hall with classes held Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8.

Instruction is by Michelle Alfonso of the Shorinryu Club in Grande Prairie. Anyone interested in joining the classes may do so by attending the next lesson. For further information call Irene Wilson at 532-6648.

The third annual craft sale sponsored by the Agricultural Society will be held Dec. 2, in the hall. To book a table or for more information, call organizer Gloria Birnie-Brown at 532-6469.

Members of the West Smoky Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary host their annual Wild Game Supper and Dance in the hall Nov. 18. There will be a smorgasbord of wild meat dishes to tickle your palate, as well as turkey and beef for the more conservative diner. Supper is served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cabaret dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. will feature the music of the band Skyline.

Supper plates are \$7 for adults, \$5 for youths 6-12 years, and \$3 for children 5 years and under. Dance tickets are \$7 per person. All tickets must be purchased in advance from Legion members or the Bezanson store. For further information, call Eleanor Ford at 567-2435.

Local curlers will enjoy an earlier-than-usual start to their sport this year as volunteers have already installed and prepared the ice surface in the Bezanson rink. An opening fun cash bonspiel is scheduled Nov. 9-12 and square draw competition starts Nov. 13. There is still room in the square draw as well as some incomplete rinks looking for curlers. To enter, or for more information, call Terry at 532-6169, Don at 539-9858, or Linda at 532-6645.

Halloween celebrated at Bezanson

By **Dorothea Bulford**

BEZANSON — Halloween arrived early at the Bezanson school as parents, students and teachers dressed in ghoulish costumes Oct. 27 in observance of the annual event. Original games designed by the students from Grade 5 to 8 and haunted houses designed by the Grade 9 students provided thrills, chills and fun for all.

A record 77 entries were received in the fourth annual pumpkin contest, making the task of judging even more difficult for judges Allie Ames and Jean Mienecke.

Best-dressed title and \$10 went to Amanda LaValley, Barry Zenner, Darren Doll, Laura Oe, Steve Ewert, Ricky Pederson, Darby McNally, Lisa Birnie-Brown and Aaron Wilson in Grades 1 to 9 respectively; Danyelle Savette, Jodie Cissell, Josh Angiers, Tony Peterson, Josh Laverick (Grades 1 to 5 respectively); Walter Antonio, Dwayne Maurer and Katie Doll (Grades 7 to 9), received \$10 and best-carved titles for their entries.

Many thanks to Busy Bee Ceramics, First Edition Printing, Rudy's Mobile Home Transport, B.J. Enterprises, Mini Creek Dairy Farms, Big J Contracting, Fenton Greenhouses, West-Sat Rentals, Moody Construction, Grande Prairie Bakery, Bezanson Store, Adams Ranch and LaValley Orchard for sponsoring the student contest.

The parish members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help church and the Bezanson Catholic Women's League host their annual fowl supper Sunday, Nov. 5, in the Bezanson Hall, from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults and teens can dine for \$7; children 7-12 years \$3, and six and under are free of charge.

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Harriet Fitzsimmons, 75, of Grande Prairie

Harriet Fitzsimmons passed away peacefully at Wild Rose Manor, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 18, 1992, at age 75.

Harriet was born in the Cardston, Alberta, area in 1916. She met and married Gordon Fitzsimmons in the Fort Vermilion area in 1936. They resided in the communities of Peace River, Sexsmith, and Wembley, where they lived when Gordon passed away in 1972. During her retirement years, Harriet lived in Bezanson. In the mid-1980s, she moved to Grande Prairie where she resided in Dieppe Manor and then Wild Rose Manor.

Harriet leaves to cherish her memory three daughters: Gertrude (Don) Thomson of Hay River, N.W.T., Elenor (Jim) Wood of Wembley, and Dorothea (Jim) Bulford of Bezanson; eight grandchildren: Andrew Thomson, Elaine (Vince) Hiebert, Gordon (Jane) Thomson, Norman Thomson of Hay River, N.W.T., Larry and Dorothea Wood of Wembley, Theresa Bulford of Grande Prairie, and Heather Bulford of Bezanson; great-grandchildren: Talia, Rena & Marissa Hiebert, Jonah & Nylan Thomson; her sister Inez (Len) Eisenhower of Illinois, U.S.A., and nieces, nephews, and friends.

Harriet was predeceased by her husband Gordon in 1972; sister Olive in 1957; and infant grandson Garry in 1972.

Funeral service for the late Harriet Fitzsimmons will be held on Saturday, March 21, 1992, at 3 p.m., at Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, with Rev. Vern Begalke officiating. Cremation to follow.

If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

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