

JIM & DOREEN BOYD

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NEW EXECUTIVE — The Wapiti Men's Fastball League selected a new executive for the season last night at their annual general meeting. **Jim Boyd** (centre front) will remain as president, Ben Kozak (left front) will stay on as vice-president and Perky McCullough continues as secretary-treasurer. Members at large include Harvey Rainey (back left), Jim Willsey and Gary Kyle.

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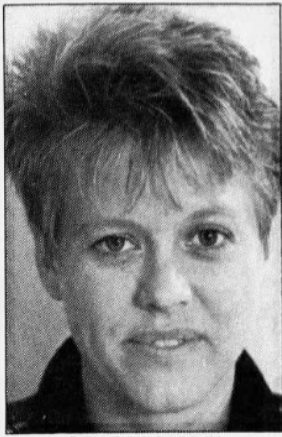


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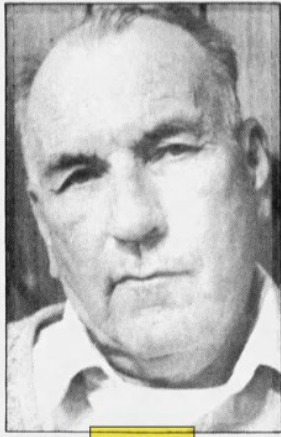
Crystal Creek Marcy and Wiens midget B fastball club captured the provincial championship on the weekend with back-to-back decisions over Edmonton. The team includes manager George Truhn (back row, left), Art Fowler, sponsor George Wiens, Ron Head, Barry Diedrich, sponsor Miles Marcy, Ken Truhn, Glen Boyd, coach Jim Boyd, and (bottom row, left) Kelly Gitzel, Darrel Boyd, Kelly Boyd, Vernon Boyd, and Eric Truhn. — Photo courtesy **Doreen Boyd.**

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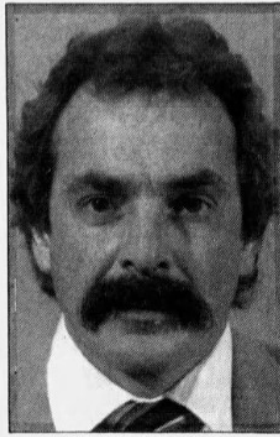
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DENISE HRYCIUK



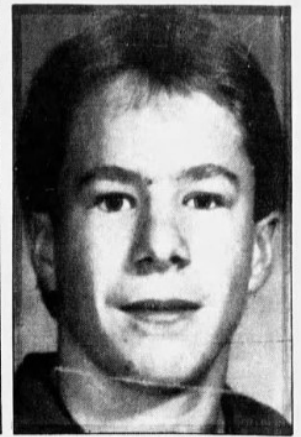
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DENNIS MILLIGAN



RON HEAD



GREG TOEWS

Five locals win softball awards

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Five local residents were honored at the Alberta Amateur Softball meeting in Red Deer over the weekend.

Denise Hryciuk, Jim Boyd, Dennis Milligan, Ron Head and Greg Toews all received awards from the ASA honoring their participation in amateur softball.

Hryciuk, having coached both Wild Bill's in the Grande Prairie Ladies Fastball League and the GP X-Pros, who represented the region at the over-35 Western playdowns, was given an award of merit by the ASA.

Also honored with an award of merit was Peace Country softball legend Jim Boyd, who has been

involved in local fastball for over 25 years.

The 65-year-old resident of Crystal Creek, credited with starting a team that today is known as the George Wiens Diggers, was taken aback by the award.

"I didn't expect it," Boyd said. "I don't really know too much about it yet."

Milligan, who was the bench boss of the Diggers this year, was given the adult coach-of-the-year award by the ASA. Milligan said he was honored to learn he had been even nominated for the award.

"When your name gets put in with the other people that get put in there, your in pretty big company," he said.

Milligan's team romped to the Wapiti Men's

Fastball League championship this year then went on to a second-place finish at the Senior B Western Canada fastball championships in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

"The coach always looks good if he's got a good group behind him," Milligan said. "A big part of it is the quality ball club I was with."

Ron Head was the recipient of the adult fast-pitch player of the year. He was an integral part of the Diggers' roster throughout the 1989 campaign and then went on to play in the Senior A fastball championships in Newfoundland for the Camrose Merchants. He was named a tournament all-star for his work with the Merchants.

Toews was named minor fast-pitch player of the year. A pitcher with the Francis Consulting

Sluggers junior squad, Toews helped his team to an Alberta provincial championship.

"When mom and dad told me I was being nominated it was a shock," Toews said. "I got a phone call first and actually I thought I was in trouble, but when they explained what I was being nominated for I was really surprised."

Morgan Isley, who represents the local region on the board of the ASA, said the awards are a great reflection on the whole softball program in the Peace Country. The five awards were the most ever garnered by this zone.

"I can't remember when we've ever had a coach and two players named the best in Alberta," Isley said.

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Doreen Boyd

Grandmother likes country & western

NAME: Doreen Boyd

BIRTHDAY: October 2, 1930

BIRTHPLACE: Grande Prairie

FAMILY: Doreen and her husband James have four children, Jim Boyd (Karen), Nancy Weber (Blair), Kelly Boyd (Kerry) and Tammy O'Hallahan (Ross). They also have nine grandchildren.

OCCUPATION: Recreation assistant

EDUCATION: Grade 12

COMMUNITY CONNECTION: Member of the Royal Purple

LIKES: Sports, dancing, music, reading and gardening

DISLIKES: None

FAVORITE ASPECT ABOUT GRANDE PRAIRIE: "I like Grande Prairie for the friendly people. I would like it to stay the same size (and) not get too big."

LAST BOOK READ: "Bloodline" by Sydney Sheldon

FAVORITE MOVIES: Dramas

FAVORITE MUSIC: Country and western

FAVORITE FOOD: Desserts

CLAIM TO FAME: Being a grandmother



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Thank You

The family of **Jim Boyd** would like to thank the family, friends & neighbors for their love and support during the time of Jim's illness.

Thank you for the cards, flowers, food, visits & donations to the Diabetic Association and the Kidney Foundation & the Dialysis Unit.

Special thanks to Gene Krause: your compassion & professionalism were very much appreciated.

A special thanks to Nancy & Kelly for their tribute to their Dad. To Michelle for all the memories of times Jim spent with his grandchildren. Also Ken Truhn for the Eulogy.

Thank you to Gene Krause for the song "What a Wonderful World". To Les & Wendy Bredeson for "Help Me to Say Goodbye"

Thanks to all the dialysis staff for the excellent care you gave Jim during his time spent with you. It was like a second home to him. The compassion you showed him and the friendship you gave him were very important to him.

Thank you to all the staff & doctors on 5N. You gave us so much care and compassion.

You made Jim as comfortable as possible & for that we are so grateful.

It is a much lonlier world without Jim, but thanks to everyone who helped make this process easier for us.

Families of **Jim Boyd**