

LINDA & CLARENCE WESLOSKI

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Announcements



Martel- Bellwood

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Martel, Grande Prairie, are pleased to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Gail Eva Lea to Ross Bellwood of New Westminster, B.C. Wedding to take place June 22nd, in St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie, at 2:30 p.m.

Johnston - Gaboury

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnston of Grande Prairie wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to Mr. Wayne Marcelle Gaboury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert (Bud) Gaboury of Bezanson. Wedding to take place in St. Joseph's Chapel, Grande Prairie on August 24th at 2:00 p.m.

Michael - Wesloski

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Theriault of Salmon Arm, B.C. wish to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Linda Marie Michael, to Mr. Clarence Wayne Wesloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wesloski of Wembley. Wedding to take place at St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie, on August 2, 1968 at 3:00 p.m.

WEDDING

Wesloski-Michaels

Linda Marie Michaels, Daughter of Mrs. Josephine Theriault of Salmon Arm, B.C. and the late Erwin Michaels, became the bride of Clarence Wayne Wesloski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wesloski of Wembley, on Aug. 2.

The ceremony, held in St. Paul's United Church in Grande Prairie, was officiated by Rev. Pye of Beaverlodge. Mrs. Stiles, played the wedding music.

Given in marriage by Bill Keown, the bride wore a floor length satin and lace gown. Her jewelry was a pearl necklace, a gift from the groom. She carried red and white carnations.

Bridal attendant was Colleen

Guest of Beaverlodge, who wore a floor length gown of gold satin and a pearl necklace, a gift from the bride. Yellow and white carnations was her bouquet.

Groomsman was Roy Cutler, while Larry Michaels and Darrell Wesloski acted as ushers.

For the reception held at 10111-110 Ave., the bride's mother was attired in a blue suit with pink corsage. The groom's mother, wore a pink suit with a blue corsage.

Out of town guests attending were Mrs. Lucille Guns-alby, Mrs. Hommer, and Mrs. Tom Boyd, all of Dawson Creek.

The young couple will make their first home in Grande Prairie.

SPCA formed in city

Grande Prairie has formed a branch of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and it took more than 30 residents to get the project rolling last night.

The organization was established at a meeting in the Grande Prairie College, which saw an executive elected, a board of directors appointed and affiliation with the provincial body.

Mrs. Judy Olson was elected president, Linda Wesloski vice-president and Yvonne Pandachuck secretary-treasurer.

Appointed directors were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myrick, Peter Ziemann, Wendy Scott and Mrs. William Dingeldein.

In an address to the meeting, Alberta SPCA executive director A.

W. Bruce said members should keep one thing in mind — their main concern is the welfare of animals.

He said the public will not support the organization unless they see services being rendered to the community, but they (the public) won't see it unless the organization has money.

He said the organization's strength will not come from the public but rather from volunteers.

"Volunteers will be the key to the success of the operations, and it will take a tremendous amount of dedication to the service.

Mr. Bruce said the society will have to guard against keeping an animal too long, because the longer an animal is kept by the group, the more expensive the operation will be.

Terrier in trouble

A black-and-white Boston bull terrier is trying to maintain a cold, lonely vigil at the Grande Prairie hospital.

The latter-day Greyfriar's Bobby has been waiting for someone at the front entrance of the hospital since at least Sunday night, according to Mrs. Clarence **Wesloski**, who is the main proponent of a proper SPCA in the city.

"I'm having a heck of a time trying to find his owner," she said today. "It could be that a patient in the hospital owns the dog, because it keeps going back there.

"I've put it on the radio but have had no response."

Mrs. **Wesloski** was made aware of the terrier's vigil Sunday and took it home out of the weather. She took it for a walk on a leash Monday to see if it would lead her home, but the canine took her back to the hospital.

Yesterday, the terrier got loose on her, and turned up at the hospital again. It was returned to Mrs. **Wesloski** earlier today.

The Boston bull is a male. Anyone knowing the dog's owner is asked to call Mrs. **Wesloski** at 532-1133.

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SPCA needs your help

Starving, frozen cats and cold abandoned pups are snowballing on the city's SPCA.

"We need help desperately," society spokesman Linda Wesloski told the Herald-Tribune today.

"We're getting starving cats left and right and puppies are being abandoned all over the city and it's getting to the point where we can't do anything about it."

The major need is for money — not necessarily to house and feed the animals, but to have the ones beyond help done away with.

Mrs. Wesloski, of 10109-110 Ave., said it is costing the organization \$5 for the veterinarian to dispose of each cat too far gone to help. She said the city pound will not destroy cats.

It also costs \$5 to destroy a dog, but Mrs. Wesloski said the SPCA can sometimes get city pound help here. She said the city now uses a needle to kill the dogs rather than shooting them.

The SPCA, which has had its ups and downs in the last couple of years, had to play a part in the destruction of about 20 animals last month, she said.

"Sometimes it doesn't cost anything. The other day I had a cat brought in, frozen, but it died before I got it to the vet."

Help does trickle in. Deluxe Cleaners in the city made a \$60 donation this week to help out.

"But we can use a lot more," Mrs. Wesloski said. "Many people don't realize we're operating again."

"We encourage people to pick up stray dogs and cats and bring them in because we are getting calls from owners who've lost their pets."

The problem is growing worse this winter for some reason. She said her husband, Clarence, the other day came up behind a truck that stopped and dumped a pair of two-month-old puppies into the snow.

The SPCA, at 332-1133, will also help place found animals in new homes.

Meanwhile, the city has toughened its stand on stray dogs. Owners will now have to pay a \$5 pound fee as well as a \$5 fine — for a first offence — for dogs collected at the pound. A second offence is \$15 and a third and subsequent \$25.



A lovable part-poodle pup in the care of the Grande Prairie SPCA.

Staff Photo by Jeff Harris

A puppy for Christmas?

By GRAEME CONNELL
of our staff

Looking for a pup for a Christmas present? The Grande Prairie SPCA might just be able to help and at the same time provide a warm and comfortable home for a helpless wail.

The SPCA has about 24 dogs in its care in homes across the city at present and all are ready candidates for adoption.

SPCA spokesman Linda Wesloski said this was a bad time of the year for abandoned animals, especially cats. She said the SPCA had spent \$120 between Nov. 1 and Dec. 15 on veterinarian costs to have animals put away.

Many of the cats brought to the SPCA's attention were either in a frozen condition or dehydrated through lack of food.

"Food is difficult for them to get at this time of the year," she said. "Some people just drop their animals along the highway."

"We would welcome any calls of mistreatment to animals. We will always go out even though it means paying ourselves."

Mrs. Wesloski pointed out the society was a voluntary group and existed, apart from a government grant of \$25 a month, on donations and personal contributions.

A recent bake sale raised \$33 and a \$60 donation from Deluxe Cleaners and a \$25 donation from Blackett and Galway as well as smaller donations had helped with the society's expenses. The society had received seven donations this year.

Dogs were often kept as long as the society could afford to keep them, she said. Cats were different and most, because of their condition when found, were put away.

Mrs. Wesloski encouraged people to pick up abandoned animals and pass them on to the SPCA.

The SPCA can be contacted at 533-1133 or 532-0482 or at 10109-110 Ave.

SPCA gained a little but lost a lot

It might not be a bad Christmas after all for the feline and canine waifs of Grande Prairie.

But it's no time for people to let the other fellow play Santa Claus to the local SPCA.

The organization, reactivated with new fervor the last several weeks, got hit with mixed emotions yesterday.

Spokesman Linda Wesloski said that on the one hand, there is increased community financial support. But this has been tempered by a letter from SPCA headquarters in Edmonton informing the local body that a \$25-a-month grant has been dropped.

"They said they couldn't afford it," Mrs. Wesloski said. "It wasn't a great deal but it helped, and it really puts us in financial straits now so that we're even more dependent on community support."

That's the bright spot this Christmas. Following initial donations of \$60 from Deluxe Cleaners and \$25 from

Blackett and Galway Insurance, Herald-Tribune publicity on the SPCA prompted the Grade 5 Swanavon school class of Sylvia Schultz to contribute about \$30, and Chicken Village of the city to donate another

\$25.

Mrs. Wesloski said if any citizen is concerned with the work the SPCA is doing in the city, contributions would be welcome, no matter what the amount.

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WESLOSKI - Mr. John Joseph Wesloski passed away May 2, 1975 at Grande Prairie at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Wesloski was born at Roslov, Poland and has been a resident of Grande Prairie and area for the past 44 years.

Mr. Wesloski leaves to mourn his passing his wife Elizabeth of Beaverlodge, four sons: John of Beaverlodge, Clarence of Sexsmith, Ralph of Edmonton and Daryl of Beaverlodge, one daughter Edith of Edmonton, 4 grandchildren, one brother and one sister. He was predeceased by one son George in 1966.

Funeral services will be held from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Grande Prairie on Friday, May 9, at 10 a.m. with Fr. D. Benedet officiating, interment will follow in the Riverside Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Home.

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Turbo fights back for a tie

By STEVE LAWRENCE
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RYCROFT — Don't give Jim Plunkett the comeback-of-the-year award just yet.

Grande Prairie Turbos feel they have a legitimate claim to the title following a 5-5 tie with league-leading Spirit River Rangers in a Beaver Hockey League game here last night.

Turbos, who had dropped six previous decisions to Rangers, felt they had earned more than just a moral victory as they overcame deficits of 2-0, 3-2 and 5-3, with the final turnaround occurring in the final 7:30 of play.

"We got good efforts out of the two lines who decided to show up," said coach Bud Peterson of the Turbos following the game, which was played on neutral ice due to ice problems in the Spirit River Arena. "It feels more like a victory than a tie to me."

In another BHL game last night, Sexsmith Generals moved to within one point of the second-place Flames with an 11-5 pasting of last-place Doug's 66 Oilers.

"We're in pretty good shape right now and should have a full squad out

Wednesday," Generals' coach Bob Roessler said. Generals host Flames in a battle which puts possession of second place on the line, although Flames do have a game in hand.

WESLOSKI IN FORM

In Rycroft, veteran centre Clarence Wesloski reverted to form in scoring Turbos' second and third goals — one at 5:19 of the second period and the other to open the third period at 6:46.

Rangers opened up a 2-0 late first period lead on goals by Marcel Mann at 16:35 and Jack Lefley at 18:45.

Turbos' Steve Lawrence intercepted an attempted clearing pass by Rangers' Dan Alfred and beat netminder Wade Wilson after just 31 seconds of the middle frame to make the score 2-1.

Wesloski then scored his first just over four minutes later to put the game in a tie.

Rangers then finally capitalized after four straight minutes of power-play opportunity, with Jim Brandon scoring on Byron Jones to give Spirit River a 3-2 lead after 40 minutes.

Wesloski scored his second on a backhand past Wilson after winning the faceoff, at 6:44.

Then, Lefley scored a short-handed breakaway goal at 10:04, followed by Darcy Listhaeghe's marker at 12:07 to put Rangers in front 5-3.

FAST TIES IT

However, Kevin Widdifield finally converted an opportunity to cut Rangers margin to 5-4 at 12:30, and then Brian Fast poked in a rebound at 17:34 for the equalizer.

In Sexsmith, hard-shooting winger Lowell Moe beat Oiler netminer Todd Watson four times. Rick Bekkerus had a pair of goals for the winners, with singles going to Kevin MacDuff, Curtis Sandboe, Bobby Rycroft, Jim Duda and Kevin Crowell.

Bekkerus' second goal was scored into an empty net after Watson was ejected with just 2:12 remaining for a butt-ending infraction. Oilers had but one goaltender dressed.

Phil Schmidt and Kelly Boyd each had a pair of goals for the Oilers, who trailed 4-2 after the second period after an initial score of 1-1.

Tomorrow's games pit Rangers at home against Oilers at 8:30 p.m. and Flames in Sexsmith for the pivotal battle with the Generals at 9 p.m.

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County Fair results...

Horse show

Light Horse Section

Grand and reserve stallion — 1. Gai Quebec, Philip Thetrault, Grovedale, 2. Albask, Albert Lacey, DeBolt.

Grand and reserve champion mare or gelding three years and over — 1. Lady Be Good, Clarence and Linda Wesloski, Grande Prairie, 2. Miss Panther Pine, Mona Crowell, Grande Prairie.

Grand and reserve champion mare or gelding two years — 1. DD Tarbaybe, Brenda Fraser, Sexsmith.

Grand and reserve yearling of show — 1. Sugar Bud Express, Ed Lightfoot, Grande Prairie, 2. Timberline Coal, Clarence Wesloski.

Registered quarter horse yearling — 1. Ed Lightfoot, Grande Prairie, Sugar Bud Express, 2. Ed Lightfoot, Reed A Page.

Registered Arabian and part Arabian yearling — 1. Ray and Jean Wald, Sexsmith, Silverada, 2. Andreas Saastad, Valhalla Centre, Amigo's Baritona.

Registered Morgan yearling — 1. Clarence and Linda Wesloski, Timberline Coal,

2. Gregory Switzer, Wind-song Melody.

Registered non-specified breed yearling — 1. Merlin Viken, Hythe, Royal Banner's Lad.

Registered Arabian and part Arabian mare and gelding two years — 1. Brenda Fraser, DD Tarbaybe.

Registered Morgan mare and gelding two years — 1. Sally and Karen Gudlaugson, Clairmont, Vallerina Miss.

Grade mare and gelding two years — 1. Roger Valiquette, McLennan, Trigger.

Registered quarter horse and gelding three years and over — 1. Mona Crowell, Miss Panther Pine, 2. Shelly Pregittr, Grande Prairie, Two Bit Load, 3. Mitchell Koll, Beaverlodge, Shadybar Cash, 4. Susan Koll, Beaverlodge, Jump Jet.

Registered Arabian and part Arabian three years and over — 1. Hedy Ninke, Grande Prairie, Kel Apache, 2. Dorothy Dewar, Beaverlodge, Scorathon, 3. Dorothy Dewar, Driftwood Ski Hi, 4. Brenda Fraser, Candy Mist.

Registered Appaloosa

mare and gelding three years and over — 1. Cathy Hartley, Grovedale, Risk Hope Reck, 2. Myfanwy Griffiths, Creston, Lucky Buck.

Registered Morgan mare and gelding three years and over — 1. C. & L. Wesloski, Lady Be Good, 2. Thomas Pinske, Grande Prairie, High Sierra Bubbles, 3. C. & L. Wesloski, Miles Echo, 4. Gregory Switzer, Kilgome Kellene.

Registered non-specified breed mare and gelding three years and over — 1. Daylene Viken, Hythe, Rocketta Dutchess, 2. Diana Foster, Fort St. John, Reno, 3. Bonnie Barr, Grovedale, Final Edition, 4. Brenda Foster, Star Mirage.

Grade mare and gelding three years and over — 1. Lisa Norin, Grande Prairie, Oakridge Dust, 2. Kathy Peters, Grande Prairie, That's Bingo, 3. Nellie Pigeau, Sexsmith, Chic Bess, 4. Tracey Foster, Chinook.

Registered quarter horse stallion two years and over — 1. Karen McNally, Grande Prairie, Horton's Jaguar, 2. Ed Lightfoot, Poco Page

Weebairn.

Registered Arabian stallion two years and over — 1. Triple R Arabians, Grovedale, Gai Quebec, 2. Albert Lacey, Albask, 3. Andreas Saastad, Eternal Pride.

Registered Appaloosa stallion two years and over — 1. James Nedhah, Charlie Lake, Need Alta Perow.

Registered non-specified breed stallion two years and over — 1. Glen Owens, Clairmont, Continental Dream.

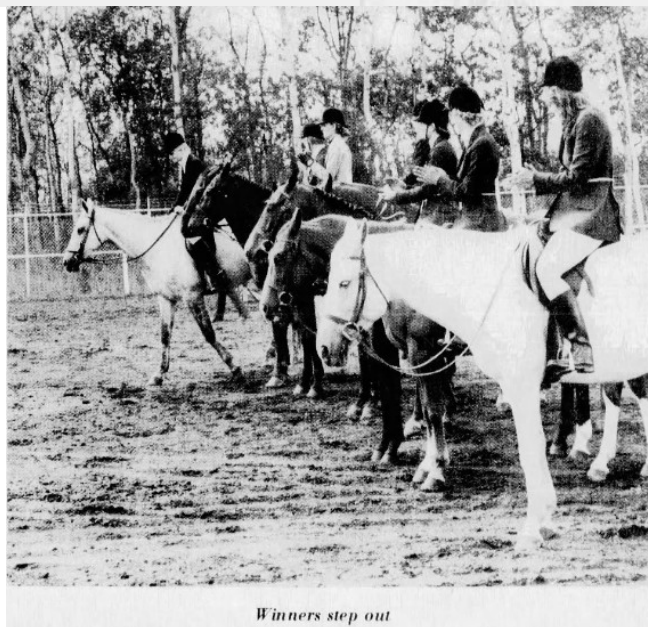
Produce of dam, horse — 1. Timberline Morgans, Grande Prairie, 2. Carol McKenzie, Grovedale, 3. Ray and Jean Wald, 4. S. & K. Gudlaugson.

Get of sire, horse — 1. Clara Foshaug.

Showmanship junior A — 1. Hedy Ninke, Kel Apache, 2. Ramona Farquhar, Dawson Creek, Joker, 3. Mitchell Koll, Shady Bar Cash.

Showmanship junior B — 1. Susan Koll, Jump Jet, 2. Joy Anderson, Beaverlodge, Brownie.

Showmanship junior C — 1. Treena Foshaug, Sundance, 2. Lorrie Fraser, Sexsmith, Star Mirage, 3. Wendi Anderson, Beaverlodge, Red, 4. Annette Blew, Wemblev, Bobo.



Winners step out

A LITTLE EXTRA EFFORT

LINDA WESLOSKI, who lives on a farm about 17 miles from Grande Prairie, started a day off recently on an unhappy note but ended just about as pleased as could be.

Mrs. Wesloski discovered that her dishwasher wasn't working properly and, upon phoning SWAN CITY APPLIANCES, found out that the charge to repair the machine would be around \$100. But that costly beginning to the story ended up with a rather inexpensive conclusion due to the effort of one of Swan City's servicemen who took the time to explain to Mrs. Wesloski how she could repair the dishwasher herself. The helpful repairman's name is DWIGHT FAST and, while the appliance store may not have made \$100 on the dishwasher, Mrs. Wesloski feels that it more than made up for that through the goodwill generated by the efforts of its serviceman.

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GP boxers off to Golden Gloves

By MIKE BEAUDIN
of our staff

On a Tuesday evening at JJ's Fitness Centre, a small group of women strained and stretched to the beat of rock music blasting from a portable stereo.

Three young men stood nearby, patiently waiting for the dance session to end. When the women finished, they fetched their equipment from a small closet.

Minutes later, the room was filled with different sounds; the whiz of a skipping rope; the deep thud of fists pounding a heavy bag; the rhythmic rat-a-tat of the speed bag.

Since last fall, three Grande Prairie boxers have been following the same routine almost every night. This weekend, they hope to reap the rewards of their hard work at the Alberta Golden Gloves championships at the Convention Inn in Edmonton.

A record field of over 90 fighters, mostly from Alberta and B.C., have

entered the two-day tournament.

The road to the Golden Gloves hasn't been easy for heavyweight Gary Bredeson, middleweight Dan Higgins and lightweight Stacy Maxwell. All three are working men, who schedule training around jobs and shifts. They get by with just the bare essentials of equipment.

CAN'T AFFORD RING

They have to spar with each other, despite their differences in size and weight. A ring is a luxury they can't afford. Training without a ring, is like learning to play hockey without boards and nets.

Until a few weeks ago, they didn't even have a trainer. They coached each other and picked up a few tips in boxing manuals. But things starting looking up three weeks ago. They found a trainer and JJ's agreed to pick up some of their expenses this weekend.

For the first time, they can see some light at the end of the tunnel. But

there's still a lot of work ahead.

"They've developed a lot of bad habits," says Clarence Wesloski, a 37-year-old Grande Prairie truck driver who started training the trio 2½ weeks ago. Wesloski boxed as an amateur at the provincial level about 20 years ago. "I've only been with them two weeks and it takes months to get rid of bad habits."

Despite their obvious shortcomings, all three are confident they can win this weekend and perhaps capture a provincial title at the Alberta amateur boxing championships in Edmonton, March 3-4.

WANTS ALBERTA TITLE

"My goal is to win provincials and go on to the nationals," says Bredeson, the veteran of the trio, who's compiled a 6-4 record as a novice heavyweight since he started about two years ago. "I think I've got a good shot at it."

Bredeson, 22, a six-foot-one, 190-pounder, will be fighting in the heavyweight (178-201 pounds) division this weekend but he plans to shed 12 pounds and enter the provincials as a light-heavyweight (165-178 pounds).

"My chances (at a provincial title) are only so-so as a heavyweight," he says. "I've got a better chance being at the top of my weight class instead of the bottom. Most of the heavyweights are a lot bigger than I am and have a longer reach."

His last fight was in December when he won a 5-0 decision over Stan Cardinal of Hobbema in Lloydminster. This weekend he'll be making his debut in the open class. Until now, he's fought as a senior novice, limited to boxers with less than 10 fights.

"It'll be tougher," he admits. "I'll be fighting guys who hit a lot harder. The most important thing for me is to keep moving."

Wesloski has been trying to develop more power in Bredeson, whose victories have all been decisions.

"Gary is a good hard puncher," he says. "But he's been looping his right. If he can straighten it out, he'll knock some people out."

Maxwell, 22, got his first taste of ring action in November at the Bronze Gloves tournament for novices. He



MAXWELL: Won Bronze Gloves.

won both fights to capture the lightweight title. He's been hooked ever since.

"I'd like to make the Canadian team," says the five-foot-seven southpaw. "I think it's very, very possible."

He's dropped down to the 132-pound weight class to take better advantage of his size. At the Bronze both his opponents were over six feet tall.

"I've got a lot more power now," says Maxwell, who has to spend tonight travelling on the bus to Edmonton because he couldn't get time off from his job at Canfor. "I think I can get a few knockouts."

He's fighting in the senior novice class this weekend but if he wins, he'll move up to the open class for the provincials.

"I've got a lot more confidence, especially moving down a weight class. And since Clarence started training us, I've improved my conditioning a lot. He really pushes us."

Higgins, 29, a six-foot, 155-pounder has a 1-2 record since he started fighting last fall.

"He's just starting out," says Wesloski. "But he's coming along."

BETWEEN ROUNDS—The trio is looking for sponsors to help them with training expenses. Call Wesloski at 532-6698.



BREDESON: "I think I have a shot."

Local boxers learn a lesson

One out of three comes up with win

By MIKE BEAUDIN
of our staff

Three Grande Prairie boxers learned a few lessons at the Alberta Golden Gloves championships on the weekend.

All three discovered they have a lot more work to put in if they hope to win titles at the Alberta amateur championships in Edmonton, March 2-3.

Heavyweight Gary Bredeson, 22, enjoyed the most success.

The six-foot 190-pounder earned a 4-1 decision Friday night over Edmonton's Rich Dishan and gained some revenge in the process. Dishan beat Bredeson in the provincial championships last year.

But Bredeson, who now has a 7-5 record, lost his second fight in the open heavyweight class against Peter Petrik of Lethbridge when the referee stopped the contest in the second round.

Middleweight Dan Higgins and lightweight Stacy Maxwell — both senior novices (fighters with less than 10 bouts) lost their first fights and were eliminated from the tournament Friday night.

SPLIT DECISION

Higgins, 29, lost to Danny Bighroat of Cardston when the referee stopped the contest in the second round after Higgins' trainer Clarence Wesloski threw in the towel.

Maxwell, 22, lost a 3-2 split decision to Rick Halliburn of Edmonton.

Higgins now has a 1-3 record while Maxwell

is 2-1. Both fighters just started boxing last fall.

"They all did pretty well considering they haven't had a trainer for almost eight months," said Wesloski, who began working with the trio about three weeks ago. "Dan needs more confidence and more punching power. Stacy fought a good fight and a lot of observers felt he won."

"Gary looked really good Friday night. He threw a lot of straight jabs and combinations and he showed good footwork."

Wesloski said Bredeson fought late Friday night and didn't get a chance to recover his strength by Saturday afternoon. He ran up against a brawler who forced him to abandon his stick-and-move style and slug it out.

The referee stopped the fight midway through the second round after Bredeson suffered a severe nosebleed.

WILL LOSE WEIGHT

Bredeson plans to shed 12 pounds and move down to the light-heavyweight class for the provincials. He's considered small for a heavyweight. Many of his opponents have a 10-pound weight advantage as well as a longer reach.

Wesloski's biggest problem is finding proper sparring partners for Bredeson. He's hoping Dishan, Bredeson's first opponent, will come up to Grande Prairie to spar before the provincials.

"Gary showed a lot of improvement," said Wesloski. "His style has changed and he's a



MAXWELL: Lost split decision.

completely different fighter from last year."

BETWEEN ROUNDS —Anybody with boxing experience willing to spar with Bredeson can call Wesloski at 532-6698.

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Bredeson hopes dashed after suffering facial cut

By MIKE BEAUDIN
of our staff

Grande Prairie's Gary Bredeson failed to make the Alberta amateur boxing team when he lost in the finals of the provincial championships in Edmonton yesterday.

Bredeson lost his senior open light-heavyweight bout to Brent Kosolosky of Medicine Hat when he suffered a cut over his left eye and the referee stopped the contest in the second round.

Bredeson said the cut, which took three stitches to close, resulted from a head butt.

After the bout, Bredeson and his coach Clarence Wesloski felt they had the right to challenge Kosolosky for his spot on the provincial team under the new 'Trail to '88' rules introduced this year.

The new concept was designed so Alberta fighters could compete against boxers from outside the province on a regular basis to prepare for the 1988 Olympic team. The rules state that a member of the Diamond Belt team must defend his title within 30 days of receiving a written challenge.

DOESN'T HAVE TO DEFEND

Wesloski interpreted that rule to mean Kosolosky would have to defend his title if challenged by Bredeson. But at a hastily-called coaches' meeting it was ruled that Kosolosky didn't have to defend the

title until after the nationals in Medicine Hat, March 29-31.

"It wasn't fair," said Wesloski. "But we'll beat (Kosolosky) next time."

Even if Bredeson won his case, it's doubtful he would've been eligible for the nationals. Under Canadian Amateur Boxing Association rules, a fighter who is knocked out or cut can't compete for 30 days.

Bredeson, 22, made his debut in the light-heavyweight division on the weekend. Previously he fought as a heavyweight. He got a bye into the final while Kosolosky beat Frank DeWitt of Fort Saskatchewan to advance.

Bredeson said he had the fight under control until he suffered the cut.

"I won the first round easily," he said. "He was tiring already. The butt happened when we were bent over and he came up and hit me with the back of his head."

Both fighters were wearing headgear.

Meanwhile Stacy Maxwell of Grande Prairie won the novice lightweight division without throwing a punch. He won by a walkover when nobody else entered his division. His next fight will be on a card in Slave Lake in two weeks. Novices (less than 10 fights) don't compete at the nationals.

BETWEEN ROUNDS — Middleweight Dan Higgins and Clarence Wesloski Jr. will also be fighting in Slave Lake. Trumpeter Motor Inn sponsored the local boxers in Edmonton.

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Engagement Announcement



Wesloski - Hartman

Clarence & Linda Wesloski of Grande Prairie, Alberta wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Sherri Kim, to Greg Hartman, son of Jerry & Agnes Hartman of Manning, Alberta.

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Mr. and Mrs. Greg Hartman (nee: Kim Wesloski) of Grande Prairie were married July 13. Photo by Lyn Watson, Paquin Photographs.

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Celts gain yardage on title rush

St. Joe's advances to semifinal against Wainwright with win

By KEVIN PILLING
Herald-Tribune staff

FOOTBALL

It's first down and two to go for the St. Joe's Celts.

The Celtics, who breezed to a Mighty Peace Football League championship with an undefeated record, won their provincial Tier III (school pop. under 500) quarterfinal game 42-8 over Ardrossan Saturday in Edmonton.

The Celtics will travel to Wainwright next weekend. The Commandos beat Stettler Wildcats 28-6 on Saturday to earn a berth in the provincial north semifinal against St. Joe's.

The Celtics jumped out to a 21-8

lead at the half in Saturday's game at Edmonton's Coronation Park thanks to touchdowns from fullback Doug Stenberg, quarterback Jerry Hesse and receiver Clarence Wesloski on a 44-yard, pass-and-run play. St. Joe's kicker Chris Giacinti added three converts. Ardrossan responded with their only touchdown of the day plus a single.

Stenberg and Hesse added their second touchdowns of the day in the second half while halfback Trevor Prichard went 29 yards on a reverse

for his first major. Giacinti kicked one more convert and Hesse ran in a two-point conversion to round out the scoring.

"It was an extremely hard, physical ball game. Probably the hardest hitting game we've had all year," said Celtic coach Dave Kornder.

"A couple of our boys ended up a little bit Liberty Bell . . . a little ringy-dingy in the head."

St. Joe's didn't get the win without paying a heavy toll. Wesloski will be lost to the Celtics for the balance of the season with a chipped bone in his ankle.

"I ran the pattern, caught the ball

and broke free," Wesloski said of the first-quarter play which he was injured on.

"I started running and he (Ardrossan defender) caught me from behind. He got my feet and they bent somehow."

Hesse said the Celtics will miss Wesloski. The rangy receiver was a favorite target of the fourth-year quarterback, but he feels St. Joe's can overcome the loss.

"It's kind of a big minus because we like to use his height, but we've got a good backup in Keith Rogers plus we've got our running backs and tight ends going out for passes."

Wainwright is ranked No. 1 by Football Alberta and St. Joe's No. 2 going into next weekend's battle. Hesse said if they can get by Wainwright a provincial football championship — the first in Grande Prairie's history — should follow.

"We know if we win that one, we've got a really good chance of doing it again the next weekend."

The winners of the Wainwright-St. Joe's game will meet the winners of next weekend's Raymond-Chestemere provincial south semifinal on November 24 in Lethbridge for the Alberta Tier III championship.

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Clarence Wesloski, 44, of Grande Prairie

Clarence Wesloski, a lifetime resident of the Grande Prairie, Alberta, area, passed away suddenly in Sexsmith, Alberta, on Monday, October 21, 1991, at age 44.

Clarence was born in Grande Prairie on September 12, 1947. He loved hockey, hunting, and fishing, and he raised Morgan horses. Clarence was a dedicated family man, and was loved by family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife Linda; daughter Kim (Greg) Hartman of Grande Prairie; son Clarence Jr. and his fiancée Bobbi Dionne of Grande Prairie; his sister Edith (Doug) Carson of Edmonton, and three brothers: Daryl (Theresa) of Grande Prairie, Ralph of the United States, and John of Edmonton; also several nieces, nephews,

and other relatives.

Clarence was predeceased by his parents, and by his brother George.

Public visitation for family and friends will be held at the Oliver Funeral Chapel on Thursday, October 24, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral service for the late Clarence Wesloski will be held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Friday, October 25, 1991, at 2 p.m., with Father David Louch officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Sexsmith Old-timer Hockey^N Team, or the SPCA, would be appreciated by the family.

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



UPDATE

Man dies after playing hockey

A 44-year-old Grande Prairie man collapsed and later died following a recreational hockey game in Sexsmith Monday night.

Clarence Wayne Wesloski was pronounced dead at QEH Hospital.

He collapsed about 10:45 p.m. after complaining of shortness of breath in a recreational game.

Bob Rycroft, who manages the arena, said players on both teams tried to revive him with CPR.

"There were trained people on both teams that knew how to do (CPR), and they were doing a good job of it," Rycroft said. "They did everything they could for him."

Rycroft said an ambulance arrived from Grande Prairie quickly and paramedics tried to revive the man.

He said there were only about 15 minutes left in the 1½-hour game when the player collapsed.

An RCMP spokesman said the medical examiner's office in Edmonton will likely decide today if an autopsy will be ordered.

Heart attack claimed player

A city man who collapsed during a recreational hockey game earlier this week died of a heart attack, the medical examiner's office in Edmonton has determined.

An autopsy of Clarence Wayne **Wesloski**, 44, was completed Wednesday.

It's unlikely a public inquiry will be ordered because the death was of natural causes, a medical examiner's spokesman said.

A funeral is to be held at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Friday at 2 p.m.



WESLOSKI - In loving memory of a very special brother, Clarence Wayne, who passed away October 21, 1991.

Today recalls sad memories
Of a dear one laid to rest,
And the ones who love you best.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of the one we loved so well.

And while he sleeps a peaceful sleep,
His memory we shall always keep.
They say that time heals all sorrow,
And helps us to forget.

But time so far has only shown,
How much we miss you yet.

Your helping hand and happy days
Gave joy to us in many ways;
You kept your problems deep inside;
You lived your life with greatest pride.
It only takes a little space

To write how much we miss you,
But it will take rest of our lives
To forget the day we lost you.
With love always.

Daryl Wesloski & family, Grande Prairie;
Doug & Edith Carson, Edmonton;
John & Betty Wesloski, Edmonton;
Ralph Wesloski & family, U.S.A.



CLARENCE WESLOSKI
October 21, 1991

It's been 2 years Daddy since that tragic day, when God called your name and took you away.

My heart feels empty and my life is full of sorrow, some days I wish there was no tomorrow.

But, I know my life must go on without you, because I know it's something you would want me to do.

What would I give to hold your hand your happy face to see, to hear your voice and see your smile that meant so much to me.

I face each day with gladness knowing that you are the sunshine at my face and the wind beneath my wings.

I love you daddy with all my heart.

Your little girl
Sharri (Kim)

WESLOSKI

Why? If it's been 2 years it doesn't get any better! They say it's supposed to be easier now, then why does it seem like yesterday since that dreadful night. I relive the night and following days over and over. It just won't go away. I wasn't with you that night, and I never did say good-bye, nor could I see you that way. Could this be why? It's been two years, Clarence, but to me it's yesterday. My friends try to help, but what can they say? I shall not rest until we're together again. My love for you strengthens, and will never and not fade away. When you're gone, as you are tonight, my heart waits for you to come home. I long for you to be beside me.

With all my love, your wife Linda.

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CLARENCE WAYNE WESLOSKI

In loving memory of our brother, Clarence Wayne Wesloski, who passed away suddenly on October 21, 1991.

We miss you deeply dear brother
To live within the hearts of those who
love you is to never die
You're not forgotten brother, nor
never shall you be.

Always remembered by John and
Betty Wesloski (Edmonton), Doug
and Edith Carson (Edmonton), Ralph
Wesloski and Family (U.S.A.), Daryl
Wesloski and Family (Grande Prairie)

CLARENCE WESLOSKI SR. October 21, 1991

Dad, it's been 4 years since you were taken from us, on that cold October night. Lord knows, it hasn't been easy. Night after night, my thoughts are with you, wishing you were still here with us. But awakening and realizing that you are not here. I try to live day to day, with the hope that we will soon be reunited again as father and son. Until then, I will always be thinking of you. Memories are forever, and can never be taken away.

Your son, Junior.

CLARENCE WESLOSKI 1947 -1991

It's been four years today Clarence, and my love for you only strengthens day by day. I don't understand why the pain doesn't go. I have decided to stay here Clarence, as some day there will be grandchildren. And I have to be here, to give them the love from both of us. Someday we will be together and the pain will leave. Until then, we will have to wait. Please watch over us and take care of Mom.

Love, your wife Linda.

Clarence Weslowski 1947-1991

It's not the tears that are shed at the time,
that tell of the heart that is broken,
it's the silent tears in the after years,
When a loved one's name is spoken.

To the world you may have been forgotten to others, part of the past.
But to us who loved you so dearly,
your memory will always last.

I love you Daddy!
Your little girl Sherri (Kim)

Dad - Oct. 22, 1993

Though time may make it easier
My heart still feels the same.
Knowing that your cherished smile
I'll never see again.

When times like these are trying
You're memory pulls me through.
For I am the person I am today
through love received from you.

I miss you dad.
Love #1

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Local man comes to the rescue of choking lady

SCOTT SEYMOUR
Herald-Tribune staff

In a couple of weeks, Clarence Wesloski will write the provincial exam for the emergency medical technician course he was taking.

He should do well – at a local restaurant Sunday, he passed a real-world practice test with flying colours.

Wesloski came to the aid of a woman choking on a piece of food, administering the Heimlich manoeuvre and consoling her before paramedics arrived.

"She was having difficulty breath-

ing. She did have an airway – she could talk – but it was only a partial airway, so our concerns at that time were that she didn't want it to go down any further or possibly go into the lung," said Wesloski, 27.

The incident occurred around 7:30 p.m. at Earl's restaurant on 100 Street.

Wesloski and his friends were in



CLARENCE
WESLOSKI

the busy lounge celebrating their win in flag football that night.

As they were shooting the breeze, Wesloski overheard a woman at a nearby table say her friend was choking.

"I went up to her and identified myself, said I knew first aid and I gave her a hand," said Wesloski, a commissionaire at Grande Prairie Airport. "She was panicking quite a bit and I was just trying to relax her and let her know that she had a partial airway."

Wesloski began to apply abdominal thrusts to the woman in an effort to dislodge food from her

airway. Unsuccessful after several attempts, he knew paramedics would be needed. They arrived soon after and Wesloski helped the woman to the ambulance.

He was welcomed back into the lounge with a round of applause.

Even if the situation wasn't life-saving, he says he knew it was serious enough because the food could have dropped into the woman's lungs, creating an infection or blockage.

Hywel Williams, the new director of development for Grande Prairie Regional EMS, says Wesloski's first aid training should be an example for anyone in the public, not just aspiring EMTs.

"From our perspective, we're very interested in promoting the need for people to have first-aid training. Not everyone has those skills and maybe everybody should," he said. "This wasn't very far from a life-and-death situation."

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Free the Fuzz event a unique fundraiser

TAMAS VIRAG

Herald-Tribune staff

This weekend, a handful of law enforcement officers are going to be camping out on the roof of a west-side big-box store to raise awareness and money for the Special Olympics.

The inaugural 54-hour Free the Fuzz event will kick off on Friday at 10 a.m. and go until the 4 p.m. closing ceremonies on Sunday on the roof of the Wal-mart store in the Gateway Power Centre.

"The whole idea is for us to solicit donations to free the officers," said Sheriff Clarence Wesloski, the event's organizer.

The officers will stay up for the duration of the weekend, sleeping in a tent on the roof of the store and getting food supplied to them from an old bucket-and-rope system.

All the money the "fuzz" raises this weekend will go toward the Torch Run budget, which funds local Special Olympics volunteers and athletes, helping them train and get to events.



Wesloski is hoping Grande Prairie residents as well as out-of-town visitors will pitch in to reach their goal of \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the weekend, hopefully helping law enforcement officers reach the Torch Run's overall annual goal.

"Our goal this year was \$500,000 through all of our events ... from what I know right now, we're definitely on track," said Wesloski, adding since that target was set before this event was planned, whatever this event brings in will be

a bonus.

Wesloski and the rest of the planning team have come up with a host of ideas to help them raise money, such as T-shirt sales, hot dog sales, and pictures with the Harley-Davidson police motorcycles from Edmonton and the sheriff's prisoner transport van.

"Donations can be made online (at specialolympics.ab.ca), but what we would like to see is people come down to the event, check it out and make the donation there," said Wesloski, adding they will have an Interac machine on-site for those low on cash but high on the giving spirit.

While Wesloski is expecting only two or three sheriffs to stay on the roof for the whole weekend, there will be a wide variety of local uniformed do-gooders – such as the fire department, who will be hoisting the participants up to the roof, bylaw officers, RCMP officers, and commercial vehicle inspection officers – coming and going all weekend.

The event is also timed neatly to coincide with the kick-off of

Toonies for Torches, starting in September. Wesloski pointed out, adding in that event, people will have a chance to buy a paper torch for \$2 from Wal Mart, put their name on it and have it posted up on the wall. All proceeds will be going towards Special Olympics.

Toonies for Torches and Free the Fuzz are just two of the many programs in which law enforcement officers throughout the province volunteer their time and effort all-year long to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.

"I've always tried to volunteer my time in any town that I've been in and, being from Grande Prairie, I want to give back to the community and this is one of the things that I've always been interested in," said Wesloski adding a trip to a Torch Run conference in Edmonton earlier this year taught him a lot more about what the Torch Run and the Special Olympics are about. "It was a good, touching thing to see some of the stuff that's been accomplished in the past. And if we can give back into that event, then it's worth it."

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■ CITY: Sheriffs take part in fundraiser for local Special Olympians

Time to 'Free the Fuzz'

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Herald-Tribune staff

This weekend, a couple of brave sheriffs will lock themselves up for 54 hours for the amusement of Grande Prairie and the benefit of its Special Olympians.

For the third consecutive year, it's time to Free the Fuzz.

This year won't be quite like the last two, however. For one, the sheriffs will not lock themselves on the roof of Wal-Mart. A mishap at another store's location, not specified, taught the company a lesson.

"They had done the same thing on top of their Wal-Mart but they left the structure up there. A big wind blew it and it did like half a million dollars' damage to the building," said Wendy Van Schaick-Heath, assistant manager at Grande Prairie's Wal-Mart.

"So they're going to have some kind of structure in our parking lot."

Otherwise, Van Schaick-Heath said, everything seems to be going forward as per the prior years.

There will be T-shirts, water bottles and hot dogs for sale, the proceeds of which go to funding local athletes participating in the Special Olympics – for travel, equipment and practice.

There will be sheriff cars and motorcycles to check out and take pictures with.

And there will be a prison van, but that might become

“It all goes to the athletes and they appreciate it ... it gives them opportunities that they may not have had before.”

Sheriff Clarence Wesloski

an interactive piece, as sheriffs have been known to run "Jail and Bail" tactics to generate more funds.

"Sometimes you have to think on your feet to help reach your financial goal. What we ended up doing is we arrested the store manager and other people that we may have known or someone called in and said 'hey, could you arrest so-and-so?'" said Clarence Wesloski, local sheriff.

"It was very successful."

Van Schaick-Heath called her boss getting "arrested" last year "awesome." She does not recall how much he raised to get out, but she recalls he did so quickly.

"We'll probably arrest him again," she said.

In its first year, Grande Prairie's Free the Fuzz event raised \$21,000 – well over the goal of \$15,000.

Last year the goal was \$20,000 and the event raised about \$18,000.

Recognizing economics are still on something of a downturn, Van Schaick-Heath and Wesloski both said \$15,000 is the new goal, and both believe it will be reached.

"It all goes to the athletes and they appreciate it ... it gives them opportunities that they

may not have had before," said Wesloski.

"Not only do they compete at the local and provincial level, but they actually go on the international level. I know the athletes from the Grande Prairie area and from the Peace Country have done quite well at these events.

"If we don't raise these types of funds ... a lot of the time they can't participate in those events."

It is also a chance for the community to view the sheriffs in a different light.

"The only time most people get to interact with them is if they've broken the law ... it's nice to see them do the one-on-one, especially with the kids," said Van Schaick-Heath.

"They don't get to see that stuff up close ... I think that's something that is going to help develop our young people to want to be a sheriff or want to be a fireman – those careers that are really important but I think are really lacking (in numbers).

"When I was a kid, to be a fireman or a policeman was the coolest job ever."

Free the Fuzz starts tomorrow at 10 a.m. and will run through to Sunday evening.

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Free the Fuzz to raise funds for Special Olympians

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The law will be suspended this weekend – at least 20 feet above Grande Prairie's Walmart on a scissor lift, in an effort to raise funds for local competitors in the Special Olympics.

Free the Fuzz is a stunt local law enforcement personnel have held the last three years to incite curiosity in passersby and then inform them of the fundraising cause to support training for the Special Olympics, an organization of provincial, national and international sporting competitions for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Sheriff Clarence **Wesloski** has been organizing the event in Grande Prairie since 2006, raising more than \$50,000 for Special Olympians in training.

It is normally held in late August, but **Wesloski** found difficulty this year finding volunteers needed to work on the ground under the lift, informing people of the Special Olympics cause and collecting donations.

The lack of personnel might force **Wesloski** to spend the 54-hour period in the lift himself.

"We're reaching out to other agencies to see if we can get someone to go up, and if worse comes to worse, then it'll probably be myself going up" said **Wesloski**.

"Hopefully weather will hold out. I hear that there's a chance of snow and a lot of rain – temperatures have been dropping."

The fundraiser was to kick off at 10 a.m. today and run straight through to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Whoever ends up in the scissor lift will be at least 20 feet in the air in the Walmart parking lot, possibly higher if weather conditions are not too severe.

The elevated officer will survive on food and drinks lifted by a bucket attached to a rope and pulley, and will only return to the ground to briefly use the washroom.

The fundraiser support staff beneath the lift will be joined this weekend by more than 40 local athletes who have competed in the Special Olympics or are training for upcoming competitions.

STRONG SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Grande Prairie has had a remarkable year in the Special Olympics – four locals travelled to the national competition in London, Ont., last July to compete in 10-pin bowling.

"They were excited to be there," said Brian LeBlanc, who coached Doug Hutt, Lyle Gritchen, Laura Erickson and his son, Nicholas LeBlanc.

Hutt, Gritchen, and LeBlanc returned from the national competition with medals, and Erickson achieved her three best scores in the individual and team 10-pin competitions.

"I did a lot of spare time at the bowling alley training them," LeBlanc said. "They went to the college and we had them in an exercise program."

Organizing the Free the Fuzz event has brought inspiration to **Wesloski** after he met with Special Olympians over the past years.

"I love being involved," he said. "Once I had a chance to meet some of these individuals, hear their stories and hear what they were capable of doing, it was very inspirational."

Wesloski hopes curious visitors to Free the Fuzz event will find this same inspiration.

"We think we have things bad on a day-to-day basis, but these individuals have definitely overcome a lot of obstacles where they haven't been given as many chances for things, and they've proven people wrong."

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