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Kevin and Sarah delight crowd at Cornell Farm Barn Concert



by Marlene Deschamps

The latest Cornell Farms Barn Concert was held on Wednesday, August 5th. The headliner was Kevin Fox and opening for him was local singer-songwriter, Sarah Hebert. The Barn was filled with music patrons of different genres and none of them were disappointed as these two each gave great performances.

Kim first introduced Sarah and she opened by singing with her own accompaniment on organ. She was then joined by Mike McCaig on guitar. She sang some songs from her first album "The Fall" and others which showed her versatility. Sarah writes most of her own songs but also thrills audiences with her version of hits by other performers. She sure has come a long way from singing the national anthems of Canada and the U.S.A. at various functions around the district. Her CD which was available at the concert is also available at Betty's and Northwoods in the Fort. For her last few numbers, Sarah was joined on stage by Scott Barker and Shannon Darby playing violin. Kevin Fox was so impressed by this ensemble at rehearsal that he

joined them for their last number.

Kim then made note that Gerald Graham from the CBC Radio was in the audience along with two young people from England who were visiting family in the area. When Graham was asked how he came to be at a Cornell's Barn Concert, he said he was on holidays and attending the Winnipeg Folk Festival, where he heard Kevin Fox play with the Bare Naked Ladies and by himself and so he just followed him to the Barn to hear him again because he was so good.

Kevin then took the stage and the total attention of the audience. Along with his mastery of the cello and guitar, Kevin also has a very pleasant singing voice to add to the mix. Kevin spoke of his childhood, growing up in Nova Scotia. He mentioned spending summers on the farm when he would take his guitar up into the hay loft and sing and play and write and dream about a night like this—playing in front of an audience. He said that although he lives in Toronto he feels that at heart he is a country guy and he thanked Kim and Pat for making his dream come true. He

added that he loved introducing what is considered classical instruments to pop culture such as the cello, clarinet and such. Kevin played both the guitar and the cello during his time on stage. He played some pop songs on the cello that no one would have thought of such as "Sweet Dreams". He has been writing songs for around 30 years and finally put together a CD titled "Cello and Voice". He explained the latest gadget he has that does looping so he can accompany himself by playing the cello and having the loop come around to be included as if there is a second instrument. He used this when he performed a Kate Bush number. He even treated the audience to a song he hasn't recorded yet so they could be the very first to hear it. Kevin kept up his chatter between numbers and it wasn't long before everyone felt they had known him forever. He drew laughs when he said he has been a vegetarian for some time but he figured 'when in Rome' and had a steak for the first time in 10 years. He said it was so good he went back for more and asked if they would be having steak and eggs for breakfast in the morning. At the end of his performance he thanked everyone for coming out and said when he first saw all the chairs set up for the concert he figured there was no way they would all be used and yet the place was full.

You can find out more about Kevin or order his CD at KevinFox.ca and don't forget to pick up Sarah's first album at the places mentioned above.

The next concert at the Barn will be The Wild Turkeys Barn Concert on Saturday, September 12, 2009. These fellows will be fresh off the music festival circuit now happening across the Northwest. They got great reviews for the performances at the big Music Fest in Thunder Bay and it is so great that Pat and Kim continue to bring in these acts that we would otherwise never get to see unless we travelled elsewhere. A big thank you should go to these two great people.

Horticultural Society host annual Flower & Vegetable show



Trophy table

by Marlene Deschamps

The Fort Frances Horticultural Society is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year.

The annual Flower & Vegetable Show was held this year at the Farmer's Market on Saturday, August 8th. Despite the weather we have had, there were plenty of flowers and flower arrangements to fill several tables with beautiful floral bouquets and special designs.

There was even one table of veggies although the season has been late this year. One person remarked they had both the weather and deer to cope with

this year and they had quite a job to even have any vegetables.

There were tables set up for people who checked out the arrangements to stop and have refreshments and some goodies before they went on their way.

The Society was honoured this year to have a visit by the District Director, Marg Larson from Dryden and she was also the judge for the entries in the show.

Winners this year were:
Vegetable Trophy-Donna Law
Flowers and Aggregate-Astrid Sobkowicz
Perennial-Marilyn Stinson

Lilies-Irene Hill Haver
Rookie Award-Pat Basaraba
Best in Show-Nadia Felix
Special Award for Vegetable Arrangement and her White Orchid-Donna Law

The arrangements never cease to amaze people and the containers are often unique, with many being household items one wouldn't normally use for an arrangement, but somehow they make them work.

Don't forget - there are still some cookbooks left. The Society will use the profits from them to help out with an outdoor area at Rainycrest.

Rainy seniors take a cruise up the river



The Lake of the Woods chapter of "Lets Go Fishing With Seniors" invited the Rainy River seniors for a little outing on Rainy River last Friday. The Baudette group has funded the whole project by donations and fundraisers in order to purchase the boat and pay for all expenses. Seniors' groups from Warroad, Roseau and other U.S. areas travel up to Baudette to enjoy the scenery, homes and farms along the banks of the Rainy River. It takes quite a group of volunteers to perform all the duties necessary for their safe and comfortable journey but the enthusiasm of the participants makes it a very enjoyable job.

Service Canada Centre for Youth holds "Bon Voyage Event"



Kaylie Lundgren and Dayna DeBenedet with tray of goodies they handed out.

by Marlene Deschamps

The Fort Frances Service Canada Centre for Youth officially closed its doors for the summer on Friday, August 7th. To celebrate, they held a "Bon Voyage Office Closing Event" on that day. From noon until 2 p.m. refreshments and cupcakes were served outside the centre.

Kaylie Lundgren will be leaving to get her diploma in Human Resources at Confederation College and Dayna DeBenedet who will be going to attain her Masters in Library Science at McGill in

Montreal, where the Youth Service Officers who worked with the youth through the Youth Employment Strategy program operated by the Federal Government. They help young people with job searches, resume and cover letter writing and information on employment standards and health and safety in the workplace and student loans. The Centre helped local employers find enthusiastic students who were ready to work. Some of the most successful events were the "Odd Job Squad BBQ" (which drew around 250 peo-

ple), the "Humble Beginnings Wall of Fame" and the "Hire a Youth, Help the Economy Grow" initiatives.

The program is seasonal and runs from May till September. Dayna said they were very happy with the response, especially considering the economic times. They helped over 50 students find temporary employment in the month of July and estimated that over the course of the summer around 100 youth accessed the service.

The program is expected to run again next year.

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Obituaries

Doreen Gray



Doreen Gray (nee Brown), who was born August 8, 1918 in Winnipeg, MB, passed away on August 6, 2009 at La Verendrye Hospital in Fort Frances, ON at the age of 90.

On December 5, 1936, Doreen married the love of her life, Joseph William Gray. The couple spent the early years of their life together residing in St. Boniface, MB before moving with their young family to Arbor-Vitae, ON in the early

1940s. Times were often tough, but the couple did their best to provide for their family. Tending the farm, helping neighbours, riding the horse-drawn sleigh to school Christmas concerts, and watching their parents waltz at home are all memories shared by those raised there. Doreen and Joe later moved to LaVallee before finally making their home in Barwick. In all, Doreen and Joe raised 11 children.

Seeing a young child would always bring a smile to her face and a twinkle to her eye. Her love for children was extended to the many children she had babysat throughout the years.

Before moving to Rainycrest, "BINGO" was a word Doreen loved to say, if luck was on her side, while living at Green Manor in Fort Frances. Those close to her knew she would be

faithfully taking part in the Thursday night ritual.

Doreen was predeceased by her husband, Joseph William Gray, Senior in 1972; son Donald Gray and daughter Joan Thomson.

Doreen is survived by her children: Joseph (Ruth) Gray, Robert (Linda) Gray, Jack (Camie) Gray, Patsy Buttner, Gladys Williams, Betty Ann Trotter, Linda Lynch, Judy (Jake) Smith, and Bonnie (Stan) Jonassen. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

At Doreen's request, there will be no service. Interment will take place at a later date.

"A mother holds her children's hands for awhile . . . their hearts forever."

Online condolences may be offered at www.northridgefuneralhome.com

Nettie (Nastia) Monastyrski



Nettie Monastyrski, age 89 passed away on August 8, 2009 after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was preceded in death by her husband Mike (1959), granddaughter Pam Walsh (2006), her parents Dimetro and Ann Serafin, brothers Anthony, Alex, John and sisters Stella, Marie, Margaret and Frances. Nettie is survived by her daughters Roseanne (Ray) Koob of Richfield, Mn, and Janie (Lyn) Thomas of Chandler, Az, grandsons Michael (Leslee) Koob, Kyle (Julie) Thomas, John-Michael Thomas and granddaughter Lindsay Thomas. Great grandchildren Amanda and Emily Walsh (their father Tim Walsh), Ryan and Mark Koob, Amelia and Austin Thomas. She is also survived by sisters Ann and Jean, many nieces, nephews, extended family and special neighbors Susan and Wallace Armstrong.

Nettie grew up in Manitoba, met Michael Monastyrski and they were united in marriage on

October 14, 1939. The young couple moved to Rainy River in 1943 to the new farm they had purchased for \$ 3000.00. Mike also worked on the railroad. Their home was a favorite gathering place for friends and family. Peter Picklyk played his wonderful violin at many weddings and parties held on the farm. We're sure many have fond memories of their time at Mike and Nettie's home.

A year after the tragic death of her young husband, Nettie sold the farm and moved to town. She worked various jobs, including a couple summers at Sharflo Island on Lake of the Woods. She moved to Minneapolis in 1966 to be near her daughters.

Nettie retired from McCourtney Plastics in St. Louis Park, Mn and returned to her home in Rainy River where she enjoyed gardening and she loved tending to her flowerbeds. She often gave away more garden produce than she took in for herself. She had a giving spirit and a kind heart. She wouldn't have anyone leave her home without giving them something. Mom enjoyed meeting her friends at the Bakery for coffee, tea and a little of the town talk. Mom

was a member of the Rainy River Legion Ladies Auxiliary, also the Rainy River Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. Mom moved to the Rainy River Long Term Centre, May 2008. We "Thank" the staff (her Angels) as she called them for their tender, loving care. You are very special and true "Caregivers". We "Thank" all the wonderful friends who would come and sit with mom during her painful times or who would just come in to let her know they cared. That gave more comfort to her daughters than they will ever know. God Bless all of you with much love.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Rainy River, Ont, with Fr. Alan Albao Celebrant. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Rainy River, Ont.

If desired memorial donations may be made to Rainy River Health Care Centre Ladies Auxiliary or Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, c/o Northridge Funeral Home, Box 89, Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0. Online condolences may be offered at www.northridgefuneralhome.com

Laura Marie Lougheed



Unexpectedly on Saturday August 8, 2009 at her residence with her family by her side, Laura Lougheed of Chapple Twp, Ontario passed away at the age of 61.

Laura was born on August 4, 1948 in Belgium to Milford

and Marie Louise Brigham. She was united in marriage to Gerry Lougheed on July 25, 1970. They lived for a short while in Kenora, Ont before settling on the Lougheed family farm on Hwy 71. Laura took great pride in her flower beds and garden. Her fondness for animals will be remembered by all who knew her.

She will be sadly missed by her husband Gerry, son Russ, daughter Cara-Lee (fiancée Darryl Bodnar), her mother Marie Louise Brigham, brothers Fran (Linda), Andy (Dawn), Glen (Kari), Bruce (Mary Ellen), sisters Margaret (August) Olson, Nellie Ewen and numerous brother and sisters in law, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased

by her father Milford Brigham.

Family and friends will be received at the Northridge Funeral Home Emo, Ont on Wednesday August 12, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. where funeral service will be held on Thursday August 13, 2009 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Peggy Mason officiating. Interment will take place at a later date.

Honourary pall bearers will be Laura's brothers Fran, Andy, Glen and Bruce Brigham.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Fort Frances Friends of Animals c/o Northridge Funeral Home, Box 89, Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0.

Online condolences may be offered at www.northridgefuneralhome.com

Fort Council sets Hazardous Waste Day

by Marlene Deschamps

During Committee of the Whole prior to the Regular Town Council Meeting on Monday, August 10th, a selection of Municipal Special or Hazardous Waste Service was made and a date for pick-up of same set.

The company chosen is from Thunder Bay and Kenora, Dryden and Red Lake, along with Fort Frances will be using this company. There will be a big dollar saving by sharing the services of this provider. The Hazardous Waste pick-up date for Fort Frances will be Saturday, September 12th from

9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

During the Committee meeting it was announced that there would be permanent closure of Runway 03/21 at the Airport Facility. It is a secondary runway and therefore not eligible for government funds. It is in disrepair and its usage falls far short of the times the other runway is used.

A financial request from the Rainy River Cattlemen's Association Sales Barn Party for its 50th Anniversary Celebration was referred to Administration and Finance.

Correspondence from Anna Carlson and David Bourgeault

re: hedges and fences was referred to Planning and Development.

Correspondence from R. Zanette regarding the Fort Frances Condo stated it was slow growing on the pre-sales for the 24 unit Condo slated to be built on Front Street. According to Zanette the Condo is not a dead deal and they will continue working on pre-sales over the winter. The Condo is still expected to be built but construction is probably not on the plate for this year.

Next Council Meeting will be on Monday, August 17th.

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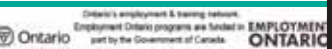
He only takes the best.
In time we saw you sinking
We watched you fade away,
Our hearts were almost broken,

You fought so hard to stay,
But when we saw you sleeping
So peacefully free from pain,
We could not wish you back
To suffer that again.

Loved always and deeply missed,
Les, Robert, Don & Lindy

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Where?

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How?

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- locating and evaluating potential landfill sites,
- environmental considerations,
- identifying sensitive habitats and cultural sites,
- mitigation of impacts, and
- the selection of the preferred site.

When the study is completed an Environmental Screening Report will document the planning process, preliminary design work, and consultation process. This report will be available to the public during a 60 day review period. A Public Notice will be posted at that time.

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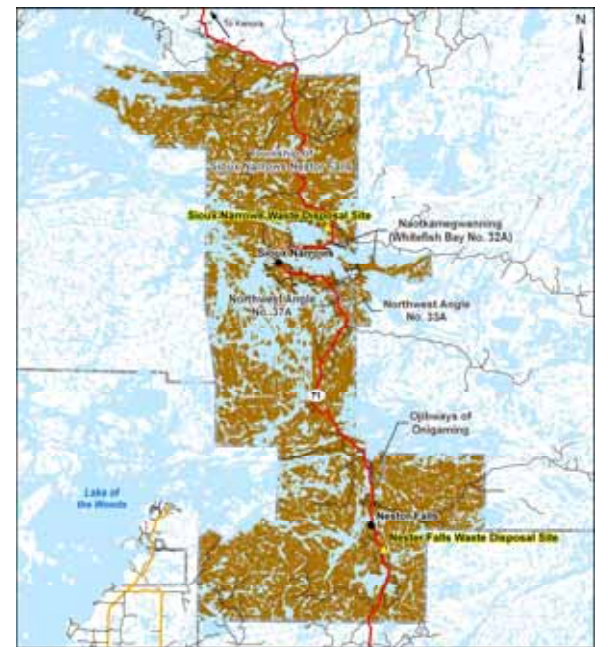
We would like to hear from you. Please contact your community representatives to join our mailing list, learn more about the project, or provide input.

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