

# The Westend Weekly

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### Rural Ag group expanding local opportunities



by Marlene Deschamps

A Rural Agricultural Meeting was held on May 27th at the Emo Royal Canadian Legion Branch #99. Topics included the rural agricultural information update and the launch of the Rural Agriculture website.

The Rural Agriculture Initiative is sponsored under the Rainy River Future Development Corporation, the Government of Canada and FedNor. Jeanette Cawston in the person heading this initiative. While those that attended enjoyed a very tasty soup and sandwich meal, Jeanette did a power point presentation on what has been happening and what will be happening and their involvement in promoting the area. Jeanette has been such an asset to the initiative that her funding contract has been extended to the end of the year and they are looking for a further three year contract.

The purpose of the initiative is to expand producer opportunities in all aspects of the rural agriculture community. Over the three year initiative, there has been many meetings and trips to other agriculture areas in order to learn from their successes and to promote this area. Some of the few things pointed out during the presentation were: local food marketing; local food events; benchmark-

ing other successes; working with the vet services committee (they are still trying to attract a large animal vet to the area); the agriculture bio-fuel three year trial; Clover Valley Winter Market Store; immigration, (land inventory- in order to recruit young farmers to our rural communities, a land for sale inventory was set up); quarterly public meetings; North American Farmers Direct Marketing Conference; Growing the Margins Conference; Spring Gathering in Chapple; special projects funding support; Marketing the District by attending the Fort Frances Chamber Home & Leisure Show; design marketing tools; July FedNor Rural Agriculture Tour and EARS Local Food BBQ; Clover Valley Farmers' Market Food Box; Emo Fair Booth; Purchase of the Grand Champion 4-H Market Steer; Market labeled bottle water; Tour of Thunder Oaks Cheese Facility and encouraging year two of the Bio-Fuel Trial; working with and on First Nations events; booth at the Ontario Open Door Farm Show with special jerky made and items available from Rainy River Elk, Cornell Farms, Sunrise Meats and Dawson Buffalo Farm as well as honey sticks. (there was much interest

expressed at the show about farming in the Rainy River District) and many promotional materials were handed out; attending the Royal Winter Fair where there were special Rainy River District Product Gift Boxes available as well as over 1,000 district brochures and 200 land for sale flyers along with 200 district maps which had OMAFR farm statistics on the flip side; hosting the 2nd annual Rainy River District Harvest Dinner; working with the interns; Fort Frances Chamber Chili Cook Off where all ingredients except for the Chili powder were from the district; Rainy River District Product Gift Boxes that are usually sold out where ever they are featured.

Over the rest of the year, Jeanette will continue working to promote food localism; continue to market the district; seek large animal vet; food branding workshops; 2009 work with Abattoir and meat processor; Rainy River District Cattlemen's (branding of a district beef product Rainy River Raised); vaccine protocol, pre-sort sale brochures; flying and laying the ground work in preparation for the abattoir being built; bio energy commercial agriculture pellet project and assisting different com-

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### 4th Annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides



Jade and Dad, Mike Green with their dog Sez

by Marlene Deschamps

The 4th Annual Purina Walk for Dog Guides took place on Sunday, May 31st at Pither's Point. The Voyageurs' Lions Club, who holds the walk locally were pleased with this year's results. Co-ordinator Kendall Richardson said they managed to raise around a thousand dollars more this year, bringing the total up to around \$2,500.

There were 20 registered participants this year. Sherri Eisenzopf, who walked with Oakley, was the top money raiser this year. Dr. Dan, who is a major contributor to the walk, donated gift certificates for vet care. He along with Safeway and donations from various

local businesses saw enough prizes for every participant to receive one. Sharon got a prize gift certificate as well as a prize from the basket. Incentive prizes also available are mailed from the foundation directly to the winners. One received the umbrella and there were 5 others who will win tote bags from the foundation for raising over \$100.

Kendall said that Jim and Val Martindale had the opportunity to go on a tour where they train the guide dogs and they were really impressed.

There were dogs of all sizes and breeds who turned out for this year's Purina Walk for Dog Guides. The big and small ver-

sions were a pair of St. Bernards and a chihuahua. The little one appeared to suffer from what they call the small dog syndrome as it had no problem with barking at or challenging any dog, no matter the size. The big dogs usually just look at these small, noisy creatures with just a modicum of curiosity which is a good thing especially for the little one. The weather was quite chilly and windy but the rain and predicted (should I even say it) snow didn't happen to spoil the walk which went from the Point to the Marina and back. Everyone appeared to be having a good time, especially the dogs.

### Just another woodpile you say?



Jerry Galusha of Sleeman had the opportunity to buy wood from Wes Friesen once he was finished logging his wood lot. Using Willard Peters splitter, he chopped the waste material into different sizes and lengths for use in different size stoves. Then came the job of stacking it. So in the end, this massive one-man job (and Jerry is not exactly a spring chicken) produced a woodpile four feet high and 500 feet long and containing approximately 9,000 pieces of poplar and birch. The whole job took 30 days. The Galusha place is located two houses east of Lowes Lumber on highway 11 and it's worth a look is you're driving past. Jerry said it was a bit more than he needs for his furnace so if anyone wants to buy some they'll get a good price.

### Student led parent conference sees 100% turnout



Mom, Petrina Leonard holding brother Stanley Johnson (aged 2 yrs.), Zerlinga Whitecrow and step-father, Justin Handorgan.

by Marlene Deschamps

This year's student led conference with parents held for Grades 7 & 8 saw a 100% turnout. The students met with parents/caregivers during three different sessions held at Robert Moore School on Thursday, May 28th.

The process for the conference was: parents role-to read and listen to student's writing; to ask questions presented in the plan created by the students; to engage in a positive discussion of the reflections created by the student and to respond, in writing, regarding the improvements and future goals of the students. The student's role was-to show their writing to their parent/guardian/volunteer; to

read some of their pieces of writing to them and to engage the adult in a meaningful literacy discussion.

Cam Keast and Sonja Bodnerchuk, both Grade 7 teachers, along with three others were on hand for the conferences taking place in the gym. For any students that didn't have a parent or guardian available to participate, one of the teachers took that role. Both Cam and Sonja said there were very few students that didn't have someone attend the conference. They also both related their excitement about the parental response and said what a wonderful opportunity for child and parent/caregiver to communicate with each other

on the student's successes, what they had learned, their growth and their goals. Each student had the opportunity to display their written work with the adult and to discuss it and explain what completing any particular assignment had taught them. The family unit in the picture were having a great time and the adult members of this particular family unit were somewhat surprised at all the student had learned, both in class and in her research for some of the work she had on display.

This substitute for the previous parent/teacher conferences sure appears to be more productive for both the parent and the student.



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# Obituaries

## Jessie Valentine Hughes



Scotland on August 17, 1925 to the late William and Alice Cay. Jessie was a draper's assistant during the war, and served in the N.A.A.F.I and A.T.S. During the war Jessie met Richard (Ted) Hughes while he was serving in the north of Scotland and they were united in marriage on May 26, 1945 and came to Canada in June, 1946 residing in Rainy River, Ont.

Peacefully on Monday June 1, 2009 at the Rainy River Health Centre, Jessie Hughes (nee Cay) of Rainy River, Ontario, passed away with her family by her side at the age of 83.

Jessie was born in Inverness,

Jessie is survived by her sisters Margaret Colebrooke of England and Alice Coffyn of Sudbury, Ont. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and special friends.

Jessie was predeceased by her husband Ted (2008), her parents William and Alice, and brothers John and Frank Cay.

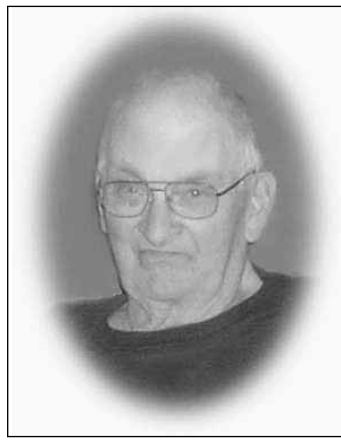
Family and friends will be received at the St. James Anglican Church, Rainy River, Ont, on Thursday June 4, 2009 from 7-9 p.m., and funeral service will be held on Friday June 6, 2009 at 3 p.m. with Rev. Eileen Bragg officiating.

Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Pall Bearers will be Sandra Coffyn, Derek Coffyn, Calvin Haglin, Donna Haglin, Bob Desrosier and Patti Desrosier.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Rainy River Health Centre of the charity of your choice, c/o Northridge Funeral Home, Box 89, Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0.

Online condolences may be offered at [www.northridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.northridgefuneralhome.com)

## Bill Anderson



At the age of 83 years, Bill Anderson peacefully passed away on Monday, May 25, 2009 at the Rainy River Health Centre with his loved ones at his side.

Bill was born to Alexander and Elsie Anderson on East Rainy Lake on March 14, 1926. He was raised in Stratton and lived there most of his life. Bill attended Morley Consolidated School in Stratton. He started working in the bush at the young age of 14. Bill joined the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II and was discharged in May of 1946. Upon his return, from the army, Bill drove truck for several years for many area contractors, including the local paper mill. He also spent several winters oper-

ating snow plow trucks.

In 1975, Bill purchased land in McCrosson-Tovell Township and it was there that he and Kari built a cabin where they spent many beautiful summers "at the lake." They loved to spend time fishing with their friends on Lake of the Woods, coming home to their beautiful oak landing. Bill enjoyed the wonders of nature and especially loved to watch the otters and waterfowl on the Little Grassy. He spent time watching the deer coming to drink on the other side of the river, and especially enjoyed watching an eagle in flight, circling and soaring upward to the sky's above. Bill enjoyed making furniture from diamond willow and also took time to build a beautiful outdoor fireplace on which he placed special rocks that he and Kari had collected on their travels. Bill had a fascination for antique cars, trucks and tractors and he fully restored his 1932 Diamond T truck. Over the years Bill and Kari attended many area antique steam shows. He read many books about the history of this area and he greatly admired what pioneers had accomplished working with their hands.

Bill was predeceased by his

parents, his younger sister Patsy and a younger brother George. His memory will be ever cherished by his precious friend of 45 years, Kari Upton, his "chosen family" Beth and Dennis Brown and their family, Linnea Johnsrud, Arne, Joan, Glen and Danny Johnsrud, Dale and Marg Johnsrud, Cindy, Jim, Kyle, and Chelsea Miller, Tim and Erin Johnsrud, JoAnne Nygard and her family, Dylan McDonald and Alyssa Silvaggio.

Several days before his death, by God's grace, Bill gave his life to the Lord Jesus.

A Graveside Service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at the Stratton Cemetery with Beth Brown officiating. A luncheon followed at the Stratton Senior's Friendship Centre. Honourary Pall Bearers were all of Bill's family and friends.

If friends so desire, charitable donations will be accepted for project Ultrasound 9-1-1, Rainy River Health Centre, in care of Riverside Health Care Facilities Inc. 110 Victoria Avenue, Fort Frances, Ontario, P9A 2B7.

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## Nels Arnold Stewart



Henry Motors for 11 years. In 1957, he joined his father and brother in the family logging business where he remained to this day. Nels always said that his life was meant to be lived in the bush and near the water. Nels was an avid reader who especially enjoyed political debates and listening to CBC information radio. In his leisure time, Nels enjoyed fishing, gardening, cryptographs, spending time with his grandchildren, and cursing potato bugs.

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Nels Arnold Stewart at his residence on the Seine River after a short illness. Nels was born August 26, 1932 in Fort Frances to the late Amanda & John Stewart. He started work at Henry Motors at the age of fifteen as a "grease monkey." He later graduated from Ryerson Technical Institute in Toronto as a mechanic. Nels stayed with

Frances, Norma Freund of Vancouver, and brother Ray (Ollie) of Fort Frances, and also many sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Nels was predeceased by his parent Amanda & John Stewart, one brother in infancy, sister Rose Floeting of Seattle, and niece Diane Petit.

According to Nels' wishes there will be no funeral. Cremation has taken place with interment at a later date. A "Sharing of memories" tribute will be held at the Northridge Funeral Home in Emo on Saturday June 6, 2009 at 2:00p.m. In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations may be made to Riverside Healthcare Facility La Verendrye Hospital. Nels has touched many lives and will be sadly missed by family and friends. Online condolences may be offered at [www.northridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.northridgefuneralhome.com)

where he resided his entire life. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. As per his request there will be no funeral service and interment will take place in Couchiching First Nation Cemetery at a later date.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation c/o Northridge Funeral Home, Box 89, Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0. Online condolences may be offered at [www.northridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.northridgefuneralhome.com)

## Stanley Bruyere

Peacefully on Wednesday May 27, 2009 at the La Verendrye Hospital, Fort Frances, Ont, Stanley Bruyere

of Couchiching First Nation passed away at the age of 87.

Stanley was born in Couchiching First Nation

where he resided his entire life. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. As per his request there will be no funeral service and interment will take place in Couchiching First Nation Cemetery at a later date.

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## Rafferty and Hyer to support bill to abolish long-gun registry

Thunder Bay – Superior North MP Bruce Hyer and Thunder Bay – Rainy River MP John Rafferty announced today that they will support of Bill C-391 (An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (repeal of long-gun registry), when it comes up for a vote in the House of Commons.

Hyer is offering his support for the bill because he believes the registry is a waste of taxpayer dollars, and is unfair to law abiding gun owners. "As a hunter myself, I have always been clear that I will vote to end the wasteful long-gun registry, and stand up for my constituents," Hyer said. "This Bill is a simple way to make the system fairer for law-abiding hunters, farmers, Aboriginal people, and trappers while maintaining laws that keep our large cities safe." Hyer added, "I am especially pleased to take the opportunity to work together with other parties to get the job done."

Rafferty, a long-time opponent of the long-gun registry, decided to offer his support for

the bill for similar reasons and after hearing back from his constituents on the issue. "I've always opposed the long-gun registry because I thought it was unfair to law-abiding firearms owners, but I needed to hear back from my constituents before moving on the issue," Rafferty said. "I sent a questionnaire to every household, and more than 93 percent of respondents agreed that they wanted it gone. After receiving a clear mandate from the people I am very happy to offer my unqualified support for C-391," he said.

In addition to hearing from many constituents on the issues, Rafferty and Hyer also heard from local and regional groups, such as the Ontario Federation of Angler and Hunters (OFAH) and the Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance (NOSA) on the matter. "We are pleased at the strong commitment made by Mr. Rafferty and Mr. Hyer to support C-391," said Greg Farrant, Government Relations Manager at OFAH. "Both MP's should be commended for taking a stand in support of their constituents on this issue."

## Looking for Emo Fair Queen Contestants

Ages 14 to 17 years

A Contestant meeting will be held at the Lion's Park in Emo 6:30pm on May 3rd  
If you would like to be a contestant please contact Mary Croswell at 487-1105 or Sis Wilson at 482-2284

## Employment Opportunity Day Camp Director

**Description:** The Day Camp Director's main job will be to plan, organize and carry out a six week day camp program. Each week will be based on a new theme, that will arise in a main event or outing each week. The Director will also be in charge of planning and carrying out a week of training for the Day Camp Leaders. He/She will be working closely with the Recreation Director to ensure all expectations are met for this program. Duties will also include being involved with the Railroad Daze Festival and day to day Recreation Centre operations.


**Required:** Police Record Check  
Must be a current college/university student that is returning to school in the fall.

**Recommended Skills/Certifications:**  
Experience organizing and instructing youth.  
First Aid and CPR  
Bronze Cross


**Qualities:** organized, responsible, dedicated, outgoing and inspired

Start Date: June 22, 2009  
End Date: August 28, 2009  
Wage: \$12.00 and hour  
Hours: 35 hours a week

Please submit your resume, cover letter and references to Meghan Shanks by Friday June 12, 2009.  
Email: [rainsriverrec@tbaytel.net](mailto:rainsriverrec@tbaytel.net)  
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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 23  
Chapple Community Hall, Barwick  
7:00 p.m.

*To vote at this annual meeting you must be a paid member a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting. Annual memberships can be purchased for \$5.00 at the RRFDC office, 608 Scott Street, Fort Frances, Ontario.*

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## Town of Rainy River

### Project Labourer Employment Opportunity

The Corporation of the Town of Rainy River is seeking applications for labourer positions for the upcoming sewer lagoon project. Applicants should have experience operating heavy equipment. Applications must be received on or before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2009. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the municipal office.

"Lagoon Project Labourer Position"  
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Fax: 807-852-3553  
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Please note, we thank all those who apply, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information submitted will be used for the purposes of this competition only, in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.



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For detailed information on this career listing, please visit the Careers section of the Northwestern Health Unit website at: [www.nwhu.on.ca](http://www.nwhu.on.ca)

**Deadline for Resume Submissions:**  
June 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. CST

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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