

Langruth Views

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LANGRUTH DINNER THEATRE

The Highway 50 Players

Present

ALASKA

When: Sunday April 21st, 2013
at 5:00 p.m.

Where: Langruth Community Hall

Admission: \$25/Adult

\$10/Child (age 12 and under)

Family Entertainment

Sponsored by:

Langruth Rec. Committee

Tickets are available at MJ Stop & Shop, the
Langruth Post Office, the R M. Office
or from Rec Committee members

Call: Marlene 204-445-2033
or Sheila 204-445-2228 to purchase tickets.

Langruth Community History Books

There has been some discussion in the community about having Langruth area history books reprinted. The two history books that would be reprinted are:

- *A Tribute to Soldiers and Pioneers of the Langruth District* (published in 1950)
- *Along the Crocus Trail* (published in 1984)

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of either of these history books please e-mail the Langruth Library at langlib@mymts.net or call 204-445-2030. Please note that the fee will depend on the number of books ordered and prepayment will be required.

In order to have these books reprinted an original copy must be taken apart. If you have a copy of one or both of these history books and are comfortable donating it for reprinting you would be given a new copy at no charge. Contact Karen Jackson at the Langruth Library if you would like to donate your history book(s).



Langruth Skating Rink



Thank-you for supporting the Langruth Skating Rink. With the cold weather in March the skating rink was able to have one of its longer seasons and remained open through to the end of March.

MJ STOP & SHOP

Now Available:

**Slushies, All Beef Hot Dogs,
Smokies, Tostitos, Popcorn, &
Nachos**

Regular Hours:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	8:00 am—6:00 pm
Wednesday:	8:00 am—6:00 pm
Thursday:	8:00 am—6:00 pm
Friday:	8:00 am—7:30 pm
Saturday:	8:00 am—6:00 pm
Sunday:	Closed

Drop in and see our new products.

Gladstone Music & Arts Festival

The 2013 Gladstone Music & Arts Festival will be held on:

April 12th: Band

April 24th & 25th: Choral/Vocal

April 30th & May 1st: Piano/Violin



This is a great opportunity to take in some live performances by local students. Langruth students will be competing in Band, Vocal, Piano and Violin classes. Programs are available in Gladstone.

Best of luck to all the participants!

Housecleaning/Painting

Will do housecleaning on a regular basis or occasionally.

Will also do indoor house painting.

If interested call,

Patricia Letandre

204-445-2527

Nature Notes

From Raymond O'Connor

American Crow

One of the most widely distributed and recognized birds in North America, the American Crow is entirely black from beak to toe to tail with a glossy violet sheen. Studies of these intelligent birds have shown that they can count, solve puzzles, learn symbols, and retain information. They are often seen charging and mobbing owls and hawks.



Huge flocks from a few hundred to as many as 200,000 birds may assemble in winter to roost, travel and feed together. Often persecuted, shot, poisoned, and even bombed on its roost in the past, this crow still lives among us by its intelligence and adaptability and is common throughout its range. They have been widely persecuted in the past by farmers and hunters. They are still legally hunted for sport.

Crows eat insects, many other small invertebrates from millipedes to snails, small amphibians, small reptiles, small mammals, eggs and the young of other birds, waste corn and other grains, fruits, field crops, garbage and carrion. Mobs of avian predators call gangs of crows together to harass a large hawk or owl on a perch or drive it out of the area. They catch up to a soaring hawk and repeatedly dive on it from above, often forcing it down into the shelter of trees below. The crows break mollusk shells by dropping them on rocks from above.

The nest of the American Crow is made of twigs and branches, lined with tree material, grass, feathers, moss, leaves, and hair. It is placed in the fork of a tree or shrub up to 30m above the ground. It is sometimes on the ground on the prairies. The nest is built by both sexes and sometimes extra birds.

The incubation is 18 days by both sexes. The young are brooded by the female and remain in the nest for 28-35 days. They typically have one brood per year but can have 2 per year in the south.

Kinosota Trail Game & Fish News

2012 Banquet Results

Deer Head:

1st Typical: Curtis Knox
2nd Typical: Jordon Jackson
Non- Typical: None
Most Even 5 Point: Curtis Knox
Most Even 4 point: Joel Wiebe
Junior 1st: Joel Wiebe
Junior 2nd: Riley Hill



Fowl:

1st Goose: Ron Jackson
Junior Goose: Shay Jonnasson

Fish:

1st Perch: Jim Rinn
1st Pickerel: Scott Miller
1st Jack: Dana Gardiner
2nd Jack: Darren Stanley
Junior Perch: Declan Poschenreider
Junior Pike: Declan Poschenreider
Junior Pickerel: Theron Poschenreider



Other Draws:

50- 50 Antler Draw: Bruce Gardiner
Gun Draw: 1st Prize: Dan Tanner
2nd Prize: Micheal Caddoo
Hunter Education Draw: Nicole Wiebe

Rainbow Auction Winners:

1) Rhonda Arnason	2) David Lee
3) Cecil Robertshaw	4) Velma Vereb
5) Rhonda Arnason	6) Louise Blair
7) Bruce Gardiner	8) Shay Jonnasson
9) Doug Poschenrieder	10) Robert Thompson
11) Violet Jackson	12) Lindsay Hanneson
13) Dana Gardiner	14) Richard Callandar
15) Bruce Gardiner	16) Johnny Kleemola
17) Paul Oswald	18) Cheryl Kleemola
19) Louise Blair	20) Heather Manns
21) Dennis Manns	22) Holly Kelemen
23) Bruce Gardiner	24) Holly Kelemen
25) Bruce Gardiner	26) Richard Callander
27) Karen Jackson	28) Jane Wilson
29) Warren Scott	30) Roger Leclerc

2013 Family Fun Day Results

Adult Perch:

1st: Wayne Gardiner
2nd: Ron Jackson
3rd: Glenn Arksey & Michelle Fergusson

Junior Perch:

1st: Dianna-May Arksey
2nd: Tim Farrell
3rd: Shay Jonasson

Adult Pike:

1st: Ken Gardiner
2nd: Wayne Gardiner
3rd: Dana Gardiner

Junior Pike:

1st: Dianna-May Arksey

Oldest Fisherman: Paul Oswald (89 years)

Youngest Fisherman: Katlyn Knox (16 months)

2nd Youngest Fisherman: Regan Teichroeb (5yrs)

**** Children's prizes also given to Dallas Jonasson and Madison Teichroeb**

Fishing Rod Raffle Winners:

1st Prize: Fenwick HMX Casting Rod with Abu Garcia 6500 C3 Bait Cast Reel
Tony Soos

2nd Prize: Shimano Compre Rod with Shimano Symetre 2500FL Spinning Reel
Michelle Fergusson

Door Prizes:

1) Cecil Robertshaw	11) Curtis Knox
2) Dallas Jonasson	12) Shay Jonasson
3) Isaac Wiebe	13) Jo-Ann Kleemola
4) Leslie Little	14) Jim Knox
5) Merle Bryce	15) Michelle Fergusson
6) Ralph Thompson	16) Tamara Forbes
7) Tom Teichroeb	17) Dana Gardiner
8) Jim Rinn	18) Roxanne Gardiner
9) Katlyn Knox	19) Wayne Gardiner
10) Madison Teichroeb	



Congratulations to all the Winners!



Church News

World Day of Prayer

A World Day of Prayer Service is usually held on the first Friday in March but has been postponed until a later date in April. Please watch for notice of this service. Everyone that is interested is welcome to attend.

Grace Lutheran Church

*Service at 10:30 AM unless otherwise stated.
Supply Pastor Phyllis Thordarson 445-2323*

Apr 14: Service of the Word

Apr 14: Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Apr 28: Liturgical Communion Service

Confirmation Classes: Classes will start after Easter. Call Phyllis if your child/children are interested.

Baptism: If you are interested in having a child/adult baptized please contact Phyllis.

Grow a Row for Others: This spring when you are planning your garden think of growing an extra row for a soup kitchen. Produce will be taken in this fall.

Catholic Church News

Note: Catholic Church Mass times will remain as printed until spring when the times may or may not be changed. This will be decided at a later date.

Amaranth Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM unless otherwise stated.

Alonsa Catholic Church

Saturday Evening Mass at 5:00 PM unless otherwise stated.

Sandy Bay Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 12:00 noon unless otherwise stated.

Amaranth Gospel Mission

*Service at 11:00 AM unless otherwise stated.
Pastor Dennis Pelland, Telephone: 843-3656*

Langruth United Church

Service at 11:30 AM unless otherwise stated.

Apr 7: Joint Service in Plumas, 11:00 AM.

Service and Communion conducted by Wendy Denbow. Pot-Luck Lunch to follow.

Apr 14: Service conducted by Jim Warburton

Apr 21: Service conducted by Dan Jardine

Apr 28: Service conducted by local laity.

May 5: Service conducted by local laity.

Confirmation Classes: Call Ann Craik at 204-445-2349 for more information.

UCW Mother's Day Tea

Treat Mom on May 11th, 2013 at the Annual UCW Mother's Day Tea. Enjoy items from the Bake and Plant Tables while visiting with others over refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

May 11th, 2013 at 2:00 pm

In Memory

Caitlin Arksey

June 24, 1988 – March 21, 2009

No longer in our lives to share,
but in our hearts you
are always there.
We miss you every day.

Grandma & Grandpa

Ron & Family

Pancake Supper and Talent Auction

The Annual Pancake Supper and Talent Auction was held on February 11, 2013. The evening was very well attended. After a feast of pancakes 63 items were auctioned off. This evening is the annual fundraiser for the United and Lutheran Churches in Langruth. Each church received \$3,370.00.

Thank-you to everyone who contributed in any way. Thank-you to our auctioneer Cecil Robertshaw who, as usual, did a very good job.



Richard Callander attending the grill.



Auctioneer – Cecil Robertshaw

Grace Lutheran Church: Reflections by Chairman Philip Thordarson

We began in 2012 with a church council consisting of chairman - Philip Thordarson, secretary- Diana Gall, treasurer- Marlene Jensen (bookkeeping in Portage with assistance from Phyllis and congregational members) and board members Norman Arnason, Sylvia Huyber, Kevin Johnson, Karen Sigurdson and Inez Rinn. Dillion Arnason attends our meetings as a youth member. Karen Sigurdson sent a letter of resignation in the fall as she didn't have time for the meetings and it has been accepted at our Feb. 14th, 2013 meeting.

In Nov. 2012 our longest standing board member, Inez Rinn passed away after a lengthy illness. She is very definitely missed.

Rev. Phyllis Thordarson has continued as our term/supply pastor providing 2 services a month at 10:30 a.m., usually on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Sharron Arksey and Barb Hill continue to be our organists. Sharron produces the Sunday bulletins. She scans pictures produced by the children and youth for the front page of the bulletin and puts the information that Phyllis has e-mailed her into booklet form and prints it off. Sharron was also our elected delegate to the 2012 MNO Synod convention and gave an interesting report.

Norman Arnason makes sure the heat is turned on for services, and Dillion Arnason does snow removal.

Don and Sandy Jensen take care of the grounds.

Diana Gall continued as Sunday school superintendent until March 11th. She resigned from her positions of Sunday school superintendent and a board member at a special meeting. Thank you, Diana for your years of dedication and hard work. With no Sunday school superintendent, Rhonda Arnason looks after the Sunday school when there were children in church.

In October Ralph Houle was hired to change the wiring if the church so an electric furnace could be installed. Volunteers removed the old furnace and the fuel tank and put the new furnace in place. A cold duct needs to be put in place.

Reflections by Chairman ... con't

The bell tower still leaks over the foyer but Lyle Beaulieu continues to work on this problem. Maybe in 2013.

A heritage grant was applied for in March of 2012 to fix the foundation, replace the basement windows and landscaping. The repairs are ongoing. Volunteers cleaned the eaves troughs and chipped away the outer surface of the foundation to prepare of the work repair work. Thank you to everyone who helped in anyway.

It was the Langruth United Church's turn to take care of Vacation Bible School in 2012. Ann Craik had 10 children attend over a 5 day period.

I shall conclude these reflections by thanking everyone for their care and dedication in maintaining the life of our church.

Fifty and Beyond News

The Langruth Seniors held their monthly business meeting on March 5th. 6 members answered the roll call. There were four birthdays in the month of March. Rena Arksey, our Cheer Officer, sent out cards to all those with birthdays. We wish them well and hope they all had good birthdays during their celebrating times.

At the meeting we discussed the upcoming meetings for Central Plains and the Northwest Region. The Northwest Region Meeting will be in Amaranth on April 9th. Hopefully as many as possible will attend. The Central Plains Annual Spring Meeting will be on April 18th at Glenella. These meeting are more important because at this time we are really up-in-the-air with what's happening with Senior's Clubs across Canada. At these meeting we hope to find out what has been planned and if there is anything else set up to take the place of the Central Plains Organization that we have had here in Manitoba. Now it is a Canadian organization and most of it takes place down east so we sort of feel left out. It would be nice if they set up a 'chapter' of sorts here in Manitoba that we could belong to and feel more at ease.

With spring here, or just around the corner, we seniors are getting ready for the summer and are hoping it will be a good one for a change. We

have been thinking of day trips that we might take in over the summer.

We also have been wondering what is happening with the Legion Building. At this point we are not sure what is going on. We have been told that the Legion will be making their decisions around the end of March or so. Hopefully they will let us know what has been decided and where we go from here because we are sort of at a stale-mate because we do not know if or how long we will have our club rooms.

Our Chairman also told us of having met with Jane Wilson from CFAN who told him that CFAN was getting together with some students at the school and they were somewhat interested in making a meal for the seniors. We are waiting to see if this will come about or not. We are of course interested because a meal cooked for us is always nice. Let's hope that they will be doing that for us in the near future.

In March we lost one of our former residents, Joe Thordarson. Joe used to live in one of our Seniors Apartments here in Langruth. He had moved to Portage La Prairie. His funeral was here in Langruth on March 23rd. To all his family and friends we send out our sympathy.

Linda Church, who also lived in our Seniors Apartments, has moved to Portage. We wish her well in her move to Portage. We will miss having her in the community with us.

We are looking forward to the coming spring and hope that the floods will stay away. Hopefully the snow will melt slowly as it has been and we won't have to suffer through a flood as we did in 2011. Also we are looking forward to having better weather so we can get out and about without having to bundle up as we have been the last few months. It gets very tiring to do that every time you have to go outside. Let's hope that the warm weather will be with us soon.

Hope to see a number of you at the upcoming meetings and that things will get decided on the seniors organizations.

Until next month,

Teri

Who's Who?

Apparently there has been some controversy over someone in the **December 2012 Photo (Langruth Grades 5-8, 1946)**. We have been told that the 6th person in the 2nd row is not Osborne Isfeld. He apparently went to Big Point School until he was in Grade 9 or 10 and never came to Langruth School. If anyone knows who this person is we would like to know too.

It is now time to reveal the names of the students in Langruth's Grade 4 and 5 Class in 1980/81 (**February 2013 Photo**). This photo was found in Barbara Jackson's archives. Did you recognize some of these young faces?



Langruth Grades 4&5 1980/81

Top Row L-R

Shannon Hackewicz, Ian Lasson, Joanne Roulette, Robert Ames, Jennifer Sigurdson, Rick Symesko, Veronica Soos, Cyril McFarlane

Middle Row L-R

Corine Cochrane, Dennis Thompson, Laura Hoehn, Tim Cummer

Bottom Row L-R

Shelley Olson, Corey Armstrong, Shannon Fuchs, Eyvi Smith, Tammy Tarko, Martin Czeranko, Anita Olson.

Have you figured out who was in the **March 2013 Who's Who? Photo**? One reader found a copy of this photo in a local history book. We don't have the exact date of the photo but it is estimated to be 90 years old. Answers for the **March 2013 Who's Who? Photo** will be given in the next issue of the Langruth Views. Good Luck!

The **April 2013 Who's Who? Photo** can be found on Page 15 of this issue. Submit your guesses to the Langruth Views and find out if you were right in a future issue.

If you have old photos from this area that you think would be fun to use in the Who's Who? column, please submit them to the Langruth Views. Please remember that we can only use photos that will photocopy easily.

4-H Celebrates 100 Years

Source:

<http://www.4h.mb.ca/> and <http://www.4-h-canada.ca/>



1913 2013

4-H in Canada all started here in Manitoba! Roland Manitoba is recognized as the birthplace of 4-H in Canada as they were the community in which the first meeting for a Boys and Girls Club was held in 1913. In 1913 there were also seven other communities in Manitoba who formed Boys and Girls Clubs: Darlingford, Manitou, Neepawa, Oak Lake, Starbuck, Stonewall and Warren.

4-H is one of Canada's longest-running youth organizations for young people between the ages of 8 and 21. 4-H has given youth opportunities to learn new things through a dedicated group of volunteer leaders. The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills of youth through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach.

4-H will be celebrating the 100-year milestone event from coast-to-coast with local, provincial and national events. Watch for events in your local area.

4-H clubs have been active for many years in the Langruth area. Some of the early clubs include:

- Big Point Beef Club
- 1949 Lakeview Calf Club
- Langruth Crafty Fingers
- Langruth Garden Club
- Langruth-Lakeland Beef Club
- Langruth-Lakeland Ridge Riders
- Langruth Sew and Sews
- Langruth Wildlife Club

Were you a member of a 4-H club in the Langruth area? Do you have 4-H Memories that you would like to share other readers? Please submit your 4-H Memories to the Langruth Views for our upcoming issues as 4-H celebrates 100 years.

2013 Provincial Flood Outlook

Source: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mit/floodinfo/>

The Province's second 2013 spring flood outlook, issued on March 26th, notes that the potential for a spring flood is higher than previously predicted in the February outlook. This is due mainly to the additional snow fall and delayed runoff.

There is an increased risk of moderate to major spring flood potential for the Red, Souris, Pembina and Assiniboine rivers, and in the Interlake. Significant overland flooding is expected to develop in most areas of the province.

The magnitude of the spring flood potential is still very dependent on future weather conditions from now until the spring melt.

March 25, 2013 Forecasted Peak Level For Lake Manitoba

Current Level 811.8 fasl (March 26)

Desired Level 810.5 fasl – 812.5 fasl

	Dry Weather	Average Weather	Wet Weather
Forecasted Peak Level	812.1 fasl	812.7 fasl	813.5 fasl

Note: fasl = feet above sea level

Pre-School Wellness Fair

Hosted By: Regional Health Authority &
Pine Creek School Division

Wednesday, May 1, 2013
Gladstone Elementary School
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Children born in 2008 or 2009 will receive an invitation to the Wellness Fair. If you have not received an invitation by mid-April please contact the Public Health office in Gladstone.

For more information contact Alan Warkentin or
Marcia Rinn at Gladstone Elementary School
(204-385-2613).

News From Here, There and Anywhere

Reporter Teri Soos

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you had a good festive season during the holidays. The weather was good and we could get around. Thankfully the winter storms have subsided. Even though March came in like a lamb, I was dreading that it would go out with a storm on the last days of March. Thankfully that didn't happen. I hope you all had a good Easter, the Easter Bunny found you all and filled you up with all the chocolate that you needed and everyone is well.

There is an old adage that the weather on Good Friday will continue for the next forty days. Well, hopefully that is true because Good Friday turned out to be reasonably nice. Forty more days of that will sit well with all of us. This is one of those old wives tales that we go by and we hope that this time around it will come true. We need these forty good days because we have so much snow and it needs to go nice and slowly so that it won't cause too many problems around the area. I know that the Flood Forecast is out and it doesn't sound that good. It isn't just our own places that we have to worry about but also the water coming from the west and the south as well. Hopefully if it melts slowly it can soak into the ground. If it melts too quickly it will just run away and cause problems.

I know that this might sound a little catty but I hope that the government paid attention to all the people saying that they hoped they wouldn't be flooded again. There are those that said to me that, "They do have to save Winnipeg." Well, that is true, I don't want them to be drowned out either but I do hope that we don't have to be flooded to save others. We don't want to suffer as we did in 2011. I hope we will get rid of the snow as easily as we have in other years even though we have had more snow than we have had for some time. For some of us this winter was like déjà vu because quite a few years ago we had quite a lot of snow. I remember when we had snow banks piled up so high along the side of the road that we couldn't see the transfer truck coming down the road. Even with all that snow we were not flooded out so let's hope things go

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well and we get through this season as we have in the past.

I have heard that people have seen and heard a number of ducks and birds coming back. I have seen pictures of some on TV. It is odd to see these birds on the snow but that is what they do in the spring. Hopefully this is a good sign because once they start coming surely it means that spring and good weather is on its way. I have heard of this before but didn't know much about it but I understand that down around La Riviere they have a weekend that is set out for watching the raptors return. Of course the raptors refer to all the eagles, hawks, owls and such birds. Apparently, they come up through the Red River Valley each year. If you are in that area on that weekend you can apparently see a number of them. If anyone is able to go I would be interested in hearing how it all went.

I happen to be having quite a few birds coming to my feeder, which is quite alright - that is what the food is there for. Quite often I have Blue Jays. I know that many people don't like them because they drive away the smaller birds but they are pretty and I enjoy looking out at them. It kind of makes me laugh when the Blue Jays are squawking away on my door step because the little birds have not thrown down enough seeds for them. They prefer to eat off the ground and don't feed off the feeders unless they really have to. I also have a red squirrel coming to feed which I am not happy about. I try to chase him away but he keeps coming back. I guess he can't find food elsewhere So it is share-and-share alike.

I did have a rather interesting session with a bird. I was speaking with someone at my doorstep when a rather large bird came flying quite close to us. It went down into the snow. A few inches along out popped its little head and low-and-behold it was a Prairie Chicken or a Ruffed Grouse. It was rather interesting to see it come out of the snow and then trot away into the trees. I think it must have been feeding on some bird feed under the snow. I now know why I have these strange holes in my snow banks here and there.

As far the weather has been, it seems like we have had our share of snow storms. Every time we turned around we got another fall of snow and windy conditions blocking us in. We have been blocked in more times this winter than usual. I have been really surprised how often the highway has been closed. This in one way is a good thing because at least people are not taking chances on the highway. It does make it hard for those who need to get somewhere. Hopefully now spring has arrived.

Easter has come and gone and people have had visiting friends and family. Michelle Teichroeb parents visited with her family over the weekend. They are from Smiley Saskatchewan. I'm sure they all very good time while they were here. Rena Arksey had visitors over the weekend as well. Harley and Mary Arksey were here from Winnipeg as well as Brenda Curry from Brandon. Julia Kelemen's daughter Karen Single from Winnipeg was here over the weekend and Karen's son, Eric, and his girlfriend were here on Friday and Saturday. We have sad news in our family though. Holly Kelemen has gone out to B.C. to be with her mother who is not well. We are wishing the best for Holly's mother Dorothy.

We have lost one of our residents in the last little while. Linda Church has moved from the seniors' apartments to Portage. We wish her well and that she will enjoy her new home.

As mentioned in the last paper, the Annual Catholic Retreat was to happen at Amaranth Catholic Church on March 15, 16 & 17. We were supposed to be having the Mariem Sisters from Regina giving the retreat for us. As it happened on Friday March 15th when they were supposed to be driving out we had another one of our big storms. Apparently they drove for an hour and a half and then decided to turn around. We did do well without them. We had our own Priest stand in and we also had the Priest from Ste. Rose come down. We were looking forward to having the nuns give the retreat but unfortunately the weather said "No". As you know there have been a number of changes in the Catholic Church. We have a new Pope which is very nice to see although having one retire is a little bit unusual. I

News From Here, There and Anywhere ... can't guess he felt he could not carry on the work he had to do. So now we have a new Pope, Pope Francis. Hopefully things will go well with him and he will be able to do his work as he has been appointed to do.

Of course being April, it is tax month again. I know that many of you have been getting your returns done but I wanted to put in a little reminder to get your tax returns done because this is the month. Whether we like it or not we have to do it.

Just so you know, I have been having some trouble with my hands. I had surgery in Winnipeg on one of my hands at the beginning of March. I am sad to say that I don't think the surgery worked as it is still numb. Maybe the nerve still needs time to regenerate and the numbness will leave my hand so I can get back to using them as I would like to. I was told that I shouldn't be lifting but that is hard not to do. The garage door being frozen down didn't help. I did manage to get it open after an hour of chipping the ice away.

We have a number of people who are not feeling well at the moment. We wish them happier days and a speedy recovery. Our greetings go out to, Elizabeth Atkins, Margaret Whitley, Clifford Sepke, Gordon Reed, and Elaine Smith. To all of these and any that I have missed we hope you can return to good health to enjoy the upcoming spring and summer.

We would also like to pass along our sympathy to people who have lost friends and family over the last little while. We hope memories of happier times will console you in these days to come. We lost Joe Thordarson, who lived in our seniors apartments for some time. He passed away in Portage. We send our sympathy to his friends and family. Word has also been received of the death of Bill Nielson. He lived in Carmen but was a former resident of Langruth. Also Ivan Robertshaw has passed away. He has been living in the states for some years now but has kept in touch with his relatives here. Gordon Smith, the father of Sylvia Huyber, also passed away. He lived in Portage but was formerly from Waldersee. We send our deepest sympathies to

Sylvia and her family. Word has also been received of the death of Margaret Keyser of Plumas. She was well known through the Langruth and Plumas Legion. She was the mother of Margaret Ann Post. We also heard of the passing of Doreen Strong of Amaranth. She was the wife of Tony Strong who grew up around Langruth. To all these and any other that I have not heard of, we send our deepest sympathy and hope that happy memories help them through these dark days.

I need to make a correction on my story last month about my fur coat. I realize that spelling doesn't come through on the recording from which this column is typed and 'full fur coat' should have been 'faux fur coat'. It's not a real fur coat. When the man thought I said 'gopher coat' I said 'it might be' because who knows what it is made of. 'Gopher' sounded alright to both of us. Whatever it is made of, it is warm and I enjoy wearing it.

See you next time around,

Teri

PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PRESCHOOL PARTY

DATE: APRIL 5, 2013

TIME: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

**WHERE: LANGRUTH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

Please join us with your preschool children.

**Refreshments and free books will be
provided.**

Call the school if interested.



*The voices in my head may not be
real – but they have some good
ideas.*

Earth Day – April 22, 2013

Source: <http://www.earthday.ca/>

Earth Day Canada (EDC) is a national environmental charity founded in 1990. It provides Canadians with the practical knowledge and tools they need to support a healthier environment. They educate, empower and inspire Canadians of all ages and backgrounds to achieve local solutions to improve the state of the environment through year-round and award-winning programs.

The Earth Day Canada web site provides simple earth friendly activities for both children and adults. For example:

- **100 Mile Meals:** Purchase local produce, meat and dairy. Local food tastes amazing.
- **Black Out Nights:** Turn out the lights, the TV and the stove. Enjoy a big salad of fruits and veggies. Spend the evening playing cards and board games or reading by candlelight.

How will you be celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd?



Langruth Elementary School News

Upcoming Events

Apr 5: Preschool Party - 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Apr 11: Anti-Bullying Day

Apr 17: Science Fair

Apr 18: Spring Photo's

Apr 18: We Are Silent Day

Apr 19: No School

Apr 24 & 25: Gladstone Music Festival

Apr 22 – Apr 26: Earth Week

Words of Wisdom from the Principal

Spring has arrived. The first day of spring in Canada and the rest of North America is the Spring Equinox. Equinox comes from Latin (*aequus* meaning equal and *nox* meaning night) and means that daylight hours are close to being equal to night time hours. Equinox happens twice every year, the Autumn Equinox is always near September 22 and the Spring Equinox is always near March 20. This year, spring started on March 20. April is a month in the school year that I always look forward to. It is a time of rebirth as the snow melts away giving rise to fresh green grass and other plants that like to spring up in May. Thus the old adage, April Showers brings May flowers.

April is jam-packed with exciting activities. April 11th is **Anti Bullying Day** and we encourage all students to participate in *A Day of Pink*. We will also have activities for students as we focus on proactive strategies to help prevent bullying. Also in April is our Science Fair on April 17th. Consider yourself invited to view student displays. **Earth Day** is on April 22. This year and I am excited to announce that we will be celebrating with many activities during the week of April 22 – 26. Consider this your invitation to stop by the school and take part in any of the Earth Week activities that are planned. We will be showing short videos, tracking garbage, dressing up, challenging ourselves to use no garbage, challenging ourselves to save energy, cleaning the community, and other activities designed to learn about sustaining our Earth. It is an exciting time of the year; I hope you plan to do something special at home, as well.

One last item to mark on your calendar, early in May we will be hosting an artist from the *Artist in the Schools Program*. Mr. Mark will be working with every classroom at Langruth School from May 6-10. You can look forward to more information about Mr. Mark in next month's newsletter or visit his website: mrmark.ca.

Mr. Tim Klein
Principal, Langruth School

Langruth Elementary School News ... can't LES Science Fair

A Science Fair provides an opportunity for students, parents and teachers to take a more active interest in the study of science. Students are given the opportunity to conduct and publicly present their projects.

Langruth Elementary School will be having a Science Fair on April 17th. Everyone is welcome to come and view the projects. Please contact the school for more information.

Earth Week at LES

April 22 - Wear Green Day & Earth Day Film Festival

April 23 - Track your Garbage Day

April 24 - Zero Garbage Day

April 25 - No Lights Day & Community Clean-Up Day

April 26 - Earth Week Wind-Up

Grades 6-8 'Save The World On Friday' Project

The Grade 6, 7 & 8 Class has been focusing on saving the world. The class has learned about their ecological footprint; how much land is needed to produce the things we use and how much land is needed to get rid of the waste we create. We discovered that if the world's seven billion inhabitants lived the same way as the students in the 6-7-8 room, we would need about three or four Earths to grow our food, make the products we use, and get rid of our garbage. We have realized that we need to think of innovative ways to give back to our Earth.

We called the things we plan to do our *ecological handprint*. It is our responsibility to reduce our footprint and increase our handprint. We have devoted several Science classes on Friday to this end. We look forward to Earth Week in April to share some of our ideas with the rest of the school, the rest of our community, the rest of Canada, and maybe even the rest of the world. We can save the world on Friday!

Recently, students were challenged in their English Class to write about what they would do if they were in charge of the world. Here are one student's thoughts:

If I Were In Charge of the World

By Sonya Strocen

*If I were in charge of the world
I'd lessen the luxuries of the rich.
I'd rid the poor of poverty.
No situation would suffer in silence.*

*If I were in charge of the world
War would wallow in self-pity.
Old age would be the only taker of life.
Divorce would never separate husband and wife.*

*If I were in charge of the world
Drugs would demolish themselves.
Cigarettes would suffocate in their own sickly fumes.
Alcohol would be exiled.
Disease would depart.*

*If I were in charge of the world
Trash would be trashed.
We wouldn't rely on oil.
The atmosphere would be clean.
If I were in charge of the world.*

We Are Silent

Take a vow of silence for children's rights.

Source: <http://www.freethechildren.com/>

On April 18th the Grades 6, 7 & 8's will be participating in the **We Are Silent** campaign. This campaign challenges participants to stand in silent solidarity for 24 hours with children whose voices are silenced by not having their rights upheld.

215 million children are forced to work as child labourers and are denied the right to attend school. One in every three children in developing countries is malnourished. One billion children are deprived of essential services like food, water, education, or health care.

Watch for more information regarding this campaign. The community will be invited to join the Grades 6, 7, & 8's in the We Are Silent campaign.



***Did you hear about the
cross-eyed teacher?
He couldn't control his
pupils.***

Obituary - Joseph Olafur Thordarson



With great sadness we announce the peaceful passing of Joe Thordarson at Health Science Centre at the age of 65 years.

Joe was predeceased by his beloved wife Diana (nee Coates) and parents Snorri and Freda Thordarson. He will be lovingly remembered by

his son Benjamin Thordarson; granddaughter Chaise Raya Thordarson and other relatives.

Joe was born on September 4, 1947 in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He attended school in Amaranth and graduated from Red River Community College in 1970 having taken Radio Operating and Electronic Communications. He continued his education at Brandon University taking courses in psychology and sociology. Joe graduated in 1977 from the Psychiatric Nursing Course. While attending school he worked at the Brandon Mental Hospital and after graduating he worked at the Manitoba Developmental Centre in Portage la Prairie for 12 years. In 1990 he began a career as a long haul truck driver until 2005. He made many friends throughout his life and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Memorial Service was held at the Grace Lutheran Church, Langruth, Manitoba on Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 2:00 pm with Pastor Phyllis Thordarson officiating.

As expressions of sympathy, if friends so wish, donations may be made in Joe's memory to a charity of one's choice.

A tree will be planted in memory and cared for by McKenzies Portage Funeral Chapel.

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Obituary - Roy Frederick Hackewich

*What would I give to clasp his hand.
His happy face to see,
To hear his voice and see his smile,
That meant so much to me.*



Roy Frederick Hackewich entered into rest on Monday, February 11, 2013 at Portage General Hospital at the age of 85.

A celebration of Life was held on February 16, 2013 at Gladstone United Church. Rev. Phyllis Thordarson officiated.

The family of Roy Hackewich would like to send a sincere thank-you to everyone for their thoughts of sympathy, cards, flowers, phone calls and donations to Gladstone Drop In in memory of my beloved husband, father, papa, grandpa and great grandpa.

Your kindness was greatly appreciated,

*Irene, Dan, Donna, Brenda, Brent, Darlene
and families.*

Langruth Library News

Community History Books

The Langruth Library has had several requests for local area History Books and would like to acquire copies for our branch. At this time we have: *Langruth (Along the Crocus Trail 2)*, *Golden Memories-Steele Bridge, Palestine, Woodside, and Golden Stream*. We also have *The Complete Sagas of Icelanders*.

If you or someone you know would like to donate History Books to the Langruth Library please call 204-445-2030 or drop into the Library.

Donations can be made in memory of a loved one. All donations will be kept at Langruth Library.

Books in Other Branches

If particular books are not currently in our local branch they can be brought in from other branches. Call the Library (204-445-2030) for more details.

PARKLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

NEW BOOKS

AUTHOR	TITLE	DESCRIPTION
Bradley, Alan	Speaking from Among the Bones	Mystery fiction
Church, James	A Drop of Chinese Blood	Mystery fiction
Colins, Jackie	The Power Trip	Suspense fiction
Crais, Robert	Suspect	Mystery fiction
Fielding, Joy	Shadow Creek	Suspense fiction
Finch, Charles	A Death in the Small Hours	Mystery fiction
Gardner, Lisa	Touch & Go	Suspense fiction
Grafton, Sue	Kinsey and Me	Short stories, mystery fiction
Howard, Linda	The Cutting Edge	Romantic suspense
Jance, J.A.	Deadly Stakes	Mystery fiction
Neuhaus, Nele	Snow White Must Die	Suspense fiction
Patterson, James	Run, Alex Cross	Psychological thriller
Steel, Danielle	Until the End of Time	Love stories
Bracken, Alexandra	The Darkest Minds	Science fiction (YA)
Caine, Rachel	Bitter Blood	Paranormal fiction (YA)
Cashore, Kristin	Bitterblue	Fantasy fiction (YA)
Cole, Kresley	Poison Princess	Paranormal fiction (YA)
Condie, Ally	Reached	Science fiction, dystopia (YA)
Cook, Eileen	The Almost Truth	General fiction (YA)
Derting, Kimberly	The Essence	Fantasy fiction (YA)
Echols, Jennifer	Such a Rush	General fiction (YA)
Fforde, Jasper	The Song of the Quarkbeast	Fantasy fiction (J)
Gaiman, Neil	Odd and the Frost Giants	Fantasy fiction (J)
Howard, A.G.	Splintered	Fantasy fiction (YA)
Hunter, Erin	Yellowfang's Secret	Fantasy fiction (J)
Lafleur, Suzanne	Eight Keys	General fiction (J)
Lanagan, Margo	The Brides of Rollrock Island	Fantasy fiction (YA)
McMann, Lisa	Crash	Paranormal fiction (YA)
Matas, Carol	Pieces of the Past (Dear Canada)	Historical fiction (J)
Meyer, Carolyn	The Wild Queen	Historical fiction (YA)
Oliver, Lauren	Delirium	Dystopias (YA)
Patterson, James	I Funny	Humorous fiction (J)
Shepard, Sara	Cross My Heart, Hope To Die	Mystery fiction (YA)
Shepard, Sara	Ali's Pretty Little Lies	Mystery fiction (YA)
Showalter, Gena	Alice in Zombieland	Fantasy fiction (YA)
Stewart, Elizabeth	The Lynching of Louie Sam	Historical fiction (YA)
Taylor, Laini	Daughter of Smoke & Bone	Fantasy fiction (YA)
Watson, Tom	Stick Dog	Humorous stories (J)
Zusak, Markus	Underdogs	Short stories (YA)

Who's Who?

This Who's Who Photo is the Grades 1-4 Class in 1946 at Langruth School. You can send your guess of who is in the photo to the Langruth Views. The answer will be in a future issue. Have fun!



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