

# Langruth Views

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### Canadian Firearms Safety

#### Course Challenge

Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>

1:30 P.M.

Royal Canadian Legion

Auxiliary Rooms

This will allow you to get your

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Call 204-871-8102 for details



### LANGRUTH UNITED CHURCH & GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH FALL SUPPER

OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

LANGRUTH COMMUNITY HALL

Adults: \$12.00

Children from 6 to 11 years \$6.00

Children under 6 years eat free

Serving from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

### Social Evening

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Langruth Community Hall

In Honour of  
Kevin & Gina Verwey

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets \$10.00

Available from Langruth Grocery  
Store or from DeeDee Armstrong  
call (204-445-2209)

No Minors Allowed

### Langruth School & Langruth Parent

Advisory Committee  
will be selling Peak of the Market in  
the fall as a Fund Raiser for  
Playground Equipment.  
Watch for posters.

The deadline for submissions for the  
October issue of the Langruth  
Views is Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

## THANK YOU

THANKS to all our friends and relatives who attended our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Your good wishes will be long remembered.

Thanks to Alix, Maggie, Josh, Brock, and Brother Joe for the enjoyable musical entertainment, to Erik, the awesome Emcee for the afternoon and to our grandchildren for the lovely flowers.

Thanks to Kevin for the use of his sound system, to Diane for all the sandwiches and to Einar for making it possible to share Uncle Einar's speech and Dad's (Archie's) Anniversary Song from our 25<sup>th</sup> Party.

To our wedding party: Shirley, Linda, Helga, Lynn, Ann, Barry, Kelly & Brian, thanks for being there for us.

An extra-special thank you to Einar & Karen for hosting such a magnificent BBQ supper.

We feel blessed to have a loving family who would work so hard to make such a perfect day for us.

Asgar & Doris Sigurdson

## THANK YOU

The Lakeland Cemetery Committee would like to thank the people who donated last year and this year towards the upkeep of the cemetery. As everyone knows last year was extremely wet and led to more grass cutting than usual. So far this year has been better, however we could use a little assistance.

Donations can be sent to:  
Lakeland Cemetery Committee  
C/O Cecil Robertshaw  
P.O. Box 45  
Langruth, Manitoba  
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## THANK YOU

*Our families would like to thank everyone for their care and support during this difficult time.*

*The calls, food, flowers, cards were much appreciated.*

*Houle and Arnason Families*

### Thank You

A special thanks to everyone who helped us with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our family and friends came from far and near to celebrate our special day with us. It's something we will never forget, Thanks to Donna McLaughlin for her special service, and the family, and grandchildren, for taking part in it. It was truly beautiful. Thanks to the family and friends who shared their musical talents for the evening.

Special thanks for our lovely cake that our granddaughter Stacey made for us, the 50 beautiful roses from the family, and the orchid corsages from Tom and Carole Kubb. Also, thank you for the gifts and lovely cards from everyone. Thank you to Wanda and Elmer for their generosity. Last but not least, thanks for all the hard work everyone put in to get ready for the special day. Without your help we couldn't have done it.

Ernie and Lois Wilson

### Get Ready for 2013 Fall Fair New Categories

O.K. Shutterbugs!!!!

Updates will be out soon for the Fall Fair for 2013. New categories are added in the adult section for photos. –

All photos will now be displayed on appropriate size white poster board paper. Photos will be displayed either vertical or horizontal in a row with no writing. These are recommendations from the judges. They are judged on photography skills.

Photo classes will now be as follows:

A. Any 3 photos of the same theme taken by the exhibitor. They are judged on photography skills.

B. "Four Season" -- 1 landscape picture of each of the seasons, (spring, summer winter and fall.)

C. "Four Holidays"—Easter, Summer Time, Halloween and Christmas. Capture those special moments.

### 50 & Beyond News

We Seniors held our monthly business meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> with six members present. Thirteen of us went on a daytrip to McCreary to see the RCMP musical ride and we all had a good time. Langruth is hosting a Northwest Region meeting on September the 25<sup>th</sup> and at our last meeting we discussed all the arrangements for that day. We decided at the last meeting that we would not have our first monthly supper in September because of the Northwest Region meeting and we had also thought that the churches were having their annual fall supper on that date. As it turns out October starts on a Monday this year which means that Thanksgiving falls on the first weekend. Nevertheless, there is no Seniors supper in September. We will have supper on October the 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope as many as possible can make it. Anyone over 50 is welcome to come and join us. Seeing as this will be close to Halloween, we're going to have a Halloween theme. You can come dressed in costume if you like, or not, it depends on how you feel, and see what the rest of us are doing. There is also a meeting for the Central Plains Region in October on the 16<sup>th</sup> in MacGregor and anyone in the Seniors Club is welcome to go. I'm not sure how many from Langruth will be going but a few will attend. The reason most of us will attend will be to see what's happened with Manitoba Seniors since MSOS has been disbanded. We are thinking of having a central committee again but whether there will be people to take on this role again we don't know. We'd also like to know what if any of the usual traditions, of MSOS will be carried on. We took part again in the Langruth Fall Fair sponsoring two categories in the Fair. I just saw the other day that Langruth will be having flu shots given on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. I know many of us go for flu shots annually and I hope they still do and that they will also help us during the flu season. I think that's all for Seniors news this month. I'm just going to wish you all a good Fall and a nice winter. Hopefully it'll be the same as last year, which was really nice. I enjoyed it, I hope you all did. See you next time, Teri.

## Johanson Reunion

There was a sister and brother family reunion at Rena and Barry Arksey's on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Seven sisters and brothers were in attendance. They were Tom Johanson of Baltimore, Maryland, USA, Francis Johanson of Calgary, John Johanson from Vancouver, Robert Johanson from Sorrento, BC and sisters Blanche McLeod from Portage, Louise Groom of Winnipeg, and Rena Arksey from Langruth.

Besides the sisters and brothers those attending were Barry Arksey of Langruth, Gerald Arksey from B.C. and nieces and nephews Morley and Laura McLeod from Portage and Jim, Heather and Gayle Groom of Winnipeg.

## Nature Notes from Raymond O'Connor Northern Waterthrush



Northern lakeshores, slow-running streams, and bogs are the most common habitats of the Northern Waterthrush. Walking, rather than hopping, along the ground, the Northern

Waterthrush often is observed repeatedly bobbing the rear part of its body and its tail searching for food. An early migrant, the Northern Waterthrush generally begins traveling southward by mid-July.

Solitary or in pairs. Terrestrial but often sings from elevated perches and walks, bobbing, on branches. Forages on the ground by picking up leaves with its bill and tossing them aside or turning them over.

Eats aquatic and terrestrial adult insects, caterpillars, and case worms; also sometimes slugs, mollusks, crustaceans, and small fish. Nest is lined with grass, animal hair, moss, twigs, pine needles, bark strips and roots, often built in moss-covered stumps near water 0-60 centimeters above ground built by the female.

Breeding biology poorly known. Estimated incubation 13 days by female. Young are brooded by female; stay in nest estimated 10 days, fed by both sexes with 1 brood per year.

Generally common in wooded swamps, forests with standing water, bogs and thickets with slowly running or standing water.

## Vic Johnson war recently honored with Queen's Jubilee Medal.

The following article has been reprinted with Holly Bridges permission.

### ***RCAF photographer hangs up camera after 53 years***

Mar. 15, 2012

*Vic Johnson recently retired after 53 years of unbroken service to the Canadian Forces and the Air Force Association of Canada, having worked first as a military photographer and, most recently, as editor of Airforce magazine.*

By Holly Bridges



If Master Warrant Officer (ret'd) Vic Johnson had listened to his father in 1959 and become a banker in his hometown of Langruth, Man., he would have never fulfilled his boyhood dream of joining the Royal Canadian Air Force. He would have stayed put on the Prairies, never knowing the excitement and adventure that lay beyond the borders of his small farming community. But at the young age of 14, he caught a glimpse of what life was like for people in the air force and he was hooked. "Back in the 1950s there was a bombing and gunnery range near Langruth for NATO pilot trainees at RCAF Station Macdonald near Portage la Prairie. As kids we grew up with wave after wave of Harvard trainers flying seven days a week on their bombing and gunnery exercises near town," MWO Johnson explained.

“A small maintenance detachment of airmen from Macdonald was stationed at the range and were accepted as part of the community. Some of them had been in the war and had travelled the world. They always looked so cool in their smart battle dress uniforms, wedge caps and spit-shined boots. They would be making out with the girls around town and they seemed to be having a lot of fun. I was really drawn to that whole scenario.”

In 1959, at the age of 17, MWO Johnson was accepted into the RCAF and began his career as a military photographer. “Back then you took what you could get, but I was lucky to be offered photography as a trade. I had bought my first 35 mm camera when I was 15. In fact, I think I was the only person in town that had one, so I think the recruiters could see I was interested in the field and had some experience.”

Following training at Camp Borden, Ont., and after working for five years at the so-called “White House” or No. 1 Photographic Establishment at RCAF Station Rockcliffe in Ottawa (the “home” of Canadian military photography), MWO Johnson, his wife Marg and two-year-old son Keith were offered a posting to No. 1 Fighter Wing in Marville, France. It was one of four RCAF wings established in Europe in the early 1950s to support NATO in Europe during the Cold War. At Marville, the RCAF operated two photo reconnaissance squadrons of CF-104 Starfighters, 439 (Sabre Toothed Tiger) and 441 (Silver Fox) Squadrons. “I started at Marville as a servicing and maintenance technician with the CF-104 photo reconnaissance program. And then we closed the base at Marville in 1967 and re-established it at Lahr, Germany. In 1969 I was posted back to the White House in Ottawa, now with a one-year-old daughter in tow. During this posting in Ottawa I was introduced to aviation photography and, among other things, was assigned on an ongoing basis to travel throughout Canada to update the air-to-air file photographs of all CF aircraft. That was a great assignment!”

From those early days in the 60s and early 70s, MWO Johnson went on to become one of the most storied military photographers of his day, combining his love of photography with a natural flair for storytelling. He travelled to almost 40 countries, covering a 1973 tour of Canada by the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India, the 1976

Summer Olympics royal tour with Queen Elizabeth and her family, the 1991 Gulf War and everything else in between.

In the wake of Saddam Hussein’s invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, MWO Johnson sailed with a three-ship task force to the Persian Gulf region, joining the Canadian headquarters in Bahrain in November.

In the summer 2011 edition of *Airforce* magazine, Johnson recalls that in “the early hours of Jan. 16th, all hell broke loose. At 2 a.m., Commodore Ken Summers, the Canadian commander-in-chief, summoned the headquarters staff to the coffee room and declared, ‘We are at war’, and that massive air strikes were taking place in Baghdad.

“We could hear the attacking aircraft above, flying from airfields in Bahrain and Qatar, and from aircraft carriers in the Gulf to strike targets throughout Iraq....[As we] crowded into our unlit bomb shelter....a young administrative clerk next to me who had left her young baby in Victoria sobbed uncontrollably in her gas mask. I recall questioning the wisdom of sending such a young mother into this frightening situation. Happily, the missile missed and impacted in nearby Dharan [Saudi Arabia], but it was to be the first of many similar threats in the next month. We soon tired of them.” MWO Johnson easily describes his time at the Aerospace Engineering Test and Establishment at CFB (now 4 Wing) Cold Lake, Alta, in the late 1970s as his most rewarding and most challenging time as a Canadian Forces photographer.

On the one hand, he loved his two years flying in the back seat of CF-104 Starfighters, CF-5 Freedom Fighters and CT-133 Silver Stars, photographing and filming air weapons testing projects. On the other hand, he experienced the “most frightening moment” of his life in June 1978 when the CF-5 fighter in which he was flying struck a large pelican in mid-air.

“We’d just come across Primrose Lake at high speed and low level into the range area and we knew there were a lot of seagulls and other birds around because they looked like white cannon balls flashing by us while flying at 450 knots [800 kilometres an hour]. We’d done about four or five runs and on our last pass before heading home, we were at about 200 feet and then blacked out on the pull-up from the target zone because of the G-force. After the initial shock, and as soon as we

became conscious, I looked at the front cockpit and all I could see was blood and gore all over the inside of my pilot's canopy. It was horrible." He feared something terrible had happened to his pilot, Major Rae Simpson, while Maj Simpson feared something had happened to his photographer. "Bells and whistles were going off and the whole instrument panel was lit up like a Christmas tree because we had lost much of our electrics and communications. One engine was compressor stalling and sounded like it was backfiring. I initially thought my pilot was dead and that it was his head that had exploded because I had no idea what had happened. We were in a steep climb at the time when suddenly he came over the intercom and said, 'Vic, can you talk to me? I don't know what happened but it looks like we might have to get out of here. Get yourself ready to punch out.' It was a mixture of relief that my pilot was okay, and greater fear because of the perils we still faced." Maj Simpson was covered in blood, guts, feathers and semi-digested fish when they eventually landed safely back at the base after a harrowing approach and let-down. It was later discovered they had struck a 16-pound (seven kilogram) pelican, part of which had bounced off into the starboard engine and destroyed the engine and that the remainder of the bird had punched through the pressure bulkhead around the pilot's feet and exploded inside the front cockpit.

"It was the scariest thing I was ever involved in." Luckily, Vic Johnson never experienced that kind of life-threatening incident again. He served 32 years in the Regular Force as a photographer and photojournalist. In 1991, after retiring from the Canadian Forces, he joined the staff of *Airforce* magazine – the flagship publication of the Air Force Association of Canada. He later became editor of the magazine, a position from which he recently took his second retirement.

For those who worked alongside MWO Johnson over the years, his retirement marks the end of an era.

"Vic is not only a prolific photographer, but he is the best in the business," says Lieutenant Commander (ret'd) Phil Anido. "Vic's award-winning aerial photos in CF-18s are still the gold standard. Vic is gentleman, a family man and a most loyal Royal Canadian Air Force friend forever."

LCdr (ret'd) Wendy Cherwinski, a former *Sentinel* editor, has similar praise.

"Vic was my favourite photographer. If he was assigned to a story you knew you were guaranteed to get terrific photos."

Maj (ret'd) Marsha Scott, another former *Sentinel* editor, agrees.

"I was certainly aware that if you wanted a great air photo, you called Vic. That was his love, his specialty and his preference. But he was also more than a photographer. He loved to do photo essays – [he] was a good air photographer, but also a good writer. He was a 'natural', keeping language short and simple, while letting his photography tell the story."

MWO Johnson sums up his career and his 53 years of service to the Air Force as a military and civilian photographer and storyteller in a few simple words: "It's been absolutely fantastic. The best career you could ever hope for. Certainly better than being a bank manager."



## Church News

On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> the United and Lutheran churches of Langruth will be having their Fall Supper from 4: 30 to 6: 30 p.m.

### Grace Lutheran Church 10:30 AM

Supply Pastor Phyllis Thordarson 445-2323

#### October Services

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: Service of the Word

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Liturgical Communion Service

Oct 28<sup>th</sup>: Third Crossing Manor 3 p.m.

#### Council Meeting: TBA

**Grow a Row Challenge!** If you grew an extra row in your garden. Please call Phyllis to arrange for delivery to a soup kitchen or food bank.

**Confirmation classes** will be starting after Thanksgiving. Please call Phyllis if you are interested.

### Langruth United Church

#### Service at 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated

There will be a joint service here in Langruth on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Patricia Kopp conducting the service. During the service there will also be communion and after the service a potluck lunch will be served.

## Church News ... continued

### Langruth United Church

Oct 7th: Service conducted by local laity.

Oct 14th: Service conducted by Jim Warburton.

Oct 21st: Service conducted by Dan Jardine.

Oct 28th: Service conducted by local laity

### Amaranth Catholic Church

Sunday Mass: 10:45 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

**June 17: No Mass at Amaranth. Mass will be at Sandy Bay at 10:45 AM.**

### Sandy Bay Catholic Church

Sunday Mass: 12:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

**June 17: Sunday Mass at 10:45 AM**

### Alonsa Catholic Church

Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

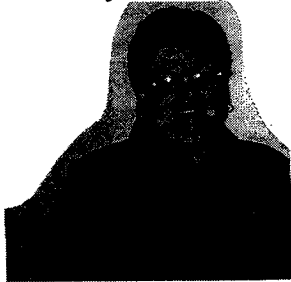
### Amaranth Gospel Mission

*Pastor Dennis Pelland Telephone: 843-3656*

Sunday Service conducted at 11:00 a.m.

## Memoriam

### In loving memory of Phyllis Hanneson



*Two years have passed. A smile, a  
tear, a thought sincere.*

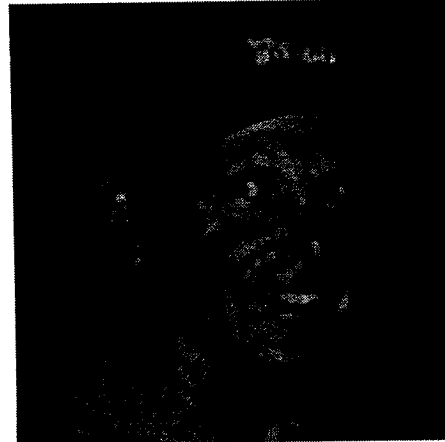
*How often we wished that she was  
here.*

*Phyllis's memory touched all who  
knew her with love, laughter and  
courage.*

*Ever remembered and sadly missed  
by Ernie, Lois and family.*

## Obituary

### WILLIAM LANGDON



### WILLIAM (BILL) STENTON LANGDON

William Stenton (Bill) Langdon passed away peacefully, on August 14, 2012 following a lengthy illness. Bill was born January 14, 1925 in St. Thomas, Ontario and raised in Langruth, Manitoba, a town his father, George Langdon, founded. He attended United College for grades 11 and 12. He was very proud of having served in all three services: as a sargeant in the Air Force during the war, in the United Naval Training Division during university and in the Winnipeg Light Infantry (Army Reserve) for several years. After graduating from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture in 1949, he married Doreen Beamish, who he fell for while guarding the float she was dancing on during a freshie parade. He worked as a pharmaceutical representative for 39 years, retiring in 1987. Bill was a sprinter on the University of Manitoba track team and evolved to become a lifelong runner and, in latter years, walker. He loved badminton at the Wildewood Club, dancing, socializing and especially golf. Bill and Doreen spent 24 happy winters in Pine to Palm, Weslaco, Texas, with many cherished friends where he played horseshoes, ran the park and played golf. Even at age 85 he walked two miles a day until his stroke in 2011. They spent their summers with the family at Victoria Beach, where he worked constantly on the cottage and loved to golf, socialize with friends and snooze. VB remains a central place for the family. Left to mourn him are his best friend and wife of 62 years, Doreen (née Beamish), son Robert (Jo) and daughters Tannys (Ron Duplack) and Margot (Ross Martin), as well as his grandchildren, Stephen and Andrew Langdon,

Pilar Duplack and Riley and Marielle Martin, and his brother Bud Langdon. Special thanks to the caring nurses and staff on the 4th floor at Poseidon Care Centre who were so kind to both Bill and Doreen. Your personal attention and care were much appreciated. A luncheon reception in celebration of Bill's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. this Friday, August 17, 2012 at Thomson In the Park Funeral Home, 1291 McGillivray Blvd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's name to the Alzheimer's Society of Manitoba at 10-120 Donald Street, Winnipeg MB R3C 4G2 or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 1101-191 Lombard Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3B 0X1. THOMSON IN THE PARK 925-1120 Condolences may be sent to [www.thomsoninthepark.com](http://www.thomsoninthepark.com)

### **News from Here, There and Anywhere** *Reporter Teri Soos*

It seems that it's been a while but I know it hasn't been that long. I am still having problems with my hands therefore I am again taping my column. Hopefully Phyllis or Michelle will be able to make this out and print it for you. It's been a nice long month and very dry again. I read in other papers where people have had rains, some not even that far from us. According to the Amaranth Gazette Amaranth had a real downpour at the end of July, which we did not get. To tell you how dry it was, I had offered my sister from Winnipeg some potatoes from my garden just a week or so ago. When we rushed out to get the potatoes I kept digging and digging but found very very few and very small potatoes so all she got to take with her was perhaps a meal, that was about it, and I think I have pretty well dug up my whole potato patch. There's really nothing there. However there's a lot of dust and the weeds are growing beautifully. Last year was such a good year for my grapes. This year, sadly, they did not do so well. I guess they outdid themselves last year with all the moisture. This year even a lot of the stalks did not leaf out. They seem to have been too spent from the growth that they put in last year. I know that a lot of people had lovely apples because I was given some by a number of people and apparently anyone who had apples or crab apples had a really good crop this year. They were really really good and I know that a lot had to go to waste because they were either too high on the tree

or people just did not need anymore. Wouldn't it be nice if we could figure out what or why things produce or do not so we could be prepared to go along with it or make some kind of amendment to the system so that we would get a good crop each year.

There have been a number of people visiting in the area. My sister Mary came from California and spent the better part of two weeks out here with my sister Julia Kelemen and me, and other relatives in the district. We all had a lovely visit and since the weather was so nice we got together quite often. Julia had the whole family, that is sisters and brothers for lunch one day. Joe and Marg Soos came from Gladstone, and Ann and Larry Mahoney came from Winnipeg. It was a lovely family dinner that we all enjoyed very much. . Before I go on, it's the time to wish all those celebrating weddings or anniversaries this year all the best in the coming years. I know I have said this before but I'll repeat it one more time. We had celebrations for Lois and Ernie Wilson, also for Ralph and Emily Thompson, as well as Asgar and Doris Sigurdson. They all had anniversary celebrations either in the Hall or at their places. We also have had a number of showers this year. Our last one was for Melodie Leclerc who had a lovely wedding on August the 20<sup>th</sup>. She got married in Einarson the park and the wedding party and celebration was held in the hall. To these and to all others that celebrated anniversaries or got married this year, we wish you all the very best in the years to come, years filled with good health and much happiness.

We also have a number of people that are not feeling up to par these days, some of whom I will name, others I do not know. Jesse Yungkurt is not feeling that well, Inez Rinn has been under the weather and has been in hospital. Also, Harry Lazar will be having cataract surgery again in September. We wish them and anyone else who is not feeling well good health and speedy recovery.

I know that a number of people have passed away in our midst and some who used to live here. Nora Hanneson (nee Carson) died in Winnipeg. She was married to Leonard Hanneson and spent many years here in Langruth where she was born and raised. She died in Winnipeg. Also, Bill Langdon the son of Mr. Langdon who our town is, in part, named after lived in Langruth for a long long time. In fact both Mr. and Mrs. Langdon died in Langruth while



their children of course moved on to other places. Bill lived in Winnipeg and was quite frequent a visitor here when there was any occasion to be celebrated. We also lost Wilma Arksey Nielson. She was the daughter of Bill and Sarah Arksey - in fact the only daughter in the two Arksey families. Wilma and Bill lived in Carmen where Wilma passed away. Also, Edith Martin (nee Jackson) grew up here but had been living in Neepawa for the last while. Also, Gordon Robertshaw who was born and raised here in Langruth but lived in the States for the last number of years. If you remember Maurice Blanchard who lived in Portage, many of our fishermen, commercial fishermen especially, will remember him from many meetings they had with him concerning commercial fishing. Maurice also was a very popular person with many of the Fish Frys that were conducted in the area and I know that he helped out at our Legion Fish Fry a time or two. To all of the family members of these fine people we send all our deepest sympathy and hope that memories of happy days will console them in the coming times.

We have a few Fall Suppers coming up in our area. Langruth's Annual Fall Supper which will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> in the Langruth Community Hall. Amaranth is having a Fall Supper on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Glenella will be having their Fall Supper on October 21<sup>st</sup>, Plumas will also have their Fall Supper in October on the 24<sup>th</sup>. These are all volunteer occasions for the communities. I hope that many will turn out for them as they are all very very good. So enjoy them and take as many in as you can.

We have a social evening planned for Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> for Kevin Verwey and his new bride. It will be held in the Langruth Community Hall. As I said in my Seniors report, the Langruth Seniors will not be having their first season supper in September because they are hosting the North West Region Annual Meeting on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and they will be having a luncheon for the people that attend. The first supper of the season will be held in October on the 25<sup>th</sup> of that month, with a Halloween theme.

School has started for the year, and I see the buses coming and going all the time. To all the students and teachers we wish you all a good year and that everything will go well with you for the whole season. We hope that you will enjoy all ten months

that you will be going to school. Also to those of course who are going on to places of higher learning, for instance colleges or universities, we wish you all well with a lot of good learning during that time and we hope you all have a good time. We've had a few visitors in our area. Wally and Mildred Armstrong were visited recently by Wally's niece from BC (Jim Armstrong's daughter). Her married name I do not know but she was Sherry Armstrong and she lived here for a short time years ago. Many will probably remember Sherry. Also Mildred and Wally had some of Mildred's relatives from Alberta for a short visit and also people that they met during their winter travels. They dropped in on them on their way through Canada while they were going on their summer holidays. I also talked with Marjorie Johnson from Calgary. She would like to send her good wishes to all the people that she knows around here and wish everyone well. She is doing well herself and is enjoying the weather these days in Calgary although they have had some rather bad weather. Fortunately, they did not suffer from any damage from the hailstorms.

We had our annual Fall Fair and there were not as many displays this year again, possibly because it was a little later than usual and also because the weather has been so dry that some did not produce as well as they should have. We had a nice showing of baking and children's displays. Hopefully this will continue now that we have a few new members in the district taking part. We hope they will continue to do so and will bring our Fall Fair back to its usual standards. This is the annual occasion that people have had in Langruth for many years to show off the harvest from their gardens and display their baking skills, which are excellent. Therefore, it was always a very nice thing to go and see what others had done. Many of these items were very, very well done.

I know that many of you have not really enjoyed the hot weather, but you all know that I have. It really is very sad to see how dry everything is. Although I haven't missed it really, I haven't had to cut my lawn except for possibly once in the last month or so which is most unusual. It makes it very hard to see the dry grass around everywhere but what can we do? We have to go with Mother Nature as she gives us whatever she will give us.

I, as you know, am a stargazer and as usual when it's time for a meteor shower, which I would love to watch, it is cloudy. We got no rain but every night that the showers were on it was cloudy and I did not get to see them.. I am sure hoping for a time sometime soon to be able to go out and watch them. I did see a clip on the news that someone had taken of the showers, apparently down in the States. My goodness there were a lot of falling stars which I missed again.

I just have a few more visitors to add. I know there have been more but I can't report them if no one lets me know. Marsha and Ernie Soos had their daughters Cathy Stanley and Carol Skanderberg from Sioux Lookout, Ontario here for a few days. Also visiting with Marsha were Ralph and Margaret Jonasson and their daughter Jenny from MacGregor. They celebrated Margaret and Ralph's fiftieth wedding anniversary while one of their attendants, my sister Mary, was here from California. Their actual date is in December but because she was here they had it a little bit earlier. There was also a family reunion at Rena Arksey's. There is a report elsewhere in the paper. I forgot to mention one wedding that happened on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the wedding of Sue Lee Woolford.

She got married at the home of her parents just north of town and had the wedding party in a large tent on the property. We wish Sue Lee and her new husband all the best in the coming years

I've been asked by a number of people in the last little while how people are doing since the flood of last year. I did ask about the lake and the water. People who live by the lake have told me the lake has gone back to its usual level but any small wind will drive up the water up and over the shores and also there is still some water that has not gone back into lake, because the opening into the lake are blocked. Some people apparently have worked up some of the land that was under the water but a lot of it is still unworkable. I hear the committee is still going to meetings and having meetings with other areas about what can be done about keeping the lake at a proper level so it will not flood again. I just talked with Phyllis Thordarson, she tells me that Theresa is at home for a short while. Also, Roddy is coming to visit for a couple of days next week just to see how things are going at the farm I suppose. That should be all for this time around and I'll see you next month. Thanks for visiting with me.

Teri

## GORDON STANLEY ROBERTSHAW

A loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, passed away May 27, 2012 at St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia, WA.

He was born November 8, 1922 to parents, Stanley and Vida Robertshaw in Gladstone, Manitoba, Canada and grew up in the North Lakeland District on a farm near the shores of Lake Manitoba. He was the eldest of six children (Ivan, Doris, Jim, Anne, and Joan), a family that had great stories to tell of their growing-up years. Gordon's hometown was Langruth, Manitoba where he played baseball on a team in the summer and ice-skated in the winter.

He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II and participated in the Invasion of Normandy. Gordon and Lorraine Anderson of Gladstone were married September 4, 1948, and spent three years in Vancouver B.C. before moving to Southern California in 1951 where they raised their son, Darryl, and daughter Lesley. The years in California were spent with good friends and family.

Gordon and Lorraine eventually retired and later moved to Shelton, WA, where they enjoyed living the last 10 years at Lake Limerick.

Gordon worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway in Vancouver, B.C., Canada and the Santa Fe Railroad, Los Angeles, CA as a switchman. He later worked as a loan consultant for Home Savings and Loan, worked as a realtor for various real estate companies, and eventually had his own business. His legacy is his strength of character, work ethic and self-reliance.

Gordon was known to many as a kind and generous man who cared about his family, had a great sense of humor and a wonderful laugh. He was an avid golfer who, while playing one of many games with his long-time buddies, made a double eagle at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena, California, Feb. 20, 1991. He also enjoyed playing cribbage, bridge, and poker and took a big interest in cooking and gardening.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Jim, and sister, Doris. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lorraine, brother, Ivan and sisters, Anne and Joan, son Darryl (Trisha), daughter, Lesley Robertshaw-Mosley (Jess), his special granddaughters, Danielle (Mike) and Hope, great-grandsons, Brady and Chase Kline, and many blessed nieces and nephews.

He was truly loved and will be missed always. There will be a family celebration of Gordon's life at a later date.

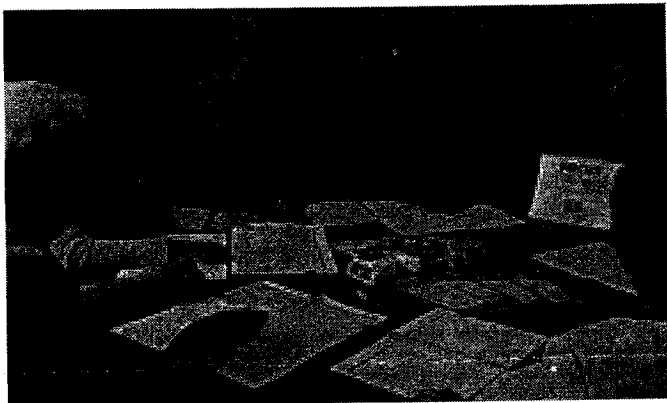
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**ATTENTION: Past Members and Friends: You are invited to attend a TOPS meeting.**

### **What happens at a meeting?**

Weekly meetings are the heart of TOPS support. They usually last an hour or less.

You're welcome to attend your first meeting free of charge—bring a friend if you like. There's no obligation.



Here's what you can expect:

- Each member has a private weigh-in before the meeting. (That's the first time you'll see listed.)
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- Meeting starts with members sharing challenges, successes, or goals (if they want).
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- There's a brief program. TOPS gives each chapter engaging, professionally prepared programs covering a variety of health and wellness topics.
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- Awards go to weekly or monthly best losers, contest winners, and members who've reached goal!
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- When needed, there's a quick business meeting before the closing.
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- Meeting closes with a thought for the week or other inspirational activity.

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## Parkland Regional Library New Books September 2012

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<b>AUTHOR</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
Boggs, Johnny D	Kill the Indian	Western fiction
Booth, Stephen	Dead and Gone	Mystery fiction
Garwood, Julie	Sweet Talk	Romantic suspense fiction
Gerritsen, Tess	Last to Die	Mystery fiction
Giffin, Emily	Where We Belong	Domestic fiction
Gregory, Phillippa	The Kingmaker's Daughter	Historical fiction
Gudenkauf, Heather	These Things Hidden	Psychological fiction
Gupta, Sanjay, MD	Monday Mornings	Medical fiction
Hamilton, Steve	Die a Stranger	Mystery fiction
Hooper, Kay	Haven	Occult fiction
Holeman, Linda	The Lost Souls of Angelkov	Canadian fiction
Hudson, Kerry	Tony Hogan Bought Me An Ice Cream Float Before He Stole My Ma	Domestic fiction
Koontz, Dean	Odd Apocalypse	Horror fiction
McCleen, Grace	The Land of Decoration	Psychological fiction
McDermontt, Andy	Temple of the Gods	Adventure fiction
McEwan, Ian	Sweet Tooth	Love stories, spy fiction
Penny, Louise	The Beautiful Mystery	Mystery fiction
Rich, Simon	What in God's Name	Humorous fiction
Shreve, Susan Richards	You Are the Love of My Life	Domestic fiction
Stedman, M.L.	The Light Between Oceans	Domestic fiction
Todd, Charles	An Unmarked Grace	Mystery fiction
<b><u>NEW LARGE PRINT BOOKS</u></b>		
Befeler, Mike	Senior Moments Are Murder	Mystery fiction
Coble, Colleen	Lonestar secrets	Christian fiction
Graham, Heather	The Unseen	Paranormal fiction
Homes, Gina	Dry As Rain	Psychological fiction
Ivey, Eowyn	The Snow Child	Frontier and Pioneer Life
Kanon, Joseph	Istanbul Passage	Spy Stories, Fiction
Kingsbury, Karen	Coming Home	Christian fiction
Macomber, Debbie	The Inn at Rose Harbor	Love stories
Richards, Dusty	Texas Blood Feud	Western fiction
Rubart, James L.	The Chair	Christian fiction, mystery
Sheen, Martin	Along the Way	Biography
Zafon, Carlos Ruiz	The Prisoner of Heavern	Suspense fiction
<b><u>NEW YOUNG ADULT AND JUNIOR BOOKS</u></b>		
Angleberger, Tom	Darth Paper Strikes Back	Humor fiction (J)
Cross, Kady	The Girl in the Steel Corsel	Steampunk fiction (YA)
Oppel, Kenneth	Such Wicked Intent	Horror fiction (YA)
Revis, Beth	A Million Suns	Science fiction (YA)
Riordan, Rick	The Demigod Diaries	Fantasy fiction (J)
Russell, Rachel Renee	Tales from a Not-So-Talented Pop Star	Humor fiction (J)
Shepard, Sara	Hide and Seek	Mystery fiction (YA)
Stilton, Geronimo	The Dragon Prophecy	Fantasy fiction (J)