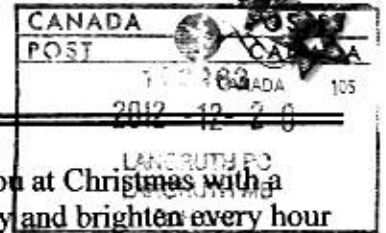


Langruth View

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"May Christmas bring joy to your home that will last all year."

Les & Svava Arksey

"Sincere and friendly wishes for the Christmas Season and the coming year."

Steve & Marion Huyber

"This time of year brings joy to many hearts. May yours be touched and lightened by the Magic of Christmas."

Velma Vereb

"Wishing you Peace, Happiness and every Joy for Christmas and the New Year."

Ernie & Marsha Soos

"May the Message of His coming bring you joy and peace eternal."

Raymond O'Connor

"Wishing you Peace, Happiness and every Joy for Christmas and the New Year."

Julia Kelemen

"This time of year brings joy to many hearts. May yours be touched and lightened by the Magic of Christmas."

Paul & Betty Oswald

"May God bless you at Christmas with a happiness that will stay and brighten every hour of every coming day."

Teri Soos

"This time of year brings joy to many hearts. May yours be touched and Lightened by the Magic of Christmas."

Ardeth Poschenrieder

"May God bless you at Christmas with a happiness that will stay and brighten every hour of every coming day. May your New Year be filled with health, happiness and joy."

Jessie Yungkurt

"May Christmas and the New Year bring you joyful hours, pleasant memories and much happiness."

Joe and Margorie Soos

"May God bless you at Christmas with a happiness that will stay and brighten every hour of every coming day."

Philip and Phyllis Thordarson

Come Join Us For Refreshments

Where: Langruth Library

When: Friday, December 21st, 2012

Everyone Welcome

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
From CFAN Staff*

Wedding Social In Honour of
Myles Jackson & Alyssa Warner
Saturday, December 22, 2012
9:00 PM – 2:00 AM
Gladstone Hall
No Minors

* Ugly Sweaters Welcome *

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



The Board of Directors of CFAN as well as the staff would like to thank the parents for sharing your children with us and the community members for your support of our post office. We all look forward to working with you in 2013.

The entire community's support of all our fundraising efforts is very much appreciated. Working together will make our community a better place for all.

**The CFAN Board of Directors
and Staff**

Thank You

A busy year has come and gone. Once again we would like to thank our family and friends for their caring, love and support. We are excited to be back in business and look forward to the future. May the coming year bring Peace, Love and Happiness to all. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Darrel & DeeDee Armstrong

Church News

Blue Christmas Service

Dec 21st 7:00 PM

Langruth United Church

Everyone welcome

Langruth United Church

Service at 11:30 AM unless otherwise stated.

Dec 23: Service conducted by local laity.

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 PM

Service conducted by local laity.

Dec 30: No Service

Jan 6: Service conducted by local laity.

Jan 13: Service conducted by Jim Warburton

Grace Lutheran Church

Service at 10:30 AM unless otherwise stated.

Supply Pastor Phyllis Thordarson 445-2323

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol

Service at 4:30 PM

Jan 13: Service of the Word

Jan 27: Liturgical Communion Service

Confirmation classes will be offered this winter. Call Phyllis if you are interested.

Alonsa Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 9:00 AM unless otherwise stated.

Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 AM

Jan 1: Mass at 9:00 AM

Amaranth Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 10:45 AM unless otherwise stated.

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass - 7:00 PM

Dec 25: No Mass

Jan 1: Mass at 10:45 AM

Sandy Bay Catholic Church

Sunday Mass at 12:30 PM unless otherwise stated.

Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass – 9:30 PM

Dec 25: No Mass

Jan 1: Mass at 12:30 PM

Amaranth Gospel Mission

Service at 11:00 AM unless otherwise stated.

Pastor Dennis Pelland, Telephone: 843-3656

Who's Who?

Here is a chance to have a little fun with an old photo of Langruth residents. Have a look at the photo on Page 9. Do you recognize anyone in this photo? Do you see yourself from years gone by?

If you can identify anyone in this photo please submit your answers to Langruth Views.

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Who will be able to identify the most people? Answers will be given in an upcoming issue of the Langruth Views. Have fun!

Thank You

The family of Inez Rinn wish to express our sincere gratitude to Langruth and surrounding communities for your support at the time of our loss. Thanks to Clarke's Funeral Services for their excellent service, to Phyllis Thordarson for the lovely service and to Philip for the music. The Grace Lutheran Church and its congregation have always been there for Mom and thanks to all of you for that. A special thanks to Sylvia Huyber for organizing the lunch and always being so accommodating to Mom on the church board. However, it was evident that the entire community contributed to Mom's quality of life in Langruth whether through baking for the funeral lunch or giving her a hand when needed (if she let you). There are so many to thank. Her friends and neighbours in the district are second to none in the respect you all showed our Mom. Your hospital visits were sincerely appreciated by Mom and her family. Thanks as well for the gifts of food, the donations to the church and the Big Grass Community Foundation, flowers and the countless cards and words of comfort we received.

Charlie, Jim, Ed, Louise and families

Obituary

Harold Edward Rhodes



Peacefully, after a 3 year battle with cancer, Harold Edward Rhodes passed away at the age of 77 years, at the Seven Regions Health Centre, Gladstone, MB on Tuesday, December 4, 2012.

Harold was born October 5, 1935 in Lundbreck, Alberta, to Harold and Ethel Rhodes. After leaving school, he went to work in the local coal mine for a few years, and then made his way East to Langruth, MB with his good buddy Art Johnson, where he worked for local farmers. Here he met his lifelong companion Marjorie (nee Egilson). They were married October 24, 1959 and resided at Big Point near Lake Manitoba on Bar VI Ranch. Together they raised three children, Tracey, Shelley and Wesley. Harold and Marjorie farmed alongside Marjorie's father and brother. Harold was a co-owner and operator of the Langruth Trading Store. He drove school bus for Pine Creek Division and commercial fished on Lake Manitoba. Harold was also known as the community handyman doing odd jobs around town. Since he enjoyed working with wood and tinkering, he opened a store on the farm with Marj in 1988 with all their crafts and made custom carpentry items on request.

Harold belonged to the Langruth Elks #359, serving as Exalted Ruler from '67-'68. He was a member of Langruth Legion Branch #162 and a 4-H leader in woodworking. Harold loved to

play any instrument and played in a community band for many years. Later he enjoyed accompanying his nephews and niece with their musical talents. Harold was proud of his grandkids accomplishments and couldn't wait to hear what they had been up to. His great grandchildren's smiles brightened his day and he was always amazed at their high level of energy. In 1998 Harold and Marj retired and remained on the farm until February of 2009, when due to illness they moved to Gladstone residing at Centennial Apartments until 2 weeks before his passing. Harold was so thankful for the special surprise visit from his sister Wynne in 2010.

Harold was predeceased by his parents Harold and Ethel Rhodes; sister Margaret; two children, Baby Harold and Baby April and parents in law Sveinn and Sigridur Egilson.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife Marjorie; daughter Tracey (Dennis); daughter Shelley (Darin) and son Wesley (Drenna). Harold had four grandchildren Corissa (Shawn), Andrew (Amanda), Brady and Steven; three great grandchildren Tristan, Logan and Cassidy. He is also survived by his sister Wynne Croft and brother in law David (JoAnn) Egilson and their children, whom Harold considered grandchildren Kristopher, Kelly, Alan and Jayme as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

Thank you to Portage Cancer Care Unit, Central Plains Cancer Care, Gladstone Home Care Workers and Seven Regions Health Centre for all their support and compassion over the past three years, and to family and friends for the kind words and visits. Thank you to the residents and workers of Centennial for their friendship and for helping Harold and Marj adjust to their new home.

Cremation has taken place and a Graveside Service will be held at a later date at Big Point Cemetery, east of Langruth.

If friends so desire, memorial donations may be made to the Central Plains Cancer Care, 318 Saskatchewan Ave., Portage la Prairie, MB R1N 0K8 or to the Seven Region Palliative Care, Box 711 Gladstone MB R0J 0T0.

Clarke's Funeral Home, Gladstone in care of arrangements. www.clarkesfuneralhome.com

Fifty and Beyond News

The Langruth Seniors held their meeting on December the 4th. We discussed the craft sale and how everything went. We sort of decided that we shouldn't have as many items in our auction and fewer items in each bundle. This of course will be discussed further when it comes time for the craft sale next year. We all felt that the White Elephant table went quite well and we could do that again. We made final arrangements for our Christmas supper. The tickets had been picked up from the Municipal Office who had kindly printed them again for us at no cost. It was decided that we should give Holly a gift for doing this for us as she has not charged us for printing for us for the past while.

We had our Christmas Party and Supper on December the 13th starting at 3:00 pm. We began the day with some punch and some goodies. We played a few games before we had our sing-song of Christmas carols. We didn't have accompaniment this year so just winged it and I think we did alright, if I do say so myself. We then had our gift and card exchange and we took time to examine each other gifts and visit until our meal and others arrived. A lovely Christmas meal was served by Teresa Roy and her helpers. It was very much enjoyed by all. After supper gifts were handed out to all those that were in attendance and a door prize was drawn for. By the way, Emily Thompson won the door prize. We brought the day to an end with everyone wishing each other happy holidays and all the best for the New Year.

Our next meeting will be January 8th 2013 and our January monthly supper will be on January 24th 2013.

With everyone either going or coming for the holiday season everyone is too busy for any other kind of making news. So on behalf of the Langruth Seniors I would just wish everyone a very happy holiday season and the best of everything in the New Year. Talk to you in the New Year.

Merry Christmas to all,
Teri

Nature Notes

From Raymond O'Connor

Steller's Jay

Recognized as the only crested jay in the west, Steller's Jay is named after the Arctic explorer George Wilhelm Steller. He discovered this bird on the Alaska coast in 1741. In 1987 it was designated the provincial bird of British Columbia. The darkest jay in North America, it has a black head and crest and a sooty black back and breast. The extent of black on the body is variable among local populations as is the amount of blue or white striping on the head or throat.

Steller's Jay often mimics the calls of other birds, including loons and hawks. They are bold around campgrounds but somewhat shy in woods. They often travel in flocks of more than a dozen birds which include family groups after breeding season.

Steller's Jay most often feeds in treetops and on the ground. They are omnivorous; they eat a wide variety of animal fare, including frogs, snakes, insects, carrion, eggs and the young of other birds. Approximately 70% of its annual diet (90 – 99 percent in winter) is comprised of pine seeds, acorns and fruit.

This species is known to be monogamous. It is known as a solitary nester. Courtship feeding is done by the male Steller's Jay.

The nest is cemented with mud and includes pine needles, twigs, dry leaves, roots and grass. It is typically on a horizontal limb near the trunk of in a crotch of a conifer tree or occasionally a deciduous tree. The nest is 2 – 30 meters above the ground and is built by both sexes.

The incubation is 16-18 days mostly by the female. The young remain in the nest 17 – 21 days. They are fed by both sexes. They have 1 brood per year.

Steller's Jay is common in pine-oak and coniferous woodlands. Its population is both stable and increasing. They are at lower elevations during the winter season. Family groups often frequent feeders in winter.

In Memory

Behrendt: In loving memory of my mom Christel who passed away December 10, 1987.

If once in a lifetime,
A dream could come true.
That wish would be to still have you.
There was so much more left to do.
How can it really be done fully without
you?
Those who say
the pain heals with time,
could never have had a Mom
as special as mine.

Sadly missed by Harald and Donna.

News From Here, There and Anywhere

Reporter Teri Soos

Well hello again and Merry Christmas to all. I hope you are all well and that everyone is ready for the holidays. I have to say that everyone should be happy this year as it certainly will be a white Christmas. As far as I'm concerned it is almost too white, what I mean is there is too much snow. I do hope it doesn't snow too much more before Christmas so people will be able to travel safely. Although I know, just from what other people tell me, some of the side roads are still very slippery from all the ice we had earlier. I know that it makes it very hard for anyone to travel on those side roads. Like one of our announcers said one day, "It sure is nice to hear that the temperature is going up but then there is always that icy rain". We sure don't need that. As I said last time I didn't know I could go without snow as easily as I did. But now with all the rain and the icy places I remember that I don't like the icy part of it either. I guess either I am getting old or the weather is going a little crazy because I seem to have complaints about it every day. I know people always say that when there is nothing else to talk about there is always the weather. Well, that seems to be the way it is these days. Every time we get together it's

"How's the roads?", "How's the weather?", "How's this?", "How's that?" It's always about the weather.

I don't have much news this time around as everyone is coming and going and getting ready for the whole season so I'm afraid what you are going to get is a whole lot of my musings again.

I was to Winnipeg just a few weeks ago for a medical appointment. It was just after one of our heavier snow falls and probably just before the next one. The highways were fine but the roads in the towns and the city were a little iffy. It was very snow packed and icy along the way. It was rather hard traveling around and made a person wonder if one should go out on the highway. Anyway, just as I was going along just past Portage I saw something that has proven to be quite a conundrum for me. In other words, a riddle with no definite answer. I saw a truck pulling a small flat trailer that had a snow bank on it. It was a lovely snow bank, nicely rounded. It was probably 4-5 feet tall in the middle and gently sloped to the edge of the trailer. There wasn't a mark on it to show that it was covering anything or had been put there. It looked like it had just fallen there. Now my puzzle is this, where was this man taking this snow bank and why would he be taking a snow bank from one place to another? Surely there must be enough snow that someone wouldn't have to take a snow bank with them. Why would anyone need another snow bank? He was going right along with the little trailer with the snow bank on the back. Well as you can see, this really got me wondering. Why would anyone take snow from one place to another when we have so much snow? Of course I will never get an answer because I don't have no idea who this man was or where he was going. It sure would be nice to have an answer. Does anyone have an answer for me? It will probably bother me for some time, wondering where the snow bank was going.

It is nice to see all the lights and decorations in the city. I am having a problem this year with putting any up myself because my hands just aren't working as they should. It sure is nice to have neighbors like Alan and Joanne Ewan who put up a very lovely display again this year so we

all get to enjoy their efforts during this lovely season.

I know many of you will be traveling to see family and friends or they will be coming to see you so we wish you all good traveling and hope the weather will be good. Take care and have a lovely time.

Our thoughts and prayers go out at this time to the Rhodes family on the passing of Harold. Harold and Marj moved to Gladstone a few years ago from their farm here in Langruth because of health reasons. Our sympathy goes out to their family and friends.

We would also like to send out our good wishes for a speedy recovery to anyone who is feeling under the weather at this time. I won't name names this time as I know there are quite a few who are suffering from winter flu and other things. We hope that you all are feeling better and are able to enjoy the holidays with your families.

As I said earlier, I don't have much news. I will sum up the year by saying it has been quite a strange one again hasn't it. First we had a really nice winter with everything going for us so to say. We also had a not a bad spring, with a nice supply of rain off and on. But then we had a change from wet to dry and had absolutely no rain after July. Last year it seemed it just wouldn't quit raining. It seemed to go on forever. This year, after July, we just kept hoping for even a little shower to help us along the way but none came. I know that I'm not alone when I say that I wish we had some of this snow a little earlier in the form of rain. As it was, it ended up that summer was very dry. My garden, for instance, went to absolute nothing because I just didn't have the water or the energy to keep watering it as it would have needed. Wouldn't it be nice to have a regular summer for a change? A summer with plenty of sunshine and just enough rain to keep us all going and happy with the growing season.

Before I sign off, I'm sure some of you may get the daily paper although some of you may not. I was just in Winnipeg and my sister, who gets the daily paper, gave me a section of one of the recent papers. The whole section was about Icelandic people from Manitoba. Many were old time residents of Manitoba but many are also

people that you would recognize. I know the story is mostly about the Arborg and Riverton areas but there are many from here that know people from that area. The whole section is about people of Icelandic decent and I know that many of you from around here are of Icelandic decent as well and might be interested in seeing this paper. The whole section is too large to reprint in our little paper but if you are interested in seeing it and reading it I will certainly lend it to you. Let me know if you are interested and you can pick it up at my place anytime. It is here for the asking if anyone is interested.

On behalf of all of us who work on this paper, Phyllis Thordarson (editor), Philip Thordarson (proof-reader and assistant editor), Michelle Teichroeb (typist), Irna Wiebe (assistant), Raymond O'Connor (bird specialist), myself, Teri Soos (reporter), and the staff at the RM office who help us and let us use the copiers, I would like to thank anyone else who has helped out in any way to get this paper out. I would also like to pass on all the kind compliments that people have given me on the paper. I have heard from a lot of people who are enjoying the paper. I hope that you will keep on enjoying it and we will be able to keep on producing it as we have been.

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and we all hope that the New Year sees all your dearest wishes come true.

See you all next year,
Teri

Langruth Library News

Library Cards:

If you are interested in borrowing books from the Langruth Library please drop in and sign up for a Library Card. There is no charge but you need to reside in the RM of Lakeview. Your children are also eligible (with adult permission) to have a library card. Please drop in and fill out the form so they can be proud owners of their own library card.

Book Rotation:

Parkland Regional Library has postponed the regular December book rotation due to transportation issues. If arrangements for transportation can be made, Library Book rotation will be starting the week of January 7th, 2013.

The books that are rotating are **Adult Paperback, Junior Fiction & Young Adult Fiction, Junior & Young Adult Paperback, Junior Non-Fiction, Easy Reads and DVDs.**

New Books: Dauphin Branch (for request)

New books have been purchased for the Quick Reads for Adult Learners' section of our library. These books are short in length, easy to read and ideal for people:

- who are on the go and want a short read
- who want to experience the joy of reading
- who want to get into the reading habit
- who want to improve their reading skills

Donations:

Are you cleaning your book shelves and toy boxes? The Langruth Library is looking for donations to expand our history and children's sections of the library. At this time we do not have the budget to purchase additional books for these sections.

We have 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*.

We recently added a 'kid friendly' space with a table and chairs for your little ones at the library. We would like to expand this section and would be interested in donations of children's books (easy reads) for our branch.

All donations will be kept at Langruth Library. Donations can also be made in memory of someone. Please call 204-445-2030 (Monday – Friday) if you have any questions regarding donations.

LICDC Who Are We?

Lakeview Initiatives is a volunteer group dedicated to the promotion of Langruth and the surrounding area.

The group usually meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the CFAN Central building (Library).

Everyone is welcome.

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