

# LLOYD & LORNA NELLIS

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# 'High Rise' Job Forging Ahead

Although its future role is still to be decided, a \$350,000 "high-rise" building on 99 street in Grande Prairie has become the city's tallest future residential structure—and is still pushing skyward.

Construction foreman **Lloyd Nellis** said a roof would be poured for the six-story reinforced concrete building on Friday.

Construction men, starting in the early spring, have quickly raised floor after floor, pulling their concrete forms apart and rebuilding them as each new story was added.

Yesterday, city officials clarified their stand on a move to have the building approved as site of a privately-run nursing home. They claimed the original builders' application—approved by the city—was that the site would be used for a senior citizen's apartment-type residence.

City Hall spokesmen said the request for a nursing home development instead—which they claim is a far different use—is still being considered. There was no indication when a decision would be made.

Meanwhile, construction crews have city ermission to complete erection and finishing of the building, it was said.

Bricklayers were expected to begin work on the site about mid-July.

Final completion date is set for November 15.

A crew of 20 men—eight carpenters and 12 laborers—are at work on the project.

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## (2) Announcements

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nellis wish to announce the marriage of their daughter Lois Ilene to Mr. Norman Charney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Charney of Clarkson Valley. Wedding to take place May 1st. at 2 p.m. in St. Joseph's Church Grande Prairie.

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## NELLIS - CHARNEY

St. Joseph's church, Grande Prairie, was the scene of a wedding May 1, when Rev. Father Neil Corbett joined in marriage, Lois Ilene Nellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nellis of Grande Prairie and Norman Charney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Charney of Clarkson Valley.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length wedding-bell gown of nylon lace over peau de soie. Her waist-length veil was held in place by a crystal and seed pearl tiara. She carried a cascade of American Beauty roses. Her only jewelery was a gold chain and cross a gift from the groom.

Bridesmaids Valerie Patterson, Joyce Charney and Ena Mae



Morrison wore identical dresses of mint green silk organza over taffeta with organza overskirts. They carried nosegays of white roses.

The groom was attended by Don Charney, Roger Nellis and Larry Clegg. The ushers were Jack Laverick and Robert Scott.

The bride's mother wore a three-piece dress of pastel aqua with pink carnations. The groom's mother wore a green afternoon dress with white accessories.

Reception was held at the Legion Hut in Bezanson. Marvin Moore, master of ceremonies, proposed the toast to the bride, Lester Nellis, grandfather of the bride answering. A dance was later held in the Crooked Creek hall.





**OLD TIME TEAM** — They're not the Oakland A's but in 1954-55 this group of ball players was one of the top clubs in the Peace. South Peace "B" division baseball champions, the Bezanson Eagles, included (left to right front) **Fred Ames**, coach; **Earl McLaughlin**, pitcher; **Lloyd Nellis**, pitcher; **John Beilman**, pitcher; **Irving Ames**, shortstop and (back left to right) **Norman Berg**, third; **Henry**

**Diederich**, second; **Ted Nellis**, first; **Harry Nellis**, pitcher, **Dick Hayworth**, left field; **Russel Ames**, centre field; **Lyle Berg**, centre field and **Elmer McLaughlin**, catcher. All the players are still residents of the area with the exception of Hayworth. Some of the players have sons on the Bezanson Norton Bros. Fastball team of today.

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La VALLEY — Roger Edward LaValley passed away on November 18, 1974, at the age of 55 years. Mr. LaValley was born in Bezanson, Alberta, and was a lifetime resident of the Bezanson area. He is survived by his wife, Emily; 5 sons, Duane of Grande Prairie, Arne, Greg, Grant and Mark of Bezanson; 3 daughters, Mona (Mrs. Dennis) Morrison of DeBolt, Rosalie and Judy of Bezanson; 3 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Allie (Mrs. Earl) Weegar of Bezanson, Lorna (Mrs. Lloyd) Nellis of Clairmont, and Irene (Mrs. Bert) Fox of Delta, B.C.; and 1 brother, Vernon, of Wembley. Funeral services were held from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on November 21, at 2:00 p.m., with Father Dino Benedet officiating. Interment followed in the Grande Prairie Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Home.

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LaVALLEY — Mr. Vernon Thomas LaValley passed away on May 8, 1975 at Edmonton, Alta. at the age of 50 years. Mr. LaValley was born in Grande Prairie and had been a resident of Wembley for the past 14 years.

Mr. LaValley leaves to mourn his passing, one son Joseph, one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Lorna) Dahl, three sisters, Mrs. Earl (Allie) Weegar, Mrs. Lloyd (Lorna) Nellis, and Mrs. Burt (Rene) Fox. He was predeceased by his parents and one brother Rodger.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 12 at 10 a.m. from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Grande Prairie with Rev. Fr. Dino Benedet officiating, interment followed in the Grande Prairie Cemetery.

If desired donations may be made to the University of Alberta Cardiac research fund or the Grande Prairie Diabetic Association.

Arrangements were by the Oliver Funeral Home.

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**LESTER JOHN  
(MOOSE) NELLIS**

Lester Nellis passed away at Grande Prairie Oct. 17 at the age of 92. He was born in Cumberland City, Wis., and was a resident of the Grande Prairie and Bezanson districts for the past 62 years. He was a charter member of B.P.O.E. Elks, Grande Prairie.

He is survived by his loving wife, Mrs. Stella Nellis of Bezanson; sons Orval (Irene) Nellis of Wembley, Ted (Opal) Nellis and Harry (Grace) Nellis both of Grande Prairie, Lloyd (Lorna) Nellis and Bill (Betty) Nellis both of Clairmont; daughters Mrs. Myrtle (Bill) Schamehorn of

Manning, and Mrs. Mayme Branch of Alexandria, La.

Funeral service for the late Lester John (Moose) Nellis will be held from Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, tomorrow Oct. 20 at 2:30 p.m. Interment will follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery. Officiating will be Captain George Prior.

If desired contributions may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Alberta Heart Foundation.

Funeral arrangements by Oliver Funeral Chapel.

# ***Bell Heasler takes high hand***

By Bea Fells

BEZANSON — We held a whist drive on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 20, with a very small attendance of only five tables. Winners were: Bell Heasler first high, Loris Stark second high; First for men was George Lavrick, with Gordon Heasler second. Paul Schau won the door prize, Willie Monroe and Frances Goodland won travelling prizes.

February 26, we had a potluck supper with just our regular bunch showing up, but had lots of delicious dishes. Afterward, we had a few games of carpet bowling and a few tables of cards of your choice. Then our card party started, with seven tables. Prizes went to Sis Arnold, high for ladies; Edna Schau low. Men's high first was won by Gordon Edgerton and low by Gordon Heasler. Travelling prize to Bea Fells and Lloyd Nellis.

Our monthly meeting was held Feb. 28 with 20 members in attendance. There was much

discussion on the recreation grants, but no decisions until we know more about it. Edna and Phyllis Stewart told us about their trip to Lethbridge concerning the club.

It was decided to have a tea and bake sale at the Legion Hut on Saturday, March 30, but that has since been changed to April 20 at the Legion Hut at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

After the meeting, there were several games of carpet bowling and three tables of cards.

The VON nurse was there to take blood pressure checks, and also showed how to do a foot bath and cut toenails properly. She will be out once a month, the second Thursday of each month. If there are enough people interested in foot care, she will come for that too.

Winners at the March 5 card party, with 7 tables, were: Elsie Ames, high; Armyna Menard, low; Gordon Heasler, high; George Lavrick low. Lloyd and Lorna Nellis took the travelling prize.

The March 12 card party saw Elsie Ames,

Lloyd Nellis and Harry Nellis all in attendance for their birthday cake. There were eight tables and winners were: Elsie Ames, high; Gladys Rees, low; Orvil Nellis, high; Bob Arnold, low. Travelling prizes to Bob Arnold and Sis Arnold.

Card parties are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. and carpet bowling or fun day every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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# Bezanson enjoys its card evenings

Contributed by  
Bea Fells

June 13 the Golden Years Club went to Debolt to play whist and we had a very enjoyable evening.

Elsie Ames took Ladies' High, and Paul Schau Men's High.

Our card party on June 11 saw six tables. Winners were: Ladies' High — Hazel Neuman, second — Mildred Parish; Men's High — George Lavrick, second — Willie Monroe. Travelling prizes went to Elsie Ames and Bell Heasler.

It was also birthday of the month night. Polly had the honor of making the birthday cake which was nicely decorated. ~~Happy Birthday to Margret Robideau,~~ Lorna Nellis, June Kochalyk, Gordon Edgeton. We hope you all enjoyed your birthday cake.

Seven tables played the June 18 card party. Winners were: Ladies' — Edna Anderson and Gerda Lennis; Men's —

Robert Mellum of Debolt and Bob Arnold. Travelling prizes to Frances Goodland and Bob Arnold.

Thanks to the Debolt folks for coming to our card parties all year. We enjoy having you — keep coming.

Twelve from Bezanson Club attended the South Peace Crib Tournament at Valleyview on Saturday the 15th.

With 17 tables of players (playing partners), we thoroughly enjoyed it.

There was a lovely luncheon at noon, also coffee and snacks after the games were over. It was enjoyed by all. Thank you Valleyview.

Bezanson Golden Years Club ladies won the big trophy for the day.

Mrs. Balderson and Mrs. Phillips won the partner trophies with a perfect score of 1210 for the 10 games. They are from Grande Prairie and Sexsmith seniors clubs. Congratulations to you both.

Hope to see you all next fall when we have the next crib tournament.

**“CONSTRUCTION OF GRANDE PRAIRIE’S** new junior high school (later named Montrose Junior High School) got off to a brisk start this week as workmen raced winter-looking skies to place footings and foundation pilings for the new structure” read cutlines below a press photo Oct. 25, 1960. “A hole-digging machine to excavate for the new reinforced concrete piling on which the giant new building is to perch, was expected to arrive on site Tuesday. Staking out locations for the piles, are construction superintendent Bob Whelan at the transit; **Lloyd Nellis** and Alf Braseau.”

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# Bezanson functions offer good food and good friends

By BEA FELLIS

BEZANSON — The Golden Years Club held a card party Oct. 26 with six tables. Winners were: Ladies' first — Cathrine Klassen of Debolt; second — Hazel Weegar; Men's high — George Lavrick; second — Art Lowen. Travelling prize — Flora Mellun of Debolt.

Many friends and relatives of Elmer and Joan Ford, and Keith and Kay Coney gathered at the Bezanson Hall Oct. 26 for a happy event — their 25th Wedding Anniversary. A buffet supper was prepared by family and friends, for about 200 people. Brenda and Ernie Ford, and Kim, Kelly and Scott Coney, children of the happy couples, got the occasion started and had lots of help from everyone.

Following the supper, entertainment included songs, skits and toasts. This was followed by a dance until the wee hours of the morning.

The CWL held a chicken supper Oct. 27 at the hall, serving about 250 people. There was also entertainment for

young and old upstairs after supper — bingo, bazaar table, fish pond, guessing games, etc.

Bezanson GYC sponsored the South Peace Crib Tournament Nov. 2 at the Legion Hut. There was a very nice turnout of 96 people — 24 tables.

The trophy went to Spirit River, with a score of 1,411.

The first pair of trophies went to Merle and Polly Patterson of Bezanson, with a score of 1,428.

The second set of trophies went to Dorothy Mansfield and Myrtle Gordon of Grande Prairie — score 1,426.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and making it a big success for us.

Also, thanks to the ladies who set the buffet dinner out so nicely: Pearl McLaughlin, Lorna Nellis, Allie Weegar, Margrite Lavrick, Anita Sarmaga. You did a wonderful job ladies!

Eleven club members went to Goodwin to their opening card party Nov. 2. It was a lucky day for Buster Patterson as he won the men's high that night, as well as winning the trophy in the crib tournament.

# Bezanson golden agers in middle of card season

By BEA FELLS

BAZANSON — The Golden Years Club holds card parties every Tuesday at the Legion Hut at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. Ladies bring lunch.

On Nov. 5 there were seven tables. Prizes went to: Ladies first - Maggie Robideau; second - Lorna Nellis; Men's first - Bob Arnold; second - Max Franks. Travelling prizes to Art and Marion Lowen.

Nov. 12 card party, six tables with prizes to Elsie Ames, first; Ruth Patterson, second; Art Patterson, first; Gordon Heasler, second. Travelling prizes to Ruth Patterson and Willie Monroe.

Bob and Sis Arnold were surprised to see 17 members of Golden Years Club appear on their doorstep Friday to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary. In spite of the miserable weather, we all had an enjoyable evening playing cards and trading a few jokes. We presented them with a wall hanging of silk roses. There was an anniversary cake and lots of sandwiches, cakes and cookies. Congratulations Bob and Sis on 50 years together Nov. 10.

Every Thursday afternoon we have carpet bowling, cards or shuffleboard. Come and join us.

The Golden Years bus went to Debolt with nine card players. We had a good time. Winners were: Ladies' High - Leota Doerkson and Flora Mehlum of Debolt tied; Men's High - Max Franks and Sadie Bekkehiem of Debolt tied. Andy Riegar and Hazel Weager got low.

On Saturday, Nov. 23, the West Smoky Legion will sponsor a wild game supper at Bezanson Hall, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance to follow supper. Advance tickets only.

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# Bezanson club attends tournament

By Bea Fells

Eight members of Bezanson Golden Years Club went to play whist in a tournament in Grande Prairie May 3. We didn't come up winners, but had fun anyway. Dawson Creek was the winning club this time.

The May 6 card party saw the following winners: Ladies' High — Elsie Ames; Low — Lorna Nellis; Men's High — Edna Anderson; Low — Willie Monroe. Travelling prizes to Lorna Nellis and Bob Arnold.

May 8, nine from Bezanson went to play cards at DeBolt Pioneer Centre.

May 10 saw a strawberry tea and fashion show put on by the C.W.L. ladies and Bezanson Community Church. A very nice crowd turned out.

# *Club is back at it*

Contributed by BEA FELLS

BEZANSON — The Golden Years Club is back at the card parties Tuesday nights and Thursday afternoon fun days.

A quilting bee was held at Phyllis Stewart's on Jan. 15. There were 11 present who put four quilts together. Phyllis donated all the wool bats for the quilts and the linings. Thanks very much Phyllis.

We had a potluck lunch at noon, enjoyed by all.

The G.Y.C. has been canvassing the business places in Grande Prairie for the last two weeks for donations toward the drop-in centre which we plan to get started as soon as possible. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. So far we have done very well, but still need a lot more.

We are planning an auction sale in the spring and also have a raffle on the go. Plan on a bake sale and a supper in the future.

A card party held Jan. 20 with six tables saw the following winners: ladies' high was Marion Lowen and Hazel Weager; men's high was Bea Fells and Lloyd Nellis.

Birthday greetings for January people were: Gordon and Bell Heasler, Frances Goodland, Olive Stewart and Grace Nellis.

A card party Jan. 27 saw seven tables — winners were: ladies' high Ruth Patterson and Lorna Nellis; men's high Willie Monroe and Art Reese. Travelling prizes: Ruth Patterson and Max Franks.

G.Y.C. held the monthly meeting on Jan. 29 at the Legion Hut with 18 in attendance.

There was a lot of discussion about our plans for the drop-in centre, and also planning for things that are on our agenda for the spring, like an auction sale, potluck supper and a raffle. Thanks to all the people who volunteered to go canvassing in Grande Prairie, to all the business places.

Thanks to all the merchants who so willingly helped us out.

## OBITUARY

### Jim Sedore 28, of Grande Prairie

Jim Sedore, beloved son of Sally-Ann and Stan Sedore, passed away September 7, 1992 at the age of 28.

Jim was born September 13, 1963 in Grande Prairie. He had lived in Fort McMurray, Edson and Grande Prairie. Jim was a

caring person with a happy personality which made him a friend to many.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his mother Sally-Ann of Medicine Hat, Ab and his father Stan (Helen) of Grande Prairie. 1 sister Lisa Sedore of Medicine Hat. Maternal grandparents Lloyd and Lorna Nellis of Bezanson, Ab and paternal grandmother Myrtle

Sedore of Grande Prairie. Numerous other relatives and friends.

Public visitation for family and friends will be held Wednesday evening, September 9, 1992 at the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, from 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Funeral service for the late Jim Sedore will be held Thursday, September 10, 1992

at 2:30 p.m. from the Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie with Father Stan Liska officiating. Cremation will follow at the Oliver Crematorium.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

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# Lloyd Nellis of, Bezanson

Lloyd Marion Nellis, resident of Bezanson, Alberta passed away at Bezanson on Wednesday, December 1, 2004.

He was born March 12, 1915 in Minnesota.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife Lorna Nellis; four children: Roger Nellis (Donna), Marie LaCroix (Wayne), Lois Charney (Norman), Sally Ann Sedore; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lloyd was predeceased by one grandchild Jim Sedore, his parents Lester (Moose) and Stella Nellis; three brothers Orval, Ted and Bill and two sisters Myrtle Schamehorn and Mayme Branch.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 5 at 3 p.m. from the Bezanson Community Church. Captain Dale Sobool officiating.

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## Obituaries



**NELLIS, Lorna Jeanne** - June 13, 1921 - November 20, 2011. Lorna Jeanne Nellis, resident of Grande Prairie, passed away MacKenzie Place in Grande Prairie on Sunday, November 20, 2011, at the age of 90 years, after having battled with Alzheimer's Disease for her last few years. Lorna was born June 13, 1921 to Nellie (Baker) and Tom LaValley in their family home in Bezanson. From the time Lorna was young, her greatest joy in life

was achieved when she was surrounded by her family - her parents and siblings as a child and then her own family. Lorna married Lloyd Nellis on October 21, 1942 in St. Joseph's Rectory in Grande Prairie. Their four children were a great source of happiness and pride. Roger (1943), Marie (1945), Lois (1946) and Sally-Ann (1947) kept their stay-at-home mom very busy. It was while raising her children that Lorna perfected her domestic skills. She loved to sew, crochet, knit, quilt, cross-stitch, garden, can vegetables, fruit and the occasional moose and she could bake a chiffon cake lighter than air. And, she happily shared her talents with any grandchild that was keen to learn! Lorna and Lloyd moved around the province, finally settling once again in Bezanson for their retirement - in a log home that every family member had a hand in building. Lorna is survived by her children: Roger (Donna) Nellis, Marie LaCroix (Wayne Johnson), Lois (Norman) Charney and Sally-Ann Sedore; her grandchildren: Valerie (Randy) Montgomery, Cheryle LaCroix (Martin Doll), Robert (Kathy) Dube, Wendy (Etienne) Rondeau, Doug Charney, Lisa (Allen) Gray, Tara Nellis, Roland (Cindy) LaCroix, Darren Charney, Leah Charney Turgeon (Bruce) and Breana (Cam) Dennis; her great-grandchildren: Antoine Rondeau, Kiley-Rae (Kyle) Halwa, Kale Simmons, Renee Dube, Nathan Turgeon, Jordan Sedore, Kira Gray, Rainley LaCroix, Lexi Turgeon, Ava LaCroix, Adam LaCroix and Lauren LaCroix; as well as one great-great-grandchild Ava Halwa. She is also survived by two much loved sisters: Allie Weegar and René Bouchard and two much loved sister-in-laws: Ellen (Gavin) Craig and Emily LaValley as well as many very special LaValley and Nellis nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Lloyd, her parents, her brothers Roger LaValley and Fuzz LaValley, her grandson Jim Sedore and her great-great-grandchildren Jolene Rondeau and Marcel Rondeau. Lorna's family would like to thank the wonderful staff of 1 East in MacKenzie Place for the kindness, compassion and caring they bestowed on Lorna as her life drew to a close. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2011 at 1:00pm at Bezanson Community Church.

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