

ALBERT KLIMACK

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Touch of the past

It has been a long time in the works, but a fully-restored pioneer home officially opens Sunday at Pioneer Museum. The former Kleskun Hills post office was refurbished by Bert Tieman (left) and Walter Bush and equipped with antiques from the museum. Save for a bit of plywood and linoleum, all pieces are authentic, including a full kitchen, bedroom, living room and the post office. The opening ceremony begins at 2 p.m. at the museum in Bear Creek park.

Museum adds another piece of the past

George L. Tempest took on the duties of postmaster at East Kleskun Hill in 1917 and according to the Northern Tribune of April 19, 1934 "George Tempest has the timbers out for a new house and we may expect a brand new post office almost any day".

The Pioneer Museum Society in Grande Prairie may not be as fast as our forebears were but with the opening of the East Kleskun Hill post office on Sunday there has been the fulfillment of more than two years' work. It started when **Albert Klimack** donated the building and, with the foundation laid, the building was moved to Bear Creek Park north of the museum in 1974.

Restoration did not begin immediately and the building was almost lost to a fire started in it before work began. Last winter under the direction of Bert Tieman and with the help of Walter Bush, restoration began.

The old style window sash was donated by Ken Lawrence. The doors are the original doors from the old Grande Prairie post office. Material for the sink cupboard came from an

office building. The stair banister was found and is the original.

The present furnishings of the building are items donated to the museum from time to time. To keep the authenticity of the furnishings much thanks goes to the Women's Institute for making a patchwork quilt especially for this early home. The Women's Institute also helped in arranging the furniture and providing some dishes of the period. Mrs. Sela Watts provide curtains while the Mansonic Lodge donated chairs.

The building now restored for the future residents of Grande Prairie to view we must not forget the past and those people who made our past the full rich life it was.

DEATH CAME

The death of Mr. Tempest was announced in the Northern Tribune of July 8, 1937: "The funeral of George Lebron Tempest, one of the oldest oldtimers in the Kleskun Hill district, who passed away at his home on July 1, will be held on Monday in the Glen Leslie Church. The funeral is being delayed waiting arrival of Julian Tempest.

"Mr. Tempest was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and when a young man went with the family to Vail, Iowa, where he married Miss Anna Beck. In 1913 the Tempests came to the Peace River over the Athabasca route and Mr. Tempest filed on land in the Kleskun Hill district on which they have lived ever since."

The Herald Tribune of August 29, 1940 recorded: "Death removed one of Kleskun Hill's oldest pioneer women in the person of Mrs. Ann Elizabeth Tempest, who passed away Friday, August 23, after a month illness. Her son Julian arrived from Dayton, Ohio, by car, and was with his mother when she died. Mrs. Tempest, who was in her 72nd year, was imbued with the spirit of the pioneer and never hesitated to do her part in the life of the Kleskun Hill area. Born in Camanche, Iowa, Mrs. Tempest came to the Kleskun Hill area in 1915, her husband having arrived in 1913.

"For twenty-three years Mrs. Tempest ran the post office at Kleskun Hill and was widely known in the east section."

OTTILIA KLIMACK

Mrs. Otilia Klimack passed away at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Tuesday, November 14, 1989, at the age of 80.

She was born in Suwalki, Poland, on April 1, 1909. She came from Europe in 1948, and settled in the Teepee Creek and Kleskun districts.

She is survived by her son Albert (Pearl) of Bezanson, and their children: Jennie-Lee, Candy, Cookie, Michelle, Johnny, Andrew, and Jeffery; her daughter Hilda (Ernie) Breitreutz of Stony Plain, and their children: Ruth, Sandra, and Russell; also many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband John in 1975.

A prayer service will be held on Friday, November 17, 1989, at 9 p.m., at the Oliver Funeral Chapel.

Funeral service for the late Otilia Klimack will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta, on Saturday, November 18, 1989, at 2 p.m., with Pastor Jim Heinbuch officiating. Interment to take place in the Grande Prairie Cemetery.

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

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Kenneth L. Lindgren, 61, of Hythe

Kenneth Lawrence Lindgren, resident of Hythe, Alberta, passed away peacefully in Hythe on Thursday, September 30, 1993, at age 61.

He was born on July 7, 1932 in Czar, Alberta. He enjoyed life to the fullest, was devoted to his family, and always willing to help others.

Kenneth is survived by his loving wife, Myrtle, of Hythe; 5 children: Pearl and Albert Klimack of Grande Prairie, Betty and Delmer Weegar of Bezan-son, Beverley and Garry Stark of Calmar, Lawrence and Terry Lindgren of Clairmont, Marcy and Trevis Leduc of Slave Lake; 15 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; his step-mother Evelyn Lindgren; step-brother Richard Lindgren; and 2 step-sisters: Janice Lindgren and Eva Adams, all of Maple Ridge, B.C.; many other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his father Olaf Arthur Lindgren in 1983; his mother Pearl Lindgren in 1934; 3 grandchildren: Barry Thomas Weegar in 1980, Amanda Mae Weegar in 1982, and Richard Allan Klimack in 1985.

Funeral service for the late Kenneth Lawrence Lindgren will be held on Monday, October 4, 1993, at 2:00 p.m., at Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, Alberta, with Rev. Ed Major officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

Public visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, October 3, at 8:00 p.m., at Oliver Funeral Chapel.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Oliver Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Grande Prairie. Telephone 532-2929.

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YOU SAY

Farm vehicle inspection an unfair burden

Re: proposed regulatory changes as outlined in discussion papers submitted by the Department of Transportation and Utilities - September 1997

We are concerned with the proposed changes to the existing Commercial Vehicle Inspection Regulations as they pertain to farm truck and trailer units over 24,300 kg gross vehicle weight. This document proposes that farm trucks falling under this category be classified the same as commercial units and therefore subject to the same safety regulations and inspections.

It is ridiculous to consider a farm unit under the commercial category. On average a farmer may put on 10,000 km or less a year on his unit. If the commercial operator doesn't put on at least 30,000 km a month he isn't going to be making any money. Yet these regulations would subject the farm unit to the same compulsory inspections as that of the vehicle classed in the commercial category.

Safety is certainly a concern to everyone, farmers included, but we do not feel safety is the issue here. If it were insurance rates for farm vehicles would be adjusted accordingly to reflect the potential risk of a farm unit becoming involved in a motor vehicle accident. Presently the rate for farm units (even those in this category) are significantly lower than those of their commercial counterparts. To date we have been unable to find statistics that show the ratio of accidents caused by farm vehicles in the province. If the existing system of inspecting units were not sufficient, these statistics would definitely exist and would be available. If there isn't a problem why should we be subjected to this extra unnecessary expense?

Economics has forced farmers to become more efficient to survive. Abandonment of rail lines and centralization of elevators or gathering stations necessitates the farmer to haul their product further to market. The logical step for these producers to make is to upgrade their existing transport vehicles (usually single axle or tandem units) to truck-trailer combinations. This makes more productive use of the farmers' time, is more fuel efficient and also more cost effective. These changes will not only cause an extra unnecessary burden but they will create more problems than they will solve.

If these changes are implemented farmers will be forced to either:

a) Have their product hauled commercially and incur the extra expense - not a cost efficient option that would have to be passed on to the consumer;

b) Pay the extra fees and haul commercially (in an attempt to recoup some of their losses) coming in direct competition with existing truckers who are already struggling to survive in a saturated service industry;

c) Downgrade to a single axle or tandem truck causing even more problems. (i.e. - the already "stressed-out farmer" who doesn't really have the extra time will have to haul multiple loads and make extra trips (from two-to-four times as many) to deliver their product creating a further potential hazard on the public roads.

Farming is already considered one of the most stressful occupations today (according to life insurance statistics), we do not need more unnecessary regulations to deal with.

This legislation will inhibit expansion and growth preventing advancement in the agricultural sector. It is unnecessary especially when it

only affects this small category of generally low-mileage units (most farmers would only put on a fraction of the mileage of that of a commercial hauler). By becoming more efficient farmers can keep costs down and compete, but these changes will only cause another unnecessary expense (especially when they affect this one category of generally lower mileage units). These inspections would have to be carried out by a certified garage - We already have random inspections on all farm units regardless of weight classification - will this really be of benefit?

Someone said recently that economics have been whipping farmers into shape to survive, now it is almost as if we are being clobbered over the head by regulations so we cannot advance. Please take action today. If we allow these regulations to be imposed what will be next?

Farmers need encouragement not limitations and setbacks. We encourage all producers to contact Jim Bedingfield, Director, Vehicle Safety & Carrier Services Branch, as soon as possible (deadline for submissions is February 2, 1998) and voice your concerns before we are saddled with this latest regulation. He can be reached at

1st floor, Twin Atrica Building
4999 - 98 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
T6B 2X3

He can also be reached... Toll Free by dialling the RITE OPERATOR at 310-0000 and asking to be connected to 427-7629.

Please act now!

**Albert Klimack and
Danny Antonio**
Grande Prairie

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In defence of development

Couple contends their additions to Kleskun Hills have enhanced the area

MARK EVANS

Herald-Tribune staff

Albert Klimack remembers being a teenager walking the unique area around Kleskun Hill Park east of Grande Prairie years ago.

He had an appreciation for the land then and still does.

That's why it bothers him to imagine some people think he's ruining the park with the little restaurant and recreational area he's set up on his own land across the road from the park's museum and campground area.

Kleskun Hills Natural Area is made up of a County of Grande Prairie-run campsite, a collection of historic buildings set up like a village by the Kleskun Hill Museum Society and about 92 hectares of provincially managed natural prairie grassland – one of the largest patches of undisturbed grassland in the Grande Prairie area – and unique hoodoos.

About five years ago, Albert and his wife Pearl set up a concession stand on the museum site.

Last year they decided to move onto their own land across the road, made a small parking area, a covered patio and put in some horse pitches, a volleyball and badminton court and some other

more than three hectares to separate it from the remainder of their land.

Concerns were raised by the Peace Parkland Naturalists to Grande Prairie county council about allowing the development to occur along the border of the natural area.

However, the Klimacks believe, if anything, they've enhanced the area and are protecting the park.

They're only providing a service that people want at the park, Albert said, adding many visitors stop to thank them on their way out.

The volleyball courts and other activities they provide help keep the youth in the park happy.

Most teenagers and children quickly get bored after a day of natural walks.

"When they get bored they get into trouble," said Pearl.

With activities available it

keeps them from wrecking things in the park.

Also most vehicles now park on their land and people walk into the natural area, limiting traffic in the park.

They've helped attract people to the park so more can enjoy the natural area, said Albert.

School groups, senior homes tour and Grande Prairie Native Friendship centre made the park an event site this year.

"People in town come out here and just love it," said Pearl.

In fact, about 28 hectares of the park is land Klimack sold to become part of the park because it provides a great lookout for visitors. Unfortunately none of the paths that were planned have been put in so few people actually get to enjoy the view, he said.

"We sold it for public use, not for the private use of a few privileged," Albert said.

Some of the machinery and artifacts that make up the museum display were donated by Albert, who was a founding member of the museum society and has lived in the area since 1948.

He actually attended the East Kleskun school that was moved to the park as part of the museum display.

"Our front-end loader tractor spends more time at the park helping volunteers than at home," said Albert.

But they don't mind because they want to protect the area for future generations and allow all people to enjoy it.

They aren't getting rich off the restaurant and shop, said Albert.

But said Pearl, "We're happy with what we have and it enhances the park."

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Crash victims remembered for kindness

Memories of Steven Lindback, Daniel Green honoured at service

KEVIN CRUSH
Herald-Tribune staff

Fighting through tears, Laura Lindback struggled to get out her message.

"Just don't drink and drive. You guys just got to call somebody," she said.

Laura's brother, Steven, 21, was killed Sunday night along with his friend Daniel Paul Green, 19, just east of Grande Prairie on Highway 43.

Her brother might be gone, but she believes he's still out there looking over everyone.

"We've had a thing with us where every time we saw an eagle we thought our uncle was watching over us," said Laura during a memorial for the two Wednesday afternoon.

On her drive in that morning, she happened to look out the window and watched an eagle soaring over head. That was Steve's eagle.

"He's watching over us. Every time you see an eagle, he's watching over us."

Both young men were remembered as good friends and the sort of people who would do anything to help out.

"With Steve, you didn't have to ask twice. He was always there to help," said Pearl Klimack, who had taken both boys in with her to live with their family.

Both would help out with the farm, sometimes being so eager to help they would go too fast and lose grain off the



LINDBACK GREEN

back of the combine.

"Both boys are just like part of our family. We loved them both," said Klimack.

"They're gone, but they're still in our minds and in our hearts, and we loved them."

Few people are better than Steve and Dan, said Trevor Corpas, who referred to them both as "his bros."

"Dan would give you the shirt off his back, and Steve was always there for you, no matter whether you were in a scrap or whatever," he said.

"It's all just confusing."

Steve was an adventurous person who lived for the moment, said Garry Stark, a minister with the Latter-Days Saint who was a friend to both.

"His childlike innocence made him fearless, and sometimes live life on the edge," said Stark. "He was his own person. He was going to do it his way and that's the way it was going to be. He might have asked for your opinion, but he'd still do it his way."

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Dan had a remarkable gift for conversation, said Stark.

"His mild-mannered ways made him easy to get to know," he said of Dan.

Lindback and Green were killed when the Ford Ranger they were driving failed to stop when entering Highway 43 at Range Road 60. It was broadsided by a 1998 Dodge Caravan.

They were both ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

Police believe alcohol was a factor. Alcohol containers were found in the cab of the Ranger.

The investigation is continuing.

Myrtle Shirley Lindgren

Born and raised in McCrae, Alta.
on April 18, 1935 to Harry and Eva

Jones. Passed away peacefully in Leduc, Alta. on February 15, 2006 at the age of 70. Myrtle married Ken Lindgren on May 24, 1952 where they resided and started their family in several communities in B.C. and Alta..



Myrtle is survived by her loving children and companion Gordon Lindgren, Sharon and Dave Hatfield of Oliver, B.C., Pearl and Albert Klimack of Grande Prairie, Alta., Betty and Delmer Weegar of Bezanson, Alta., Bev and Garry Stark of Edmonton, Alta., Lawrence Lindgren of Grande Prairie, Alta., Marcy and Kelly Jussila of Grande Prairie, Alta., 18 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, many numerous nieces and nephews.

Myrtle is predeceased by her loving husband Ken Lindgren, three grandchildren: Barry, Amanda and Richard. Also her loving parents Harry and Eva Jones, 10 brothers and sisters, and daughter-in-law Terry Robbins.

In lieu of flowers and memorial donations can be made to the Diabetes Association and Cancer Association. Memorial service for the late Myrtle Lindgren will be held at Bezanson Community Hall on February 25, 2006 at 1 p.m.

Marcy Rose Leduc

January 15, 1970 –
November 2, 2010



It is with heavy hearts we announce Marcy's passing.

Marcy was known to stop and talk to anyone who would say hello to her while she was out of the house. She had made many friends and you never knew who would be coming through the door. Marcy loved babies, young children and to see and hold all her great nieces and nephews. She was strong willed and quick witted, she will be sorely missed.

Marcy leaves to mourn spouse, Kelly Jussila, son, Jordan Leduc; sisters Pearl (Albert) Klimack, Betty (Delmar) Weegar, brother, Larry Lindgren and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Marcy was predeceased by parents Ken and Myrtle Lindgren, sister, Bev Stark, sister-in-law, Terry Lindgren and mother-in-law, Carrol Jussila.

Memorial Service will be held Oliver's Grande Prairie Funeral Chapel, Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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