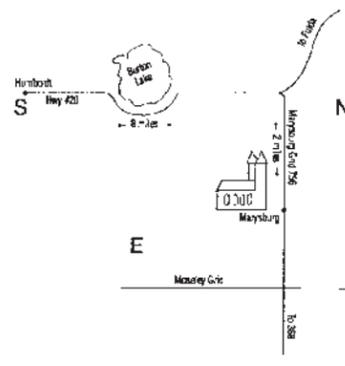




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A Lifetime of Memories with the Brons Family

By Audrey Hopfner & Myrna Brons

Dad was born on December 6, 1920 and is the youngest son of Ludwig and Maria Brons. He took his schooling at Blume School and worked on the farm located four miles east of



August & Helen Brons wedding

Marysburg. He lived his whole life on the farm until 1983 except for two winters when he worked at a logging camp for one winter and another winter he was in the army. The thing he remembers the most as a child was there was always a lot of work whether it was feeding cattle or plowing the field with horses and plow. The best memory of farming was when they got their first combine. He felt it was the greatest machine ever made.

Mom moved to Humboldt in 1948 with her first husband. They bought the bowling alley on 9th Street in the location which now is owned by Aline Furniture across from their main furniture store. Unfortunately her husband died on March 23, 1950 of kidney disease and left her alone to care for three small children. Leona was born on February 5, 1946, Irene on June 11, 1947 and Ron on March 18, 1949. She managed to run the bowling alley on her own and that is where she met Dad. Dad asked her out a few times and at first she refused but eventually she agreed to go.

They were married on September 12, 1951. They sold the bowling alley and lived on

the farm. The house was old and was very cold in winter. Like many old houses in those days, the only heat source was the old wood stove and an oil burner on the main floor. The only heat upstairs came through a vent in the living room ceiling. I remember seeing our breath when we went to bed at night where we covered with down filled quilts. In December of 1959, we moved into our new house. There wasn't any flooring laid yet but it was too cold to stay in the old house so we packed up our things and went to sleep where it was warm. By this time two more children were added to the family, Audrey on March 5, 1953 and Myrna on May 8, 1956. About three years after moving into the new house Lyle was born on February 11, 1962.

Mom was an excellent cook and baker. Everything was fresh from a huge garden in the summer and preserved and froze for the winter. Our basement had many shelves that were filled with canned fruits and vegetables. I remember picking washtubs full of raspberries and we had over a hundred jars canned for the winter as well as peaches, pears, plums, apricots and whatever other kind of fruit you can imagine and pickles and beets besides. They were always gone by the time summer came again. We had homemade bread and buns at any time and her pies were famous at the Marysburg curling rink. Even a broken ankle didn't slow her down.

Dad's life was farming and was a true farmer in every sense of the word. In the winter he enjoyed curling and hockey games and friends. Besides farming, in summer he liked to take in the Royals ball games at the Marysburg ball diamond. He would base ump at some of these games along with the Baums. Later when he had more time he enjoyed golfing and watching Rider games as well.

Although work took up most of their time, Mom and Dad found time to enjoy life too. As a kid I remember them going square dancing. I always admired Mom in her fancy square dancing dresses. They enjoyed having friends over for a good card game, especially after they "retired" to Humboldt and Mom brought home a few bowling trophies.

We always had lots of work on the farm. In the earlier days we had cattle pigs, chickens, turkeys and a goat. Ron, Irene and Leona had to help with the milking and feeding the animals. There was one time when the cattle got out. Dad put the dog in a truck that wasn't fit to be on the road and went to round up the cattle. Wouldn't you know it...he got stopped by the cops. The cop was so impressed as he watched the dog herd the cattle back home that all Dad got was a warning and a long list of things that needed to be fixed on the truck.

Mom liked a clean house so



Helen and August Brons

we all had our chores around the house from vacuuming to scrubbing floors to washing walls. We helped with the cooking and many baskets full of ironing. We all had to pitch in to pick stones, except for Lyle...he got a stone picker. In the fall Dad needed a truck driver so Irene, Ron, Lyle and I all took our turns hauling grain at harvest. Irene remembers having to stand on a ladder, hanging on to the rope on the motor of

the auger and jumping down to get it started. I had a lot of trouble with the truck overheating but...Lyle had a good truck to drive and an auger that started with the press of a button. Leona and Audrey helped to get the meals prepared and out to the field.

In 1969 Dad built a pig barn. Audrey & I helped with feeding pigs and one of us, and it wasn't Audrey, had to clean it as well. That was a gas!

Lyle took over the farm in 1983 and Mom and Dad moved into Humboldt. Dad still farmed for years after. He has always been a farmer at heart and was still driving combine a couple of months shy of his 84th birthday. Even though he isn't able to help with the seeding and harvest for the past few years because of his health he still wants to know what is going on at the farm. He enjoyed coffee row at MacDonald's and playing cards at the Senior Centre until this past May when he was hospitalized and after had to take residence in St. Mary's Villa. Mom celebrated her 91st birthday on July 18 and is living by herself at the condo. She likes to bring Dad homemade cooking and baking occasionally; one of his favorite things being Saskatoon berry kuchen. On September 12, 2011 they celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Note: At the time of writing this Dad was still here to proof read it. Dad passed away on October 15, 2011 before he could see it published.



August Brons Family

Back Row (Left to Right): Lyle, Myrna, Audrey, Ron
Front Row (Left to Right): Leona, Augie, Helen, Irene



St. Henry's School Musicians — 1962

Back Row (Left to Right): Unknown, Gladys Strueby, Ann Stroeder, Adele Fleischhacker, Karen Stroeder, Sandra Mueller and Brenda Massinger
Front Row (Left to Right): Sharon Hartl, Robert Britz, Brian Jaeb, Clarence Puetz, John Therres, Unknown. Front: Director Esther Strueby

The Now and Then ~ Memories of St. Henry's

By Edward Strueby II

Now days it's not uncommon to see classes enjoy incredible trips, from Greece to France, Mexico, and countless other locations in Saskatchewan, Canada, North America and abroad.

We should all have been so fortunate to enjoy these excursions. But sadly I must say ours at St Henry's did not quite measure up.

Example. Our Grade 3 or 4 field trip consisted of a short walk (no bus to pick us up and deliver our group to a waiting aircraft for an incredible overseas adven-

ture). Sadly we meandered over to the parish priest's yard to look at the crab apples and flowers that abounded where we were supposed to guess what the names of the plants were. (To say that not one of my fellow classmates ever had the distinction of being called a botanist, was proven correct this day.)

After the pitiful disgrace of identifying *flowers* we headed for the water. (Now do not for a moment think of water like say a lake or ocean), no nothing so glamorous. Instead we again walked a short distance to a mosquito-infested slough where we were asked to identify the creatures that abounded in this slimy little pond. Well as I remember, we all knew what *frogs* were, and others identified a tad pole and blood suckers. Plus a few guesses, of some other creatures of the deep, that turned out all wrong.

At this point we journeyed

through the graveyard, through some trees, and wire fences, for the day's highlight of events to enjoy. (No Boulder Dam, hell not even Squaw Rapids, no Western Development or Italy's Leaning Tower No!) It was Herb's General Store -

Where we did not need to cash traveller's cheques or swipe our parents' paid-up debit cards, as our trip was local. We all spent every dollar we had, and in many cases that dollar was the sum of our total spending for the day. Then to the finish of a won-

derful day (I say this in sarcasm) - we then walked back to school to finish off the day in the classroom (wonderful).

The only other foray for a field trip I can recall, was to Humboldt. This time we were picked up by cars. I can still remember being in the lead car driven by Mrs. Ebert with the rest left in the dust (as this was before the road into Humboldt was paved). Personally, even without pavement, the rest would have been left far behind, as she drove like the colour of her hair, like a Red Devil from hell. We all agreed that flying into Humboldt at this speed was already a better field trip than last year.

Once in town we began our tour at the Co-op Dairy. I still like ice cream, but to this day, I am no fan of sour cream. I can still recall one of the employees dumping a cream can of lumpy smelly clumps of gelatinous liquid into a tank. But before he allowed it to flow to the next tank, he took a long large spoon, stirred the tank, then tasted this clotty concoction, smiled and let the tank empty out. Not in any fashion or paid any amount would I have attempted a lick of de stick.

Next on our trip was a tour of the Pioneer Hotel restaurant, led by the public health officer. I think his name was Dick Tataryn. He took us through, to show how a restaurant was graded. This was interesting, watching the cooks prepare meals, and why cleanliness was important. Remember what your mother said, cleanliness is next to Godliness.

Maybe the tour through the restaurant also stuck in my mind as I enjoy cooking, but mostly the eating.

Which is how our field trip ended, not at a luxury resort, but at a fast food restaurant.

Edward Strueby & his wife Carol presently reside at Moose Jaw, SK



CLASS DISMISSED 1985 — The final group at St. Henry's School

Back Row (L to R): Orland Hoerber, Keith Eisner, Corrine Mueller, Leah Puetz, Neil Eisner
Middle Row: Mrs. Fagnou, Chris Bauml, Jana Parker, Troy Parker, Deanna Litz, Lori Strueby, Andrea Puetz, John Mueller, Roxanne Hoerber, Les Eisner, Steven Puetz, Joey Mossman, Ms. Cam Bauman
Front Row: Jo Lynn Hoerber, Pat Strueby, Jonathan Puetz, Carla Brinkmeier, Lynn Eisner, Lurette Mueller, Max Mueller, Jamie Mossman, Brad Puetz, Jason Mossman

A Special Place.....

Submitted by Cammie Bauman

As I look back at my four years of teaching in St. Henry School in Marysburg, I feel I was privileged to have worked with so many wonderful students who have turned into amazing people. Four of the students, Neil Eisner, Orland Hoerber, Leah Puetz, and Corrine Mueller were in my classroom for the full four years! Those poor kids! But, needless to say, they were four of my favorite all-time students.

I have a ton of fond memories! Walking over to the hall every day for gym and trying to play volleyball in a building with a curved roof was a challenge. Our big trips down to the curling rink were real highlights especially when Roger Puetz gave us his expert curling lesson. Of course David told me he really didn't know what he was doing! At least twice a winter we would all go on a trip to the skating rink in Lake Lenore and enjoy

ice skating and John's company.

School masses were always an enjoyable and musical event. I remember Chris Bauml and Deanna Litz bringing up the gifts and as Chris walked the hosts were falling of the plate and plopping on the floor. Deanna was scrambling to pick them up and Fr. Lawrence trying to look sternly at them. Most of the parents were cracking up!

It was always fun to put on family things. I remember the trivia contest that Joe and Randy Hoerber absolutely killed at! There was a crazy Christmas concert where the students were behind a cardboard wall with holes cut into it and the hands in socks dressed as reindeer. There was also the Christmas concert that the students made chili for the community. Luckily the ladies transferred it into bowls or it would have been poisoned.

Our school was invited to other schools for performances

and because we were so small in numbers and so great in various sizes, I was asked if we were the opportunity room! Some of those trips were real highlights! Playday was the best day of the whole year. Our rivals were the students from Fulda, Carmel, and St. Gregor. We would alternate where our playday was held. It would all end up with ball games. I remember one hotly contested match in which Don Froelich and I almost came to blows!

Probably the biggest bane of my existence in the school was the furnace. It would regularly need repair as we would get to school and it would have gone out again and it would be COLD! The Unit caretaker Mr. Wourms threatened to bring Father along and to perform an exorcism on it. In my last year of teaching at St. Henry, the furnace blew up and coated everything with a fine dusting of black soot. Of course that was the year Ron had given



Christmas Entertainment by Students of St. Henry's

me a nice white felt parka for Christmas!

When I close my eyes I can still see the kids in rubber boots playing soccer out behind the school. I can hear the Brinkmeier girls telling me that next year when they went to Muenster School they would get all new socks and they would be white. I can see the parking lot

that Clarence Bauml would always have plowed for us even on the snowiest days! I can see Andrea Puetz with her nose firmly stuck in a book. I have heard it may still be there. We were a real family! There was so much school spirit! I feel privileged to have taught and lived in the community of Marysburg.

A new name for 'Marysburg Church Restoration'

By Renee Puetz

In 1998, with the "gentle" persuasion of Al Gerwing, the Marysburg Church Restoration group was formed. At that time, our main goal was to restore and maintain the physical building of Assumption Church. It was a daunting task and many thought "how can such a small community take on such a huge project?" At times we had those thoughts too. However, each completed task brought new pride and energy. If Fr. Roman were still here, he could tell you how distracted we all were at mass the first Sunday after the scaffolding was taken down and the new plaster and paint was revealed — we couldn't stop gawking!

With each fundraising venture, concert, auction, bingo, breakfast, reunion and raffle we grow community and renew our confidence in our abilities to continue this restoration.

With each Christmas Eve Mass, when there isn't an empty seat remaining, we drink in the excitement of the children, the sweet music of the choir, the goodwill of family & friends with the spirit of those gone before. There is a magic about Assumption Church.

Though our intentions are mighty, our numbers are not. Each year that our parish remains viable is a bonus. Average attendance at Sunday mass is not high. So we look to the future. We look

to how the church will live on after the parish does not. We need to look for additional uses for this wonderful facility. Additional uses so that others will experience the majesty of this great building and additional uses to help fund its upkeep going forward.

Over the years, we have applied for many grants, government and otherwise. We've found that many grants are not available to religious entities or "churches". Hence, we decided on changing our name from Marysburg Church Restoration and incorporating to become Marysburg Centre of the Arts Inc (complete with Charitable No.). Our vision remains the same, as written in our constitution: Marysburg Centre of the Arts Inc vision is that historic architectural landmarks and the arts are an integral part of the lives of Saskatch-



Volunteers are hard at work to meet Xmas concert deadline of Dec.11

ewan people. Our mission statement: The Marysburg Centre of the Arts Inc mission is to provide leadership to preserve, restore, upkeep the architectural landmark

historic cathedral and to use the venue to develop, promote and program the visual and/or performing arts.

We hope this change will help us in acquiring additional funding throughout the years. If/when Assumption is no longer an active "parish", we hope Assumption Church will remain standing strong as a place where our children will marry, our grandchildren will be baptized, our Christmas Eves, anniversaries, family reunions and concerts will be celebrated and a place where we will send off those uniting with their ancestors.

May the Marysburg Centre of the Arts help ensure a strong future for the beautiful Assumption Church.



Marysburg Rural Experiences Housing Boom!

When you hear that Saskatchewan is booming... believe it! We are so thrilled to have several young families take root at Marysburg and surrounding farms. This past year we've had 4 "housing starts" that we call our own and a couple more that are in the works. Construction is well underway on these new homes and we'd like to introduce you to our "new home" owners and their

families. Aaron & Monique Strueby (son Quinn) are building a new home in the former Tony Stroeder yard just north of Marysburg. They own and operate Strueby Plumbing and Heating. (Let's just say, it's pretty handy having them around!) Aaron's parents are the late Dave & Ginger Strueby, grandparents Isidore & Anne Strueby. Monique (parents Glenn

& Suzanne Taphorn) grew up in nearby St. Gregor. The family will be expanding with the arrival of baby number two in April 2012!

Reg & Kristen Puetz (daughter Larissa, son Mathias) moved to "the home place" in 2007. They are the 4th generation Puetz to live at that farm site. (Mathias & Catherine 1907-1940, Raymond & Martha 1940-1970, Cyril & Eunice 1975-2007, Reginald & Kristen 2007-present). Reg & Kristen grain farm with Reg's parents Cyril and Eunice. Kristen, daughter of Rosella & the late Matty Rath, is originally from Humboldt. Reg, in addition to farming, is a carpenter and building their new home himself.

Regan & Jodi Grace (children Cole, Ethan & Kiera) moved to Humboldt in June 2006 to open their com-



Reg and Kristen Puetz

pany, Cutting Edge Floor Covering. They purchased the former parish 13-acre land parcel (east of the ball diamonds) and started building their new home in June of this year. Their plan is to move in as early as February or March of 2012.

Regan, son of Rene & Doreen Grace, and grandson of Allan & Melanie (Strueby) Grace, grew up on a farm in the Muenster area. Jodi is the daughter of Lonnie Nomeland & Wendy Haussecker.

Jeremy & Jill Jenkins (son Sam Arthur) are building their new

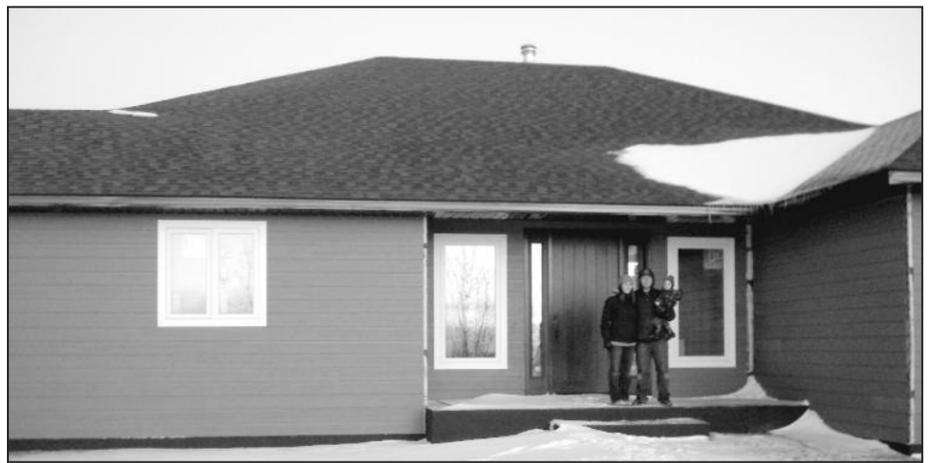
home on the fourth generation (William Sr., William Jr., Harold, Jeremy) Jenkins home quarter located NE 14-38-22 W2nd. Jeremy farms in the area with his brother Christopher, his wife Tamara and his parents Harold and Colleen. Jill is currently working at the Humboldt District Hospital as a Registered Nurse. Jill, daughter of Kim & Brenda Berscheid, grew up at Lake Lenore. Jeremy & Jill are expecting their second addition to the family in early December 2011!



Jeremy and Jill Jenkins



Regan and Jodi Grace Marysburg acreage



Aaron and Monique Strueby

Looking Back with Henry J. Wiegers

In 1904 my father, Bernard Wiegers, responded to a newspaper ad by the Benedictine Fathers of St. Peter's Colony in Muenster, Saskatchewan. In May of 1905 he emigrated by train from Missouri to Rosthern and filed for his quarter section of land (SW 28 38 W2nd). One of the duties of purchasing the homestead was to open a certain amount of acres per year.

On April 12, 1915 he returned to Brinktown Missouri and married Josephine Lischwe. They returned to the homestead on April 15. Here they raised 11 children, 8 boys and 3 girls, and I was the first born — February 9, 1916.

My parents were very religious and we went to mass in Muenster before "Assumption Church" in Marysburg was built. This was the third church built. We travelled by horse and buggy in summer and by caboose in the winter.

When I was four years of age I remember my mother sending me out to the southwest corner, about a quarter mile from our house, to call my father home, as she was expecting her baby. The dog and myself followed the trail past a slough and when we got back home, Norbert was already born.

When I was six years of age my mother started teaching Ted and myself to read, write and do arithmetic. She taught us in English because we had always talked German at home. In 1922 we went to school for three months and our teacher was Mrs. Bonitor. She gave us both a strapping that day because we didn't fill our page with extra lines to print on. We got a ride to school with Langkammers sometimes but we also walked. Over the summer a road was built to "Ives School" and in the fall we went full time to classes. Mrs. Mary Grace was our teacher. After a few days in school she upgraded us to Grad 3 as we were able to read and write with those students. Mrs. Grace taught classes from 1 to 8 inclusive and



Wiegers Family

Back Row (L to R): Vincent, Josephine (Mrs. Wiegers), Aurelia, Leo, Mary, Clara
Front Row (L to R): Sylvester, Ted, Henry, Norbert, Alphonse

was my teacher until I graduated from Grade 8 at age 14. I wrote my final exams in Humboldt and graduated with honours.

When I was 12 years old I went to "St. Angela School" in Marysburg while preparing for First Communion and Confirmation, and I was taught by Ursuline nuns and Josephine Skaliky. I also served mass in Assumption Church during that time.

While attending classes at home I had to help with daily chores, milking cows, feeding the cows and horses, planting and wedding the garden. In the winter water was hauled for the animals. We were quite poor, so mother made sure we had a large garden which certainly supplied us with potatoes and vegetables. We generally walked to school barefoot in the summer to save money for food.

I also started trapping weasels and muskrats. We were able to purchase one bicycle for the

whole family and when my trap line was further away I got to ride it instead of walking. I also shot rabbits and game birds, they were very plentiful at this time. I sold gopher tails and crows legs for 3 to 5 cents. I remember selling a cow and calf for \$11.00. A wagon load of wheat hauled to Moseley sold for \$19.00. Eggs sold for 3 to 5 cents per dozen. A bag of flour cost \$1.25 and sometimes father hauled wheat to the Humboldt Flour Mill and ground it into flour. Many bags of flour were used as mother baked bread every day.

We were very sports minded and seven of us brothers, two Buschmans and two Graces formed a hockey team. We practiced on ice on a home-made rink close to our house. We played hockey for quite a few years and won the "Platzer Cup" in Humboldt Arena three times. In the summer we played baseball — we were called the "Ives School Juniors". Later

some Marysburg players joined us and we were called "The Marysburg Juniors" — the best team at that time.

My father passed away in 1933 when I was 17 years old. He is buried in the Marysburg Cemetery. Soon after that I started working for other farmers for \$15.00 per month. During threshing time I received 75 cents per day for 12 hour days. For seven years I worked for farmers during the summer months and most of it was given to mother. Overalls cost \$1.25 and I had to work two and one half days to earn that money.

For two winters I cut timber for two or three months in Northern Saskatchewan and then in Penny, British Columbia. Then I worked in St. Anthony Gold Mine in Ontario for one year. My brother Ted, myself and two friends rode the freight train to get to this mine. We came home on December 19 and almost froze to death riding in an

empty freight car. We hid our money by sewing it in our underwear. The next year I went to work at the "Sheritt Gordon Copper Mine" in Manitoba. The Second World War broke out when I was there and I had to go home or be locked in until the war ended.

With the money my brother Ted and I earned at the mine we purchased the Langkammer land that bordered my father's homestead. We paid \$500.00 down, leaving \$5000.00 to be paid. Later I sold my share to my brother Vincent when he got married.

In those years we enjoyed many dances in the surrounding towns. It was here I met Agnes Steil and we were married in St. Peter's Cathedral in Muenster on October 19, 1943. We lived with her parents for one year and helped her dad with the farming. The next year Agnes stayed with her sister Ruth and brother-in-law Vincent while I went back to work in the logging camp in Penny, BC.

Then three of my brothers and myself purchased a three quarter section of land in Burr. There was only sixteen acres open so many long hours of work were needed to clear the land for seeding. We built a house and barn on this property and raised 13 children. All of them went to Banner School, but the two youngest. After grade eight they were bussed to Muenster High School for their education. Our parish was St. Gertrude and a priest would travel out from St. Peter's College every Sunday for mass.

After 21 years of living on this farm we sold it and purchased a house in Saskatoon. We are still living in this house and have enjoyed many years of travelling, hunting and fishing, playing cards and being involved with church activities in St. Paul's Cathedral. We are very fortunate to have been blessed with good health and I am 95 years of age..

Marysburg 14th Annual Christmas Concert

December 11, 2011

Featuring

The Marysburg Regional Chorus

Director ~ Sharon Carter

Accompanist ~ Sharon Guina

Organist ~ Greg Schulte

Guest Performances by:

Combined Community Childrens' Chorus

Middle Lake Handbell Choir

Clarinet ~ Dale Avison

Concert - 2 p.m. Tickets \$10 Advance \$12 at the door
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Social - 4 p.m.
Supper - 5 p.m. Advance Tickets only \$15 Adults
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For tickets contact: John Brinkmeier @ 682-3543 or Renee Puetz @ 682-3515

2011 Marysburg Royals Season

The 2011 season proved to be one of the best in the 93 year history of the team. The Royals once again put on a baseball skills clinic in May and this year nearly one hundred young baseball players from all over central and north-east Saskatchewan took part. It was a great success and the Royals look forward to doing it again in 2012.

The team once again competed as one of six teams in the Saskatoon Senior Baseball League. After finishing the regular season in third place, the Royals put it together for playoffs and defeated the Saskatoon Smoking Guns 2 to 1 in a best of three series. This advanced them to the league final against the Saskatoon Stallions. This series proved to be one of the best league final series in recent memory as it went the full five games. In the fifth and final game the Stallions won by a score of 2-1. It was a great series of baseball between two evenly matched teams.

The Senior AA provincial was held in Saskatoon and it resulted in a great weekend for the Royals. In the first game they defeated the Saskatoon Blue Jays by a score of 12-6. Braden Bauml and Paul Strueby pitched well for the Royals in the win. The Yorkton Yankees were the next opponent and the Royals soundly

Marysburg Festival of the Arts

The 11th season of the Marysburg Festival of the Arts opened on May 25th with a performance by baritone William Lewans, accompanied by pianist Greg Schulte. Lewans, a solo recitalist and opera singer, is a native of Saskatchewan who has been studying abroad.

The June 15th concert featured flutist Ross Carstairs, accompanied by Greg Schulte on the piano. Ross is a familiar and very popular performer in the Festival Concert Series. And once again he provided an evening of pure enjoyment.

The Saskatoon Children's Choir returned for their third concert at Assumption Church on June 25th. The choir, under the direction of Phoebe Voigts, performed "Songs for Africa". The audience was enthralled with the amazing talent and energy the children portrayed throughout the performance. Marysburg was very fortunate to have this choir perform for the Festival as the following week they began their concert tour of South Africa.

The final concert featured pianist Richard Konrad. Konrad, a new performer to the Concert Series worked his magic on the keys of the Steinway piano and filled the church with the music of Schumann and Liszt.

The talent of the performers, combined with the acoustics of Assumption Church and the peaceful summer evenings, once again provided the audiences with a memorable experience.



Marysburg Royals 2011 Senior AA Provincial Champs

Back row (Left to Right): Jesse Johb (coach), Luke Strueby, Dustin Emberley, Mathew Strueby, Colin Bauml, Cole Bauml, Aaron Strueby, Taylor Kjargaard, Geoff Strueby, Brett Yarskie, Brent Puetz, Wayne Strueby (Coach)
Front row (Left to Right): Bevan Ledingham, Braden Bauml, Shaun Strueby, Curtis Strueby, Shaun Timmerman (coach), Paul Strueby, Marty Yeager, Kyle Yarskie, Braden Polreis

defeated them by a score of 16-3. Taylor Kjargaard and Paul Strueby pitched very good in the win for the Royals. This advanced them to the semi final game against the Holdfast Trappers. It was a rematch of the 2009 provincial final, but this time the Royals came out on top behind a spectacular pitching performance by Colin Bauml with the final score being 8-3. From here the Royals would now take on a long time provincial rival in the final, the Lloydminster Twins. In a well played final the Royals won by a score of 4-1. Bevin Ledingham threw a complete four hitter game and Luke Strueby had the key hit to drive in two runs as the Royals captured their first ever Senior AA Provincial title.

This now advanced the Royals to the Western Canadian Senior AA Championship which was held in Trail, BC on August 25-28.

On August 24th the Royals and their fans boarded the bus to make the long trek to Trail, BC, to represent Saskatchewan. In their first game the Royals defeated Alberta by a score of 11-7. The Royals then played, the very strong, Team Manitoba and came up just short, losing by a score of 8-7. Their next game put them up against the host team, the Trail Orioles. The Royals won this game 6-5. All they needed now was a win over team BC to advance to the final. This was not to be as they were downed 7-4 by the team from Vernon. After all was said and done, the Royals

finished in a very respectable third place. It was a very well run tournament and the boys had a lot of fun.

A couple Royals were honoured for their individual achievements as Cole Bauml won the Saskatoon Senior Baseball League Rookie of the Year and Curtis Strueby won the Saskatoon Senior Baseball League Top Defensive player. The 2011 Royals were also honoured as they were awarded with Saskatchewan Baseball's Senior Team of the Year Award. They were given this award as a result of the success they had on the field as a team, the way they represented Saskatchewan in Trail, and the promoting of grassroots baseball that the Royals do by

having their baseball clinic, helping with various minor baseball teams in the area, and also umpiring games.

2011 proved to be a fantastic season for the Royals. The team is already looking forward to the 2012 season. Team members are: Wayne Strueby (coach), Shaun Timmerman (coach), Jesse Johb (coach), Aaron Strueby, Paul Strueby, Colin Bauml, Kyle Yarskie, Geoff Strueby, Shaun Strueby, Brett Yarskie, Dustin Emberley, Marty Yeager, Curtis Strueby, Braden Bauml, Mathew Strueby, Brent Puetz, Bevin Ledingham, Cole Bauml, Luke Strueby.

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Thanks also to all Season Ticket holders & concert goers for your continuing support!

Marysburg welcomes Father Joseph Thangaraj

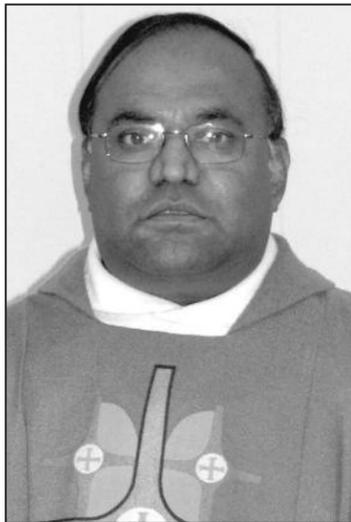
Father Joseph was born in Salem, India, in the province of Tamil. He is the youngest in a family of two sisters and three brothers. Joseph's two sisters are members of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate in India.

He is the only member of his family to leave India. Before departing to Canada, Joseph finished his education at the seminary in India.

Upon arriving in Canada, Father Joseph enrolled at St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

While attending the university, Father spent 2 summers working in the Prince Albert diocese in Saskatchewan.

His assignment took him to



various communities such as: Spiritwood, Leoville, Duck

Lake, Rosthern, Shell Lake, Chitek Lake, Beardy's and Medstead.

After completing his masters and license in Theology, Father Joseph came to Saskatoon as chaplain at St. Paul's hospital.

On October 1, Father Joseph began his new assignment as chaplain serving the parishes of St. Scholastica in Burr, Assumption in Marysburg, Canadian Martyrs Parish in Middle Lake and St. Elizabeth's convent in Humboldt.

We are very pleased to have Father Joseph working in our parish.

Father Joseph enjoys Canada very much, but finds the winters very cold.

Restoration continues...

By Murray Puetz

The areas that need attention seem to multiply like the loaves and fishes!

Work on replacing the tin flashing surrounding the north end of the church over the entrance and around the bell towers is now completed.

Warren Hauser, a local contractor, was hired to remove the old flashing and deteriorated wood framing, replace the framing and cover it with new sheet metal thereby making it weather tight once again. While removing

the old framing material, Warren noticed a piece of lumber that was signed 90 years ago by Carl Bonas Construction (the original contractor who built the church) August 13, 1921.

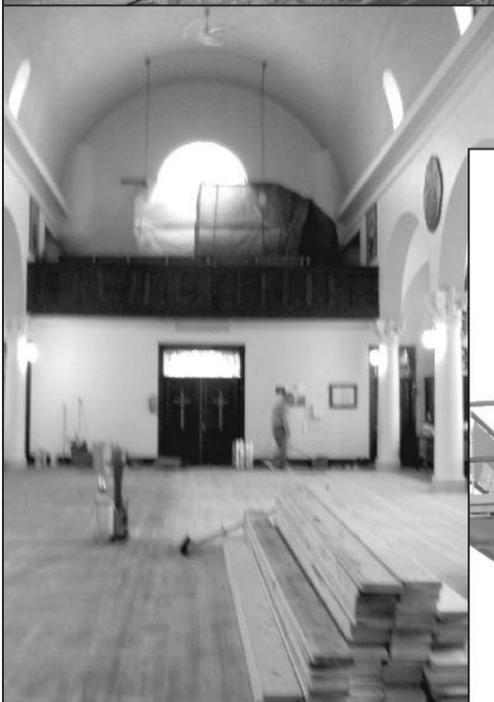
Mike Labelle, of Western Restoration, continues work on the large round window in the choir loft. The exterior around the window has been repaired and sealed, leaving the interior until next week, after a November 13th concert at the church. His plans also include repairs to the interior of the east bell tower and sacristy.

Murray Frank, though now

residing at Humboldt, is one of the many "expats" remaining very active members of the Marysburg community. He is heading a group of volunteers to expand the stage area (platform on which the low altar rests) to accommodate multiple choirs and ensembles. This area will be the permanent location for the Steinway piano — a much needed improvement that will save many weary backs the wear and tear of moving it on concert days! The centre aisle pews will be temporarily removed to facilitate the refinishing of the floors. Improved lighting is also

on our immediate agenda. Depending on the number (and age) of our volunteers, we hope to have the work done in time for our Annual Christmas Concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 11. Maybe we'll see you there?

Watch for the celebration "Inaugural Event" that will be taking place when the improvements are completed!



In Remembrance...

Neil Britz (son of Jake & Eleanor)
April 16, 1957 - April 11, 2011

Marion Jenkins (wife of Bill)
Nov. 9, 1916 - April 29, 2011

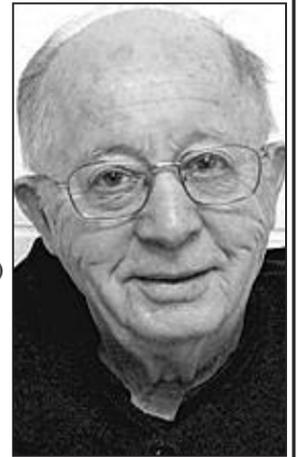
August Brons (husband of Helen)
Dec. 9, 1920 - Oct. 15, 2011

John Therres (son of George & Lorraine)
Nov. 9, 1953 - Oct. 12, 2011

Fr. Roman Schneider
Feb. 27, 1921 - Dec. 26, 2010

Nell Litz (sister-in-law of Jim Litz)
April 8, 2010

Kathleen Marcotte (daughter of Elmer & Annabelle (Bauml) Strueby)
Dec. 2, 1957 - June 26, 2011



Fr. Roman Schneider

First Christmas in Heaven

*I see the countless Christmas trees
Around the world below
With tiny lights, like heavens stars,
Reflecting in the snow
The sight is so spectacular,
Please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs
That people hold so dear
But sounds of music can't compare
To the Christmas choir up here.
I have no words to tell you,
The joy their voices bring,
For its beyond description
To hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me
I see the pain inside your heart
But I am not so far away
We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me dear ones,
You know I hold you dear,
And be glad I spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.*

*I sent you each a special gift,
From my heavenly home above,
I sent you each a memory
Of my undying love.
After all, love is a gift more precious
Than pure gold,
It was always most important
In the stories Jesus told.*

*Please love and keep each other,
As my Father said to do,
For I can't count the blessing or love
He has for each of you.
So have a Merry Christmas and
Wipe away that tear,
Remember, I am spending Christmas
With Jesus Christ this year.*

Reflections from the past...



Sodality of Mary — 1940 Era

Girls (Left to Right): Beatrice Puetz, Eileen Mueller, Bernadette Bauml, Genevieve Bauer, Lizzie Zintel, Mel Stroeder, Theresa Puetz, Irene Puetz, Leona Koob

Boys Middle Row (Left to Right): Cliff Albers, Ralph Mueller, Wilfred Wissner, Arnold Mueller, Art Strueby, Walter Strueby

Front Row (Left to Right): Peter Stroeder, Johnny Stroeder, Arnold Schreiner, Urban Wourms

Marysburg represented at the 1960 Northern Brier Playdowns by Ray Puetz, Arnold Mueller, Dan Mueller and Lyle Puetz



New Year's Eve — 1968

Back Row (Left to Right): Armella Fleischhacker, Dorothy Strueby, Dolores Mueller, Lil Bauml, Martha Puetz, Sylvester Strueby

Front Row (Left to Right): Ray Fleischhacker, John Stroeder, Arnold Mueller, Clarence Bauml, Ray Puetz



*Celebrate Christmas Eve Mass with us
at Assumption Church*



8:30 p.m.

Traditional and German Christmas Carols

9:00 p.m.

Mass with our parish priest Fr. Joseph Thangaraj

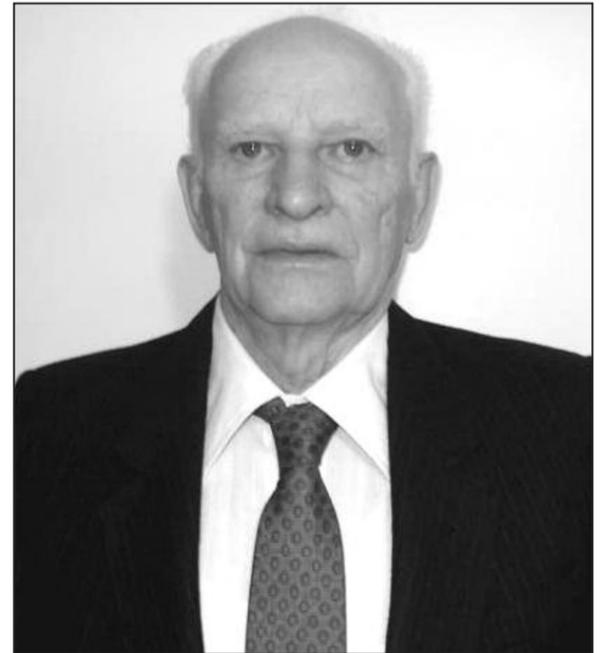


Humboldt & District Sports Hall of Fame



Isidore's son and grandsons — present-day members of the Royals

From Left to Right, Back Row – Grandsons Aaron, Geoff, Mathew and son Wayne
 From Left to Right, Front Row – Grandsons Shaun, Curtis, Paul and Luke



Isidore Strueby

Royals Notes...

Cole Bauml, son of Ron & Joy, received a baseball scholarship and is attending Trinidad State College in Colorado.



The Royals say THANK YOU to all businesses and individuals for their sponsorship of the 2011 baseball season, from league to Westerns. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Humboldt & District Sports Hall of Fame "Night of Champions" Induction Dinner honoured Isidore Strueby as he was inducted under the Builder category for the sport of baseball. Isidore was born September 29, 1929 at Marysburg, SK. He joined the Marysburg Royals in 1947 at the age of 18. He was renowned for his terrific defensive outfield skills with the Royals as he helped them achieve success as they competed against teams throughout central Saskatchewan. After his playing days were over he coached his sons, Wayne and Dave, in minor baseball and in 1980 took over as coach/manager of the Royals from his brother Sylvester, winning the North Central Baseball League title nine times. In 1989, Isidore received the NCBL Presidents Award for promoting baseball and in 1990 was named the Saskatchewan Baseball Association Manager of the Year. In 2000 he was inducted into the Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame in the Family Category with the Strueby Family as well as an individual induction in 2005 in the Player/Builder category.

He retired in 1995 after 52 years with the Marysburg Royals. Since then Isidore and his wife Anne have travelled many miles watching the Royals compete as their son Wayne has taken over the reins of coaching and seven of their grandsons are on the roster.

A SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

Do all you can with what you have, in the time you have, in the place you are.
 Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.
 Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.
 Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.
 Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.
 A sincere THANK YOU to all the dedicated volunteers who give countless hours of their time, energy, talents and resources to keep our wonderful Assumption Church standing proud!
 WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL AND JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!

Dear readers of The Marysburg Town Crier,

In future publications we would appreciate your assistance with the following:

- 1) death notifications in the Town Crier of former Marysburg residents
- 2) treasured memories of family in Marysburg
- 3) anyone with information/pictures to share about the history of the church — please forward to Murray Puetz who is compiling a detailed history for next year's publication.

Email: murray_bevpuetz@hotmail.com or Box 1541, Humboldt, SK S0K 2A0
 (all photos will be returned)

- 4) items of interest you would like to see in our paper

We welcome letters to the editor or any suggestions or items of interest for next year's publication.

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