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County Launches History Book on County Schools

The County of Grande Prairie is pleased to announce the launch of *A Grande Education: One Hundred Schools in the County of Grande Prairie 1910-1960* on Sunday, March 28th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the County Administration building in Clairmont. Author and Archivist Mary Nutting will make a presentation at 2:30 p.m.

“I wrote *A Grande Education* because I wanted people to know what great resources are available regarding the history of the one-room schools in the County of Grande Prairie, and the truth that can be gathered from these archival records,” explained Author Mary Nutting. “I see this book as a beginning, not an ending—an encouragement for people to explore the history of their own schools, and to archive documents, photographs and stories so that this period of history can be preserved for future generations.”

“This history of the schools tells unique details and stories about each school located within the boundaries of the County of Grande Prairie,” stated Reeve Everett McDonald. “You will also find GPS coordinates of all the original school locations.”

A Grande Education: One Hundred Schools in the County of Grande Prairie, 1910-1960 is a glossy 240 page publication, 8” x 10”, 50 % of it composed of archival photographs. The soft cover book will be on sale for \$30 at the launch with the opportunity to have it personally signed by Mary Nutting.

“I think people will want to read this book because one-room schools were a huge part of community and family life and there is a certain degree of nostalgia about them, but also because it is a very positive and often entertaining story,” said Nutting. “It reveals education as “the great leveler” in society; and the kindness, determination, dedication and effort of many to provide a good education for a largely immigrant population.”

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