

# SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

MAY 2016 ~ 139TH ISSUE

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## THANK YOU, MOM.

MASTHEAD PHOTOS: Spring is here, ready or not. On the left, a squirrel hangs by his hind toes at the bird feeder. At right a pileated woodpecker inspects trees for bugs.



### SMEATON LIBRARY MOTHER'S DAY TEA & DRAW THURSDAY MAY 5th \*\* 1 to 3pm

Draw will be made on Lounge PLUS goodies (First Prize); T-shirt and Gift Certificate from Snowden Star Hotel (Second) and Two Meal vouchers from Smeaton Hotel (Third Prize). Tickets available at Library and at Smeaton Post Office.



### SMEATON LEGION # 319 PANCAKE & WAFFLE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MAY 8th 8:30 to 11:00 am

@ the Legion Hall \* \$7/plate  
\*\*First 40 Moms in attendance will receive a carnation. Come out to the Legion Hall on May 8th for a fabulous breakfast of pancakes or waffles with fruit and sausage. Treat Mom - she deserves it!

Smeaton Legion # 319 held their crib wind-up on April 24th. A great potluck supper started the evening. Nine crib tables of 36 players had the hall buzzing with activity with the final crib tournament for the winter. Congratulations to Erma Prince and Irene White for capturing first place trophy and bragging rights. Second place of Allan White and Barb Tkachuk received 5-lb fire extinguishers, donated by Fire Pro of Codette, SK. The membership of Smeaton Legion # 319 would like to thank all who donated towards supper and participated in our tournaments over the winter.



**Merle Kopach has done it again.** She and her team of Linda Delver, Sylvia Johnson and Trudy Dikes captured the Canadian Senior Masters Curling last month by defeating Margaret Cutcliffe in Wolfville Nova Scotia . Merle grew up in Snowden, lives in Saskatoon, is a Registered Nurse and is married to Johnny Kopach.

### WEIRDALE SENIORS POTLUCK SUPPER May 14th \*\*\* 6pm

Weirdale Seniors Centre  
(Please come, bring a friend and your favourite dish!  
Still serving Coffee every Mon / Wed / Fri from 9 to 11am  
HOMEMADE BREAD \$3 a loaf, pre order by calling 306 929-4842.



At left are the 2015 Prince Albert Bantam Astros (Provincial Champions ) in July of 2015. Players are born in 1999 and 2000 (15 and 16). On page 6 read about a member of this team from Weirdale, Cory Krawec and his passion for fastball.

**SMALL ANIMAL VET CLINIC**  
By PARK RANGE  
(from Prince Albert)  
Friday June 3rd  
2 to 3 pm  
At Jyl and Alden Paul's  
(south of Smeaton)  
Call 306 426-2385

**BINGO:** Meath Park  
Seniors Hall  
Sunday May 22nd  
Sunday June 26th  
2:00pm  
JACKPOT \$75.00  
Everyone Welcome

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
SPECIAL FOR MOTHER'S DAY  
Sunday May 8th  
9am—noon  
Meath Park Seniors Hall  
\$8.00; Children under 5 free  
Everyone Welcome

**ANNUAL BARBEQUE AND DEMONSTRATIONS**  
Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue will be holding their annual open house and barbecue on Saturday, June 18th. The Air Bag display will be returning this year, so everyone will have a chance to see an air bag deploy in a safe setting. New this year is the Rollover Display – see the difference a seat belt makes when your vehicle overturns. Barbecued burgers and hot dogs, displays and open house run from 11 am to 1 pm.



**Ethel Coppendale**

February 3, 1925 – March 30, 2016

Ethel was born in Birch Hills, SK to Alex and Ella Dunn. She received her education in Birch Hills, SK and her nurses training at the Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert, SK. Ethel married Horace "Red" Coppendale and they were blessed with their daughter Wendy. Along with her nursing career they had several business endeavors including the Dairy Queen on 8th St in Saskatoon, a hardware store and Ethel helped her husband with both real estate and an electrical business. After retirement, Red and Ethel retired to summers at Little Bear Lake and spent their winters in Black Canyon City, Arizona. After the passing of both Red and Wendy, Ethel resided in Prince Albert, later choosing to move into North Haven Care Home in Smeaton, SK last October. There she was given excellent care by the staff whom she grew very fond of, and where she enjoyed the view, the food and the activities. Ethel spent the winter crocheting head bands that were donated to the women's shelter, Our House and the Head Start program. Following a brief illness Ethel passed away in the Victoria Union Hospital on March 30, 2016. Ethel was predeceased by her husband Red; her daughter Wendy; her parents, her sister Betty; her brother Arthur; and an infant brother Jimmy. She will be deeply missed by her caring friend, Ken Wilkie, and all who knew her.

At Ethel's request there will be no funeral service. Arrangements in care of MacKenzie Chapel & Crematorium.

**Blain George Schmidt**

October 12, 1938 –April 8th 2016

Blain George Schmidt, formerly of the Snowden / Choiceland area passed away in Comox BC, at the age of 76.

Blain took most of his schooling in Choiceland and then joined the Air Force where he served for 24 years. He married Marilyn Kaake on May 5th, 1962. He retired in Comox where he lived until his passing. Blain is survived by his wife Marilyn; his son Rodney (Debbie); daughter Leslie (Mike) Joyal and their two sons; one sister Donna Horpinuk of Prince Albert; sister-in-law Marie Schmidt. Brother-in-law Lee Gisi; members of Marilyn's family, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his son Robin; parents George and Ruby Schmidt; two sisters June Gisi and Joy Baerwald; his brother Ken Schmidt.

Interment is planned at a future date.



Picture of Blain with buddies Terry and Jim Chamberlain.

**ALDERGROVE CEMETERY**

Thank you to the following people for donations to the Aldergrove Cemetery Fund: Mark and Nancy Anderson, Marilyn Tkachuk, B. Lee Rudd, Tom Beal and Sandra St. Amand.

Arrangements have been made for the inmates to cut the grass at the cemetery during the summer of 2016. Should anyone wish to purchase a plot at the cemetery they can do so at the Smeaton Village Office. A map of the cemetery is on display at the Village Office.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

in memory of

**LAWRENCE (LORNE) BUTTERFIELD**  
April 6, 1934—November 27, 2015

Will be held at **2 pm on May 21st, 2016**, at the Smeaton Rec Centre Fellowship Lunch to follow Service  
Committal of urn at Aldergrove Cemetery (Family and Close Friends Please)

Memorial Donations welcome for the New Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.



**SMEATON REC USER FEES:** Since we last reported, the following have paid their annual user fees: **M/F Grunerud; Linda Jordan and D/D Willness.** Thank you very much.

**NOTE OF THANKS:**

Larry and I want to thank the First Responders and ambulance drivers for the fast and excellent care Larry received on Sunday April 10th. We also want to thank the amazing people of Smeaton for all the good thoughts and prayers.

Because of all this Larry is relaxed and confident; the hip will heal quickly!  
We are very happy we chose Smeaton.

Thank you again,  
Larry and Eunice Bartle.

In Memory of  
**Gregory Edwin Butterfield**  
May 10, 1965—May 26, 1993

Grief never ends, but it changes  
It's a passage, not a place to stay.  
Grief is not a sign of weakness  
Nor a lack of faith,  
It's the price of Love.  
Always and forever.

Always loved and remembered,  
Your Family

**THANK YOU:** I am recovering well from surgery and wish to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, phone calls, food and well wishes. Thank you to massage therapist Miranda Niechziol, my care-giving son Rodger, and my driver Maurice Kirby.

...Audrey Reid



**MOTHER'S DAY DRAW AT SMEATON LIBRARY:** The draw will be made at the Mother's Day Tea on May 5th, be sure to attend. First prize is lounge chair, side table and all the goodies in the basket; second is a Tee and Gift certificate from Snowden Bar; third is two meals at Smeaton Restaurant. Get your tickets before it's too late.

# North Haven

Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner

We are saddened at the passing on March 30th of resident Ethel Coppendale. She was always very cheerful and witty. Thank you to the family of Wally Marshall for naming North Haven for memorial donations. Our condolences to Margo and family on Wally's passing on March 27th. Many thanks to everyone who has brought us baking, potatoes, bingo prizes, food items and so on. We wish to thank the family of the late Stella Maksymytz; the family of the late Walter Marshall; Carolyn Weger; Kim and Ray Fabish; Joan

and Eugene Boyarchuk; Smeaton Legion and others. Thank you to Terry and Norm Nickel for items for a raffle.

North Haven is now fully occupied and staff are fully trained. The Hazardous Materials course (WHMIS) was well attended. Many thanks to Bernice Lacert, Kathy Nordstrom and Esther Chamberlain, who looked after the Home for the afternoon so all staff could attend the course.

Happy birthday to Ruby as her birthday is on May 9th!

Thank you to every one who comes to visit or helps run bingo and carpet bowling. Our residents really appreciate seeing you!



THANK YOU Bernice, Kathy and Esther for filling in at the home so everyone could take a course.

## NORTH HAVEN CELEBRATES RETIRING THEIR MORTGAGE

North Haven Board and North Haven Auxiliary held a Mortgage Burning Tea at the Health Centre on April 26th. North Haven has been open since 2000 and recently paid off the mortgage.

Tom Jensen, chairman of the board and a driving force behind the planning and building of North Haven spoke to the gathering and outlined how this facility came to be. In his remarks he said, in part:

"A sum of \$300,000 was obtained from the old hospital's funding and with the support of Larry Backlund and Mike Rudnicki, \$40,000 was obtained from the RM of Torch River. Charlie Philpott threw in \$40,000 in stock. Fundraising was still \$200,000 short but plans and approvals went ahead. Pinecrest Lumber assured us it would work out and went ahead with construction. Eighteen guarantors signed the mortgage at the Prince Albert Credit Union and construction was completed in 2000. These people had faith in the project and are now free of their obligation. They were: Lorne Butterfield, Carl Berlin, Merle Chamberlain, Terry Chamberlain, Morris Davyduke, Marion Downes, Shirley Godin, Roni Jean Grunerud, Tom Jensen, Maurice Kirby, Hugh King, Margo Marshall, Colin Paul, Alden Paul and George and Alice McCrea. Smeaton and District Care Home Co-operative Ltd was set up with officers Tom Jensen, Roni Jean Grunerud, Margo Marshall, Carl Berlin and Leonard Nakonechny."

Since opening in 2000 North Haven has cared for over 100 seniors and has provided employment in the district. It has been a great success!

Thank you to everyone who attended this event and to those who provided lunch and donated towards upkeep costs. Thanks to PA Co-op for the "Burning the Mortgage" cake.



### NORTH HAVEN BINGO SCHEDULE:

- May 6th: Smeaton Seniors
- May 13th: Smeaton Walking Group
- May 20th: Choiceland Seniors
- May 27th: North Haven Group
- June 3rd: Smeaton Volunteer Group
- June 10th: Snowden Community Club
- June 17th: Smeaton Seniors

**NORTH HAVEN AUXILIARY** would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Mortgage Burning Tea at the Smeaton Health Centre on Tuesday April 26th. Many thanks to those who donated funds and food. Thank you to Tom Jensen for his remarks regarding the history of how North Haven came to be.

The Auxiliary's mandate is to purchase items needed for the home and for the comfort of the residents. We rely on donations and support for our bake sales, teas and so on. We organized the major fundraiser in 2011 for the 10th Anniversary, raising funds to remodel the bathtub area. With community support and matching funds from Scotiabank, over \$25,000 was raised. The new tub and lift are much appreciated at the home. Since its inception in 2000, the Auxiliary has transferred \$23,790 for purchase of four armchairs, couch, bedding, washer, dryer, freezers, stove, sewing machine, landscape material, kitchen appliances and so on. We also applied \$12,600 towards the mortgage fund. None of this would have been possible without your support, so....

**THANKS A BUNCH!!**

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 In photos, left, Tom Jensen; Kim Fabish and Doreen Willness shred the mortgage (did not wish to activate sprinklers by burning, shreds taken home to burn. A burning permit was involved) . Above, North Haven Manager Jeanette Waldner serves up cake.



Librarian Gayle Olsen wishes to remind book lovers of our expanded hours: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 5:00 and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 5:00. Come in to borrow off the shelves or order through Inter-Library Loan — books and videos. Smeaton Library has been showing kids' movies once a month and has also been showing Comedy films at North Haven, complete with popcorn and juice. Residents have enjoyed the movies.

**THANK YOU** so much to our amazing family and friends who joined us in our Celebration of Wally's life, and who have been so supportive with food, flowers, cards and visits. Thank you also to the many friends and family who assisted us prior to, and following Wally's admission to hospital. We were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity. Where would we be without you!  
Love, Margo Marshall & family

## DEBRICK FARM GREENHOUSE

306 428-2120 One mile North of Choiceland  
(West side of road)

Opening May 1st 2016...Watch for Mother's Day Weekend Promotions and Giveaways  
**Bedding Plants \* Hanging Baskets \* Flowers \***  
**We will have tomatoes (Big Beef, Roma, Montana, Tumbling Tom, Early Girl, numerous others)**  
**We will have peppers (Bell, Jalapeno, Hot Mixed, Sweet Banana, Ghost Peppers etc.)**  
Come check us out! Hope to see you all come out for your bedding plants.

## SMEATON LEGION STEAK SUPPER

IT WAS A SELL-OUT! Sincere thank you goes out to everyone who donated towards and attended Smeaton Legion # 319's Steak Night Fundraiser on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Smeaton Rec Centre. All supper tickets were sold by the deadline and Elimination Draw tickets sold out well before supper started. Our Legion Chaplain, Pastor Darcy Cust, said grace and then everyone enjoyed supper of barbecued steak, baked potato, Caesar salad and macaroni salad plus dessert of ice cream and strawberries.

Smeaton Legion # 319 was very proud to have two of our three veterans in attendance. President Lyle White presented Allan White and John Reid with their pins – 65-year and 55-year, respectively – to a standing ovation from those in attendance. Missing was Hugh King, who also received a 65-year pin. All Legion members were then called forward to receive their Years-Of-Service or New Membership Pins: Years-Of-Service Pins: Ordinary Membership 65-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Hugh King; Allan White;** Ordinary Membership 55-year Lapel Pin Badge: **John Reid;** Associate Membership 40-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Rodger Reid;** Associate Membership 35-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Don Clarke, Alden Paul, Jeff Slade, Lyle White.** Associate Membership 30-year Lapel Pin Badge: **D.G. Falloon;** Associate Membership 20-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Audrey Reid;** Associate Membership 15-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Stan White.** Associate Membership 10-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Joe Bernhard, Bill Bonsan, Jean Fullerton, Neil Fullerton, Doug Johnson, Rae Ann Klassen.** Associate Membership 5-year Lapel Pin Badge: **Jim Ahle.** New Members: Associate Membership Lapel Pin Badge: **Darcy Cust, Dave For-den, Ed Salthammer, Jim Johnson, Wayne Krasko, Barb Tkachuk.** Affiliate Membership Lapel Pin Badge: **Randy Fajt, Crystal Fajt, Sue Pelech, Peter Lubyk, Tracy Lubyk.**

The excitement of the Elimination Draw continued after supper with the winners being announced as tickets came out of the bucket: 1<sup>st</sup> Ticket Out: \$30 gift certificate Mr. Ribs, Nipawin (donated by Peter Lubyk/SGI Salvage) – NORTHERN FIRE TRAINING; 25<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$25 Co-op gift card (donated by Lyle & Donna White) – DON & MARGARET CLARKE; 50<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$25 Co-op gift card



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE AND DIANA JENSEN ON THEIR 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY !!  
Above are Diana and Joe and family at the celebration held in their honour at the Community Hall. They have good reason to be proud of their four sons and extended family. They were married April 16th, 1966. Congratulations from the rest of us!

(donated by PA Co-op / Smeaton Location, Rose Stromme) – ALDEN & JYL PAUL; 75<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$25 Co-op gift card (donated by PA Co-op / Smeaton Location, Rose Stromme) – RON BIRD; 99<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$100 Co-op gift Card (donated by Pineland Co-op / Choiceland C-Store Location, Harvey Thibault) – CHRIS LAFAVER; 100<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$250 Cash – REAL DAGENAIS. Winner of the Door Prize Clock donated by Canadian Tire was JASON WILLNESS.

This fundraiser would not have been such a success without the generosity of our supper sponsors: D&L Meats, Ronnie Shymanski & Sons Farms, Smeaton Seniors, and Smeaton Motor Inn. Kudos to all members of the Legion and their spouses who helped out with this event. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our elimination draw. We hope



to make this an annual event, so watch for ticket sales next spring!

Above: Allan White and John Reid were presented pins by Lyle White. Allan received a 65-year pin and John a 55-year pin.

## Dave and Dawn Bonney

Dave and Dawn Bonney lived in Chilliwack before moving to Prince Albert where they have lived for seven years. They have a blended family of eight children; three live at home, one lives literally across the back alley from his parents, one daughter lives in Australia, and the others live in Chilliwack and Abbotsford. They have six grandchildren. Dave holds two services a month (first and third Sunday) at Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship in Smeaton. Dawn will be speaking at the church's Ladies Night Out on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Dawn:** I was born in the North West Territories. I have lived in every province in Canada, and travelled extensively; I speak both official languages: I say I am a Canadian.

My dad was a church planter and missionary. He passed

away from ALS and then my mom remarried and is living in the Philippines with Wycliff translators.

I am a student working towards a BA in education.

One of my favourite pastimes is reading – I always said that the person who married me would have to share me with a book. I like political fiction; one of my favourite authors is Tom Clancy.

**Dave:** I was born and raised in Leroy. I am an educational associate at Wesmor School and an ordained minister (Dawn adds: he can marry couples).

I went to Bible college right out of high school and was ordained in 1981. I church planted in the interior of B.C. and pastored in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta.



My favorite pastime would be spending time with my kids; I enjoy fishing but don't get out often. ( Even if his wife encourages it!) I also enjoy working on construction stuff but don't always finish the project. My dad was a deacon and owned a construction company before becoming an ordained minister in later life.

Note: Dave's father has passed away and his mother resides in PA.

## Robert "Dean" McKenzie

"Dean" McKenzie was born at Hearne, SK in 1931; his parents Robert and Margaret homesteaded in 1939 so he was moved to the Snowden area at the age of seven. He has six sisters; his only brother was only seven years old when he passed away from Bright's disease.

**Dean:** I went to a little country school called Justamere until grade 8, and took my grade 9 at Snowden. I bought the family farm south of town from my mom after dad passed away. My mother then moved to Snowden and later to Choiceland. She spent her last years at Saskapark Lodge in Tisdale until the time of her passing.

I have four children, two boys and two girls: Bob lives in Red Deer, Brad at Lake LaMan AB. Cindy lives in Nipawin and Tina at Andrew AB.

Growing up I enjoyed baseball, softball and football. I played carpet bowling here as long as I was able and now I watch a lot of movies as well as TV.

I was the third person to move to North Haven in Smeaton in December of 1999.



## JEANNETTE IS LEAVING THE BUILDING.... Sort of

We are going to miss our Smeaton Health Unit nurse, Jeannette Scarf, as she retires at the end of April. Come to the multi-purpose room on May 4th from 1:30 to 3:00 for cake and coffee and to wish her well in retirement.

Jeannette says she will be back to help on a casual basis. She has been our clinic nurse since taking over when Margo Marshall retired in 2003. Besides being the clinic nurse from Monday through Friday, Jeannette also did Home Care from Love to Shipman in the mornings, ran Wellness and Diabetic Clinics, and managed the doctor clinics on Wednesdays.

Jeannette grew up on a farm near Prud'Homme in a family of seven kids, the best kind of upbringing. She took her nursing training in Saskatoon, getting her diploma from SIAST in 1972, then going on to work at St Paul's, City Hospital and the Anti-TB League. She worked at Smeaton's "Old Hospital" till it closed, then worked casual for Margo as well



as Home Care, broken up with a stint at Edson AB in 1981 and 1982, years when farming was frozen out. She began working Home Care and Assessments out of Nipawin in 1984.

She is looking forward to traveling, riding her bike, maybe taking up painting. Jeannette will definitely spend more time with grandsons Walker and Gunnar and is looking forward to attending her

son Lane's wedding to Whitney in Winnipeg in September.

Thank you, Jeannette, for all you have done for us, from changing dressings, checking blood pressures, managing our appointments and complaints and so on. The residents of North Haven are especially fortunate to have access to a caring nurse five days of the week.

Good luck with the art!

## HI-WAY HARVEST FELLOWSHIP Happenings

Weekly Sunday Services at 11 a.m. \*1st Sunday Potluck \* 1st and 3rd Sundays with Dave Bonney

Tuesdays 10 a.m. **Bible Study** followed by 11 a.m.- prayer

May 3rd **Games day** - 10 a.m.

**Ladies Night Out** May 5 at 6:00 supper at 6:30. Mother Daughter night with Dawn Bonney. Everyone Welcome.

May 29 6:30 p.m. **5th Sunday Evening Celebration** -Music, music, music! Going to be fun! Invite your friends and neighbours. Time of fellowship with coffee and dainties afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gus Fomradas (from Snowden) and his brother John who were soccer players in the early 1960's with the team Hungaria out of Lethbridge AB. The team was inducted into the Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame on April 30th, honouring them for their 1963 Western Canada Soccer League Championship, defeating Regina Concordia in the Molson Cup. Gus was stellar in goal, not allowing a goal for 200 minutes of play, and John scored the only goal for the win. Good work, Fomradas boys.



## LOCAL FASTBALL PLAYER HOPING TO IMPROVE ON 2015 CANADIAN BRONZE MEDAL

This August the Bantam National Fastball Championships will be held in Owen Sound, Ontario. Fifteen year old Weirdale resident Cory Krawec, son of Carmen and Larry Krawec, is confident that his Astros team will be there. The Astros finished with a Bronze Medal at last year's Canadian Championship hosted in Prince Albert. Along with his Canadian Bronze medal, Cory's team has won four Provincial and two Western Canadian Championships.

At age seven, Cory began playing fastball with the Weirdale Steelers. At the Squirt level he started playing developmental ball with ADFO in Prince Albert and has continued to play with the Astros team every year. At the age of eight, Cory developed a love for pitching after working with local pitching coach Larry Korolischuk and continues to attend pitching clinics with the former National Men's Softball Pitching Coach Don Bates. As one of the four pitchers on the team, Cory also plays infield.

Having a local team in Weirdale was instrumental in Cory's desire to play at a competitive level. In 2006 a group of local parents in Weirdale and area, became organized and initiated a fastball organization.

Weirdale became the home base due to the facilities. After two years of learn to play as the Weirdale Hawks (*named by local players*), the Steelers formed and organized teams joined the Prince Albert Minor Softball League. The Hawks and Steelers have continued since. The Weirdale Steelers were named after the late Ron Haydukewich, a welder by trade, and a strong supporter of Fastball in our community.

Since the renewal of fastball in Weirdale and surrounding communities, the Steelers have produced a number of local male and female players that have gone on to participate in Provincial, Western Canadian and Canadian Championships. But most importantly, the Steelers have allowed children of all ages to learn and enjoy the sport of fastball at a local level.

In 2018, Prince Albert will be host to the Junior Men's World Men's Fastball Championship. Cory will be eligible to try out for this National team. Cory recognizes that it would take a huge amount of work, talent and dedication



to make such a team. He also knows that eleven players from Prince Albert and area who have played with the Astros have made the U21 national team in the past so such a goal can be achieved. What Cory also knows is that Fastball can be played well beyond the teen age years as men's leagues are strong in Saskatchewan and he will always be able to play a sport that he truly enjoys.

## HERITAGE HOMES PHOTOGRAPHED by the late Dan MacDonald of Chociceland



**CECIL FLANDERS HOMESTEAD:** Cecil Flanders was born in Oakville Ontario. In 1903 Cecil moved with his family to a farm at Avonlea SK.

Cecil married a lady from Scotland by the name of Davena Cochrane in 1924. In 1930 Cecil filed on SW -19-52-17 in the Chociceland district. For ten years, the family would work on proving up the homestead in the summer months and spending the winters in Avonlea. In 1940 the family made their final move to Chociceland.

The family came by car but traded it for a tractor. A platform was built on the back of the tractor for transportation. Cordwood was sold from clearing the land. The farmyard had a collection of every imaginable type of farm animal. Cecil passed away in 1954. Davena moved to Chociceland where she became the caretaker of the restroom for eight years. She also assisted the Telephone Office in Chociceland.

The land today is farmed by Lawrence Kawa.

## KAZNER MADRY HOMESTEAD

Kajner Madry was born in 1902 in the village of Boxti in Poland. He emigrated to Canada in 1927 at the age of 25 years.

He boarded a "settlers" train to Winnipeg which took 14 days, and then on to Bruno SK. The railway fare to Bruno cost \$5.00.

In 1928 Kajner worked on the construction of the Nipawin Bridge. In 1930 Kajner worked with The Pas Lumber Company.

Kajner saved enough money to buy the homestead NE 20 -52-17 W2, north-east of Chociceland. His first year of taxes on the quarter was \$7.50.

He built a 14 by 18-foot house that he called his "shack". The house pictured here is this home. In 1962 Kajner put up a 6-volt wind generator for a power source to modernize his home. His means of transportation was a tractor. His first tractor was a McCormick Deering, bought in 1952. His next tractor was a Farmall-C.

He loved to make homemade beer and the neighbours were willing to sample it. He remained a bachelor all his life. Kajner sold his land in 1967 for \$6000 and at that time the taxes were \$95.00.

Kajner Madry spent his retirement years living at the Smeaton Hotel. The date of his passing is unknown. Today Kajner's land is farmed by David Smith.



Dan MacDonald passed away in 2000, but his photographic record of homestead homes are a valuable reminder of past history in the Chociceland district. 35 of Dan's photos have been enlarged and are displayed in the foyer of the Chociceland Museum. Many thanks to Jan Misselbrook for preparing these stories every month.



# NOW OPEN !! McKINNON'S GREENHOUSE

1/4 MILE NORTH OF LOVE

**Mother's Day Weekend Specials: "Free" Potted Plant or Garden Gloves to the first 50 Moms on Mother's Day**

**PLUS: Enter to win our Seasonal Draw !! DROP IN! Enjoy the sweet smell of Spring. See the "NEW" tri-colour Beautiful Hanging Baskets; the "NEW" unique Succulents, and Simply Salad Bowls. "All Green Gifts"**

**Pre-order your XXL Spikes now! Don't miss out ...Limited Number Available! We will again have plants Galore plus a good variety of strong, healthy Nursery Stock!**

*My new dog Rufus and I look forward to your annual visit.*

*See you soon!...Dale*

OPEN 9 am to 8 pm Daily.

"We're in Love with our Green Thumb"

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Cell 306 276-2380**

**FOXFORD ATV RALLY  
RUN A MUCK**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016**  
**FOXFORD RECREATION CENTRE**  
 All proceeds go to Foxford Rec Centre  
**Registration at 9am-1pm**  
**Great Food**  
**Beer Gardens**  
**Draws at 6pm**  
**RV Parking**

**DRY & WET TRAILS  
FAMILY SXS TRAILS**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
**CHRIS 306.961.7521**

**SMEATON CO-OP** has an impressive wine and spirits display. Get your mother a bottle of wine for Mother's Day (May 8th). After all, you're probably the reason she drinks.

**SMEATON FIRE AND RESCUE** Winner of the April 30th SDFR Progressive 50/50 is Kim Sutton of Smeaton. Pot for April was \$221.00, so Kim will receive a cheque for \$110.50. Congratulations Kim! Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue thank everyone for their continued support of our monthly 50/50 draw - next draw is May 31st.

## CHOICELAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The Choiceland Museum would like to thank everyone that helped make the 2016 Amateur Hour a success. This includes the sound production crew, entertainers, the volunteers who set up and took down, people taking admission, selling 50/50 tickets, working in the kitchen and looking after the raffle table.

Without all of you, this annual event would not happen. We thank each and every one of you.

Our 50/50 winner for April 1st was Dale Bell who won \$745.00...congratulations. Be sure to get your 50/50 tickets every month to support your local museum.

The museum is now sporting new stairs to the basement. Thank you to Bisset Creek Homes Ltd. Ruben Toews and Larry Campbell did a great job.

### FORM 2 (Section 4)

### TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST

Town of Choiceland

PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 30th day of June, 2016, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY						Total Arrears	Costs Advertising	Total Arrears and Costs
Part of Lot	Lot	Blk	Plan	Title No.				
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### THE OLD GUY SAYS:

There's never anything good on television. What the heck is Netflix? What the heck is Facebook? What the heck is lol?



### THE OLD WOMAN SAYS:

It's not easy being green.

I have lived  
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A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays three days and leaves on Friday. How does he manage that? (Answer below.)

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**Answer to riddle:** His horse was named Friday. Obvious but I did not get it.

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