



SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2016 ~ 143RD ISSUE

WINTER came early this year and it can leave any time.

SMEATON FALL FAIR SMEATON REC CENTER NOV 19th - 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Lunch served

*books * clothing * **Hand-made
crafts * Jewellery * household
items * Beauty products **Food
items: baking, perogies, chocolates,
canning, fudge, etc.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES

Art Display and sale

PLUS: Next-to-New articles

**Chinese Auction **

**Draws ** 50/50 tickets

To book tables or for more info
phone Esther 306 426 2409, or
Margo 306 426 2001

Smeaton Fall Supper
Sunday November 6th
4:30 – 6:30 @ Smeaton
Recreation Center
Everyone Welcome!!

ROAST BEEF SUPPER Sunday, November 6, 4:30 – 6:30

Advance Tickets Only, from a Choice-
land Senior or call

Linda Patton 306-428-2286

Alma Garstin 306-428-2162

Adults - \$14.00; Age 9 – 13 -
\$7.00; Under Age 9 – Free

Door Prize, Raffles , 50/50 tickets
Choiceland Seniors Community Hall

CHOICELAND FALL SUPPER

NOVEMBER 13th ** 4:30 TO 6:30PM

Roast beef/Perogies /Cabbage
Rolls, etc etc

SPONSORED by CHOICELAND ROYAL
PURPLE & WMS GRADE TWELVE
GRADS

Choiceland Elks Hall
Everyone Welcome



PRINCE ALBERT CO-OP

has taken the initiative to install
AEDs (Automated External Defi-
brillators) at most of its loca-
tions and the one shown at left
is at the Smeaton Co-op. In
addition, staff are being trained
to use the defibrillator in the
case of a customer having a
heart attack. The Co-op thanks

Lyle Karasiuk of Parkland Ambulance for helping set up the
units, train staff, and inspect the units annually. As Rose
Stromme says she is trained to use the AED but sure hopes
she never has to! In time all staff members will be trained
in the use of the AED at Smeaton Co-op.



Display of a large
tent at the Nipawin
Library caught our
eye. It is part of

Rotary International's "Shelter Box". The tent is large
enough to house ten individuals. Bedding, cooking utensils
and other necessities are fitted into a box along with the
tent. These can be deployed anywhere in the world they are
required. This program ensures a swift response to a disas-
ter. Good job, great idea, Rotarians.



STEAK SUPPER

Friday, November 18, 2016

6:00 pm @ HUMPHREY'S TAVERN in MEATH PARK
TICKETS \$20.00/PLATE

(INCLUDES BAKED POTATO, SALAD, BUN AND DESSERT)
TICKETS AVAILABLE @ HUMPHREY'S TAVERN; DIAMOND
NORTH CREDIT UNION IN ALBERTVILLE ; SHELLY LINGER
306-989-4705; NADINE PALIDWAR 306-426-2435
Also look for: "In Good Taste" fundraiser till Nov 22/16 (like
Mom's Pantry)

Proceeds to Meath Park and District Ukrainian
Dance Club

CHOICELAND CRAFT SALE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27th

10am till 3pm

Choiceland Elks Hall

Book Tables by calling Margaret at
306 428-2400

TURKEY BINGO

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11th

Sponsored by Choiceland Royal
Purple

At Choiceland Elks Hall

TURKEY BINGO

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH at 2pm

SNOWDEN COMMUNITY HALL

Please bring dabbers *

Everyone welcome

Put on by Snowden Seniors

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MEATH PARK SENIORS HALL

Sunday November 13th

9am till noon

"All you can eat!" \$8.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

BINGO

MEATH PARK SENIORS HALL

2:00pm ~ ~ Sunday November 13th
and November 27th (see below)

JACKPOT \$75.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

CHRISTMAS TURKEY BINGO

Meath park Seniors Centre

Sunday November 27th @ 2pm
TURKEYS & CASH PRIZES, RAFFLE

** Everyone Welcome

ANNUAL TURKEY PIE & BAKE SALE

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3rd

2:00 TO 4:00pm

Choiceland Seniors Hall

LARGE TURKEY PIES \$10 **

Bake Sale * Tea, Coffee and Lunch

EVERYONE VERY WELCOME

Sponsored by St Mary's Catholic Church



DRESSLER, Muriel Pauline - Eldest child of Carl and Esther Lindbergh, was born May 27, 1932 in the Brockington district of Saskatchewan. She passed away peacefully at the age of 84 years on September 26th at Pineview Lodge in Nipawin. She was baptized in Melfort and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Snowden in 1955. Pauline grew up in the Choiceland area, attending schools at Blue Fox and Elkridge. She worked as a homemaker, then as a cook at Smeaton Hospital and finally at Kirkby Bakery in Nipawin. At this time she met her future husband Richard Dressler; they married on July 10th, 1952 and settled in the Snowden district. They lived there until retirement and moved to Nipawin in 1990. During their 53 year marriage they raised five children and were foster parents for over 20 years. At the church she held many positions in the Sunday School and Ladies Aid at St. Paul's in Snowden, St. Mark's in Choiceland and Zion Lutheran in Nipawin. After Richard's death in 2005 Pauline moved to Pioneer House in Nipawin. When her health began to fail she moved to North Haven in Smeaton and finally to Pineview Lodge. Family was a big part of her life. She loved to get together with her siblings, for visits and large family suppers. She also looked forward to her children and grandchildren visiting. Pauline loved gardening and growing flowers. Pauline was predeceased by her husband Richard in 2005, infant son Larry in 1965, her parents and numerous in-laws. She is survived by daughter Marleen (Les) White and children Clinton (April), Carla (Dallas) Rusnak and Warren (Karyn Cunningham); son Mervin (LeeAnn) Dressler and children Dan (Erin) and Jena (Jesse) Tufts; daughter Doris (Terry) Akister and children Sarah (Tony Meredith) and Michelle (Jordan) Douglas; daughter Gladys (Barry) Whitrow and children David, Jamie-Lynn (Trevor) Edwards, and Jonathan; son Robert (Dawn) and children Alyson and Brad. Also 11 great grandchildren, sisters Geraldine Adelman, Eileen Albinet, Beatrice Wouters, Dianne Mason, Doreen Neuls and brothers Lorne Lindbergh, Fenton Lindbergh and Lyle Lindbergh, also brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews. The funeral was held October 1, 2016 at the Snowden Community Hall. Arrangements have been entrusted to **HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME**, Nipawin, SK. 13103817



THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who came to my 80th birthday party in Smeaton on October 8th. The cards and gifts were lovely. Special thank you to my family for arranging the party. It was great to see everyone.

Love, Sophie Fabish

In photo above Sophie is surrounded by her kids: behind are Gloria, Mike, John, Ray, Stan and Ken. In front are Janet and Sophie. Happy Birthday Sophie, from the rest of us.

SMEATON LIBRARY

Our hours will change as of November 1st. The Library will be open from 11am till 5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Library Week Tea on October 20th. Door prize winners were: Marg Cameron. Marlene Ahle and Sharon Morpurgo.

SMEATON QUILT AND CRAFT GROUP wish to announce that their November meeting will take place on the 12th of November instead of the first Saturday.

The **Smeaton/Snowden Walking Group** would like to send a note of thanks to Reg Hall and Ken Rein for making improvements to the street in Snowden by filling in the pot holes, making walking pleasurable.



Happy 95th Birthday John Reid...October 10th

THANK YOU

The family of the late Pauline Dressler wish to thank; our friends and family for phone calls, cards, flowers, and food brought to our houses; A big thank you to Jennifer and the staff of the Heritage Funeral Home for taking care of arrangements; Kathy Nordstrom, Esther Chamberlain, and Marion Mochoruk for singing; Pastor D. Cust for the meaningful service and many visits to mom; the Snowden Community Club for providing lunch. And a special thank you to the staff of North Haven, Smeaton and Pineview Lodge, Nipawin. We really appreciated all the care you gave our mother.

Meath Park and Area

Learn to Play Hockey – for Kids ages 5-9
Tuesday November 22, 6-8pm at the Meath Park Community Centre

Cost for Registration \$150 per child
Hockey will be every Sunday at 11:30am and will last for 1 ½ hours until public skating. We will begin when the ice is in at the rink. We are also asking for more volunteer coaches on the ice with the kids. There are a couple online courses for the coaches to take plus on ice courses in PA.

To register please contact Kevin or Erin Lysak 306-929-4413 or 306-961-0955,
or www.facebook.com/mpkidshockey

NORTH HAVEN

Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner

Let's all wear a Remembrance Day poppy to remember all our veterans.

We wish to thank everyone for their generous donations to North Haven in memory of Pauline Dressler, a former resident, who passed away on September 26th in Nipawin.

We are looking forward to our Christmas parties: the resident party will be on December 3rd and Staff party on December 10th.

We look forward to Eric Holmen who will be coming to North Haven for job skills and social integration. We also hosted three students from grades 8 and 9 who were participating in job training. This is part of the "Take Our Kids to Work Day". They shadowed a parent or grandparent for a full eight hours of work!

Several of our residents enjoy

adult colouring with coloured pencils. Some take three days to complete and are gorgeous. Thank you to Sheamarie and Shelby for helping out with this activity.

In the past while we have received donations of cookies, pails of potatoes, ice cream, pop, canned crabapples, zucchini, buns, carrots, tomatoes, bingo prizes etc. Some of the generous folk were: Lynne Case, Ken Fisher, Choiceland ladies, Tina Rudnicki, Sophie Fabish's family, Shelby Kun, Adlard Blair, Jean Lewis, Walking Group. Thank you, all.

Thank you to the Chamberlains who come to entertain regularly; thank you everyone for helping with bingo and staying to visit. We enjoy visitors.

Thank you Evelyn, for cleaning up the outside tomato plants. We are hoping for a break in the weather as we are still owed Indian Summer.

ALDERGROVE CEMETERY

Another summer has passed and another big thank you goes out to Al Novotny and his work crew for cutting th grass at the cemetery. Thank you to Gib Falloon for renewing the flags when needed; Allan White, Ken and Sonia Fidyk for weed control. Thank you to all others who volunteered at the cemetery.

A grant was applied for and received from the RM for upkeep of the cemetery. Creekside Service was hired and did an excellent job.

If you wish to inter an urn at the cemetery please contact the Smeaton Village Office at 306 426-2044; Sonia Fidyk 306 426-2313, or Beth Whitford 306 426-2473. It is essential for the records to be kept up to date.

Thank you to the following for donations to the Aldergrove Cemetery Fund: Elva Dickson; Joe and Karen Evans; Irene Rudd; Ken Sotheran.

...Aldergrove Cemetery Committee



ALWAYS ENTERTAINING: Above are Terry, Esther and Jim Chamberlain, who come regularly to entertain residents. Terry was asked to tell a joke while Jim switched and tuned his instrument. After discarding several jokes as being too smutty, he said. "Flying in a plane, how can you tell you are flying over Scotland? You look down and see all the toilet paper drying on the clothes lines."

NORTH HAVEN BINGO SCHEDULE

- November 4th: Snowden Community Club
- November 11th: No Bingo Remembrance Day
- November 18th: Choiceland Seniors
- November 25th: North Haven
- December 2nd: Smeaton Volunteer Group
- December 9th: Snowden Community Club
- December 16th: Smeaton Seniors
- December 23rd: Smeaton/Snowden Walking Group
- December 30th: Choiceland Seniors

Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue held their Progressive 50/50 draw on September 30th. Pot was \$251.50 and the lucky ticket drawn belonged to Lindsay & Kevin Langdon! A cheque for \$125.75 was given to Kevin and Lindsay, this being the first draw won by one of our fire department members as Lindsay serves our department as both firefighter and first responder. Next draw is October 31st - tickets are available at the Smeaton Post Office, Smeaton Co-op, Smeaton Hotel, Nuffy's Handy Dandy Store and Snowden Star Hotel or from any firefighter or first responder.

Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship News: Updates on our Facebook Page!

November: Regular weekly services at 11 a.m.

1st Sunday Potluck is moved to the 13th, followed by filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child after potluck (the potluck is to be brunch-style)

Games Day, the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., next one on the 1st

Coffee Out – 10 a.m. on November 9th at Weirdale Seniors

Senior's church service North Haven on the 14th at 2 p.m.

Upcoming: December 24th 6:30 p.m. **Christmas Eve service** - lots of singing – goodies after the service and treat bags for the children.

Church services for **December 25th and January 1st** are cancelled.

5th Sunday Service - next one will be January 29th 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

...as well as other events as planned.

Everyone welcome to all events!!!!

SMEATON LEGION # 319 CRIB TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH at Legion Hall ** 2:00 PM

\$10 Entry Fee / Cash Bar For more info contact:

Lyle (306) 426-7773 Joe (306) 426-2208



REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

hosted by the Smeaton Legion, will be held at the Smeaton Rec Centre 10:30 am on November 11th. Service will be followed by a light lunch. Come out to honour our veterans.

Page 4 **10th ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT OUT!!**

Wow – what a 10th birthday party!! Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue and First Responders held their 10th Annual Ladies Night Out on October 22nd and it was a tremendous success! Many thanks go out to: All the ladies who attended and made our evening so much fun!

Also thanks to:

Lew Harrison for emceeing our evening.

Rick McAuley for auctioning our servers.

Crystal Fajt for helping with MC duties, server biographies and drawing of prizes.

All the servers who so graciously gave of their time: **Jimmy Brophy** – SDFR; **Peter Lubyk** – SDFR; **Ryan Dutchak** – Birch Hills; **Travis Stroomer** – Choiceland Fire Department; **Lyle White** – SDFR; **Raymond Shymanski** – Snowden; **Adam Mardell** – Choiceland Fire Department; **Mark McKay** – Smeaton; **Daryl Lee** – Snowden; **Stu McLellan** – Smeaton; **Chris White** – Choiceland; **Darcy Cust** – SDFR; **Jim Milowski** – Smeaton; **Marlon Labar** – Prince Albert Fire Department; **Steven Chamberlain** – Smeaton

Crystal Pocha for another excellent job catering both the meal and midnight lunch.

Tanya White for decorating and bringing back many memories from the 80's.

The bands – **Misdeal** and **Those 2 Girlz** – who kept the ladies dancing all evening.

Our **sponsors** and all who donated door prizes.

All **firefighters/first responders** and friends of the department for canvassing for prizes.

Smeaton Motor Inn for ice whenever we needed.

And of course the unsung heroes of the event – the bartenders and ticket sellers: **Stan White** – SDFR; **Dean Braaten** – SDFR; **Darrell Shymanski** – Smeaton; **Randy Fajt** – SDFR

Congratulations to the jewelry winners:

Cluster Diamond Ring – Rebecca Matthews; Black Diamond Ring – Cindy White; Breast Cancer Necklace – Mackenzie Walter

Pick-A-Prize tickets were another hot seller this year thanks to the generous donations of prizes. Winners announced Saturday night were:

Heated hoodie from Rod Brockman/Smeaton Electric – Shelley Paslawski

Photography and Lash Extensions Package (value of \$630) donated by Memories by Susan Photography and Esthetics by Samantha Mogg – Britany Shymanski

Necklace from Choiceland Insurance – Jamie Paschke

Necklace from Northern Fire Training – Tania Williams

One-night stay in Jacuzzi suite from Super 8 Saskatoon – Trina Reimer

One-night suite at Quality Inn and Gift Certificate to Boreal Bistro – Marlene White

The Wagon-Of-Fun and 50/50 tickets were also popular. Congratulations to Margaret Whitrow who had the lucky 50/50 ticket – she took home \$365! The garden wagon and all its contents went to lucky winner Wanita Smears.

We sincerely appreciate everyone's support and apologize if we missed anyone. Thanks again to all who came out and supported our 10th Annual Ladies Night Out!



PHOTOS from left: Lew Harrison and Crystal Fajt emceeing; Rebecca Matthews, Cindy White and Mackenzie Walter obviously delighted with their prizes.

MYSTERY PHOTO SOLVED by Marleen White

Kelseys built their swimming pool in the eighties. Previous to that, they had kids out to their place and kids swam in the river. My kids took swimming lessons at Kelsey's. That's where they learned to swim and that was in the mid eighties. Mrs. Kelsey had kids changing into their swim suits all over her house, bedrooms and bathroom. And she did it for a number of years.

So I was in the generation that swam in the river, behind the cement wall that Cliff Kelsey built to hold back the water. Kelseys were very good to all the kids. In the winter, they had a hill we tobogganed or slid down. That was when I was around 14.

I spoke to Sharon Busby (Kelsey) from Abbotsford, B.C. regarding this mystery picture. She said Thelma Kelsey (her mom) took that picture at a year-end swim party at Kelsey's and we swam in the river. We were about Grade Five and the photo would have been taken in June of 1964. Sharon and I think they are: kneeling Donna Seaman, Judy Burka, Marion



Archibald; behind are Sharon Kelsey, Eda Seaman. Standing are Shelley Forbes, Bev Rigg, Marilyn Townsend, Marleen Dressler, Judy Dzus, Valerie Erdman and Vivian Pellech. We are not sure of the girls peering through the standing row. We do know that Terry Harjula, Lucille Wilburn, Barbara Scarf, or Ruth Thompson may have been in our grade.

CUB HILLS BRANCH OF SWF

Look for a Cub Hills presence at the Smeaton Fall Fair as Jim Ahle will have a display table. As well, Margaret Whitrow will handle our table at the Choiceland Craft Sale.

The first Sunday after deer season closes in December will be our gathering at Narrow Hills Place for horn scoring and stew dinner.

Our annual fundraiser will be held the first Saturday in February. Don't miss our great banquet. Tickets are already available from Darlene Newton or Jean Milowski for \$20 each. We will once again have a live band and a good time.

THE CHURCHES AT JANOW CORNERS

Three miles south of Meath Park is all that remains of a thriving community, Janow Corners. There are two churches and their attached cemeteries. This was the site of the original Meath Park and their first school was called Janow. The name Janow came from the home village in Poland of Zygor Bajcar. A large number of Ukrainian and Polish settlers took up homesteads as early as 1906 in this area.

They formed their first school in 1914 and it opened with 16 pupils, all of which started in grade one then progressed from there to the higher grades. School was closed during the coldest months; the teacher was paid \$200 annually. By 1921 there were 40 pupils. Enrollment increased every year until they were bused to Meath Park in 1958.

When the railway was built east to Nipawin in 1929, they bypassed what was called Meath Park and a community sprang up three miles north which was called New Meath Park. The original Meath Park was called Old Meath Park but this created a lot of confusion for mail delivery and so on. So Old Meath Park took up the name of their school, Janow and added Corners to make it Janow Corners.

Pretty much all that remains are the two Catholic Churches, one Ukrainian and the other Polish.



The first church built, in 1917, is the church pictured below. One church served the Ukrainian community and the other the Polish members. The bell at left was remounted and dedicated in 2009 on the grounds of the church above, Sacred Heart of Jesus. Oddly the bell has the name "Maria" embossed on it. In the early days if there was a need to call everyone together, it is said that Frank Wlosek walked the half mile to the church and rang the bell which was heard for miles.

To the credit of the community, both churches, their grounds and cemeteries are well kept.



TRAVELS WITH TERRY: VERMONT USA by Terry Zabek

Vermont is one of the smaller states directly south of Quebec. It is known as "the green state" because it is probably 75% covered with trees—maple, beech, oak, birch, hemlock, sumac, pine and spruce.

The Appalachian Hills (Mountains) run up the spine of the state, with lots of rock, little lakes, rivers and covered bridges.

In fall the colours are stunning; unfortunately I was there a little too soon. However, it was still beautiful. There are little picturesque towns and villages, small farms and acreages hidden among the valleys and hills. The farms are mainly dairy. Vermont is famous for its specialty cheeses and for maple syrup.

My friends, Ross and Norma Wiesen, took me to a white granite quarry near Barre, called "Rock of Ages". It is the largest in North America and has been in operation for over 200 years. Their granite memorials and statues are numerous throughout the States and Europe. The nearby Hope Cemetery, covering 65 acres, is filled with these pure white memorials, an awesome sight. They range from the luxurious huge figures, angels and columns, to the comical. One fellow had his favourite armchair carved on his memorial—RIP.

I saw only a small part of this small state but I can understand why it is attractive to tourists and famous people retiring there.



This is my story...

Everyone has a story to tell. Tell us yours— send to Box 28, Smeaton SOJ 2J0 or email to akirby@sasktel.net

Lily Kuzniar's Story - Wartime

Lily is a Dutch war bride in her early nineties who lives in Snowden where she feeds the birds and some very fat cats. This is her story:

I was 16 years old and in high school in 1940 when the war started. At 17 I finished school and had an office job for a while until I signed up for a nine-month crash course in nursing. Each time you took a test you got a stripe; I had 3 stripes. I worked then for the Red Cross. We did all the work of a nurse, sometimes on the streets; I saw a woman hit by shrapnel and she died right there. We looked after injured soldiers from all countries, but not Germans.

Four months after the liberation, on September 13th, 1945, I met Stanley Kuzniar. He was biking back to his barracks after visiting his brother Bruno, and I was hitchhiking to Warsveld where my post was. I was billeted at a hotel that had been badly bombed, and it was quite a distance away, maybe 20 miles. He offered me a ride on his bicycle, and because it was so far, we would sit on the side of the road to rest and talk. When we arrived at my hotel he said he'd like to date me and that he would come and meet me under the large oak tree near the hotel on his next day off. Well I wasn't going to go stand out there, but I watched out the window. I said to my girlfriend, "Gee, I think he's here." We started dating and spent a lot of time talking. He told me about his three brothers but never told me about Canada. I had four brothers and no sisters.

I could understand English quite well, but some words I didn't know; like I didn't know what 'sweater' meant! I don't understand why in Canada you don't learn languages. In Holland you took French in Grade 3, German in

grade 5, and English in grade 7.

Well we got married on December 28th that year.

We were suffering very much in Holland, we had no clothing, no food, and our shoes had holes. A neighbour of mine made me a gray coat out of a Canadian army blanket. She used the black stripes on the back of the coat and on the trim of the pockets. This picture was taken the day after we were married as we were on the way to send a telegram to his parents to let them know we had got married.

Stanley left for Canada on January 13th of 1946 and I arrived in Regina on July 1st the same year.

Apparently he wrote a lot of letters from Canada, but they were sent by ship so didn't come regularly - I received 6 or 7 in one batch much later. I wrote to him regularly also.

...To be continued...

PHOTOS: Right: newlyweds Lily and Stanley Kuzniar. Below: Lily's certificate and medals from the Red Cross in recognition of her nursing service through the war.



TENA BANNERMAN'S STORY: We received the following story from Tena Bannerman of Prince Albert, along with her renewal of the Smeaton Newsletter.

My maiden name is Lewis and my grandfather Leon Lewis and his family spent many years in Smeaton. Of course, that was in the early 1900's. One of his daughters, Myrtle, became a famous oil painter. Old timers would not remember the family. My grandmother, Tena Mary, was the first lady on the road from Prince Albert and east. I was given her name because the plans were for me to be a boy and they had chosen "Billy" for a name and it did not suit. So I was quickly named Tena Mary after my dad's mother, Her family, the Olsons, never left the USA.

One year my sister and I traveled to Lake Preston in central United States and we saw the original homestead, There was a large family of girls but only one boy, John.

As years went by we kept in touch with these cousins and eventually they came to Alberta for a large cousins reunion. It was a fantastic time for everyone!



WHO IS TENA ? (with notes from one of her friends):

Tena grew up in Garrick and attended school to grade ten in Garrick and completed high school in White Fox while looking after her grandmother. She became a teacher and taught in MacDowall where she married Roy Bannerman and had two sons. She now has six grandchildren and lives in Prince Albert, having been widowed at a young age. She lived for a time in Wainwright Alberta when her mother required care. Tena was named Citizen of the Year in PA for her work with the Lions and CNIB. She was also very active with the Alliance Church while living in MacDowall and while she still drove.

She is a good friend and a good citizen.



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



SIGURD ROANG HOMESTEAD

Sigurd Roang was born in Norway. He came to Canada in the 1920's, settling around Assiniboia. The language barrier was difficult but he managed to find work repairing tracks for the CPR.

Sigurd married Della MacDonald in Assiniboia while working around there.

In 1937, like so many others, Sigurd headed north and filed on NW8 -53 -18 W2 in the Snowden area. The family moved shortly. Eight children would be raised on that land.

Sigurd preferred hunting and fishing to farming. Farming was never his thing but he did it because that's what people did to survive in the north.

The family lived on a lot of porridge and potatoes. Meat was scarce unless you could catch it in the bush.

Eventually wanting more education for the kids and finding survival on the farm too tough, the family moved. Nipawin became their new home and where Sigurd and Della would live out the rest of their lives.

Today the land is farmed by Joe Shaddow.

BILL BAERWALD HOMESTEAD

Bill Baerwald was born in 1915 in Leader, Saskatchewan.

In the 1930's Bill worked on farms around the Cherry Ridge district, and in Manitoba mines.

In the 1940's Bill came back to Choiceland to help his brother-in-law, Ole Fenrich, farm. He also ran a butcher shop in Choiceland.

In 1950 Bill and Helen bought NW 26-52-18 W2 and farmed for a few years. This house pictured was their home. Bill continued to have many different jobs: driving fuel truck, caretaker for the school, and driving school bus were some of them.

Hockey and curling were high on his list of priorities. Hairdressing kept his wife Helen busy. Bill passed away suddenly at age 65. Helen would continue to live in Choiceland for many years.

The Baerwald land is owned by Karen and John Rouse.



PHOTO at left is the display at the Choiceland Museum dealing with war mementos including uniform items. Check it out.



THE OLD WOMAN SAYS:

A good book is one you would take with you in the ambulance for fear you would never finish reading it.



THE OLD GUY SAYS:

Did anyone see me on Halloween? I got a lot of neat stuff, even a flashlight and I didn't even have to wear a costume. Of course I went as an old man.

EVENTS SPONSORED BY TH LOVE AND DISTRICT BOARD OF TRADE:

Christmas in November BINGO

Sunday November 27th, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Love Community Hall (donuts - coffee - pop will be sold) GREAT PRIZES (pick a prize) or CASH!

Turkey Shoot & Bingo

Friday December 2nd, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Love Community Hall (hotdogs - donuts - coffee - pop will be sold)

40 TURKEYS & CASH to be WON!

An evening for the whole family

Potluck Supper

Sunday December 4th, 2016 at 5:00pm at the Love Community Hall Bring your favorite dish and/or a tasty dessert

Enjoy visiting with Family & Friends

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