

## CRIB TOURNAMENT

JANUARY 27, 2017 7:00 pm

\$10.00 per person (Bring a partner or partner up after arriving)

PRE-REGISTER by calling

PETE / DARLENE - 306-428-2134

ENTRY FEE includes coffee, snacks

PRIZES 50% OF ENTRY FEES

(SPLIT 75% 1<sup>ST</sup> - 25% 2<sup>ND</sup>)

CHOICELAND COMMUNITY HALL

CHOICELAND PENSIONERS & SENIOR  
CITIZENS ORGANIZATION INC



### WALKING

Are you finding it too cold to walk outdoors? Would you like to walk with the company of others? Join us at the CHOICELAND COMMUNITY HALL.

Starting Tuesday January 10, at 10 am and every Tuesday & Friday after that.

JUST DROP IN: No Registration

(Please bring indoor shoes)

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### OPEN HOUSE at CHOICELAND MUSEUM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5th 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Come out for **coffee and cookies** and a chance to see all our displays. It will be a great opportunity for people who haven't had a chance to look around, and for people to come back to spend time browsing around.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST MEATH PARK SENIORS HALL

Sunday January 8th  
9am till noon

"All you can eat!" \$8.00  
EVERYONE WELCOME

### BINGO

MEATH PARK SENIORS HALL  
2:00pm Sunday January 8th and  
Sunday January 22nd

JACKPOT \$75.00

EVERYONE WELCOME

### SMEATON LEGION # 319 CRIB TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH  
at Legion Hall \*\* 2:00 PM

\$10 Fee / Cash Bar

For info contact:

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# SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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MASTHEAD PHOTO: It was a great Christmas at North Haven. Here is the poinsettia from MLA Nadine Wilson. She sends one every year!



RECOGNITION; At left are Dave Forden and Maurice Kirby receiving a memento from Mayor Sonia Fidyk, in recognition of their constant technical support of the Smeaton Reverse Osmosis Water Treatment Plant and lagoon. Dave and Maurice have volunteered many hours to oversee the building and ongoing running of the plant, and provide backup for operator, John Eisenzimmer.

**BREAKFAST FOR DARCY AND FAMILY:** On a VERY chilly winter day, hearts were filled with warmth and good wishes for Pastor Darcy Cust. Smeaton Legion #319 and Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue welcomed everyone from the communities. Pastor Darcy serves to the Legion Hall in Smeaton for a pancake/waffle/sausage breakfast fundraiser. All funds received that morning were given to Pastor Darcy and his wife Kathleen to help with medical expenses as he has been recently diagnosed with cancer. Legion President Lyle White and Fire Chief Randy Fajt presented Pastor Darcy with \$1,310!!! Members of the Legion and Fire Dept wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all who came out to support and help Pastor Darcy.



### LEGION NOVEMBER 11TH ART AND WRITING COMPETITION:

See page 5 for complete list of winners from William Mason School for 2016. At right is an example of the great art turned in to Smeaton Legion. Large poppy over graves is by Heather Priestley (Coloured Poster Grades 4-6). Many thanks to the teachers at WMS who endorsed this project



### SUNDAY BREAKFASTS AT CHOICELAND CURLING RINK

Every Sunday from 8 to 11am. Come out for bacon, eggs, toast, hash browns and coffee only \$6. Last Sunday of the month enjoy sausage, pancakes and coffee \$6.

### SNOWDEN !!!! Winter Fun

BONSPIEL FEB 5-12 \*\* KIDS' SPIEL FEB. 20  
POKER RALLY: FEB 18

### Weirdale Seniors Fish Supper

Saturday January 28th \*\* 6 pm  
Adults \$15; Ages 6 to 12: \$5;  
Preschoolers free \*\*Homemade  
Bread will be available for sale  
WEIRDALE SENIORS CENTRE

### COFFEE MORNINGS

@ Weirdale Seniors Centre  
MONDAY / WEDNESDAY /  
FRIDAY mornings: 9 to 11 am.  
Come out for coffee and toast,  
visiting and/or cards!

### Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship

#### Fifth Sunday Service

6:30 p.m. January 25th  
Come join in some singing. Goodies to follow  
Everyone welcome !!

### Elsie (Adelman) Gertz

Born in 1918 to Jacob and Molly Adelman at Earl Gray SK; they moved to Nipawin in 1929, and to Snowden to the homestead in



1932. Elsie married Oswald Gertz and they lived in many places including Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Sarnia and of course Snowden, which remained "home" no matter where they moved. They had 65 years of marriage before Oswald's passing in 2001.

Elsie is survived by son Gary (Kathy), two grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, brother Ron (Ruth), sister Betty (Lorne Miller) and sister-in-law, Joy Adelman.

Predeceased by her parents Jacob and Molly, her husband Oswald (2002), brothers Bill (Lorraine) and Arnie, sisters Louise (Bob Seifried), Clara (John Debler), Ida (Charlie Debler), Laura (Marvin Kennedy), and Evelyn.

Elsie passed away in Ontario on November 7, 2016 and was brought home to Snowden for her funeral service and burial at Snowden's Forest Lawn cemetery.

**Thank you....** The Gertz and Adelman families wish to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful people of Snowden and district for the many kindnesses shown to us on the passing of our mother and grandmother Elsie Gertz.

Everyone was so caring and helpful. Thank you especially to Pastor Randy Fiege of Zion Lutheran Church in Nipawin for your compassionate service; to Terry, Esther and Jim Chamberlain for your special musical selection; to George Pickett for arranging the cemetery duties; to the pallbearers James and Carman Long, Doug Chamberlain and helpers at the cemetery (not an easy task on such a cold day); to the Snowden Ladies for the delicious luncheon and to all who stopped to chat about by-gone childhood Snowden days.

Our family now resides in Ontario, but "you dear hearts and gentle people of Snowden" will always be held in our hearts with great fondness. God's blessings to all.

..Gary, Kathy Gertz and families.

**THANK YOU...**The family of the late Jim Johnson would like to say thank you to friends and family who wished us, as a family, caring wishes and prayers in our time of sorrow. Also thank you to everyone who made donations toward the White Fox Curling Rink and the Choiceland Fire Department. We got so many beautiful cards and very delicious foods...it is gratefully appreciated.

Thank you to the Choiceland Fire Department for being honour guard and ushers at the funeral. Jim would have been so proud!

Bev Johnson and families

### HUGH JOHN KING

November 10, 1922–  
December 17, 2016



Hugh John King was born in Mossbank, Saskatchewan on November 10, 1922, the second of four sons to Vic and Sarah King. He moved from Mossbank to Smeaton with his family in

1930 where he attended school and helped on the family farm until joining the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. He worked as an air frame mechanic, mainly on Mitchell and Liberator bombers until he was discharged in 1945. During his time in the air force, he was transferred across Canada, to bases in New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. He liked to reminisce about the many friends, events and escapades he had in those years, especially when he was taking his training with one of his best friends, Jim Falloon, and when stationed in the same place as his brothers, Billy and Aaron.

After he was discharged, he came back to Smeaton and worked as a cat operator for the L.I.D. for a year but his love of farming drew him back in 1947, the same year he married the love of his life, Audrey McKenzie. A marriage that lasted more than 69 years but was almost ended in that first year when he was nearly killed in the PTO of the combine. They started their married life living in a 10'x12' granary on the King homestead. Many years and moves later, they ended their farming on the same homestead but in a much larger and more comfortable home. In 2008, Hugh and Audrey moved to Melfort where Hugh lived out his final days watching TV, playing cards and visiting with friends and family.

Hugh was passionate about farming, family and community. He was happiest when he was on a tractor, combine or cat. The Sunday drive to check out crops was a summer ritual. He loved working with his cattle, horses and pigs but dogs were his favourite animal, especially the family pets, Laddie and George.

Family was the centre of his existence. He loved and was proud of his four children, Terry, Lynda, Ross and Lori. The 9 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren put a smile on his face and twinkle in his eye. He was especially close to his brothers and felt a deep sense of loss when he was 'orphaned' by their early deaths. It drew him even closer to the many King nieces and nephews.

Hugh could always be counted on to help out in the community, serving on many boards, committees and projects. He loved (the sometimes all night) card games with friends; coaching, playing and watching hockey games, even as an old timer, and curling or 'bonspieling'.

He was an active and life-time member of the Smeaton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

He is survived by his wife Audrey, sons: Terry (Elaine) - Jay, Heather (Bryn), Tom (Karla), Bob (Deandra) and Ross (Joyce) - Bryan, Leanne (Larry); daughters: Lynda - Alan (Bianca), David (Amanda) and Lori (Allan) - Celine (Cory), Kristin (Garett), Brendan (Katelyn), Ashley (Josh), Regan, Robin. 10 great-grandchildren and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his infant son, parents; Victor and Sarah, brothers; Aaron, Billy and Teddy, sisters-in-law; Alma and Bella, brothers-in-law; Micky, Roy, Art, and Gordon.

### Corrina Dawn Willness

April 25, 1974–December  
20, 2016



Every child is special, but Corrina was **extra special**. We realized this at birth and all our labour of love to help her develop was so rewarding.

From early in life, Corrina was fearful of so much: to crawl, to swing, and even to ride a wagon.

We helped her through these fears and encouraged her not to sit back and watch her brothers go by on a quad or a snowmobile, but to "GET ON" and enjoy the fun!

What a joyous sight it was when Corrina realized that the fun much outweighed her fears. It was evident by the smile on her face, her joyous "hoot!", and her pig-tails blowing back. She loved the wind blowing in her face!

Somehow Corrina knew when it was Sunday morning. She would go to her closet and pull out her favourite dress to wear. God works in these special lives as well as ours.

While we were teaching her, she was teaching **us**. More important than learning the ABC's was for all of us to be together as a family, to enjoy, and to "WATCH OUT" for one another. One time I (Mom) went out for a message for Dad. I told her brother to keep an eye on her and when I returned he said, "I kept my eye on her and boy did she ever get into a lot of stuff!" She taught that love comes with no conditions. We had the privilege of learning about other disabilities and not staring but caring. Corrina had a strong love of coffee, especially in a Tim Horton's cup. She taught us that if you want coffee, then go for it! (No matter whose it is) "GRAB IT!"

And so she grew up to be a lovely young lady still a dependent little child. Many memories have been flooding back that we are so thankful for. Corrina never spoke a sentence in her life, but everyone that knew her was touched in a special way.

Love, Mom and Dad

Corrina was a special daughter to her Mom and Dad, Rick and Doreen Willness, of Smeaton;

She was a special sister and auntie to: **Cory** (Shannon), Coral, Eric and Ty Willness (Naicam); **Colin** (Cathie), Whitney, Cori and Cali Willness (Saskatoon); **Dallas** (Lisa), Zane, Ayana and Kami Willness (White City); **Dave** (Diana), RaeAnnon, Reese, Kolbi and Dane Willness (Smeaton). She was one of 29 grandchildren, so her many cousins, aunties and uncles have lots of stories to share!

She was predeceased by Grandpas and Grandmas: Duane and Dorothy Willness and George and Ella Falloon.

### FRANCIS JOSEPH BABEL

August 24, 1956–  
November 28, 2016



Frankie is survived by his loving family: sister Delores; brother Ken (Anita); nieces Laurie, Karen, Donna, Danielle and Cherilyn; nephews Sam (Margie), Kevin (Bev), and Marlowe (Sharlene); great nieces and nephews as well as great great nieces and nephews. Frank was predeceased by his parents, Joe and Gwen; his brothers-in-law Orrin and Robert and his nephew Fred.

We will all miss Frankie, as he was a common sight, walking around and observing.

Funeral was held on December 5th at River Park Funeral Services in Prince Albert.

# NORTH HAVEN

*Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner*

We wish to send our sincere condolences to the families of those who recently passed away: Betty Pagan, Hugh King, Corrina Willness, Frankie Babel. On a personal note, my mother, Edna Kosik, passed away on December 25th and I wish to thank family and friends for their support during this time of loss.

Possibly the highlight of Christmas at North Haven was the afternoon when fifty kids came to carol. Thank you to William Mason school for bringing the kindergarten to grade fours to entertain our residents.

We will be celebrating several birthdays in January: Ella turns 93 on the 7th; Marguerite will be 89 on the 16th; Viola turns 93 on the 28th; Alice will be 99 on the 29th of January.

Thank you to Terry and Norm Nickel for donating two raffle baskets which were won by Danielle Thibault and Terry Slusar, raising nearly \$150 for the Santa Fund. Amel Twarzynski continues to amaze us with his baking skills, in particular an delicious Christmas cake and other goodies. Lynne and Russ Case brought knitted stockings filled with treats for each resident. Donated Canadian Tire money bought us a large digital slow cooker. The Legion Poppy Fund bought us an eleven-cup food processor which was badly needed as we broke the old one! We also received a Kitchen Aid hand mixer. We enjoyed donations of baking, oranges, ice cream, chocolates and so on from people like: Jim and Marg Cunningham, Choice-



land Seniors, Amel Twarzynski, Audrey Reid, Linda Henning, George and Ellen Pickett, Rexall Drugs..and others. Thank you kindly. Thank you to Shelby Kun, who came in to make gingerbread houses with residents. Thank you everyone who contributed to our Santa Fund, enabling each resident to receive gifts on Christmas morning. Have a great 2017. Many thanks for all the support in 2016.

**BINGO SCHEDULE :** January 6th—North Haven; Jan 13th—Smeaton Volunteer Group; Jan 20th—Snowden Community Club; Jan 27th—Smeaton Seniors; Feb 3rd—Walking Group; Feb 10th—Chiceland Seniors.



Residents enjoyed Christmas morning...thank you everyone who donated towards the Santa Fund!

## Edna Kosik

August 11, 1935—  
December 25, 2016

Edna was born in Edmonton , fourth child of James and Amy Summers. She married Stanley Kosik in 1951 and they enjoyed 56 happy years of marriage, and raised five daughters. They lived in Prince Albert, moving to Smeaton in 1976, also moving back and forth between Alberta and Saskatchewan for a time. Edna was a great cook and cooked at a variety of places. She loved flowers and fashioned many bridal bouquets and corsages. Edna and Stanley enjoyed traveling in their blue van, and enjoyed a trip to Poland.

In 2014 due to failing health, Edna moved to Parkland Nursing Home in Melfort, where she passed away on Christmas Day after a short battle with cancer.

Edna will be remembered by daughters Jeanette (Bruce) Waldner; Donna (Lyle) White; Diane (Jim) Holmes of Taylor BC; Marilyn (Jack) Bergstrom of Sylvan Lake AB; Loretta (Greg) Bergstrom of Fort St John BC. She also leaves to miss her, grandchildren Cory (Tracey); Cheryl (Darrell); Crystal (Buzz); Stan (Tanya); Teri (Daryl); Dwight (Sabrina); Jesse; Melissa (Brad); Ashley (Darnell); Tiffany (Michael); 22 great grandchildren; in-laws, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by husband Stanley, infant son Stanley, grandson Shane Bergstrom, great grandson Jordan Waldner five sisters and her brother.

Funeral service was held at Coventry Chapel in Nipawin on December 30th; lunch at the Smeaton Rec Centre followed. Memorial donations appreciated to Aldergrove Cemetery or a charity of your choice.



# 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](mailto:akirby@sasktel.net)

**Hazel and Jerry Johnson** are leaving this district to live in Rosthern, as Hazel is retiring after five years as Smeaton's postmistress. Hazel was a postmistress in Laird for ten years, and has been dabbling in chocolate creations for countless years. While being our postmistress, her side occupation was listening to everyone's stories and supporting all the local charities. Hazel has nurtured many foster children, likely 80 before moving to this district and another 20 with Jerry's help.

Jerry is a carpenter who has worked at Key and Cigar lakes, at Island Falls, Air Ronge, Lower Fishing Lakes, and locally. He has done the cement work on the Smeaton paddling pool and with Parks at Lower Fishing. He has maintained flocks of meat and egg chickens for 16 years and we shall all miss those fresh brown eggs. We wish you both a healthy and happy life in Rosthern.

Here is their story, as told to Esther Chamberlain.



**Jerry:** I was born in Prince Albert in 1949, but lived most of my life in the Choiceland area although I worked away from home a lot. My first job was with the Co-op; from there I went to Sask Wheat Pool doing as a maintenance worker. I wanted to try construction, so I worked for Graham Construction, Westridge and others. I also formed my own construction company and was very busy with that. I had to quit because I had an ankle replacement and couldn't do the work anymore.

I enjoyed playing ball and was umpire for many kids' ball games.

My Dad, Val, fought in WW2. When he came home he married my mom, Phyllis Hagstrom. She was diagnosed with MS and sadly passed away when I was about 4 years old.

I joined a Christian correspondence Club; they give you the names of three members so you could write letters and possibly get matched up

with a prospective partner. Hazel was a member also and I got her name so I wrote her a letter. She had met a few duds so put my letter aside for about a month. She decided she would give it one more try and wrote back. In 2002 we were married on the acreage where we lived until we sold in November 2016. After we were married I decided I would like to try fostering so we took in a number of children.

**Hazel:** I was born in Leoville, SK in 1951. I worked for Canada Post from 1980 to 1990. I had foster children for a number of years. I worked for Home Care in Saskatoon until moving to Choiceland and worked in Pineview Lodge in Nipawin.

In the meantime my dad was needing some help so he moved in with us for almost 8 years. In January 2012 I became the Postmis-

tress at the Smeaton Post Office and will retire in January 2017.

We enjoy going to dinner theatres, especially the Barn Playhouse; we also like country music concerts and spending time with family; we have a blended family of five children and 13 grandchildren.

We both love gardening- both vegetable and flower. We also do a lot of jigsaw puzzles.

Spring seems to be our favourite season because everything comes to life and it is so beautiful.

We are now moving to Rosthern to spend our retirement years closer to family.

## This is my story...



Margeurite Mifflin, above with husband Gordon, agreed to give us her story. They live in Prince Albert, but Margeurite misses Manitoba. She lived most of her adult life in mining towns in Northern Manitoba and longs to go back.

**Marguerite:** My maiden name was Margeurite Bighetty; I was born on July 12th, 1939, at Southend on Reindeer Lake. We lived in a tent, no beds, just spruce boughs covered with blankets and canvas. Then my parents moved to a fishing camp called Rabbit River SK where they prospected and trapped. Father tended the trapline using dogs and sled. He had as many as twenty dogs at one time. I remember raiding duck nests for eggs in the spring. We lived off the land and I never went to school. The spring that I was 16, I left for Prince Albert on a Cessna 170. It was a scary experience. In

PA I had surgery and went home after that to recover. Then I returned to Prince Albert. I realized everyone knew how to read and write so I taught myself. I worked in a Chinese restaurant and babysat in the evenings. I met and married Oliver Kenney at Pine Valley. We lived in Shipman for seven years and started our family. Our three kids were born at the old hospital in Smeaton. We moved to Thompson MB. I worked as a cook at the Burntwood Motel and at INCO as well. Oliver passed away.

I married Gordon Mifflin in Prince Albert on December 5th 2014. I have a good life.



### SNOWDEN BOYS FROM 1940 REUNITED IN 2016

At right, Larry Backlund, Gary Gertz, James Ahle and Jim Chamberlain were classmates and friends through school. They were in the same class and were recently together at a funeral in Snowden.

# HERITAGE HOMESTEADS IN THE CHOICELAND AREA



## WALTER MILLS HOMESTEAD

Walter Mills was born in England in 1898. During World War 1, Walter served time in the trenches in France.

In 1927, Walter came to Canada aboard the SS Regina as a farm labourer.

In 1929, while working on the Nipawin bridge, he came to Choiceland and filed on NE8-52-17-W2.

In the early years, Walter lived in a one-room shack and had a bear bust in

while he was away. The bear ate his porridge. A short time later, the bear returned looking for a second breakfast and Walter laid him low with his rifle.

This log house pictured was a landmark on the way to Nipawin.

This log house was burned down by current owner of the property, Ron Shymanski.

Walter Mills farmed this land his whole life and in fact passed away on the farm in June of 1977.

## JOSEPH GARTHWAITE HOMESTEAD

On April 25th, 1930, Joe Garthwaite filed on NE31-51-18-W2 in the Snowden area. Joe and his mother would live in this very unique log house on that quarter section.

Joe called this property "Green Hills". It would eventually become a very popular camping place.

Joe was very involved with the building of St Ann's Catholic Church in Snowden in 1934. He cleared land, sawed lumber and helped construct the building. The first Catechism Class consisting of 36 children was held at "Green Hills". Families donated the food and Joe's mother prepared the meals at no charge to the families.

The land today is owned by Dennis Boehler. Kelly Pistun farms the land for him.



**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.

## CHOICELAND MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS

...Congratulations to Kelsey Stensrud, who won the Museum's 50/50 draw on December 1st, taking home \$567.50. We wish to thank everyone who supports out 50/50 Monthly Draw! The Museum is alive and well in Choiceland because of you!

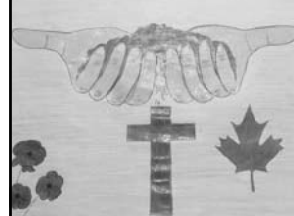
...Choiceland Museum wishes everyone the best of the season and into the New Year. Have a great 2017.

...Mark your calendar for FEBRUARY 5th, 2017! We will be holding an Open House at the Museum from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Come out for coffee and cookies and a chance to see all our displays. It will be a great opportunity for people who haven't had a chance to look around, and for people to come back to spend time browsing around.

## LEGION'S NOVEMBER 11TH COMPETITION.

At right are the poster submissions from Kolbi Willness, Chloe Fabish and Alexa Long.

The students of William Mason School gave our veterans a tremendous show of support and respect with their entries into the annual Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest. Smeaton Legion #319 received an amazing total of 128 entries. The poster and literary contests are run in conjunction with the poppy campaign each year. Winners at the local Branch level are forwarded to Zone competition. Congratulations to the following winners



chosen by Smeaton Legion #319 and we wish them luck at the Zone level:

Coloured Poster / Grades 1-3 - Kolbi Willness  
Black & White Poster / Grades 1-3 - Nicole Bell  
Coloured Poster / Grades 4-6 - Heather Priestley  
Black & White Poster / Gr 4-6 - Ashton Davis  
Coloured Poster / Grades 7-9 - Chloe Fabish  
Black & White Poster / Grades 7-9 - Alexa Long  
Black & White Poster / Gr10-12 - Taylor Markham  
Junior Poem / Grades 4-6 - Sierra Vogelaar

Junior Essay / Grades 4-6 - Hunter Nackonechny  
Intermediate Poem / Grades 7-9 - Andrea Blair  
Intermediate Essay / Grades 7-9 - Emma Jensen  
Senior Poem / Grades 10-12 - Samantha Bulicz  
Senior Essay / Grades 10-12 - Shay-Lynn Burka

Smeaton Legion #319 would like to thank all who entered into the contest. Winners listed above will receive a certificate at an upcoming school assembly in January. Congratulations on the great work and good luck at the Zone level.





PHOTOS: Above, Les White treats his harvesting crew to a steak supper. At right, Doug and Ingrid Chamberlain of the Snowden Bar are happy to provide food to keep the harvesters happy.

Les and Marleen White celebrated the end of harvesting with a steak supper at the Snowden Bar. The purpose for celebrating was two-fold: to thank their crew and their spouses for helping with harvest, and to thank Ingrid and Doug Chamberlain of the Snowden Bar for providing field meals during harvesting. As Marleen operates one of the combines she is not available to cook field meals, so Allan White, helped by Chuck Dusome of Calgary, picked up and delivered the meals. Chuck comes out every fall to help with this chore. Nineteen were present at this windup meal and all enjoyed themselves and the pool tournament and cards that followed. Crew and neighbours who were present were: Brad Hrenyk, Rob Pickard, Bill Spelliscy, David Blair, Ross Svenkeson, Marleen White, Ed Hagel, Tom McLean, Brian Pearson, Earl Tessmer, Allan White, plus their significant others, of course.



**PHOTOS FROM THE EARLY FIFTIES:** Gib Sabourin of Chilliwack BC sent us these three photos. Below left he is with his dog Spot between the Piggot and Clark homes. The curling team below consists of Morris Lazecki, Gib; Jack MacFarlane (skip), Mervin McGladdery. Morris lives in Regina; Mervin lives in Quesnel; Jack owned a store in Smeaton.

In the photo below that are the Smeaton Flyers. The hockey players are: in back, Larry Bezerchuk, Gerry Helgason, Graham Craig, Merv McGladdery, Orvan Cousins (?), Ted Haugland. In front are Gib Sabourin, Mack Rutherford (?), Morris Lazecki, and (?) ...last one is a mystery.

Gib suggests Ed Salthammer may have some comments regarding these photographs.



## THE BIRTHDAY FILE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Allan White who turned 94 on December 6th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY Valerie Rein, who turned 65 on December 9th.



## CHOICELAND CURLING RINK

Annual meeting was held on November 17th. Executive is: Margaret Whitrow President; Kimberly Walker Secy; Helen Walker Treas and Bob Walker Iceman. Memberships are as follows: Family \$110; Adult \$50; Student \$25 and one-time fee is \$5. We have artificial ice and evening curling goes at 7pm every Tuesday and Thursday. Come out and enjoy yourself, either pickup or bring a team. We can always use more volunteers for Sunday breakfasts, contact Helen Walker.

**Smeaton Seniors Club** would like to thank everyone who sold and bought tickets for our Christmas draw made on December 15th. The lucky winner of the LED Tree was Kendra Gibson of Smeaton. Also, big thank you to staff and management of Smeaton Hotel for an excellent meal. Good time was had by everyone in attendance.

Holiday Greetings to all and a happy healthy New Year!

## CUB HILLS BRANCH SWF

Our Annual Banquet and Fundraiser will be held at Narrow Hills Place on January 4th, 2017. Tickets are \$25 each; \$10 for ages 11 to 16, and \$5 for 10 and under. The Cook Shack Shakers from Brandon will be the live band; tickets available from Jean (306 426-24810 or Darlene (306 426-2332).

Cub Hills announces a change in executive: Jean Milowski is president and Margaret Whitrow secretary. Please note that some of your membership fee is set aside for Search and Rescue. Top membership sales for 2016 was by Jean Milowski.

A clarification of the Wildlife Quarter northwest of Smeaton donated by Mickey MacClellan in memory of her sister Ella Kostiuik: there is a restriction of No Hunting on this land. Cub Hills Branch pays the taxes on this land. We tried to plant fish in the creek but it wasn't deep enough to prevent winter kill.

You may hunt on Habitat Land except where the restriction is in place by the donors.

We look forward to SWF's 88th Annual Convention on February 15th to 18th in Regina. As well, Tri Lake Rally will be on January 21st, and Esker Run on March 4th.

Have a good safe winter.

## Greetings from the Saskatchewan Legislature

I extend warm thanks and gratitude to Annette and the Smeaton Newsletter for the opportunity to share New Year's greetings again this year. As we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, I trust that 2017 will bring us warm tidings of what is most important in life: our family, friends, and loved ones.

The fall legislative session wrapped up in late November. In my role as Provincial Secretary and Legislative Secretary to the Premier, I continue to keep busy in Regina. The highlight of my Provincial Secretary duties is to be the official presenter of honours such as the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal to those who have devoted their lives to keeping residents



safe and protected. Another rewarding aspect of my career as an elected official is the ability to help others by interacting and engaging with people in their communities, and navigating government agencies for their access to a better quality of life for themselves and families.

I enjoy meeting with the RMs, Towns and Villages in the Smeaton area, and especially value the Joint Venture meetings organized by the RMs of Torch River and Garden River. These meetings are a great way to share ideas and cooperate towards finding common solutions. Other highlights from this past year include the grand re-opening of the Choiceland Museum, and a new service centre at Narrow Hills Provincial Park.

A prolonged downturn in global commodity prices has resulted in a significant shortfall in government revenues. We are, however, in a manageable situation when compared

to neighbouring provinces. Here in Saskatchewan, we have worked since first forming government to build a strong financial footing, including:

- Aaa credit rating
- 2nd lowest debt to GDP among the provinces
- Operating debt reduced by 1/3
- \$6 billion in tax relief for families
- \$9 billion in infrastructure investment
- 2nd best job creation record in Canada

This fiscal position will help see Saskatchewan through these challenges, get the budget back to balance, and come out stronger than ever. I invite you to visit or contact my office with your questions and feedback. I can always be reached toll-free at 1-888-763-0615.

In 2017, let us be thankful for wonderful neighbours and peace in our community.

Happy New Year!  
Nadine Wilson MLA  
Saskatchewan Rivers

### SMEATON AND DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE NEWS

At their annual Christmas party, Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue Fire Chief presented plaques for recognition of service and support. Sonia White, who recently retired from the department, was presented with a plaque to thank her for her years of service. Chief Fajt called forward Division 3 councillor Peter Lubyk to accept a plaque thanking RM of Torch River for their continuous support. Chief Fajt previously presented a plaque to the Village of Smeaton also - our department could not be as successful as it is without the support of our village and RM councils and everyone in the area we serve who continuously support all our fundraising efforts.



**50/50 DRAW:** November's pot for Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue's progressive 50/50 totalled \$146. Thanks to all the businesses in our area who promote our monthly draw - Smeaton Co-op, Smeaton Hotel, Nuffy's Handy Dandy Store, Smeaton Post Office and Snowden Star Hotel. Lucky winner for November was Kathy Matieyshen - she received a cheque for \$73! When told of her good luck, Kathy said "That's super!". Enjoy the extra Christmas money, Kathy, and thanks for supporting SDFR! Next draw date is New Year's Eve, December



### MESSAGE FROM SMEATON FIRE AND RESCUE

As the holiday season approaches, so does amount of traffic with people traveling to be with family and loved ones for the holiday season. Unfortunately this is also a time when accidents are a likely possibility. Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue and the Smeaton First Responders would like to take this opportunity to remind all motorists, when coming up to and passing through an accident scene to obey all traffic laws for the safety of Fire, EMS, and RCMP personnel who are on site working the motor vehicle collision scene. At this time SDFR & SFR wish everyone a Safe Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

### SMEATON LIBRARY

Be sure to let us know if there are any books or movies we can order for you through inter-libraries loan. It is very rare that an item will not be available at one of Saskatchewan's many libraries and except for very popular items, delivery to Smeaton Library is quite fast.

We wish to thank Herman and Edwina Lewis of Prince Albert, for the donation of a large number of books and movies. They are available for the taking for the price of a donation, check them out at Smeaton Library. We have regular hours through the holiday season.

A notice to our younger lenders that we have many movies available for loan. Check out *Finding Dory*, *Ice Age Collision Course*, and *Secret Life of Pets*, as well as many more movies approved for younger viewers.

Have a great 2017 full of great reading.

### THANK YOU: Thank you for supporting the Legion Poppy Campaign in 2016.

Thank you to those who manned the coin boxes. As I collected the poppies and coin boxes, when I thanked the people, their responses were "No problem"; "Glad to do it"; "It's the least we could do" and so on.

The Poppy Money goes to: Christmas gifts for veterans and wives of veterans at North Haven; Easter treats for all residents at the home; items bought for the home such as toaster, hand mixer and food processor.

Thanks for all your support,  
Audrey Reid, Poppy Chairman

## GARBAGE / RECYCLE SCHEDULE

Be sure to put your **black bin** at the curb on January 6th, January 20th; and February 3rd. Put out your **blue recycle bin** on January 13th and January 27th; as well as February 10th. Pay attention to what is acceptable in the Blue Recycle bin. Too many of us have been putting unacceptable items in there which makes it challenging to our recycler.

### VILLAGE OF SMEATON NOTICES

Some people find that they have more garbage than usual at different times of the year; if anyone needs a second garbage can they can contact the office. The charge is \$5 for a 2 week period (one garbage dump), or \$10/month.

**We wish to remind you what can and can't go in the recycle bins. We have put a poster up in the post office and the outside community bulletin board.**

There has been confusion over what can be put in the recycle bins. Please note that such things as used clothes, furnace filters, garden hoses, dirty recyclable items, kids plastic toys, lawn clippings and leaves are **NOT** to be put in Recycle.

Items that **CAN** go in are cardboard, newspaper, cardboard egg cartons (not the foam kind), phone books, milk and juice jugs, grocery bags, pop bottles, laundry detergent jugs, shampoo bottles, food containers (yogurt, margarine, etc.), aluminum trays, plates and foil, tin cans, aluminum beverage cans. **All plastics that have the 1-7 recycle symbols on them. are good to recycle. All items must be clean.**

**Please remember:** empty and rinse all containers; remove caps and lids; flatten cardboard boxes; place all recyclables loose in bin; no bagging required (except shredded paper needs to be bagged). Tied bags will not be recycled, they will be assumed to be garbage.

**NO:** Styrofoam; electronics; scrap metals (batteries); plastics without the 1-7 recycle symbols; plastics, waxed, or laminated material; tissues/paper towel; mirrors, ceramics, window glass or pyrex; light bulbs; hazardous or biohazardous waste; wood waste. **ALSO REMEMBER:** recycled items in black garbage bags will not be accepted. They will go to Garbage without being examined. Let's work together to make recycling work. **WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT....PUT IT IN GARBAGE BIN.**

## NUFFY'S HANDY DANDY Second Hand Store

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**CLEAN OUT YOUR BASEMENT, GARAGE OR SHEDS:** Call me at 306 426-2269 (leave a message). I will buy anything I need, and haul the rest away!

**THANK YOU:** Council would like to thank Johnny, Maurice, Travis, Whitford Construction and CNS Septic Service for a job well done fixing our big water break in those frigid temperatures.

### ANNUAL SMEATON REC CENTRE USER FEES:

The following have paid their family user fees for the coming season. These fees are essential for keeping the Rec Centre open and available for community events. Pay your fees at Village Office and receive a tax receipt.

**Diana Rudd & Bruce Pierce**

**Robert & Beryl Fournier**

**Murray & Florence Grunerud**

**Maurice & Annette Kirby**

**Aaron & Jen Chamberlain**

**Terry & Esther Chamberlain**

**Jamie Morphy / Kendra Gibson**

**Elaine and Terry King**

Many thanks to the family of Sophie Fabish for a donation, and to Terry and Esther Chamberlain for a donation in memory of Lanny Chamberlain.

### Smeaton Skating Club:

We will be starting our lessons on Friday January 6 @ 5:30

If you are interested in putting your child into lessons, feel free to come down to the rink and we will register them for you. The fee is \$60 per child for the season!!

Dog and business licenses are due in January. (Dog licenses are \$5 for spayed/neutered, otherwise \$10.)

Business licenses refers to anyone conducting business within the Village limits who does not pay commercial property taxes. No person shall carry on any business within the Village unless he or she possesses a valid license. Licenses range in price dependent upon the business. Any business person who does not obtain a license can be fined according to the penalty bylaw.

### \*\*\*\*\*CANADA 150\*\*\*\*\*

Do you have plans for celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday in 2017? Let us know what you think. Box 28 Smeaton SOJ 2J0

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**CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS OF CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST IN SMEATON:** Many thanks to the judges who chose the following winners of this year's Christmas Decoration Contest:

**Rick & Benda Pickett** first place, **Buzzy & Crystal Pocha** second place and an honorary mention to **Terry & Esther Chamberlain**.

### SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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