



SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2017 ~ 147TH ISSUE

Masthead photo: Smeaton's STARS landing site, north part of the Sports Ground. Do not park here.

CANADA 150 MEETING

7pm March 21, 2017 at the Smeaton Rec Center for all committees, groups and citizens to make plans for July 1st - Canada Day. Watch for posters and more information!

SMEATON SNOWMOBILE RALLY

Saturday March 11, 2017

Rally starts @ 10 am; Last Run @ 1pm; Riders to be in by 5pm
\$10 Poker Hands * 50/50 Cash Payouts * Great Prizes *
Non-Riders Welcome *
Food Served all Day *
Social to follow Rally
CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
Contact Sonia @ 306-426-2313 to enter / details * \$10 / Person

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MEATH PARK SENIORS HALL

Sunday March 12th 9 to noon
"All you can eat!" \$8.00
EVERYONE WELCOME

BINGO

MEATH PARK SENIORS HALL
2:00pm Sunday March 12th
and Sunday March 26th
JACKPOT \$75.00
EVERYONE WELCOME

Train Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu!

with the Great Northern Grapplers
Thursdays 6:00-8:00 @ Choiceland School Gym * 15 yrs & up- Dudes only * Mouth guard recommended
306 - 428 - 2011 for more info



CURLING: Top photo are the 43 kids who enjoyed curling in Snowden on Family Day (February 13th). They each received Dairy Queen gift certificates and had bushels of fun. In the lower photo are winners of the Smeaton Fire and Rescue 3rd Annual Funspiel, also held in Snowden on February 25th. Winners of the A-side Peter Lubyk of Smeaton and Fraser Bahr of Martensville prevailed over B-side winners Krista Hache and Keanna Whyte of Nipawin. There were 16 two-man teams entered. Many thanks to Snowden for the use of their rink.

CANADA150

Smeaton Legion # 319 would like to invite everyone our Steak Supper - to be held on April 22nd - at the Smeaton Rec Centre. Supper will be barbecued steak, baked potato, salads and dessert. Advance tickets only for this event. Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available from Legion members starting March 15th - cut off for ticket sales will be April 15th (no exceptions). Only 100 tickets will be available so get your ticket early.

Legion members will also be selling tickets for an Elimination Draw to be held at the steak supper. Buy your "square" for \$10 to be entered for some great prizes. Top prize on the elimination draw is 25% of sales - \$250 if all tickets sell! Only 100 squares will be sold - make sure to get your ticket early as last year sold out fast!

SMEATON SPRING FAIR

Smeaton Rec Center
April 8th, 2017

Time to sign up for tables
\$10 per table. Contact Esther 306 426 2409 or Margo 306 426 2001

ROYAL PURPLE EASTER BINGO

April 9th * 2pm**

Choiceland Elks Hall
Sponsored by Choiceland Royal Purple and Choiceland Bingo Committee

SPRING ROAST BEEF SUPPER

March 19th ** 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Choiceland Elks Hall
Roast Beef, Perogies, Cabbage Rolls ..etc!
Adults \$14; Ages 6 to 12: \$7; Family Rate: \$40; 5 and under Free
Sponsored by Choiceland Royal Purple and William Mason Graduating Class

WEIRDALE SENIORS SUPPER

March 18th ** 5:30pm

Roast Pork with all the trimmings-\$15
Bread will also be available, \$3.00 a loaf
Weirdale Seniors Centre

Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship

Ladies Night Out - March 23rd 6:30pm
Speaker Nancy Tenkink of Prince Albert *
EVERYONE WELCOME *

EASTER HAM BINGO

at Meath Park Seniors Centre
Sunday March 26th *** 2pm
Raffles **Door Prizes ** 50/50 Draw
EVERYONE WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM NADINE WILSON, MLA FOR SASKRIVERS

This year, we will celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Marking 150 years since Confederation, this is a time to both reflect and look forward. Canada is a place of promise, acceptance and diversity. July 1st is a national holiday, but how you choose to spend Canada Day is your personal preference. I choose to spend it with my family celebrating our granddaughter Jane's birthday. (It's Canada's birthday but also little Jane's.) She will blow out her birthday candles after making a wish, as is our custom. Let's all make our special traditions count by celebrating this momentous birthday, perhaps by marking it with festivities with neighbours, friends and family in our communities across Saskatchewan. We will remember this occasion as we remembered the 1967 centennial birthday of Canada.

Please accept my most sincere Happy Birthday wishes to mark this important milestone.

Sincerely,
Nadine Wilson MLA

ANNIE NICHOLET

February 3, 1920 –
February 4, 2017

Annie Tatiana Lukashenko was born to Zay and Anna Lukashenko on February 3, 1920, at home on the farm (Sec34 TP9 Rge23 West2) near Dahinda, Saskatchewan.



Annie took her schooling at Dahinda. After the passing of her parents she caught a ride with friends to the Love District where she found work for several families in the district. While working there, Annie met John (Sr.) Nicholet, and they were soon married and had one son named John (Jr.) Nicholet.

Annie worked beside her husband on the farm for over 40 years. After John (Jr.) completed high school, Annie and John (Sr.) travelled to Arizona and California, spending much of their winters there.

Annie was an excellent cook, baker and gardener. Annie's son John (Jr.) would sneak into the deep freeze and nab Annie's famous cookies. When Annie would go to the freezer to get cookies, they would all be gone.

Annie would bake these cookies for the grandchildren, delivering them in coffee tins. All the grandchildren knew to guard these cookies with their lives, as you never knew who was nabbing one out of your tin.

Annie was a great help in teaching her daughter-in-law Ruth cooking, canning, sewing and gardening.

Annie would bake pies, John (Sr.) and his friend Rennie would go fishing at Candle Lake at Trapper's Beach with a friend Joe, and on one occasion Joe let it slip that John (Sr.) had been trading Annie's pies for their fish.

In 1985, Annie and John (Sr.) moved to Nipawin to an easier lifestyle. Annie was an avid stamp collector and writer, she had pen pals from around the world. Annie continued to grow a large garden. She continued to live in the family home after the passing of John (Sr.) and remained there until her passing. Annie passed away one day after her 97th birthday.

Annie was predeceased by her parents Zay and Anna and her husband John Sr. She is also predeceased by sisters, Olga (Joe), Elsie (Joe), Dora (Peter), and her brothers, Andrew (Annie), Sam and Joe (Boni).

Annie is survived by her son John (Jr.) and his wife Ruth. Six grandchildren; Robert, Joseph, Karen (Ian), April (John), Julie and Steven (Emily); nine great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, as well as two sisters Barbara and May; one brother Art and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ALICE GODIN

Dec 4, 1918-
Jan 23, 2017



Alice was the seventh of eleven children born to John and Mary Vandine. She spent her early years at Strong Pine, east of Prince Albert, where her father was a conservation officer. She attended David School until her family moved to a district south-east of Shipman. There she met an area farmer, Laval Godin, and the two were married in April, 1937. They began farming together on Laval's homestead, and their only child, Lyle, was born in 1941. They spent 36 happy years on their farm home until their retirement in 1973. They lived briefly in B.C., but returned to Saskatchewan in 1975 and purchased a house in Choiceland. They remained there until Laval's passing in 2002; Alice continued to live there with her son Lyle for the rest of her life. During many of their years in Choiceland, Alice and Laval travelled back to Alberta and B.C. to visit family and friends. They also worked on home construction with her sister Chris and brother-in-law Rusty Haines, which they enjoyed greatly. After their working years ended in 1987, Alice returned to B.C. alone each year until 2007. Alice was predeceased by her husband and life partner of 65 years, Laval in 2002, and Walter Long in 2007. Most recently, she lost her beloved sister and best friend for 95 years, Chris Haines, in October, 2016. Alice is survived by her son Lyle of Choiceland, and by Virginia Long (wife of Walter) of Lloydminster, SK. Also, left to cherish her memory are Virginia's children Glenn, Bridget and Laura, all of Lloydminster, AB, and by their children and grandchildren, to all of whom she was a grandmother, great- and great-great-grandmother, friend and confidante, and by her many nieces and nephews. The family of Alice Godin wish to express their profound gratitude to all of those who helped make her last days as comfortable and free of pain and anxiety as possible. To the first responders and paramedics of Kelsey Trail Health Region, the doctors, nurses and staff of the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon and the Nipawin Hospital, and those who sent their best wishes - Bless you all. Special Thanks to Rosemarie and staff of the **HERITAGE FUNERAL HOME** for their kindness and compassion during our time of grief. 13143954



Gunnar Person, born in the Bagley District in 1931; he passed away in Melfort on February 8th 2017. He married Joyce Rudnicki in 1960 and they raised two children, Wendy and Kurt. Joyce and Gunnar farmed until 2004 when they sold the farm and moved to Melfort.

He was a humble, gentle person who appreciated the simpler things in life and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren Daniel and Jon. He is survived by wife Joyce, children Wendy (Rob); son Kurt (Tessa); grandchildren Daniel and Jon, three sisters, one brother and numerous other relatives and in-laws.

Celebration of Life for Gunnar was held on February 11th at the St James Presbyterian Church in Melfort.

THANK YOU: Thank you to our family and friends for so many expressions of sympathy following the loss of our daughter, Corrina! Many thanks for the phone calls, visits, food, flowers and cards. Also thank you to everyone who attended the funeral or sent donations in Corrina's memory to KIN ENTERPRISES in Prince Albert.

Your care and kindness is GREATLY appreciated!

Rick and Doreen Willness and Family

THANK YOU: Wanda Pelech and family of the late Wayne Pelech would like to express their sincere appreciation and "Thank You" to all who attended Wayne's memorial service. Thank you for all the donations, cards, hugs and kind words. Everyone was overwhelming with love and support which will never be forgotten. Also a big thank you to Pastor Darcy Cust for officiating the service; to the Smeaton Rec Centre for the lunch served and allowing us to stay as long as we needed. Thank you, Jazlyn, for being brave enough to sing Wayne's song.

Thank you,

Wanda Pelech and Families



SMEATON LEGION # 319 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH
Smeaton Legion Hall 2 PM
\$10 Entry Fee / Cash Bar

For more info contact:
Lyle (306) 426-7773
Joe (306) 426-2208

SMEATON & DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE

Congratulations to January's 50/50 winner Murray Townsend of Choiceland. January's pot was \$77, so Murray received a cheque for \$38.50. Murray purchased his ticket at Smeaton Co-op on his way to work. Thanks to all the businesses in our area who promote our monthly draw - Smeaton Co-op, Smeaton Hotel, Smeaton Post Office and Snowden Star Hotel. Next draw date is February 28th.

Weirdale Minor Ball

Registration nights will be Wednesday March 8th and Sunday March 12th from 7:30 to 8:30pm at the Meath Park Arena.

Learn to Play (born 2009-2012) cost \$25. Mites (born 2007-2008) cost \$90. Squirrels (born 2005-2006) cost \$100. Peewee/Bantam/Midget (born 1999-2004) cost \$100.

Our Weirdale Minor Ball Annual Meeting will be Sunday April 9th, at 7:30 pm at the Meath Park Arena. Everyone welcome.

**FOXFORD
KAISER TOURNAMENT**

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2017
LOCATION : FOXFORD RECREATION CENTRE

REGISTRATION AT 6PM
GAME START AT 7PM
\$25 ENTRY PER TEAM
CASH PRIZES / CASH BAR / CANTINE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
CHRIS 306.961.7521
ALL PROCEEDS TO FOXFORD REC CENTRE

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DEBBIE MAUTHE
306-960-9774

NORTH HAVEN

Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner

Dean McKenzie has moved to another facility and we wish him well in his new home in Melfort. He will certainly be missed as he was our only male resident and came to live at North Haven in December of 2000.

We wish Lil a happy 88th birthday on March 16th. Last month we celebrated Alice's 99th birthday on February 29th.

Many thanks to Shelby Kun, who comes in to do crafts with residents on a regular basis. Many thanks for tender loving care from our Health Unit nurse, Peggy Bohmann.

We are appreciative of memorial donations which are made in memory of departed in the district.

If you wish to do hairdressing on an occasional basis please call me at North Haven, 306 426-2766.

Residents continue to enjoy the tub and lift that were purchased



through fundraising several years ago. The general public, PA Co-op, and ScotiaBank raised \$25,000 to provide this necessity which we are grateful for every time we use it!

Recently we have received grapes, ice cream, baking, variety of fruit, from Amel Twarzynski, Carolyn Weger, Choiceland Seniors, Choiceland Skating Club, and others. Many thanks, everything is appreciated.

We are looking forward to getting Wi-Fi at North Haven. Also we are looking to the arrival of crows and spring.

NORTH HAVEN BINGO SCHEDULE:

March 3rd: Snowden Community Club; March 10th: Smeaton Seniors; March 17th: Smeaton Walking Group; March 24th: Choiceland Seniors; March 31st: North Haven; April 7th: Smeaton Volunteers



PHOTOS: Above left, there is usually a group of residents sitting around the table enjoying adult colouring and other crafts. They are getting very good at it. Above, Alice looks elegant and pleased on her 99th birthday.

SMEATON LIBRARY: Thank you to Alicia McIntosh for donating a large number of books to our library. They will be available for a donation, and others will find their way on to our shelves. We are open Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship March News:

Regular Services Sundays 11 a.m. – Pastor Dave Bonney
Games Morning March 7th at 10a.m.

Church Service at North Haven March 13 at 2 p.m.

Ladies Night Out March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. – Speaker is Nancy Tenkink from Prince Albert
Everyone welcome to all events



Smeaton & Area Telemiracle 41 Fundraiser

On February 23rd, Esther Chamberlain and Eunice Bartle organized a chili and hotdog lunch at the Legion Hall in Smeaton. They raised \$881 for Telemiracle 41.

Eunice and Esther wish to thank: Smeaton Legion for use of their building; Sharon Morpurgo, Kathie Nordstrum and Margo Marshall for helping; all who donated food, and all who came out to support the event. Thank you so much!!

PHOTO at left: Eunice Bartle and Esther Chamberlain dishing up chili



VISITING ARTIST AT TORCH RIVER ART: Graisyn McLean, seven (I think) from Melfort came by with her grandmother Kathy Jordan, to work on her illustrated booklets and show us her framed pebble art called "White Fox". Keep up the good work Graisyn.



DOMINIC ARTHUR ATKINSON, at left with his mother Jackie, would like to thank everyone for the wonderful presents and hugs at the shower held at Whitetail Outfitters in Smeaton. Dominic was born December 24th 2016, and is the wonderful son of Dylan Atkinson and Jackie Derksen. He is a delight to all his relatives in Smeaton and he visits from White Fox often.

WEIRDALE SENIORS NEWS:

Our **regular meetings** are on the first Wednesday of the month. Our **Coffee Mornings** continue on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Come out between 9 and 11am for coffee, toast, cinnamon buns. Our next **Quilt and Craft Day** will be on March 16th from 10am till 3pm. Bring your project and a lunch or food to share. Everyone welcome.

Come out for Roast Pork Supper on March 18th.

Mary Toth was our last 50/50 winner. We also sell 30 tickets at \$10 each to win a \$100 Co-op card. Our last winner was Marie Aiken. Congratulations.



TRAVELS WITH TERRY....

by Terry Zabek

In January I took a cruise trip through the Panama Canal, getting a lesson on its history as well as a holiday. The first effort to construct the Panama Canal was by the French in 1880. It failed due to disease (yellow fever and malaria), and lack of finances. In 1904, the Americans undertook the project and finished it in 1914, at a cost of six hundred billion dollars, an immense amount of money at that time. Now we throw figures like that around for operational costs of a few months of government expense or bank profits. Because the

Americans bankrolled the project it remained under their control until 1999, when Panama took over the operation. It takes about ten hours for a canal crossing; around the horn of South America it would take two weeks. The average cost to take a ship through is 250 to 400 thousand dollars. For our cruise ship it was \$500,000. Forty to fifty ships pass through every day.

On this cruise we made stops at several ports: Cartagena Columbia; Costa Rica; Nicaragua; Puerto Quetzal Guatemala; Puerto Chiapas Mexico.

In Mexico we took a tour to the ruins of Ixtapa. It was found in 1948 and covers about 100 acres. There were several low pyramids and a ball court. The team of five players used a rubber ball with a human head encased. It could be hit only with shoulders and hips, and could last minutes or hours. The winner lost his head which would be used to make the ball for the next game. The head was placed on a tall pillar, six to eight feet tall, beside the court. This was considered a great honour! Mayans lived an average of thirty years. Crocodiles live about a hundred years and were considered gods because of their longevity.

Next stop was Huatulco, a very clean and relatively new city of about 35,000, built by the Mexican government in 1984. An apartment of four rooms can be rented for about 3000 pesos (\$150US) per month. Near here we took a tour of a Zapotec ruins. One of their main gods was Quetzalcoatl, who was based on a blonde Viking explorer, who said he would return some day. Instead the Spanish came, and they thought it was the return of Quetzalcoatl. This made them easy targets for conquering, and the thievery of their treasures. The ruins had three different mounds: the serpent mound (temple); the ball court with viewing mound; the king's mound where subjects would come to talk to him.

Next stop was Cabo San Lucas, where we took a tour on a glass-bottom boat out to Land's End on the Baja Peninsula. We saw a few types of fish, and sea lions on the rocks. In port we saw fishing boats coming in with a sea lion or two hanging off the stern because the fishermen threw tidbits from their catch overboard to them.

This is a pretty rich area, fantastic homes and hotels built up on the cliffs. There were huge luxury yachts in the harbor. They hold a fishing derby (for tuna) in March. The average entry fee per boat is \$300,000.

We flew home from Los Angeles, to the reality of winter in Saskatchewan — yay!!



Royal Canadian Legion District Crib Tournament was held in Nipawin on February 25th. Our team from Smeaton Legion #319 - Lyle White, Joe Bernhard, Wayne Krasko and Tracy Lubyk - had an amazing showing! Once again, our team ad-

vances in Closed Team play. Both Joe and Wayne in Closed Doubles and Tracy Lubyk in Closed Singles placed second and continue to advance in play. Next step is Provincials which will also be held in Nipawin on March 17 to 19th. Good luck Team Smeaton!

LOCAL MONTHLY TOURNAMENT: Congratulations to the winners of our February Crib tournament - Lyle White and Joe Bernhard placed first, with Allan White and Leonard Miller close behind them in second place. The four winner had their pick of prizes donated by Peter Lubyk / SGI Salvage and Nuffy's Handydandy Store. March 26th is our next Crib Tournament. Cost to enter is \$10, snacks and a cash bar will be available.



SOME THOUGHTS from Tony Rudnicki

The Super Bowl Game was a disaster the way it ended. To end the game

with a coin toss is very unfair and there will be fewer people watching it next time.

Rules can be changed. I coached seniors hockey for ages 30 and over and there was some unfair play. If we played in their end they often shot the puck over the boards to stop play, I thought about it and told my players to pretend to trip, to shoot the puck over the boards, or for the goalie to dislodge the net with hooking his skate. It turned out to be chickens**t hockey. I wrote the president of the NHL that the rules regarding shooting the puck over the boards and "third man in" should be changed.

I was happy when the rules were changed and it has stood for 30 years.

I really enjoyed the boys who played for me and some said they enjoyed playing for me.

I would like to thank all the boys who played for me, it changed the way I thought. They were the best boys I ever knew and wish we could do it all again but we know that is not possible. Good luck to you all.

Tony...great times...thanks



PHOTO: Annette Kirkland, nearly 100, attended the Museum Open House with her son David and her granddaughter.

ERIC JOHNSON HOMESTEAD

Eric Johnson was born in Dubuc SK in 1907. His father, also known as Eric, had emigrated from Sweden.

In 1927, Eric Johnson married an Annie Johnson at Whitewood SK. Eric's new wife didn't have to change her last name as they both had the same last name.

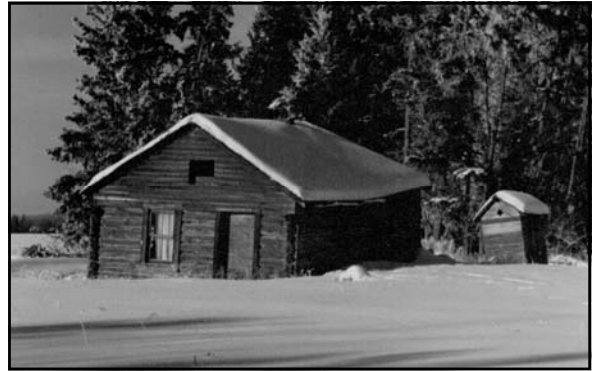
In 1931 the Johnsons left Whitewood and filed on SE4-52 -18W2 in the Snowden area. Eric came from a family of eight, and many of his brothers homesteaded in the Snowden area, Eric built the little house pictured for his family. It measured 18 by 24 feet, a total of 432 square feet.

Eric had a shingle mill on his land and supplied shingles for many homes in the area. He was very inventive and could make things basically out of nothing. He actually preferred working in saw mills to farming.

In 1951, Eric sold the land and moved his family to Prince George BC. Eric would own his own saw mill out there. In 1981, Eric Johnson passed away in Prince George at the age of 74.

The land today is owned by Dennis Boehler and farmed by Kelly Pistun.

A special thank you goes to Larry Johnson of Prince George, Eric's son, who provided the history of the homestead.



Photos of the Johnson Homestead (above) and the Rudolph Homestead (below) were captured on film by Dan MacDonald who made it his mission to record disappearing local landmarks. The stories are researched by Jan Misselbrook and friends from the Choiceland Museum.

BILL RUDOLPH HOMESTEAD

Bill Rudolph homesteaded on SW24-52-17 -W2. Bill was of German descent. Bill was a soldier in the army in World War I.

Bill never married, and like other bachelors in the area, life was a tough existence without a woman to look out for them. A good meal at the neighbor's was a real treat.

Bill did hire some local women to cook an clean occasionally. My great grandmother Ina Swanson was one of the

women that worked for him.

Bill Rudolph had a favourite saying "Dirty Jesus" which he applied to many situations.

Archie Knipe bought a Winchester rifle from him.

Bill broke his land with horses which was the common method at the time.

He sold his land to Harry Seaman. Although the land has changed hands many years ago, it is still referred to as the "Rudolph Quarter".



CHOICELAND MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE

Open House on February 5th was a great success with more than 60 people coming in to sip coffee and munch cookies. Old catalogues, scrap books of events and obituaries were put on tables to look through.

Our oldest visitor was Annette Kirkland from Weirdale who will be 100 years old on May 26th, 2017. Her family came along with her. The Museum wishes to thank all who attended.

FEBRUARY 1ST 50/50 WINNER: Congratulations to Margaret McTaggart who took home \$582.50.

PRIVATE LAND GRAVE RESEARCH: The Museum is searching the district to record our pioneers who were buried on private homesteads prior to the establishment of today's cemeteries. Don Sussums is heading this research. You can phone Don at 306 428-2042. In the church display area a special spot will be used to list names and land description. These pioneers will be remembered and honoured.

AMATEUR HOUR: Mark your calendars for April 8th for Amateur Hour. More to follow next month.

FOLLOW-UP ON CLIFF "DELMORE" HATTON

Last month we ran the story of Cliff Hatton's homestead and since then there has been considerable new information as CD seemed to leave an impression on the community.

Ray Wilburn remembers Cliff kept his money in a snuff box as he did not trust banks.

Deanna Scott researched Cliff at Nipawin Town Office and Nipawin Paper Archives. Here is what she found: Cliff was born in 1892 and died in his house in Choiceland on June 28th, 1971. He had retired from farming in 1958. His brother Marshall Hatton came from Portland, Oregon for his funeral, held in the Choiceland United Church on July 2nd, 1971. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Nipawin (Lot 1 Blk 163 Plan F). There was no obituary and his affairs were settled by Treleven.

Keith McCreight of Williams Lake BC shared his memories of their neighbor CD Hatton:

I have a memory of mom being away, I think in the Nipawin hospital, and CD came for his usual Sunday dinner. I was nine or ten and I took it upon myself to carry on the tradition of the big dinner and slaved away to make it bang up like mom always did, up to the point of including a fancy dessert in stemmed glasses like wine glasses. Layers of green jello and vanilla pudding with a maraschino cherry on top. It was an all

afternoon struggle. Of course CD was completely unaware of what I was doing and was just waiting for his expected meal. Dad did not interfere at all but I knew he was aware what was going on by the few subtle comments I heard him say. CD had no comments and I was serving them like a butler and did not even eat with them. All went well until I poured the tea and CD blurted out "GOOD GOD that tea would make Bob McManis turn over in his grave", and dad said in his usual few words "Yes, it is definitely all there". (I think Bob McManis had also been a neighbour, and must have been known for a wicked cup of tea). I remember CD's little house was always neat and tidy and clean. He had a small cooking range with a lot of chrome on it and that heated the house too. He sawed his wood with a swede saw and grew a good garden. He just had the one quarter and I don't think there was much land broken on it. His pride joy was his Massey 81 tractor, but I don't think he had much else for machinery. I also remember he had a brother who came to visit from the States once, with a wife and two kids. He entertained the kids by letting them drive the Massey around the yard.

Cliff Hatton is certainly remembered!

...This is my story

Everyone has a story. Tell us yours by sending to Smeaton Newsletter, Box 28, Smeaton SK, S0J 2J0

CONFESSIONS OF AN EAGER SCRIBBLER PART 2– Terry Chamberlain

I told you earlier of my childish attempts to write, draw, act, or be part of any kind of media (a word I'd never heard of back then). All that pretty well ended along with my childhood. Partly because the teenage years bring a great many other temptations, distractions, social interactions (not to mention trouble) and, eventually, the necessity of preparing—like it or not—for adult responsibilities.

Also, in the time and place where I lived, writers and authors seemed to be part of such a faraway world that it was only a naïve dream to imagine ever being one. I had never seen or expected to see one of those famous folk—until one exception came along: Bill Ostlund, a local farmer and outdoorsman, published at least two, maybe more, fictional short stories about the lives of wild animals in the Western Producer magazine section. I was mightily impressed and excited; then and much later Mr. Ostlund's work provided some of the inspiration and encouragement I needed.

Upon graduating from high school, however, I was faced with what seemed more practical and immediate matters such as food, clothing and shelter. And so, for the next 33 years I was engaged in teaching, university studies, various extra jobs to pay for the studies, marriage, raising a family, community services and, for 13 of those

years, teaching and grain farming at the same time.

I had no time during that period of my life for writing, but I hadn't forgotten it either. Very often while piloting a tractor over a field my mind was busy composing stories, commentaries and, in addition, songs. This no doubt detracted from my concentration, but, although at times I came close to running the tractor and implement into a power pole or a slough, I managed to come alert in time. Once I did, however, side-swipe with a cultivator the half ton my brother (and farm partner) had just purchased.

At university I majored in history, minored in English; the material I encountered there developed in me a fascination with the puzzling question of what goes on in the minds of human beings, individually and in groups, that makes them do the things they do. Those motives and their results—predictable, unpredictable, moral, immoral, uplifting, depressing, tragic, and often very funny—so impressed me that they made up a major portion of what I later wrote. My main field of teaching was high school English, and the books I chose and presented to my students continued to expose me to the minds of many amazing, thought-provoking writers.



In 1989 I retired from teaching and quit farming (though not permanently) about the same time. Finally—my kids being on their own now as well—I had time to do what I'd always wanted, to write the brilliant masterpieces that the world was impatiently waiting for. I know—quit laughing—I still had a lot to learn. Tell you about that later.

PHOTO: Esther and Terry often tap their Manitoba maples to make some very good maple syrup.



...This is my story

Kathy and Walter Matieyshen live on the farm, southwest of Smeaton. Walter made a great impression on kids while accompanying Smokey Bear. His passion seems to be old cars and trucks. Kathy is a very dependable volunteer for the library and North Haven Auxiliary and manages to survive the rigors of driving 38 kids to and from school in all kinds of weather.

Here are their stories:



Walter Matieyshen: I grew up on my dad's homestead, one half mile from where we live. I have a brother, Joe, who lives in Prince Albert and a sister Joyce, in Humboldt. After Kathy and I were married, my dad's brother, Henry asked if we wanted to move onto his homestead with him, and that is where we have lived ever since.

After working for a couple of local logging outfits, I started working for Woodlands Enterprises in 1971 and worked out of Camp 6 at Mile 62 on the Hanson Lake Road.

I met Kathy at a dance at Cookson in 1972... our eyes met across a crowded room (tee hee). We married in 1975 and have two sons (my tag team). Cory and Mel live in Ottawa with two-year old Evangeline. We gave her a pink school bus for her birthday. Our son Jeff lives in Yorkton close to his daughter, Emma, who turned 14 on my 66th birthday in January.

I have also worked at Camp 16 at Wapaweka and at Camp 8 by Elaine Lake, west of Montreal Lake. I've worked in Calgary framing and finishing houses, firefighting from the base at Lower Fishing Lake. Later I worked on the education end of firefighting with the Smokey Bear Program, teaching about wildfires and their prevention, at schools, parks and libraries all over Saskatchewan.

I retired in 2016 and still enjoy going back into the bush of the Fort a la Corne, getting firewood every fall. I guess it's true — you can take the boy out of the bush but you can't take the bush out of the boy!

Kathy Matieyshen: I lived in Mayview until I was nine when my mom remarried and we moved to Cookson. The school burnt down the first year I was there (it was electrical, honest!) so I was bused to Foxdale School, half an hour from our place, until it closed. Then I went to Shellbrook School from grades 7 to 12.

I am the youngest of seven, having two sisters and four brothers. My oldest brother bought Mom's land in Mayview and drove school bus for Saskatchewan Rivers from there to Wild Rose School by Deer Ridge. My current school bus route entails 250 kilometers a day and I have 38 students on my route. My mom thought it was pretty cool to have her oldest and youngest driving school bus. I was working in Yellowknife for the Department of Defense in the typing pool, when I received that offer I couldn't refuse.

I enjoy being outside gardening, cutting grass, camping and fishing in the summer, and helping get firewood in the fall and winter. I also do a bit of volunteering.

We have birds and wildlife coming to our yard all year long—some not so welcome when they get into my garden. There is also a weasel that entertains us through all seasons.

LOVE'S 46TH WINTER FESTIVAL ** Saturday, February 11th

Love Winter Festival had the weather man on our side giving us a warm day with little snow falling. The day started off with a pancake and sausage breakfast sponsored by Western Financial Group and Parrish and Heimbecker Ltd, enjoyed by many folks.

Throughout the day everyone had fun activities with laughter, cheers and draws, tasty food and a lot of community pride.

The day ended with a cabaret with music provided by "Off the Grid".

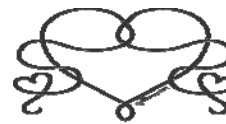
Thanks to one and all who helped out in any way to make this family day a success.

THANK YOU **THANK YOU ** THANK YOU

HATS OFF to everyone, one and all. This family event is put on through all the Sponsors—Volunteers—Donations!!

Without all the many supporters, this event would not happen.

Love and District Board of Trade



DRAW WINNERS:

133 1/3 oz Hammer: Kathy Whitley
Men's Ice Fish Package: Dan Garinger
Ladies' Ring Package: Alisa Lindsay
Kids' Package: Norbert Nemeth

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EVENT PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS



LOVE'S 46th Annual COMPETITIONS

NAIL DRIVING:

5 and under: 1st Kailey French (Nipawin); Todd Moore (White Fox).
7 and under Boys: 1st Marek French (Saskatoon); 2nd Luke Dore (White Fox)
7 and under Girls: 1st Presley French (Saskatoon); 2nd London French (Saskatoon)
10 and under Boys: 1st Aiden McCulloch (White Fox); 2nd Josh Sturby (Love)
10 and under Girls: 1st Dakota Williams (North Battleford); 2nd Cassidy Vansteelandt (White Fox)
15 and under Boys: 1st Dawson Nowlin (Love); 2nd Shaden St Denis (Love)
15 and under Girls: 1st Samantha Moore (White Fox); 2nd Dakota Williams (North Battleford)
Ladies: 1st Tammy Williams (North Battleford); 2nd Mary Bittern (White Fox)
Mens: 1st Curtis Moore (White Fox); 2nd Corey Paschke (Love)

ARM WRESTLING:

7 and under: 1st Luke Dore (Love); 2nd London French (Saskatoon)
11 and under Boys: 1st Tyson Burton (Nipawin); 2nd Casen Griffen (Nipawin)
11 and under Girls: 1st Dakota Williams (North Battleford); 2nd Martina Moore (White Fox)
14 and under Boys: 1st Kody Warren (Choiceland); 2nd Mason Warren (Choiceland)
14 and under Girls: 1st Dakota Williams (North Battleford); 2nd Samantha Moore (White Fox)
17 and under Boys: 1st Logan Clark (Nipawin); 2nd Tanner Markham (Choiceland)
17 and under Girls: 1st Danyelle McKinnon (Nipawin); 2nd: Jessica Black (Love)
Ladies: 1st Kate Martens (Nipawin); 2nd Tammy

Williams (North Battleford)

Mens: 1st Cory Verzonowski (Lloydminster); 2nd Bob Vallier (Lloydminster)

HATCHET THROW:

1st Danielle Smith (Nipawin); 2nd Jessie Rose (Nipawin)

BASKETBALL THROW:

4 and under: 1st Wyatt Mack (Regina); 2nd Todd Moore (White Fox)

SMOOSH SMOOSH:

10 and under: 1st Samantha Moore (White Fox) and Mercy Kiehn (Love); 2nd Dakota Williams (North Battleford) and Morgan Belleperche (North Battleford)
Ladies: 1st Tracy Nowlin (Love), Nicole Moore (White Fox) and Melissa French (Love)
2nd Willow Kiehn (Love), Josie Foy (White Fox) and Louise Staines (White Fox)
Mens: 1st Darcy McKinnon (Nipawin), Ashley French (Saskatoon) and Janet French (Lloydminster)
2nd: Joe Vallier (Love), Bill McLean (Nipawin) and Brent Runn (White Fox)

SACK RACE:

7 and under: 1st Kylay French (Nipawin); Luke Dore (Love); 2nd London French; Presley French (Saskatoon)
10 and under: 1st Martina Moore (White Fox); Cassidy Moore (White Fox). 2nd Morgan Belleperche (North Battleford); Dakota Williams (North Battleford);
Adult: 1st Samantha Moore (White Fox); Nicole Moore (White Fox); 2nd Jessie Rose (Nipawin); Jordin Funk (Nipawin)

LEG WRESTLING:

7 and under: 1st Colbie Griffen (Nipawin); 2nd Cale

Griffen (Nipawin)

10 and under Boys: Colbie Griffen (Nipawin); 2nd Casen Griffen (Nipawin)

10 and under Girls: Mercy Kiehn (Love); 2nd Dakota Williams (North Battleford)

15 and under Boys: Tanner Markham (Choiceland); 2nd Grant Peters (Nipawin)

15 and under Girls: 1st Jessa Black (love); 2nd Jessica Runn (White Fox)

Ladies: 1st Tammy Williams (North Battleford); 2nd Randi McKinnon (Nipawin)

Mens: 1st Braden Arcand (Love); 2nd Bill McLean (Nipawin)

SWEDE SAW:

15 and under Girls: 1st Jessica Runn (White Fox); Willow Kiehn (Love); 2nd Morgan Belleperche (North Battleford); Dakota Williams (North Battleford)

15 and Under Boys: 1st Shaden St Denis (Love); Dawson Nowlin (Love); 2nd Cody Warren (Choiceland); Mason Warren (Choiceland)

Ladies: 1st Brenda Kott (Choiceland); Selena Bieker (White Fox); 2nd Jackie Tourand (White Fox); Dani G.

Mens: 1st Brendan Arcand (Nipawin); Aaron Vallier (Lloydminster); 2nd Cory Verzonowski (Regina); Corey Paschke (Love).

Couples: 1st Cory Verzonowski (Regina); Brenda Kott (Choiceland); 2nd Corey Paschke (Love); Tammy Williams (North Battleford)

NORWEGIAN KICK SLED:

Adults: 1st Robert Wicks (Lloydminster); 1st Cory; 2nd Shaden St Denis (Love); 2nd Dawson Nowlin (Love)

PILLOW FIGHTS:

7 and under: 1st London French (Saskatoon); 2nd Kazen French (Saskatoon)

10 and under Boys: 1st Zackery Warren (Choiceland); 2nd Casen Griffin (Nipawin)

10 and under Girls: 1st Dakota Williams (North Battleford); 2nd Morgan Belleperche (North Battleford)

15 and under Boys: 1st Shaden St Denis (Love); 2nd Tanner Markham (Choiceland)

15 and under Girls: 1st Samantha Moore (White Fox); 2nd Jessica Runn (White Fox)

Ladies: 1st Melissa French (Love); 2nd Jackie Tourand (White Fox)

Mens: 1st Braden Arcand (Love); 2nd Joe Vallier (Love)



CLASSIC BARN: At left is the barn on the farm of Mike and Tina Rudnicki, southwest of Smeaton. Mike says that he and brother Tony built the barn in 1955 but that they had Joe Moran construct the rafters on site. Joe was very shaky and had problems hitting a nail with his hammer. Send us a photo and story of your classic barn before they all disappear like our elevators and heritage homes.

Emergency Management Co-ordinator Position

An Emergency Management Organization (EMO) Co-ordinator is required for the Joint Venture Emergency Management Organization (JVEMO). This is an appointed and paid position. The JVEMO area consists of the RM of Torch River and other participating municipalities within the RM. The Community Emergency Coordinator is a key position in the municipal emergency program. He/She is responsible for developing and maintaining an emergency program for the community. This program must consist of an emergency plan that meets the mandated requirements set out by the Joint Venture Emergency Measures Organization; this plan must be maintained. The Coordinator is responsible to develop a training and education program for key players within the communities, usually consisting of the elected officials, first responders, operational staff and volunteers. The final step in the program responsibilities is to exercise the emergency plan through a series of exercises designed to test the plan and people.

The Emergency Coordinator must possess strong communication skills, be a leader, able to work with the elected officials as well as volunteers. This person must be able to work well under stress and be able to manage a team within an emergency operations centre in times of an emergency. Previous training in emergency would be an asset.

If you feel you have the qualifications to lead the Joint Venture Emergency Management Organization, submit a resume stating your experiences and qualifications by 4:00 p.m. on

March 10, 2017 to: ATTN: JVEMO

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