

SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017 ~ 148TH ISSUE



MASTHEAD PHOTOS: Left and right, east and west views of North Haven sign in memory of George and Ella Falloon, donated by the Falloon family and created by artists at the Hub.



Smeaton Snowmobile Rally was held on March 11th. It was another huge success, good thing we decided to move the rally date and got our wish of SNOW!! 169 Riders took part in the rally! Over \$1500 was paid out in prize money, and a \$501 50/50 too.

BIG thank you to everyone who came out and supported the event. The hall was packed and was great to see! We would like to thank Sonia Fidyk for organizing the crib tournament and also the Legion for lending us the crib boards and cards!

Also a huge THANKS to everyone who helped gather prizes, worked on/cleaned and signed the trail, the Ladies for working the card table all day!! Plus all the prep work and clean up! It's a big Job and we couldn't have done any of this without you!

Smeaton Skating Club wrapped up their season on March 10th with a potluck supper, awards, draws and a fun skate / obstacle course . It was another great season, we had 23 registered skaters! It's great to see all the kids improve over a few months, and to fill the rink with fun on Friday nights! Thank you to our coach Kassidy MacIntrye for coming out from PA for teaching / coaching the kids! Thank you Emma Jensen for helping Kassidy! You both did a fantastic job!

MEATH PARK SENIORS invite you to:
BINGO 2:00pm Sunday April 9th and Sunday April 23rd
PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00 to noon Sunday April 9th \$8; 5 and under free.
 Meath Park Seniors Centre ** Everyone Welcome

SMEATON LEGION # 319
CRIB WIND-UP
SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH at Legion Hall
POTLUCK SUPPER 5:00 PM
CRIB TOURNAMENT 6:00 PM
\$10 Entry Fee / Cash Bar
 For more info contact:
 Lyle (306) 426-7773
 Joe (306) 426-2208

CANADA150 MEETING
 April 24th at 7:30pm,
 Smeaton Rec Centre;
 Bring all your plans and ideas to make the celebration a great success.
 Everyone Welcome!!

SMEATON SPRING FAIR
SMEATON REC CENTER
APRIL 8, 2017 - 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.
 FOOD WILL BE SERVED ALL DAY
 *CRAFTS * BAKING * EASTER CHOCOLATES*
 *JEWELRY * HOME-BASED BUSINESSES *
 * SEWING * KNITTING * NEW AND NEW-TO-YOU ITEMS *
 *SILENT AUCTION * 50/50 DRAWS AND MORE!!!
 FOR TABLE RENTALS (\$10 EACH) CONTACT:
 JAMIE 426-2789 MICHELLE 426-2012
 MARGO 426-2001 ESTHER 426-2409
 EUNICE 426-2213 MERLE 426-2027

EASTER BINGO—HAMS AND TURKEYS
 SUNDAY APRIL 2nd *** 2PM
 SNOWDEN COMMUNITY HALL
 Everyone Welcome —Bring Dabbers

KAISER / CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
 CHOICELAND ELKS HALL FRIDAY APRIL 28
 \$20 a team Registration 6:30 Start 7:00
 Lunch and Refreshments sold * Cash Bar
 Silent Auction * 50 /50 * Raffle
 Proceeds to SASK. BRAIN INJURY ASS'N
 Sponsored by Choiceland Royal Purple

AWARD WINNING WESTERN ROOTS
 SINGER/SONGWRITER
LARRY KRAUSE ...in concert
SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 ** 7:30 pm
CHOICELAND SENIORS HALL
CHOICELAND, SK.
 TICKETS - \$15 AT THE DOOR
 Don't miss this COWBOY CAMPFIRE EVENIN'



EASTER BINGO * SUNDAY APRIL 9th**
 2:00 pm CHOICELAND ELKS HALL
 Sponsored by the ROYAL PURPLE and the
 CHOICELAND BINGO COMMITTEE
 EVERYONE WELCOME



MEATH PARK & DISTRICT UKRAINIAN DANCE CLUB
ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT
 Friday April 28th 2017 700 pm
SMEATON REC CENTRE
 A SHOWCASE OF UKRAINIAN DANCE AND CULTURE
 FROM LOCAL TALENT!
 WINE, CHEESE, FRUIT, COFFEE AND DAINTIES
 **** Door Prizes ****
 ADMISSION: SILVER COLLECTION

Jim Boguski: It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mr. Jim Boguski of Saskatoon on February 12, 2017. He was born in Weirdale on October 1st, 1938. He died peacefully at home with his family by his side, at age 81. A graveside service took place on February 18, at Hillcrest Cemetery followed by a celebration of life at the Elks Hall 508-12 Street E, Saskatoon. Jim is survived by sons Darryl and Rick, daughter-in-law Katharine, grandchildren Joshua and Talia, and sisters Victoria and Anna. He was predeceased by the love of his life, Joy, in 2008. Jim was hard-working and committed to family and community. He will be missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Darryl's group home: Universal Rehabilitation Service Agency (URSA); 808 Manning Road NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E7N8.



Virginia Alice Jeanette Adelman was born June 19th, 1924 in Beresina, SK, the youngest daughter of Jacob and Johanna Dressler. Virginia passed away peacefully at Arborfield Health Centre on March 14th, 2017. Virginia grew up on the family farm north of Langenburg, SK. She was still quite young when her father passed away and she spent much of her youth staying with her siblings who were also farming in the Langenberg district. In 1942, she went to stay with her sister Gertrude who was living on a farm south of Snowden, SK. Virginia fell in love with the beauty of the countryside and it was there that she met her future husband, John Adelman. They were married on her birthday in June 1943 and their marriage was blessed with three children. They raised their children on the family farm south of Smeaton. Virginia attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Snowden, then St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Choiceland where she was organist for many years and served on the Ladies Aid. Later she attended Zion Lutheran Church in Nipawin. Virginia was predeceased by her husband John in 1998, brothers: Adolph, Jack, Carl, Martin, Richard, Walter and Waldemar, sisters: Della, Alvina, Hilda, Molly and Gertrude. Virginia leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory, two sons, David (Iris) of Moose Jaw, SK and Timothy of Regina, SK; one daughter Linda (Ralph) Schierling of Martensville, SK; four grandsons, Tarek (Amy) Adelman, Scott (Stacey) Adelman, Mark (Rachelle) Schierling and Kyle (Jenna) Adelman; one granddaughter Andrea (Craig) Rudulier; eleven great grandchildren; one sister Margaret Becker of Edmonton, AB; two sisters-in-law, Doris Dressler of Steelville, Illinois and Geraldine Adelman of Choiceland, SK; as well as many nephews and nieces. Her gentle nature never wavered despite facing blindness and deafness near the end of her life. She was special to all who knew her and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends. The family placed their trust with Coventry Funeral Services Nipawin, SK



Waldemar Gordon Long

July 2, 1936–March 7, 2017

Wally was born in Langenburg and grew up at the homestead in Snowden. He left home at 16 for Medstead where he began his long career in paving.



Wally and Donna were married in Belbutte in 1959. For most of his career he was paving foreman with Everall Construction and was known for his dedication to the job. He enjoyed his family, the outdoors, gardening, getting firewood, and doing puzzles.

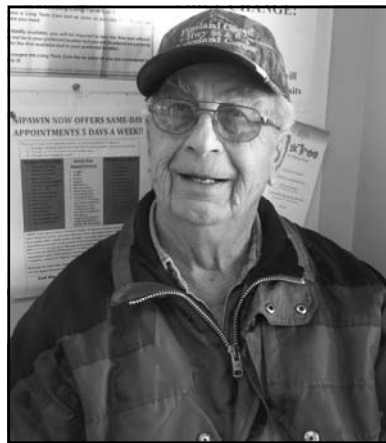
He is fortunate that wife Donna cared for him at home during his final days with cancer.

He is remembered by his wife of 55 years, Donna, and children: Verna (Byron) Friesen, Dwaine Long; Karen (Glenn) Schmidt; Connie (Darcy) Gatzke; Glen (Stacey) Long; Lorne (Tracy) Long, and their respective families. He is survived by siblings Shirley and Ed Hoeflicker; Marilyn and Art Klatt; Doreen and Alex Dobrohoczki; Ron and Judy Long; Randy Long; and Jackie Timm. He is predeceased by his parents, Jacob and Gertrude Long, brother Richard Long, and granddaughter Angela Schmidt.

Funeral was held March 13th in Medstead SK with Pastor David Jensen officiating. Arrangements were entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Shellbrook. 306 883-3500.

THANK YOU; We would like to give heartfelt thanks to our "snow angels", Kevin and Tom Jensen, who have cleared our driveway and yard this winter. It is so greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Stanley and Liz Korol



THE BIRTHDAY FILE:

If you see Stan Korol wandering by, wish him a great day April 10th when he turns 85! He says getting old is not for sissies.

**VILLAGE OF SMEATON:
Student Employment Opportunity**

We are now accepting applications for the Paddling Pool Supervisor position for the summer months. Eligible candidates must be post-secondary or high school students, aged 15 or older and must be returning to school full-time in the fall. As well all applicants must have first aid/CPR training and a social insurance number. Please forward resumes stating qualifications (experience with children, level obtained in swimming lessons, etc.), age, birth date, references and a copy of first aid/CPR certificate to the address listed below by: **May 4, 2017.**

All inquiries can be directed to Michelle at the Smeaton Village Office (306)426-2044.
Village of Smeaton
Box 70
Smeaton, SK. S0J 2J0

WEIRDALE MINOR BALL REGISTRATIONS

Open Gym Nights - Weirdale Minor Softball practice and final registration. April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at Spruce Home School (please use south gym door)

Everyone welcome and all teams in need of players!

Learn to Play, Co-ed (born 2010-2012) Tuesday, April 4th and 11th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mites, Co-ed (born 2007-2009) Tuesday, April 4th and 11th, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Squirts, Co-ed (born 2005-2006) Wednesday, April 5th and 12th 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Peewee/Bantam/Midget, Girls (born 1999-2004) Wednesday, April 5th and 12th 7:30 to 8:30 pm

Bring your indoor shoes, ball glove and batting helmet We are also looking for umpires! Earn \$30/game, ages 12 and up. We'll reimburse you for all costs of equipment or supply it for you. There is a one day Umpire Clinic in Prince Albert on April 23rd. If interested please contact Karla Bear at 306-961-3739

Weirdale Minor Softball Annual General Meeting - Sunday, April 9, 2017, 7:30 pm at Meath Park Arena. **Everyone Welcome!**



SMEATON LIBRARY is assembling a wonderful raffle for Mother's Day. The main prize will be the outdoor fountain above, in addition to a basketful of things mom will enjoy. Second and third prizes will also be offered, get your tickets early. Surprise Mom with a great gift! Friends of Library are invited to bring their contributions to the prizes to the library Tuesday or Wednesdays. Thank you in advance.

The Library will have a table at the Smeaton Spring Fair on April 8th, with books, movies and puzzles available for a cash donation.

Support your local library.

NORTH HAVEN

Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner

We were saddened to hear of Jean Adelman's passing in Arborfield on March 14th. She was a much-loved resident of North Haven, with us from November 2014 till December 2015.

We welcome three WMS students, Shelby Kun, Shay-Lynn Burka and Beatrice Medeiros to work at North Haven through the Career Exploration option. It is a two-credit class allowing students to gain valuable work experience enabling them to gain confidence and insight into their future life choices, as well as gain work skills.

We wish to thank Carolyn Weger, Kim Cooper, Donna Kostyniuk, Val Rein, Melanie Smith, Terry Zabek, Margo Marshall and others for items such as bingo prizes, pork loin, Timbits, hot chocolate mix, bedding, adult colouring books and so on.

We now have WiFi in the building. We are also happy to acquire the services of a hairdresser, Pauline Bear of Meath Park (Pauline's Total Look) who will be available on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00pm, for residents and for locals as well. Gift certificates are available. Phone

Pauline at 306 930-5647 for an appointment for cut, shampoo. Perm, colour, salon colour. Prices are very reasonable, and she has 41 years experience. We are happy she is available.

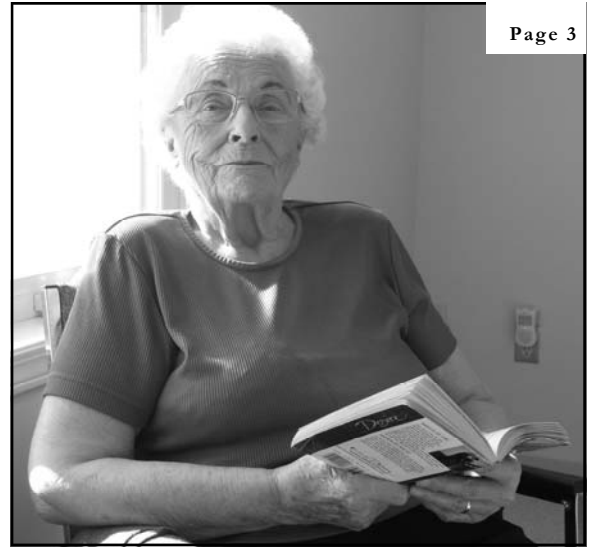
After our recent large snowfalls we were grateful our yard and sidewalks were cleaned out by Aldon Paul, Travis Grunerud, Earl Onyskevitch, Duncan Fullerton and Kevin Jensen. Many thanks to everyone.

Thank you, Shea-Marie Atchison, for painting our window murals. The one shown below is especially compelling and much appreciated.

Art Kun will be coming to sing April 6th at 2pm; everyone welcome. On Good Friday there will be no Bingo but residents will be doing Easter egg colouring and cookies.

Have a great Easter.

NORTH HAVEN BINGO SCHEDULE:
 April 7th: Smeaton Volunteers
 14th: No Bingo (Good Friday)
 21st: Snowden Community Club
 28th: Smeaton Seniors
 May 5th: Smeaton Walking Group
 12th: Choiceland Seniors



Eleanor Bodnaruk is the latest addition to North Haven and she is settling in very well. She taught in the Nipawin School District for 35 years, her career spanning the years 1948 through 1984. She taught at Diamond Lake four years; Elkridge for five years; Nipawin a year, White Fox a year; Smeaton eight years; Choiceland's Wm Mason High School for 15 years. After retiring Eleanor subbed for a year. Her former students remember her well, especially the seriousness she brought to the classroom. The only complaint Eleanor has about her new home is that "sometimes the food is too good".



SMEATON REC NEWS:

"LIGHT IT UP" Campaign.

We have started raising funds for new lighting in the Skating Rink Area. We would like to replace the lighting to LED bulbs. Donations can be made at the Village Office and receipts will be given to donations over \$50.00. All donors will be recognized on a permanent sign near the skating ice when the project is complete. We have different levels of Donations: Gold \$200 +; Silver \$ 100 - \$199; Bronze \$99 or less

If you have any questions contact Dave Willness @ 306-426-7777

USER FEES: Since our last reporting, the following have paid their Annual User Fee for Smeaton Rec Centre: **K/K Nordstrom; Linda Jordan; C/A Grunerud; M/T Rudnicki; R/D Willness; Margo Marshall; T/M Downes; K/S Fidyk; T/N Palidwar.**

Many thanks to all who have paid to date.



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THANK YOU FROM THE CUSTS: It has been a rather incredible journey. From a ride to the Victoria Hospital in the late fall with what was diagnosed as bladder infection, to one of what would be three trips to St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon, for what did turn out to be cancer in the left kidney. These procedures were done and we offer humble thanks to a wonderful and caring doctor and staff for the exceptional care. I also humbly and gratefully express thanks to all those who come alongside us through this. For the Smeaton Fire Department and Smeaton Legion as well as the countless individuals that sacrificially gave to help cover many of the expenses and those who sent get well cards and notes, calls, etc., of encouragement. It was appreciated more than you will ever know. It is my hope that I will be able to continue to serve the communities of Smeaton and area for some time and to walk alongside you, encouraging you the best I can as well. God's blessings manyfold upon you all.

Pastor Darcy & Kathleen Cust and family.

Attention Smeaton & area residents!! Please be aware, the **Smeaton Health Centre** has a NEW phone number. The NEW number is : **306 426-4000**. Old number will remain active for a time to redirect callers.

	<p>Fashion for the whole family including "Big and Tall" and Plus Sizes</p>
	<p>OPEN 10 to 5:30 MONDAY to SATURDAY (Open till 8:00pm on Thursdays)</p>
<p>emporiumburrows.ca 306 752-1284</p>	<p>111 Burrows Ave West MELFORT SK</p>

2017 EVENTS PLANNED BY CHOICELAND SENIORS:

The following events are being planned by Choiceland Seniors. Please watch for details as they develop.

April 29, 2017 - Larry Krause Concert - Choiceland Seniors Hall

June 2, 2017 - BBQ and Bake Sale - Pineland Co-op Choiceland Corner.

October 29, 2017 - Roast Beef Supper - Choiceland Community Hall.

by Dennis Young

Dennis Young lives in Airdrie AB (hard to say if he is retired as he is a busy person). He was an RCMP officer in Saskatchewan for five years, serving in Smeaton, Buffalo Narrows, La Loche, Ile a la Crosse, Nipawin, Creighton and Rosthern. He went on to various careers, including a stint as Economic Development in Lynn Lake MB. In photo far right Dennis is going through his files regarding RCMP seizure of weapons from unoccupied homes during the flood at High River in 2013.

Here are his memories of Smeaton and area:

Floyd Rogers sends me your newsletter every month and I share it with a friend of mine who grew up on a homestead in Snowden. Floyd was stationed in Smeaton with the RCMP. I was stationed in Smeaton from April to October in 1968.

I took the picture bottom right from the top of the radio tower at the RCMP Detachment.

The other picture is of me and John Diefenbaker during his election campaign stop in 1968. He arrived by helicopter. He asked me to drive him to the school. He delighted the grade five class with stories. When he asked me where I was from, I told him I was from a little town in Ontario and that he wouldn't know where it is. He asked me for the name of my home town. When I told him, Bancroft, he rhymed off about ten people he knew there.

I was sent to Smeaton right out of training in Regina. Bob Crissal was the Corporal and I was the

only Constable. I lived in barracks at the back of the detachment office. I answered the phone late one night and a man told me he had run into a 'jumper' with his car. I had to ask him what a 'jumper' was. I had hunted deer every year since I was 13 in Ontario but no one in Ontario called them jumpers. Next some lads in town took me

up the Hanson Lake Road to fish wall-eye (which I called pickerel) at the Puskwakau River. Along the way we stopped at a creek to watch the fish run. The boys called them 'snakes' but all I could see were northern pike in that creek. So began my training about life in Saskatchewan.



THE CRIBBAGE CHRONICLES

Royal Canadian Legion **Provincial Crib Tournament** was held in Nipawin on March 18th and 19th. Our team from Smeaton Legion #319 - Lyle White, Joe Bernhard, Wayne Krasko and Tracy Lubyk - represented our district well, placing third in Closed Teams. Joe and Wayne also placed third in Closed Doubles. Luck ran out for Tracy Lubyk in Closed Singles as she lost her chance at a trip to Dominion Crib on the last round of play. Congratulations to the winners of our **March Crib Tournament** -

Harvey Thibault and Brian White placed first, with Allan White and Erma Prince close behind them in second place. First place received sets of floor mats donated by Creekside Services and second place received hats donated by Smeaton Co-op.

April 30th is our wind-up Crib Tournament. Cost to enter is \$10 and a cash bar will be available. Potluck supper starting at 5 pm with crib tournament to follow at 6 pm. Mark your calendars.



WINNERS!! Smeaton Legion #319 member Tracy Lubyk and Zone Commander Brenda Cripps were at William Mason School in Choiceland on Monday, March 27th, to recognize the students whose Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest entries placed at Zone and District levels. Each student received a certificate and monetary prize. Medals were awarded to Alexa Long and Taylor Markham. Alexa placed first at Zone with her Intermediate Black & White poster and continued on to place third at the District level. Taylor placed first at Zone with her Senior Black & White poster. Congratulations!



**SMEATON LEGION # 319
Steak Supper Fundraiser**

Saturday, April 22nd
at Smeaton Rec Centre

\$20 per person * Cocktails 5 pm Supper 6 pm
* ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY *

See a Smeaton Legion Member for your ticket
ONLY 100 TICKETS AVAILABLE : Get your ticket early!
TICKETS ON SALE MARCH 15 TO APRIL 15TH
(Ticket Cut-off April 15th for Catering Purposes - No Exceptions)

FOR INFO CONTACT: LYLE (306) 426-7773 or
JOE (306) 426-2208

SUPPORT LOCAL LEGION STEAK NIGHT—APRIL 22ND

Do you have your Steak Night ticket yet? 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 - cutoff for ticket sales will be April 15th (no exceptions). Only 100 tickets will be available so get your ticket early, tickets are selling fast!

Legion members are also 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 - see a Legion member for your ticket today!



HI-WAY HARVEST FELLOWSHIP hosted Ladies Night Out on March 23rd, attended by over thirty ladies and girls. Guest speaker was Nancy Tenkink (at left above) of Prince Albert, shown with Dawn Bonney, wife of Pastor Dave Bonney. Nancy is a rousing piano player and a great speaker. She promises to come back to speak of her missionary work in Africa.

BLACK AND BLUE

Put out your Black Garbage Bin on the following dates: Thursday April 13th; Friday April 28th; Friday May 12th.
Blue Recycle Bin goes to the curb on April 7th and 21st; and on May 5th and 19th.

CHOICELAND MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 25th at 7:00pm
Choiceland Seniors Hall

****Open to the General Public ****
Come out for coffee and hear about our plans going into the future.



Choiceland Historical Society presents...
ANNUAL AMATEUR HOUR

APRIL 8th starting at 7:00pm
Fee \$6 (Under age 6 free)

Come out to hear local talent! We have lined up New Performers as well as some of our "Regulars"

Unfortunately, the item we usually run featuring Heritage Homesteads in the Choiceland area was lost between here and there. Hopefully Jan Misselbrook will not become discouraged and will provide two homes and their stories for our next issue.

THE FALLOON BARN

Herb Falloon was born in 1873 in St. Sylvestre Quebec. He went off to seek his fortune in the Klondike Gold Rush in 1901. He climbed the Chilcoot Trail, barged Lake Laberge, and ended up dredging in Nome Alaska. He kept a diary of his adventures but it isn't known if he struck it rich.

He began farming at Strasbourg SK in 1903 where he married Mildred Stiles and began a large and interesting family. He took out a homestead near Smeaton in 1929 (SE 16-52-20). He moved the family to this property in October of 1930. The barn shown at right was built in 1930 or 1931, as was the large house to accommodate their family. Gib Falloon (youngest son, now in his late 80's) says the house originally had a normal peaked roof but was changed to long dormers to provide a girls' and a boys' bedroom upstairs, as there were equal numbers of each.

Both buildings no longer exist, more the pity. Fortunately, the Falloon family has flourished and they get together frequently.



Hi, I'm Janet,



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in Meath Park!

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in Meath Park!

I am in the branch
Monday - Friday from 9 - 4

Call for appointment
(306) 929-2590

conexus.ca



" Games Night Extravaganza "

April 29th! Starting at 8:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome.

SNOWDEN STAR BAR (in Snowden!)

...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 3

by Terry Chamberlain

In 1989 I retired after 33 years as a teacher. I had also got out of farming a few months earlier and found myself with an opportunity I had spent decades waiting for. I picked up a pencil and began to write.

I began a book-length project right away: a satire about a make-believe scientific study of the Canadian prairie farmer, his occupation, lifestyle, character, habits and more. It was intended to be funny (well, I thought it was), yet with a ring of truth about its subject.

It didn't take me long to finish the manuscript and I sent it to two or three publishers, who, for some strange reason did not see the literary genius in it that I did. I decided to give up, temporarily, on book writing and concentrate on columns. To my joy and amazement one of the first submissions I made, to CBC radio, was accepted. I wrote and narrated 28 columns for CBC in 1990 and 1991, using much of the material from my unappreciated book. I would travel to the network's Saskatoon studio to do three or four of those at a time.

These were for CBC Saskatchewan, but one got onto the national network as well, because on statutory holidays CBC stations across Canada take turns doing programs for the whole country. 1990 was CBC Saskatchewan's turn on Thanksgiving. I happened to be in Saskatoon at the time and got a call giving me just a brief time—about two hours I believe—to do a Thanksgiving story for the Morning Edition. I hurriedly scribbled one about fowl suppers in Saskatchewan and using my Aunt Clara's typewriter, which was in such disrepair (I'd left mine at home) my son Doug had to keep moving the carriage back by hand as I typed, I submitted a mangled manuscript. My brother Lanny was working on a Caterpillar tractor in the Northwest Territories at the time; he turned on his radio and was

startled to hear a CBC announcer remark about a Terry Chamberlain column that had just been aired across Canada.

My first print column was in Rural Roots in 1991 and it continued to appear there regularly for the next 25 years, concluding last fall due to illness (yes, the paper's administrators got sick of me). They appeared in the Saskatoon Sun, a Sunday paper, for 10 years, and in an upstart farm paper Agworld News for the two years of its existence. A few were used as articles for Western People magazine and Folklore magazine.

The columns dealt, often in lighthearted mood, with the unexpected, sometimes bizarre and sometimes frustrating events of life, rural life in particular, and many shared my views on various social issues. One—a rant against the tendency of health inspectors to prevent small rural communities from using donated homemade food in the canteens of curling rinks, skating rinks and other fundraising venues, a valued tradition in our area since pioneer days—brought more phone calls and letters (this was pre-email) than for any other column, some scolding me for my backward attitude, but most in staunch support, including at least one other paper requesting permission to reprint it.

By the late 1990s pressure (including from wife Esther, who is very good at pressure) began to revive my long-lost dream of producing a book. More on that later.

PHOTO: Terry and Esther at a reading at Smeaton Library.



...This is my story

Hi I'm Mavis Bernhard, a longtime Smeaton resident. My Mom Mary Bergen lived at North Haven for several months, she even had a table at the Fall Fair and sold her craftwork to raise money for Tel-emiracle, her favorite charity. Mom moved to Pineview in Nipawin and remained there until she passed away Dec 19, 2011—just in time to spend Christmas in Heaven! I could write a long story about my Mom; but that's for another time— here though is the story of her wedding quilt which I inherited.

THE WEDDING QUILT STORY:

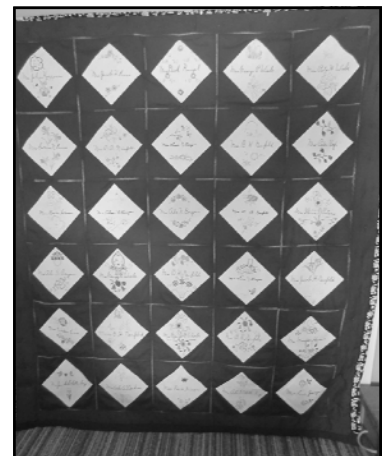
In 1938 my mom, Mary Neufeld married Abe N.



Bergen in the Lost River District southwest of Nipawin. The family and district women made quilts for newly married couples, embroidering their names and a flower on squares of flour sacking. In those days flour was sold in cloth bags. Back then when a woman married it seems they lost their given name and they all became "MRS". Some of the squares took a while to get done; Mom's Grandma put 1942 on hers. She must have been busy but what's the rush? In those days marriages were meant to last! And it did, for 56 years until my dad's passing.

The first few years of this marriage my folks worked in the bush in Ft a la Corne, cutting railroad ties by hand; they lived in a wee shack, certainly not a place to use this nice quilt. I can recall as a young child living in tents and all kinds of shacks in the mountains of Alberta and central British Columbia, still no place to use this beautiful quilt. I can't remember this quilt ever being on a bed. I guess by the time they got a real house it was out of style, so it lived mostly in suitcase or trunk till I inherited it. I decided to revive this quilt as the hand work was just too nice to toss out. I researched the names but mostly I remember those people, and the stories about them. I must pass these stories on now while I have my wits about me!

Now this quilt has a new life; it will be on the bed in my guest room, it will be used, and who knows who it will get passed on to — I guess time will tell.



Photos: At left, Mary with daughter Mavis at the Smeaton Fall Fair. The Wedding Quilt is hung on the wall behind them.

Above, new life for the Wedding Quilt where the squares have been set in a dark blue background.



Smeaton Fire Department and First Responders and Choiceland Fire Department and First Responders had training March 23/2017 on the delivery of Naloxone to help save lives in the case of an opiate overdose. Thank you to Angie and Brittany from Parkland Health Region for the training and practice delivered. Smeaton Fire Department will be purchasing a naloxone kit for our rescue unit.



BURNING PERMITS

Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue would like to remind everyone that, from April 1 to October 31, a Burn Notification Number is required in a provincial forest, in park land, or any quarter section wholly or partly within 4.5 km of a provincial forest. To obtain a Burn Notification Number, please contact your local Wildfire Management Forest Protection Area Office (Lower Fishing Lakes FPA 306-426-2600 or Prince Albert FPA 306-953-3422). For more information on requirements for Burn Notification Numbers and open burning practices, look on-line at www.environment.sk.ca/fire. Once you have received your burn notification number, please give Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue 24 hours notice if you are planning a controlled burn. Please contact Fire Chief Randy Fajt (306) 426-7661 or Deputy Chief Lyle White (306) 426-7773.

SMEATON FIRE AND RESCUE PRACTISE VEHICLE EXTRICATION
Have you noticed the cut-up car along the highway? Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue were out practicing with the “Jaws of Life” and “Rescue 42” equipment on March 26th.

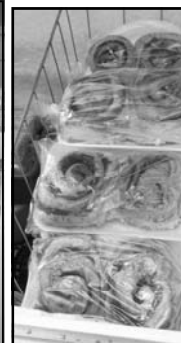


OUR VISIT TO THE GENERAL STORE IN MEATH PARK

Next time you do your banking at Conexus in Meath Park, check out the general store next door. Owner Ninette Klassen and her helper, Ann Grocholski have on offer just about anything you might want...baking, groceries, snacks, dairy, meats etc. They cater to the school kids with \$2 slices of pizza, \$1 monster cookies, puffed wheat and rice krispie treats. They have one-litre containers of chili, stew and soups (\$10 for stew and chili, \$8 for soups); pies, buns and bread fresh and/or frozen. You can pick up grocery essentials on your way to the lake. There are three fridges filled with dairy, meat, fruit and vegetable staples. Don't forget their homemade perogies, also cinnamon buns. It is truly an amazing store. They are open from 9am till 5pm Monday through Saturday.



Ann above, Ninette below right.



FARM LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

In Rural Municipality of Torch River
NE 1/4 21-52-18
NW 1/4 22-52-18
(With or without yard site)

Highest or any offer not necessarily accepted. Closing date is May 1st, 2017. For more information phone **306 276-8424**

SUBMIT offers in writing to Box 223, Choiceland SK S0J 0M0

VILLAGE OF SMEATON JOB OPPORTUNITY MAINTENANCE POSITION

Duties include but are not limited to:
Equipment operation: Grader, Backhoe, Kubota tractor
General equipment maintenance
Grass cutting
Paddling pool maintenance
Maintenance and upkeep of all Village owned property
Water/Sewer line break repairs
Maintenance of lagoon grounds
Assist with maintenance & repairs at Water Treatment Plant
Garbage/Recycling can collection and disbursement

Candidates must have a valid driver's license in order to apply. This is a seasonal, full time position.

Please drop off a resume at the Village office or mail to: Village of Smeaton
Box 70
Smeaton, Sk. SOJ 2JO

Submission deadline is 3pm on April 11 with a job start date of May 1.

Any questions regarding this position please contact the Village Office at 426-2044.

WAYNE McAULEY TAX SERVICES

Will re-open Tuesday March 14th,
(SAME LOCATION AS LAST YEAR)

CHOICELAND *

PHONE 306 276-7335

**ARCTIC
REFRIGERATION INC.**

306-314-7214

**NEW PHONE NUMBER AT
SMEATON HEALTH UNIT:
306 426-4000**

For Sale by Tender

The building and lot known as Choiceland United Church, 215 Main Street, Choiceland; Lot 8 block 5 plan CD 2244. (no contents, the bell and sign will be removed). Fully-serviced lot 50' X 120'

Building dimensions:

Main floor: 1100 square feet

Basement: 880 square feet

Full basement (with newly-installed weeping tiles)

Possession date: August 1, 2017

Tender closing date: May 1, 2017

Highest tender not necessarily accepted.

Submit tender to: Secretary Amanda Wilmot

Garrick, SK SOJ OZO

g.a.wilmot@sasktel.net

To view the building, contact: Amanda: 306-276-2365; Marion: 306-428-2965

Sale by Tender

The Village of Smeaton offers for sale the following property:

Lot 9, Block 3 Plan CI4429 - 110 1st Street West

There is a 1 ¼ storey house on the property that was built in 1949. The lot dimensions are 50 x 117 ft. Shed on property is not included with the property, it will be removed in the spring.

The property is offered for sale "As Is" and no warranties are expressed or implied as to the condition of the property or building.

Tender Conditions:

1. A tender must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Property Tender" addressed to the Village of Smeaton.
2. Tenders must be postmarked by 3:00pm on Wednesday, May 3, 2017.
3. Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.
4. Successful bidder will have 7 days to provide full payment to complete the purchase. If the successful bidder does not finalize the agreement for sale within the required time the agreement will be forfeited.
5. All legal costs, title transfer fees and applicable taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser and are in addition to the bid price.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2017

M.Grunerud, Administrator

Village of Smeaton

Box 70

Smeaton, SK SOJ 2JO

Ph: 306-426-2044; Fax: 306-426-2291

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Second Hand Store

(306) 426-2269

SMEATON, SK SOJ 2JO

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

CHOICELAND UNITED CHURCH

The Past: Some information about the church (from the history of Choiceland and district, *Log Cabin Tales and Changing Trails*)

In the 30's church services were held in several of the school districts in the Choiceland area. Students ministers and ordained ministers used to travel around the district by horse and buggy, on horseback or even on foot to conduct services. In September of 1945, Reverend Rae Allan, stationed at Smeaton, commenced holding services in Choiceland every third Sunday, first in the Public School, later in the hall, and then in the restroom basement. A church board was formed for the purpose of establishing a building fund for a church building.

A lot was purchased in 1947 and in 1949 a building was purchased from Jim Smith of Crockon Hill District. The building had been built by the community, with a grant from the United Lutheran Mission, to be used as a church for the community. The building was moved, a basement was excavated and on November 19, 1950, the first service was held. 1956 saw basement renovations, and in 1956 the front of the church was erected. In 1963 the CPR donated a bell and a steeple was built to hold the bell.

The Present: Now with the declining membership of the church and the aging of our population, in October 2016 the congregation made the difficult decision to cease worship at the end of June 2017 and to list the church building and lot for sale.

We invite the community to share your memories of the church and church activities and to join with us in giving thanks for the Christian witness of this congregation when we gather for our final worship service on June 23, 2017. We will post information about that day's events as they draw closer. If you have memories to share, please send them to Rev. Lorna King, Box 224, Nipawin SK SOE 1E0 or by email to lking1255@yahoo.com.