



# SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2017 ~ 149TH ISSUE

BE GOOD TO MOM ON MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 14TH).

MASTHEAD: Lots of snow, lots of juncos. Both now gone.



THANK YOU to the Meath Park and District Ukrainian Dance Club for bringing your SPRING CONCERT to the Smeaton Rec Centre on Friday April 28th. The evening was a great delight. Music was wonderful, dancers were adorable and well taught. Costumes were authentic and reflected different regions of Ukraine. Well done, dancers, parents and instructors.

### CANADA150 :

Next meeting for this event will be June 2nd at 7:30pm at the Smeaton Rec Centre. Please show up to present your ideas for events for celebrating Canada's Birthday. So far ideas include an event for June 24th possibly involving the following: Pancake Breakfast; Parade; Hot dog lunch; Bouncy Castles for kids; Quilt and Craft Display; Games such as horseshoes, badminton, Ladderball; Cribbage and/or Kaiser; Chili Cookoff; Music to listen or dance to. Sign up your float as soon as possible.

### Hi-Way Harvest Fellowship

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Games Day** May 2nd 10am

We are having tables at the Smeaton **Community Garage Sale**, Rec Centre-May 27th 10am to 5pm. Any donations welcome! Proceeds to church upkeep.

**Ladies Night Out** (Wind up for the summer). May 11th 6:30 p.m. Salad supper, speaker, card making.

Come out and bring a friend

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Smeaton Rec Center \*\*

Saturday, May 27 from 10-5.

Rent a table for \$5, call Michelle @ 426-2012 to reserve.

Hotdogs and drinks will be sold. Proceeds from table rentals and food sales go towards Rec Centre.



### MOTHER'S DAY

#### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MAY 14th - 9am till noon

Meath Park Seniors Centre

Cost \$8; Children under 5 free

Everyone Welcome

### MORNING COFFEE

CHOICELAND SENIORS are serving coffee and toast Monday to Friday from 7 - 10am at the Choiceland Seniors Centre.

### SMALL ANIMAL CLINIC

by Park Range of Prince Albert

June 15th \*\*\* 2 to 3pm

At Alden and Jyl Paul's Farm

Call 306 426-2385

### CHOICELAND MUSEUM

invites everyone out for

#### HOT DOGS

May 12th-11am till 2pm.

Coffee, cold drinks and Ice cream will also be served. The doors will be open for anyone who wants to see our exhibits. May is "Museum Month" ...come out to help us celebrate!



SMEATON  
LEGION# 319

**MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE  
AND WAFFLE BREAKFAST**  
8:30 TO 11:00 - \$7 each

Smeaton Legion

Treat Mom to breakfast of pancakes, waffles, sausage and fruit and help our local Legion Branch maintain the Legion Hall

### WEIRDALE SENIORS

Everyone welcome to 100th Birthday Party for Annette Kirkland on the 26th of May 1:30 to 4:00.

Come out for Coffee & Toast or Cinnamon Buns every Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings 9 till 11am

...Watch for news about our upcoming annual Barbeque!

### BINGO—Meath Park Seniors Hall

Sunday May 28th — 2:00pm

Jackpot \$75.00

Everyone Welcome

### MOTHER'S DAY TEA & DRAW SMEATON LIBRARY

Thursday May 11th 1:00 to 3:00

FOUR PRIZES TO BE DRAWN

Tickets available at Library, Post Office, Kritters, N Haven, Health Centre etc.





**NORBERT SCHEMENAUER**

Norbert Edwin Schemenauer passed away on April 1, 2017 at the age of 87. Norbert was born on September 25, 1929 to Nicholas and Katerina Schemenauer in Marysburg, Saskatchewan and was a twin brother to Herbert. Norbert had six brothers and five sisters. In 1939, Norbert's father moved his family to a farm near Snowden. Norbert married Aina Näslund on December 17, 1955, and they had three children.

Norbert attended school at the Elkridge School south of Snowden. At a young age, Norbert and his twin brother moved to B.C. where he worked in various jobs until eventually becoming a logger. He came back to Saskatchewan, and met and married Aina. They moved to Haney, B.C. where their sons were born. When his father-in-law became ill, he moved his family back to Snowden, and began farming. Norbert was a hard worker. He farmed, worked in a sawmill, and during the winter months worked as a faller in the bush.

Norbert semi-retired from farming in 1996 and helped his son farm until the land was rented out. Norbert continued to live on the farm until his passing.

In earlier years, Norbert played baseball with the Snowden Spartans and was active in the community. In later years, he especially enjoyed fishing with his buddies, sitting by the campfire, driving his "green tractor", and spending time with family and friends.

Norbert is survived by his spouse, Aina; his son Dennis, and Dennis' children Jason Stecyk, Dennis Stecyk, Jolene Courchene (Philip Carter), Nathyn Stringer (Jennifer Kovar), and great-grandchildren; and his daughter Sharon (Jack Schuba). He is also survived by his sister Agnes Holmquist; sister-in-laws Bernice Schemenauer and Eva Nelson; and by many nieces and nephews.

Norbert was predeceased by his son, Andrew, in 1996; his mother, Katerina, in 1936; and his father, Nicholas, in 1949. Norbert was also predeceased by his brothers: Raymond, Paul, Philip, Frank, Herbert, and Arnold; and his sisters: Mathilda, Olga, Lorraine, and Rose Marie.

He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

A memorial service was held on April 8, 2017 at the Snowden Community Hall with Reverend Krystal Sheremeta officiating. Interment will take place in Forest Lawn Cemetery at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Snowden Community Club. To send online condolences please visit [www.coventryfuneralservices.ca](http://www.coventryfuneralservices.ca). The family placed their trust with **Coventry Funeral Services** Nipawin, SK 306-862-4233.



**GORDON MALCOLM WILMOT**

July 6th, 1936–March 29th, 2017

Gordon Wilmot was born in Kinistino on July 6, 1936 and grew up on a farm in the Garrick area and lived there for most of his life. Except for working for Gunner Mines for two winters and a grain elevator for a year, he farmed, managed a beef herd along with pigs, chickens and turkeys as well as a dairy herd, delivering milk to the Garrick residents for many years. Later he was part owner of a saw mill which supplied all the lumber for our house built in 1993.

In 1965 Gordon married the love of his life, Amanda Peters. They were married on November 6, 1965 in the White Fox United Church.

He had a strong commitment to farming and the organizations in this area.

He was on the White Fox Credit Union board for twenty-nine years serving as chair for a few years and a member of the credit committee for most of his time on the Board. Recently he was honoured to receive the order of Merit from the Diamond North Credit Union for his years of service to the Credit Union.

His commitment to community was evident as he was on the Garrick Cemetery committee for 12 years, community hall building committee, the Garrick curling club, the Garrick Co-op Board, the Pineland Co-op Board, the Garrick History Book committee as well as a member of the Torch River Farmers' Union.

His participating in community organizations gave him great pleasure and he offered his support wherever he saw the need. He enjoyed playing ball, curling and watching sports on TV.

When the land was sold, woodworking became his second 'job'. He made several hundred sets of TV tables along with tables, bowls and other crafts.

He was predeceased by his parents, William and Jean Wilmot, a sister, Norma, many uncles and aunts. He is survived by his wife Amanda, sister Shirley, brother Bill and family, brother-in-law Harry (Laura) Peters and family and many cousins nieces, nephews and friends.



In Loving Memory of

**Greg Butterfield**

May 10, 1965–May 26, 1993

Memory drifts to scenes long past  
Time rolls on but memories last.  
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,  
Love's remembrance outlasts them all.

Forever loved, always remembered  
Love, Mom and Your Family

**SMEATON SENIORS CLUB**

Canada celebrates it's 150 Birthday July 1st/2017 , as a tribute to our beautiful country and community.

Smeaton Seniors club has decided to show our appreciation by planting the Village planters with red and white flowers and Canadian flags blowing in the wind. Hope you enjoy! Come on Smeaton, jump on the bandwagon & celebrate Canada Day with us.

**SMEATON LIBRARY**

wishes to thank everyone who took the time to sign the petition related to cutbacks to library funding, particularly as related to inter-library loans. Happily, the government has restored the funding.

Thanks to all who supported us at the Spring Fair. Come out for our Mother's Day Tea on Thursday May 11th. We have a great raffle for mom. Be sure to get your tickets.

**Thank you**

to Travis, Duncan, Kevin, Richard for working so diligently to clear our culvert to divert the rising water during our early thaw recently. Also thanks to everyone else who worked on the excess water problems in the community.  
Marshall & Gail Hawthorne

**APOLOGY:** I wish to apologize to Mayor Sonia Fidyk and the others I snapped at on Sunday April 2nd. I tend to over react when I am unable to fix a situation quickly. Thank you to all who were there to help. Someone with a sense of humour offered to bring us some ducks to swim in our full basement.

Also, a heartfelt thank you to the anonymous people who gave us an envelope of cash after our property was flooded. Many thanks to Terry and Esther, Keith and Kathy, for meals during the emergency. Words cannot describe the kindnesses we have received, and we hope to pay it forward.

Eunice and Larry Bartle

**SMEATON REC CENTRE**

Since last reporting, two more User Fees have been paid: **Allan and Irene White** and **Anonymous** have paid their user fees. Donations towards revamping the lights at the rink have been pouring in. The following have donated towards "The Light Campaign" to install LED lighting: Kelsey Ag Ventures (\$200); Rick & Doreen Willness (\$100); Margo Marshall (\$100); In memory of Corinna Willness (\$50); Bruce Pierce & Diana Rudd (\$225); Edwin Podhordeski (\$50); Tom & Diane Jensen (\$500); Erma Prince (\$50); Ella Butterfield \$100; Elaine King (\$50). As usual, a tax receipt will be issued by the Village for donations.

**THANK YOU:** The family of the late Norbert Schemenauer would like to thank relatives, friends, and neighbours for their support, condolences, cards, food, memorial donations, and flowers. Special thanks to the honorary pallbearers, eulogist, ushers, memorial book attendants, and musicians. Also, thank you to the Snowden Community Club for the lovely lunch, Reverend Krystal Sheremeta for the thoughtful service, and all at Coventry Funeral Services for their care.

# NORTH HAVEN

Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner

We will be celebrating Ruby's birthday on May 9th, Come out to wish her a happy day.

We are holding a Come and Go Mother's Day Tea on May 14th, from 2:00 to 4:00pm. All are welcome, come out to visit .

Thank you to Eleanor Bodnaruk for five pictures: a print by Glen Scrimshaw (Spring Break Up); an acrylic painting by her daughter Louise Brazier (After Emily Carr); three of Eleanor's needlework pictures. The Brazier and Scrimshaw works are shown at right,

Thank you to Liz Korol and Helen Beskorwayne, for bingo prizes.

Recently we have received the following in donations:

Doughnuts, hot cross buns, Canadian Tire money, pork tenderloin, gifts for staff members, chocolates, turkey, chocolate bunnies, ice cream, red potatoes, fruit and tomatoes. We are grateful to Amel Twarzinski; Kim Cooper; Carolyn Weger; Donna K (Alice's granddaughter); Kathy Fabish; Kim Fabish; Smeaton Legion; Audrey Reid; George Pickett; Smeaton Fire and Rescue, plus others. Thank you very much.

Let us know if you wish to help with our flower beds. It will soon be time.

Remember Mom on Mother's Day.



Above, Lil Tait on her birthday on St Patrick's Day. She wore a sash that said: "Kiss me I'm Irish". Big cake was enjoyed by all.

### NORTH HAVEN BINGO SCHEDULE:

- May 5th: Smeaton Walking Group
- May 12th: Choiceland Seniors
- May 19th: North Haven Group
- May 26th: Smeaton Volunteer Group
- June 2nd: Snowden Community Club
- June 9th: Smeaton Seniors
- June 16th: Smeaton Walking Group



### SPOTLIGHT ON GAIL HAWTHORNE

We are training the spotlight on Gail as she makes a huge difference in this community without fanfare or looking for credit. She has been the Secretary Treasurer of the Seniors Group ever since the passing of Betty Heil. She is a steadfast member of the Quilt and Craft Group. Gail also initiated the Sit and Be Fit Group that does low-impact exercising every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Smeaton Health Centre. She has been leading this group since moving here from Saskatoon twenty or more years ago. As well, North Haven is most fortunate that she looks after their books, writes their cheques and so on. Her husband Marshall is her "tech support". Keep up the good work, Gail.

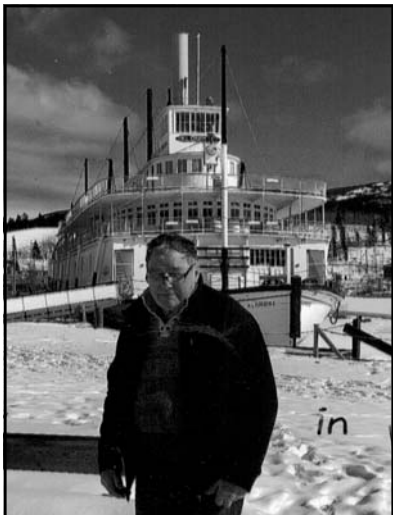
### NORTH HAVEN AUXILIARY

Thank you everyone who donated baking to our table, at this year's Spring Fair, and those who purchased it. Thank you also to those who donated to our prize package which was won by Lillian Tait, resident of North Haven. Proceeds from the bake table and raffle combined, was \$677.50. Our fundraising enables us to provide extras for the Home and residents.

Everyone is very generous!

### THE BIRTHDAY FILE

Happy 75th birthday to Doris Blair of Choiceland. Her husband Dave and children Connie, Rodney, Brenda and Warren organized a wonderful Birthday Tea in her honour at the Choiceland Seniors Centre on the afternoon of April 30th.



Smeaton resident Ken Haugland enjoyed a trip to Whitehorse Yukon to spend a couple of weeks with his sister Ellen. Above he is seen with an old paddlewheeler. His fourth trip to Whitehorse, Ken enjoyed the local pool and local attractions as well as visiting with family members.



### 100th BIRTHDAY PARTY

ANNETTE KIRKLAND turns 100 on May 26th. Come out to the Weirdale Seniors Centre on May 26th from 1:30 to 4:00 for cake and coffee!! Annette was born in Montana. She enjoys life with son David on the farm at Weirdale.

## ...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 4 by Terry Chamberlain

In 1999 Thistledown Press in Saskatoon published my first book THE ABCs OF FARMING: A LIGHTEARTED DICTIONARY OF STUBBLE-JUMPER JARGON. It pretended to be aimed at introducing city folk to farm and ranch language, but was not at all serious. Example: *SHEEP: A farm and ranch animal which looks like a giant Q-tip with legs, and whose purpose in life is to become either a sweater or a plate of mutton chops. Baby sheep are called LAMBS, females are called EWES and males are called RAMS. If you have more than one ram on your farm, of course, they must take ewe-turns.*)

The book sold very well, and immediately went into a second printing, eventually five printings. After 18 years it is still in print and still sells a few copies each year.

Thistledown Press was very pleased with the book's success and asked me to do another, similar ABCs book. ABCs OF RETIREMENT: HOW TO NOT WORK AND LOVE IT was done in the same whimsical manner as ABCs OF FARMING, including the joys of getting old. Example: *BED: You suspect that when your spouse tells someone you are "good in bed" (s)he means you don't snore much or steal the blankets.*

In 2012 Esther and I decided to do a more

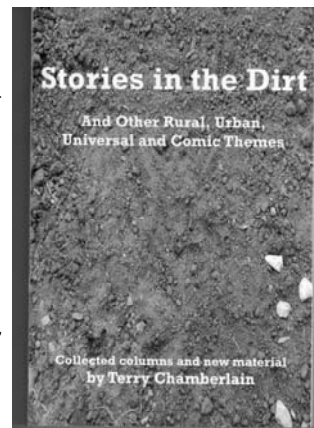
ambitious project, a much larger book consisting of about a third of the 600 columns I'd had published by then, plus a few newer items. We called it STORIES IN THE DIRT, AND OTHER RURAL, URBAN, UNIVERSAL AND COMIC THEMES and we decided to self-publish. This gave us more freedom to do things exactly the way we wanted them done, but this put much more work and responsibility onto us.

With the first two books Thistledown paid for the printing, for a portion of our travel and promotion expenses, and made arrangements with media and book shops as well as for promotion, and sales. With the new book all the expenses were ours, and all the work creating the book itself—each page, covers and all—as well as dealing with the printing company, making all arrangements for travel, presentations, promotions, sales, finances and much more, were done by us. And by "us" I mean Esther. I wrote the books—by far the easiest part—and she

did the rest, far better than I could have done.

To promote and sell our books we have, over the past 17 years, done dozens upon dozens of presentations—talks, readings, signings—in practically every part of Saskatchewan and several in the neighbouring provinces, for libraries, service clubs, retired teachers, folklore societies, cowboy poetry events, senior citizen clubs (where we sang a few songs as well) and more. It was always a good time, where we met so many interesting people.

Our books are available in bookstores and a number of other businesses, and we mail them to anyone who want to buy direct from us at Box 111 Smeaton, SK S0J2J0, [etahome@sasktel.net](mailto:etahome@sasktel.net) or 306-426-2409. And Esther is setting up a Facebook page devoted to the books and columns—a new game for me.



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Although this completes Terry Chamberlain's four-part story of his journey as an author, we hope he will contribute more articles to the Smeaton & District Newsletter. Perhaps we should ask Esther to prod him.

## ...This is my story

### KEITH MCCREIGHT REMEMBERS....

...We first met Keith McCreight when he shared his memories of Cliff Hatton. He lives in Williams Lake BC and here he shares another story growing up in the Choiceland area. He writes:

As neighbours living on the farm, favours and errands were often exchanged and trips into town in winter were sometimes limited. The Walter Whitrow family were our neighbours and close family friends, and lived north of Choiceland about one and a half miles past our place by road. One of the married Whitrow daughters (May) lived in town. She used to collect her parents mail during the week in the winter, and on Fridays I would go from school at noon and pick up the sack of mail for her folks. On Friday night after supper I would take the saddle horse from our place and deliver the sack of mail. One night in January (I think I was around 12) I was returning home about midnight, after visiting and playing pool on their home-made pool table. All of a sudden my horse stopped abruptly and did an end for end. It

was a very dark night, with not even a star showing, and I was not sure what was going on. With trying to stay in the saddle and to control my horse I was fairly busy and didn't get much chance to look around. I was vaguely aware of an animal at close range and guessed it must be a large calf, which in hindsight didn't make much sense given that location on a cold winter night. My horse eventually agreed that we could continue on our way and we made it home in one piece.

On Saturday morning, I was walking through the bush to the dugout, which was about a quarter of a mile from the barn, to chop a hole in the ice for the cattle to drink. When I got to the dugout, there were very clearly bear tracks across it. When I got back to the barns, my dad was loading up a load of hay on the hayrack behind the team of horses. I told him about the tracks and said he had also noticed strange tracks around the barn yard, but because the cattle had pretty well tramped out the whole area it was hard to tell what they were. After we spread out the hay for the cattle, dad wanted to see where I had had the trouble with the horse the night before, as I think he was a bit sceptical of about bear stories that time of the year. We just took the team and hay rack and went to where the incident took place, and the tracks told the whole story. The bear must have been right on the road when I trotted up. My dad was not too keen on having

a bear wandering around the barns at night, as years before, a bear had taken a calf right out of the barn. That incident took place in the summer, when the door to the stack yard had been left open for ventilation. Dad saddled a horse when we got back to our yard and got on the tracks. The snow was deep and crusted and the bear was able to run on top of the drifts while the horse would break through. He saw the bear a couple of times but wasn't able to get close. The bear went into the thick bush where the horse could not get through, so the chase was eventually called off.

What the bear was doing out of his den in January I don't know. The next fall I was picking blueberries in the area where Dad had last seen the bear, and I found a bear den. It was in very sandy soil, and dug down at an angle under a clump of poplar trees. Maybe he got cold and woke up.



## 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](http://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.

Also, the Village of Smeaton and the RM of Torch River require burning permits for burning barrels, fire pits and fireworks. These permits are needed yearly and are free of cost. See Chief Randy Fajt for your 2017 burn permit.

## SMEATON LEGION STEAK SUPPER

Sincere thank you goes out to everyone who donated towards and attended Smeaton Legion # 319's Steak Night Fundraiser on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Smeaton Rec Centre. SL# 319's President Lyle White started the evening by welcoming everyone and asked our Legion Chaplain, Pastor Darcy Cust, to say grace. Everyone enjoyed supper of barbecued steak, baked potato, Caesar salad and macaroni salad plus a choice of either chocolate or lemon-layered dessert. All Legion members celebrating milestones were called forward to receive their Years-Of-Service or New Membership Pins:

Years-Of-Service Pins: Ordinary Membership 70-year Lapel Pin Badge - **Allan White**; Associate Membership 40-year Lapel Pin Badge— **Jeff Slade, Don Clarke**; Associate Membership 15-year Lapel Pin Badge— **Joe Bernhard, Doug Johnson**; Associate Membership 5-year Lapel Pin Badge— **Ed Salthammer, Darcy Cust**; New Member Associate Lapel Pin Badge— **Sonia Fidyk, Larry Gill**.

Smeaton Legion #319 was very proud to have one of our two veterans in attendance. President Lyle White presented Allan White with a "Lest We Forget" Legion wristwatch to a standing ovation from those in attendance. Missing was John Reid, who also received a "Lest We Forget" Legion wristwatch to commemorate his 58 years of service to our branch.

The excitement of the Elimination Draw continued after supper with the winners being announced as tickets came out of the bucket: 1<sup>st</sup> Ticket Out: \$20 gift certificate to Snowden Star Hotel (donated by Doug & Ingrid Chamberlain) - **Northwind Holdings Ltd. (Alden Paul)**

25<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$20 gift certificate to Snowden Star Hotel (donated by Doug & Ingrid Chamberlain) - **Allan & Irene White**; 50<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$25 Co-op gift card (donated by Northern Fire Training) - **Jyl Paul**; 75<sup>th</sup> Ticket : \$25 Co-op gift card (donated by Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue) - **Jim Miller**; 99<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$100 Co-op gift Card (donated by Pineland Co-op/ Choiceland C-Store Location) - **Mel Clapson**; 100<sup>th</sup> Ticket Out: \$250 Cash - **Clara Wiberg & Lyle White**

Many thanks to the prize sponsors for our Elimination Draw. The winners were both grateful and giving - thank you to Mel Clapson for donating his gift card back to Smeaton Legion! Clara Wiberg also donated back part of her winnings!



## REPORT FROM CUB HILLS BRANCH OF SWF

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A big Thank You to the many hands that made our Banquet and Awards Night possible. Donations of wild meat, potatoes, wild rice, and desserts were much appreciated. Thank you for donations of raffle and door prizes. The one-man band "The Cook Shack shakers" did a great job of entertaining the crowd. Congratulations to the following award winners:

**Baylie Peterson** (18 0/16 Bear); **Grant Peters** (146 1/2 White tail deer); **Brett Cain** (144 1/2 Mule deer); **Dylan Peterson** (121 Youth Mule Deer); **Dennis Hluchaniuk** (220 3/4 Elk); **Baylie Peterson** (18 0/16 Primitive Weapon Bear); **James Cochran** (3 lb 11 oz Brook Trout); **Wyatt Torrence** (1 lb 4 oz Youth Brook Trout); **Gail Krohn** (5 lb 8 oz Brown Trout); **Mark Pierlot** (7 lb 11 oz Burbot); **James Cochran** (19 lb Northern Pike); **Ethan Mierau** (14 lb Youth Northern Pike); **James Cochran** (1 lb 12 oz Perch); **Leon Cochran** (5 lb 5 oz Rainbow Trout); **Hunter Ackerman** (2 lb 6 oz Youth Rainbow Trout); **James Cochran** (2 lb 13 oz Sauger); **James Cochran** (3 lb 12 oz) Tiger Trout); **James Cochran** (10 lb 12 oz Walleye); **Mark Pierlot** (9 lb 11 oz Youth Walleye); **Nelson Ackerman** (2 lb 8 oz Brook Trout Best Catch on Fly Rod). In photographs, **Dorothy Walker** won Provincial Third for "Eagle" in Wildlife Photo; **Paul Lessing** won Scenic Photo for "Reflection". Senior Sports Person of the Year: **Justin Clapson**.

Winner of the Door Prize package of a zero-gravity lawn chair, beach towel and bag, and rain gauge donated by Conexus Credit Union/Meath Park was **Lynn Case** of Choiceland.

This fundraiser would not have been such a success without the help of our supper sponsors: D&L Meats and Ronnie Shymanski & Sons Farms. Kudos to all members of the Legion and their spouses who helped out with this event. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our elimination draw. Watch for ticket sales for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual steak night next spring!

Smeaton Legion #319 will be celebrating our fabulous Moms with a pancake, waffle and sausage breakfast fundraiser on Mother's Day! Treat Mom to a breakfast of fruit, waffles, pancakes, sausage and the fixings on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be from 8:30 am to 11:00 am and cost is \$7.00 per plate. First 40 Moms to come that morning receive a flower. Funds raised will be going towards upkeep of our Legion hall.



Above, Allan White is pleased to display the Lest We Forget watch presented to him by son Lyle on behalf of the Smeaton Legion.

## SMEATON FIRE AND RESCUE 50/50 MONTHLY DRAW

Congratulations to our recent winners of Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue's Progressive 50/50. February was a lucky month for Esther Chamberlain - her winnings totalled \$46 (half February's pot of \$96). Jeanette Delisle teamed up with repeat winner Doug Johnson and purchased the winning ticket together to share March's 50/50 - pot was \$202, so Jeanette and Doug each received a cheque for \$50.50. 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 April 30<sup>th</sup>.

## SMEATON LEGION CRIBBAGE

Smeaton Legion # 319 held their crib wind-up on April 30<sup>th</sup>. A fantastic potluck supper started the evening. Nine crib tables of 34 players had the hall buzzing with activity with the final crib tournament for the winter. Congratulations to Maurice Kirby and Mike Rudnicki for capturing first place trophy, \$20 Co-op gift cards (courtesy of Smeaton Legion) - and most importantly, bragging rights! Second place team of Wayne Krasko and Sonia Fidyk each received Smeaton Legion t-shirts. The membership of Smeaton Legion # 319 would like to thank all who donated towards supper and participated in our tournaments over the winter.

## CHOICELAND MUSEUM NEWS

March 50/50 winner was Cindy Black who won \$527.50. April winner of our 50/50 Draw was Doug Johnson, who took home \$615.00.

Many thanks to Ruben Toews for generously lending his tools for the use of our handyman carpenters at the Museum. Sure makes the job easier with the right equipment. Thanks, Ruben.

On May 12th come out for a HOT DOG FRY at the Museum from 11am till 2pm. Coffee, cold drinks and Ice cream will also be served. The doors will be open for anyone who wants to see our exhibits. May is "Museum Month" and that is what we will be observing!

The Museum is very pleased to announce we have a new president. Tom McLane has stepped up to take on the job. Tom has big shoes to fill. Outgoing president Thelma Kelsey did a great job filling this role for many years.

### Amateur Hour Report:

The Museum held their Amateur Hour on April 8th. This is our 8th Annual Amateur Hour. Thelma Kelsey and Edna Mollison were presented with Long Term Service Awards from the Museum. Both are founding members of the Choiceland museum in 1995. Edna was our first secretary and held that position for 23 years. Thelma was our first Vice-President and took on President a few years later and held that position until 2017.

Outstanding performances were given by the 2017 participants this year. They came from Saskatoon, Melfort, Nipawin, White Fox, Love, Garrick and Choiceland to take their place on the stage. They ranged in age from five years to 85 years. Sure proves there is no generation gap when it comes to music. Sound production by "Sweet Blue Sky Productions" excelled in bringing out the best in the performers. Rave reviews for sound production and the performers since the evening.

Many thanks to Family Bakery for twelve dozen cookies for the event. Kevin Newton won the 50/50 Draw (\$220); Alma Garstin won the cooler and Mel Smith lucked out when her son won the set of solar lights.

Tom McLane was introduced as our new President and took on the role of presenting gifts from the Museum to our Long Service recipients. Peoples' Choice Awards for the evening went to Leah Mardell for First and Autumn Mason Second.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the volunteers, performers, sound system, Holly Toews for printing the program, and to our photographer, Lori Burka. Special thank you to everyone who came out to take it all in.

**Thank you, thank you, from the Choiceland Museum Group.**

PHOTOS: Top—1st Leah Mardell; 2nd Autumn Mason. Middle: New President Tom McLane; Honoured guests Cliff and Thelma Kelsey, Edna Mollison. Right: Cliff, Thelma and Edna with Museum Board.



### FROM THE WATER GUYS:

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## The Choiceland Ladies' Night Out Committee

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Proceeds go to the ongoing maintenance of and improvements to our community hall and local library.

Thanks again for supporting this community event.

# HERITAGE HOMESTEADS IN THE CHOICELAND DISTRICT

## THE CARL ANUNDI HOMESTEAD

Carl Anundi filed on NW 24-52-18 W2. being a bachelor very little is known about this fellow. It is believed he was of Finnish descent.

Carl was involved with the establishment of the first Purity School in 1929. When the school opened, Carl was part of the first trustee board in 1931. He would have been involved in the construction of this 25 by 38-foot log school. The Finlanders were very talented at log construction.

The house shown was the home of Carl Anundi and was across the road from the Purity School. In 1941 Carl Anundi sold his house to be used as a teacherage for the Purity School. At this point we lose track of Carl Anundi. If anyone has any information as to what became of Carl we would like to hear from you!



Today the land is farmed by the Peter Nakonechny family.



**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

## THE LEVI VANHORN HOMESTEAD

The Levi Vanhorn family moved to the Smeaton area in 1930, from the Lake Huron area in Ontario. They filed on NE 27-53-19 W2. By 1934, Levi had fulfilled his homestead requirements and had "proven up". Their girls attended Jacquine Lake School.

In 1937-38 the Vanhorns moved to NE 28-51-18-W2, in the Justamere District, south of Snowden. The old house shown here was built on this quarter.

In 1939 Levi Vanhorn passed away, leaving his wife to struggle to raise their family. There were no social programs to help in those days.

Shortly after, Mrs Vanhorn moved her family to Petaigan SK where she got a job housekeeping to support her family.

Mrs Vanhorn passed away in 1973 at the age of 83.

Today the original homestead (NE 27-53-29 W2) is part of the Smeaton Community pasture. The homestead in the Snowden area today is owned by Terry Reed and farmed by Rick Pickett.



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