



SMEATON & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2017 ~ 150TH ISSUE

PAINTINGS OF ELEVATORS: Left and right are elevator paintings by Terry Zabek. Below are paintings by Annette Kirby and rock owls by Terry. All are displayed at the Smeaton Library. More elevator paintings are welcome.



Smeaton Fire and Rescue B B Q & OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, June 18th 11 am to 1 pm

BBQ Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

All trucks will be on display
and fire hall open to tour.

Your local Firefighters and First
Responders **appreciate your
support in their continued
fundraising efforts!**

Customer Appreciation BBQ
Diamond North Credit Union
Choiceland
Wed. June 21st 11:30 to 1:30
See poster page 7
Proceeds to Choiceland Museum!!

SNOWDEN SPORTS DAY SATURDAY JULY 8th

Slow Pitch * Bingo * Beer Garden
* Food Booth * Kids' Activities *
FUN FOR EVERYONE

NOTE:SNOWDEN FALL SUPPER
Sunday October 22nd

MEATH PARK CANADA150 CELEBRATIONS!!

Saturday July 1st - Seniors Centre
Events beginning at 10am: Bicy-
cle Parade (with prizes); Face
painting; Games for Adults and
Children; CANADA150 CAKE;
Historical Displays; FIREWORKS !!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

9:00 till noon Sunday June 11th
ALSO July 9th and 16th
Cost \$8.00 — Under 5 free
Meath Park Seniors Hall
Everyone Welcome

BINGO—Meath Park Seniors Hall

Sunday June 11th & 25th —
2:00pm * Jackpot \$75.00
(No Bingos in July and August)
Everyone Welcome

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

William Mason School Graduation

is on June 17th at 4pm.
Congratulations to the
Graduating Class:
Samantha Bulicz
Shelby Kun
Taylor Markham
Kaden Nilson
Kaylee Pistun
Kennedy Rein
Carter Shymanski
Taylor Tatlow



SMEATON'S CANADA150 CELEBRATION SATURDAY JUNE 24th

EVENTS: Pancake Breakfast *
Parade * Display of Quilts and
Crafts * BBQ Lunch * Bouncy
Castles * Ladder ball and
Horseshoes * Kaiser and
Cribbage * Chili Supper *
Music and Bar ...all-day fun !!!

..Register your entry for Parade (kids'
bikes, old vehicles, horses!) by calling
Lyle White 306 426-7773

...Register for the Kaiser and Cribbage
by calling Sonia Fidyk 306 426-2313
or 306 426-7550

...Call Margo Marshall 306 426-2001
about the Quilt and Craft display

TRIBUTE: Wm Mason
School held a memorial
for Nia Eastman, who
tragically passed away
last year at the age of
seven. Students painted
rocks with dragon flies
and butterflies, and
planted a tree in remem-
brance of their friend.



ROYAL PURPLE STRAWBERRY TEA

June 7th ** 2 to 4 pm ** Elks Hall
Come celebrate Canada's 150th
Birthday with the Choiceland Royal
Purple. A special tea to celebrate
the Royal Purple's part in Canadian
History

CHOICELAND

Father's Day Brunch

Sunday June 18th 9:00-12:00
Adults \$12.00, 6 -12 yrs \$8.00 ,
pre-school Free , Family
\$40.00 Sausage, ham, scram-
bled eggs, pancakes, hashbrown
casserole, variety of fruit, juices
and coffee. Proceeds to the Elks
Memorial Hall.

The **Choiceland Museum**
will be open Wednesday and
Sunday afternoons from 1:00
- 4:00 starting June 4th.
Come out to see our exhibits!

Choiceland Public Library Is excited to welcome

Lulu and the TomCat

July 11—10:30 until 11:15

They will be bringing their colourful puppets and creative
themes to entertain us with their energetic and highly interac-
tive stage show full of sing-alongs, storytelling, puppetry and
audience participation. They will create a wonderful atmosphere
of fun and laughter with a colourful catalogue of tunes.

Come out and help them kick off our Summer Reading Club fun!





Elva Holmen

July 14, 1939–March 31, 2017
Elva Janette Holmen passed away on March 31st, 2017 at the age of 77.

She was predeceased by infant son Dwight, parents Bill and Martha Marsh, her in-laws, and sisters Alberta, Laverne, Gwen and Donna.

She grew up in the Cherry Ridge district and attended Mossy Glen School, finishing high school in Chociceland. She worked for 25 years for the Co-op and was known for her organizational skills, her quilting and her slippers for the kids in her life. She was the best friend, wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great grandmother.

Elva and Lloyd are survived by children Bev (Ray), Randy (Shelly), Boyd (Coreen), Wayne (Aline); their grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Lloyd Holmen

May 23, 1940–April 8, 2017
Lloyd Olaf Holmen passed away on April 8th, 2017, at the age of 76. He was predeceased by wife Elva, son Dwight, parents Ella and Olaf Holmen, in-laws Bill and Martha Marsh, brother-in-law Jim and sisters-in-law Alberta, Laverne, Gwen and Donna.

(See item at left). Elva and Lloyd are survived by children Bev (Ray), Randy (Shelly), Boyd (Coreen), Wayne (Aline); their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Lloyd grew up in the Kelsey District northeast of Chociceland. After graduation in Chociceland he worked various jobs in Prince Albert. He became a mechanic and married his high school sweetheart, Elva, in 1958. They moved to Carrot River where they started their family. Lloyd enjoyed the outdoors and was a volunteer firefighter for 30 years, serving as Deputy Fire Chief for 13 of those years. He worked as Service Manager for Ford dealership in Nipawin where he made many friends. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

ALDERGROVE CEMETERY: Arrangements have been made for the PA Penitentiary inmates to cut grass at the cemetery again this summer. The first cutting will be May 30th. A huge thank you to Gib Falloon, who has purchased and put up new flags at the cemetery for the past 18 years! We wish to remind everyone to contact the Smeaton Village Office (phone 306 426-2044), if you wish to spread ashes or bury an urn at the cemetery. This is essential to keep the cemetery records updated.

Thank you to Glen Giffen for a donation to the Aldergrove Cemetery Fund.



Smeaton Seniors Club annual Spring Fling 50/50 draw was made on May 18/17 and the lucky winner of \$236.50 was Marlene Hounsell of Saskatoon. CONGRATULATIONS! We would also like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, and sold them for our club. Have a great summer everyone.

SMEATON LIBRARY

Thank you everyone who came to our Mother's Day Tea on May 11th. We drew winners of our excellent Mother's Day Raffle. Congratulations to Annette Kirby, who won the stained glass water fountain, the large basket of donated items and the planter with African Violet. Sue Pellech won the cooler bag with contents; Judy Brown won two Smeaton Hotel meals; Dennis Trueman won the jewelry. Thank you everyone who donated to the prize package which earned us about \$600, Thank you Snowden Star, Smeaton Hotel and Pat Dawe for the second, third and fourth prizes.

Gayle and Kathy have assembled a wonderful selection of Canada150 items, shown in photo below. They will be drawn at Smeaton's Canada150 event on June 24th. The first prize is a portable barbecue, a Canada cooler and many other items. Second and third prizes feature Canada flag items and summer necessities. Tickets widely available, \$2 each, three for \$5. Support Canada150 and our local library!



NOTE FROM VILLAGE OF SMEATON:

Thank you to Annette Kirby for repainting the Smeaton Weather sign; thank you to Maurice Kirby for putting it back up. Thanks to Jeanette Quaal who lent a helping hand putting it back up. The sign was originally put up by Rick Pickett when he was on council and has proven to be a minor tourist attraction.

A reminder to local residents: You need an annual permit from the Village Office to use a burning barrel, fire pit, or to use fireworks within village limits. Your fire pit or barrel must have a screen or cover.



The ABC Line, a Saskatchewan Factoid: When the CNR was pushing its rail line across central Saskatchewan, they sometimes resorted to naming communities the ABC way. Starting in the east, they named Atwater; Bangor; (Waldron); Cana; D (missed); E; Fenwood; Goodeve; Hubbard; Ituna; Jasmin; Kelliher; Lestock; Mosten; N; O; Punnichy; Quinton; Raymond; Semans; Tate; (Nokomis); (Viola); Undora; Venn; Watrous; Xena; Young; Zelma!!

They missed D, E, N and O and threw in Waldron, Nokomis and Viola out of turn.

NORTH HAVEN

NORTH HAVEN BINGO SCHEDULE

- June 2nd: Snowden Community Club
- June 9th: Smeaton Seniors
- June 16th: Smeaton Walking Group
- June 23rd: Choiceland Seniors
- June 30th: North Haven Auxiliary
- July 7th: Smeaton Volunteers
- July 14th: Snowden Community Club
- July 21st: Smeaton Seniors
- July 28th: Smeaton Walking Group
- August 4th: Choiceland Seniors
- August 11th: North Haven
- August 18th: Smeaton Volunteer Group
- August 25th: Snowden Community Club
- September 1st: Smeaton Seniors

Manager's Report by Jeanette Waldner

Thank you to the two William Mason High School students, Shelby Kun and Shay-Lynn Burka, who each gave us 70 hours of their time as part of their class requirements. They were a great help and will be missed.

We will celebrate Florence's birthday on June 28th and Ida's on July 15th.

Many thanks to support from family, staff and North Haven Board. We are looking forward to our summer student who will be with us from July 4th till August 15th.

This past while we are grateful for donations of potatoes, fruit, desserts, baking and other items. Some of the donors are George and Ellen Pickett, Smeaton Fire and Rescue, Carolyn Weger, Colleen and Robert, Ida's family and others. Many thanks to Glyness Pagan for a Blood Pressure machine.

Thank you to all who come out to run bingos, lead exercise, to visit, or come to entertain the residents.

Have a great summer. Good luck with your gardening and farming.



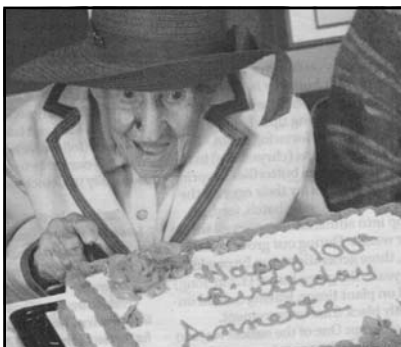
A group of residents is usually busy at the craft table, many of them happily doing adult colouring with coloured pencils.

WEIRDALE SENIORS CLUB

...Come out for our **BARBEQUE SUPPER** on Saturday, June 24th. Bread will also be available, as usual.

...Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate **Annette Kirkland's 100th Birthday**. We served up birthday cake and open-face sandwiches to a large crowd. Thank you to the Lake Country Co-op for donating the cake. Photo of Annette, below, is from Rural Routes. She claims never to nap and goes to bed past midnight. She enjoys living on the farm with her son, David, surrounded by a variety of animals.

...**Coffee and toast** continues in our club-rooms on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, until June 30th. We will break for the summer and will resume in the fall. Thank you to everyone who has been coming out.



CHOICELAND SENIORS BBQ

Choiceland Seniors (and friends!) held a bake sale and barbeque at the Choiceland Co-op Corner on Friday June 2nd. They thank everyone for supporting them.

One of their lunch customers was Kevin Enns, shown at right. Enns lives along the River in the Lost River district. He is proud to live "off the grid". He was off on his motorbike to do some itinerant preaching.



HI-WAY HARVEST FELLOWSHIP held their last Ladies Night Out of the season on May 11th. Speaker was Esther Chamberlain, who spoke of how faith helped her survive a bad marriage and enabled her to be a mother to great kids! She performed songs she had written, accompanied by (second) husband Terry. Following her testimony, Lori, at right, with helper Gabrielle, taught card making. A salad meal was enjoyed by all, and ladies took home a potted plant. It was a great evening.



...This is my story

My life as an elevator agent,
by Joe Bernhard, Smeaton

I grew up on a farm north of Carrot river, Sk, so I knew a bit about farming and grains but life lead me to jobs in forestry, sawmills, following and working the rodeo circuit in Sask. and B.C. I also worked at the mine in Flin Flon, Manitoba then did some bartending and building grain elevators all over Saskatchewan.

In 1966 I got a job with the Searle Grain elevator in Brooksby, SK. (west of Star City). Pay was \$250 once a month and the company gave a personal cheque to the wife whenever a child was born. My wife Mavis got 3 cheques, that was a big help back then. I started out as a helper but a couple of days after starting the agent (manager) quit and flew the coop! Now, I was in control and was pretty green, didn't know what was expected of me and didn't know I was to be bonded before buying grain. I recall a couple of good customers showed me how to grade grain and even how to write out cheques. Two week later the superintendent showed up, he was shocked! I got bonded real quick and my learning experience continued.

I did know a little about elevators as I had built them, these tall buildings, the "sentinels of the prairies" are just like very tall houses with lots of rooms or "bins"; a bin is approx 12'x16' and 70' high. One bin would hold a boxcar of grain when full. If a bin was not "happered" (sloped sides at the bottom) I had to shovel the last 300 bushels by hand to empty.

The process starts when a farmer brings a truck load of grain, the truck is weighed then the grain is dumped into the pit, a big hopper beneath the floor, then the truck is weighed again, the difference in pounds equals the pounds of grain. Then the grain gets elevated into certain bins, this is done via a "cup belt", picture bread pans attached to a vertical moving belt & the grains go up and into a spout directed to a bin or boxcar. The agent was also responsible for gradin this grain, from #1 to #6 for wheat, the best was a #1 northern CW, no frost, plump hard kernels "good sweet wheat". That first year I bought mostly #3, it paid 97 cents per bushel. Back then a 3 ton was a big truck. That year I loaded 33 boxcars, now a modern plant can do that in one day! Those boxcars had to be "coopered", the doorways nailed shut with 3'x8' heavy wood grain doors and remember to take a ladder in with you so you can climb out. The grain was put into the boxcar with a spout thru the space at the top of the door. These boxcars then had to be moved on the railroad track with a car jack or a pry bar, this was very hard work.

Going back a bit to what makes this all work is the good old one cylinder diesel engine; telling about it would be a whole new story as it was tricky to run and not a safe place to not know what one is doing. I will never forget the sound of that engine wump, wump, wump, wump all day! The only safety measure in those days was common sense; no glasses, earmuffs or masks, many dangerous areas to work in as everything had to be cleaned and greased up. The health department and unions would never allow those working conditions to exist now, even the "man-lift" a platform you stood on that used a pulley to ride up to the cleaner floor or the very top, was not so safe. Agents also had to clean grain, running grain through a series of sieves to clean our cracks, small weed seeds & chaff to ready the grain for seeding, that was a dirty job & we had no running water for showers!

In 1969 Searle grain Co. & Federal Grain merged and the Brooksby elevator was closed. I worked for a few weeks in Ridgedale and then moved to Reynaud, a small hamlet 20 miles east of Wakaw. There I worked for Federal Grain with Joe Goreieu, the agent, for three months until he retired. Old Joe taught me lots- one day a non-customer came to clean a jag of oats, old Joe said we don't clean oats. The man said "surely you can, it won't take long, aw come on

just run them through".

Old Joe looked at me and winked and said "run 'em through kid" (he always called me kid), so I ran them through and 5 minutes later old Joe says "that'll be \$3.50." The farmer says "What, they cleaned that fast"? Old Joe said "Nope, you said run 'em through and we did and that's \$3.50!" The farmer left quite disgruntled and Old Joe hands me the \$3.50 and says "Well kid, how would you like to go get us six beer?"

One day at 11a.m. -bang, right out of the blue, Federal Grain was sold to Sask. Wheat Pool- I was unemployed! Several days later and a few days off for me, the Sask. Wheat Pool supervisor came and hired me to be agent for the SWP. One day I had to go to Lepine, a closed elevator 10 miles to the east to empty it out and load it into boxcars. There was no phone there or cell phones so my wife came along, with lunch in case I got into trouble. There was only one elevator left here in Reynaud; the Searle had burnt down and the old Federal was moved out- both events quite memorable.

In 1972, Reynaud closed and the SWP committee was quite persuasive and persistent in the company keeping St.Benedict open and putting me in as agent. St. Benedict was only 9 miles south east, an easy move for the family.

There were three elevators: SWP, United Grain Growers and Pioneer; the last two were quite established when I started there, I only had 9 permit books (a farmer needed a permit book in order to sell grain) and 5 years later I had 90.

The next 10 years brought many changes, high power came in and my diesel engine was replaced with electric and also now an electric boxcar puller! The grading system changed and metric became into use and we got computerized. We also had hopper railroad cars now and I had a steady helper. This was a busy point, fertilizer sales were high; I sold so many carloads of fertilizer, 80-lb bags, I hired my wife and the other women to unload it into the shed. I also had 4 bulk fertilizer bins and cleaned lots of grain. Before the computer age all bookwork was "head & hand" and no adding machine.

In 1988, the company Sask. Wheat Pool, decided to close St. Benedict, after 16 years there it would be hard to move. First the company wanted me to take management courses and become a supervisor, I did not like that idea at all; so they put me in Lake Lenore (25 miles to the east); this place had gone through 6 agents in 6 years. A new elevator was just being built and I was the first agent. The plant was a beautiful high through put facility, one could move grain fast. It was totally computerized and you could buy grain and load cars at the same time. Here I bought 3 million bushels my first year. I could load 18 railcars a day. Each of the three elevators had an 18 car spot on a double track. We worked like crazy from 4 a.m. when the cars were dropped off till 10p.m when the train returned. This was a high class elevator and along with it came the "big" farms; here 9 customers had 40 quarters or more, one farmed 74 quarters of land! I was accustomed to 10 to 12 quarters being a big farm. One week-end in Lake Lenore I bought 30,000 bushels! Yes this was big business and I did surpass all bets on how long I would last, I made it six years.

In 1994 some health issues came up and I was about to go for early retirement but a company health nurse found this quaint northern village for me. Smeaton was up for bid. This would be a great place to work until my age plus years of service equalled 85 - full retirement! I had been to Smeaton years before as Uncle Peter (Violet) Bernhard lived there and I had worked for him. To some it would seem degrading to leave the fast lane and modern facility to move to Smeaton, back to an old elevator much like when I



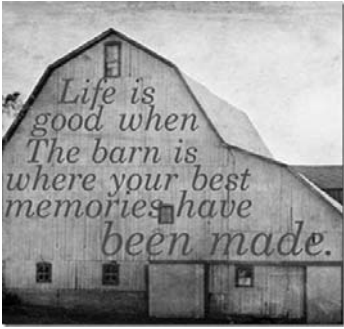
PHOTO: Joe Bernhard with a montage of the elevators where he served as agent.

first started this career.- at least Smeaton had an electric engine and I had a helper. Coming from Lake Lenore, Smeaton was like a holiday, sales were smaller, grain bought and sold was less, farms were smaller and people were more down to earth and friendly. I have never regretted my move here.

In 1997 the railroad was closing and therefore the elevator. Now again the company thought I'd be good material for the farm service center in Melfort, but I decided to go with full retirement. I had bought grain for 35 years in 5 different places and had 4 superintendents.

We left Smeaton and moved to our cabin at Candle Lake. We spent a few summers working a northern fishing resort and Candle Lake Golf Course. Then in 2001 we heard that our old SWP house in Smeaton was for sale so we sold our cabin, bought the house and moved "home". Retirement has been good and last summer I had the pleasure of starting up the last diesel engine I'd had; an old friend had bought it and built it a shed, it was quite nostalgic to hear that old wump wump wump and show off my skills to some much younger fellas. Thank goodness I need not hear that every day now.

There are some things a person has seen that one may never see again; the view from the top of an elevator with the flat prairie and the town lights around, to build one and hang from its ropes and pulleys, to watch the moving of an elevator down a country road; to see one burn or to witness the knocking down of a prairie sentinel the dust and history crumbling around. I have been able to witness all of those sights and the smells and can say there is no regret in the life it gave me.



THE ADELMAN BARN: (with notes from Geraldine Adelman and Kathy Fabish)

John F. Adelman homesteaded south east of Smeaton in 1929. He arrived from Earl Grey SK with wife Pauline, three sons and eight daughters. In 1933 they built a house from squared logs.

They then harvested trees on their land and took the logs to a mill for lumber to build the barn.

The barn was built in 1936 by the family with help from a foreman, Axel Myers who had carpentry skills. Axel lived in Snowden where Whitleys now live.

This barn was painted in 1945 and housed horses, cows, calves and colts. In later years when the horses were gone it was also used for pigs and chickens; hay was stored in the loft.

From the 1950's through to 1980, Erwin and Geraldine Adelman and family lived and worked here. John's other two sons took up farming on the NE and SE corners of their dad's original farm. The yardsite is now owned by Mike and Kathy Fabish who really enjoy the property.

Unfortunately the barn has seen better days and will be demolished in the near future. It has served well.



THE CRISP BARN:

Walter and Selena Crisp and their four children: Freda, Edna, Cora and George lived in this building after homesteading to this area in 1930. Freda and Oscar Johnson were married in this building. The Crisps left in 1954 for Ontario. At some point this building would have become the barn as there is a basement and house foundation nearby. The quarter is northwest of Smeaton, up against the forest along a creek (Deadman Creek?) and was owned by the late Robert Rochlitz. It is a lovely spot. At right is the Crisp family during the war when Cora, Edna and George all served overseas.



SMEATON FIRE & RESCUE 50/50

Congratulations to our recent winners of Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue's Progressive 50/50. Doug Johnson's luck prevailed once again - this time teamed up with Joanne Daum! They purchased the winning ticket together to share April's 50/50 - pot was \$123, so Joanne and Doug each received a cheque for \$61.50. 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.

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 online 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.

PLEASE NOTE: the Village of Smeaton requires burning permits for burning barrels, fire pits and fireworks. These permits are needed yearly and are free of cost. See Chief Randy for your 2017 burn permit. The RM of Torch River does not require permits for burning barrels or fire pits.

SMEATON LEGION: Thank you to everyone who came out to support Smeaton Legion 319's Mother's Day breakfast. Every mom who attended received a carnation. About 50 people enjoyed pancakes or waffles and sausage and fruit. Of course a game or two of crib broke out! Special thanks to our sponsors for this event: Enchanted Florist; Beth & Marcel Whitford; and Irene & Allan White. Thank you to Sonia Fidyk for bringing the cookies to finish the brunch off. All proceeds go towards maintaining our Legion hall. If you are interested in renting the Legion hall, contact Lyle White (306) 426-7773 or Tracy Lubyk (306) 980-7675

Smeaton & District Fire & Rescue will be holding their annual open house and barbecue on Sunday, June 18th. Treat Dad to lunch at the fire hall! Hall and trucks will be open to tour. Barbecued burgers and hot dogs and open house run from 11 am to 1 pm.



Available at PAFASTPRINT in Prince Albert: 400 40th Street East

CHOICELAND MUSEUM NEWS

...**50/50 WINNER** for May 1st was Terry Doerksen who took home \$625. Congratulations.

...**MUSEUM DAY** in May was a great success, Many came for a tour and to feast on hot dogs. Amy Eckdahl, Eleanor Bodnaruk and Archie Knipe, featured in this picture, were among the visitors. Darren Seaman won the raffle which included a plant hanger and two baskets of flowers from Debrick Greenhouse of Choiceland. Darren also won the 50/50 Draw, taking home \$120. Not bad for a first time visitor the Museum.



...**CANADA150**: Saturday August 19th will be Heritage Day at the Museum. We will be celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday. Don't miss...watch for upcoming posters.

...Displays for **Churches** and for **4-H** are now being done. Anyone with memorabilia from the past would be welcome. All churches that were part of this area at one time will be honoured in the universal church area. Contact a museum member if you have anything we can use.

NEW PROJECT: Choiceland Museum is raising funds to erect a building to house outside displays on the grounds. A restored Hidlebaugh Model T, donated to the Museum by the Hidlebaugh family is the first vehicle to need a safe home. Donations to this project would be greatly appreciated; official tax receipts will be issued.

Diamond North Credit Union in Choiceland us holding a Fund-raiser barbeque on June 21st to further this cause. Come one and all to support the Credit Union and the Museum. Choiceland Museum thank the Staff of Diamond North for their support.



Above, we had great support for our Museum day in May. Thank you to everyone who came out. Be sure to support our monthly 50/50 Lotto. Support your Museum and you could be a big winner.



Carpenters Ron Chorbie and Don Patton, hard at it again. Take note of the saw on top of the garbage can. Kind of glad Occupational and Safety doesn't come for coffee.



Don Sussums is seen admiring a new addition to the Museum. This cook stove, owned by Harold Mooney in Choiceland, was recently returned to the community by son Glen and his wife Lillian. The stove came by transport from Kelowna BC.



TICKET MAN!! TICKET MAN!! Lorne Lindbergh pictured with wife Sharon is top dog in our books! Since stating the 50/50 Lotto in September of 2014, this fellow has averaged eight books a month. He has sold 264 books of tickets, bringing in a total of \$6600 for the Museum. He has the charm and missed his calling as a traveling salesman! Just don't mess with his customers. He has a following that will only buy from him. Hats off to the Lindberghs.

John Angus MacDonald Homestead—1937

In 1937, John, Bella and son Dan made the decision to move north from Assiniboia. They had endured seven years of severe drought, grasshoppers and army worms. They were forced by the conditions to give up their home and try to start a new life.

Mr. Benjamin, who owned the SE 32—52—17 W2, 2 1/2 miles east of Choiceland was willing to sell. There were 14 acres cleared on the land, which was purchased for \$500.

The box car with their few possessions landed in Choiceland on August 28th, 1937. The old Model T displayed at last year's Museum Heritage Day was on that box car.

The family's first look at Choiceland was difficult as there was dense smoke from so many fires burning in the area at that time. 66 people were living in Choiceland.

John and Bella and son Dan spent the first winter in Choiceland as there were no

suitable buildings to live in on the land, and no roads. In 1938 the house pictured here was built, along with a small barn.

Over the years to come, more land would be cleared. IN 1950, Dan would marry Ida MacDonald, daughter of Robert and Ina Robertson. A little "Honeymoon House" was built next to the house pictured. The young married couple would share the yard site with Dan's parents.

In the early 1950's John and Bella moved to Nipawin; Dan and Ida moved into the house pictured where they raised five children.

In 1959, Dan purchased his first Registered Black Angus heifer. The descendants of that heifer walk the pastures today on that same land.

Dan would remain on this land until his passing in October of 2000. His capture of homesteads by his photography was a gift he left for generations to admire.

Ida would remain on this land until 2007



when she moved to Placid Place where many of her friends were. Over the years Ida gave countless hours to the community of Choiceland. The Church, Seniors Club and Curling Rink saw many of her pies come through their doors.

In September of 2007, Dan and Ida's oldest daughter, Janet and her husband Brian Misselbrook took over the land, the 3rd generation on that farm. The old house pictured is still lived in with a few new uplifts. In fact, the house hosted it's 79th Christmas this past December.

...This homestead completes the series of Dan's photographs. Come September a new series of homesteads will be featured.

Choiceland Public Library
Is hosting



Children Ages 3-12 yrs

(2 yrs & under accompanied by parent)

Are invited to come out and join the fun

Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-3pm July 4 – August 31

Stories, crafts and activities ** Enter to win prizes

You don't need to be registered to drop in for fun!

If you are unable to make it to the library,

but still want to participate in the reading contest

Call Rita @ 306-862-8474 for program materials

We are also looking for Student Volunteers

If you are interested in helping out with Reading books, counting reading logs, helping kids with crafts. Sign up for all or part of the summer. (You can use this towards your school volunteer hours) Call Rita Holmen

306-428-2486 or call/text 306-862-8474

**Member
Appreciation Day
BBQ**

Wednesday,
JUNE 21st
11:30am - 1:30pm

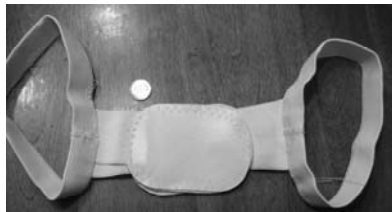
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**To Our
Members,
Thank You!**



WHAT THE HECK IS THIS??

At left is a fabric and elastic item, factory sewn, and we have no clue what it could be used for. The two ear-muff shapes have Velcro which attach as shown in the second photo. Coin is shown for scale. This item was found at a yard sale by Nettie Caruk from Weirdale. Nettie is also puzzled and intrigued.

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Have you seen small dog, Trixie? Missed by Veteran. Call 306 426-2319

MILK CONTAINERS, such as one shown at right, are now accepted at SARCAN. We assume you will receive .25 for each gallon jug you return, empty and rinsed. You are being charged a quarter at the till for recycling so may as well return it for the refund. Or donate your jugs to your local charity or church.



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

BLACK AND BLUE SCHEDULE:
In June put out your Blue Recycle bin on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. In July Blue goes out on the 14th and 28th; in August Blue goes the 11th and 25th.
Black Garbage bin goes to the curb on June 9th and 23rd; July Black is on the 7th and 21st; August put out the Black Garbage bin on the 4th and the 18th.

THE WATER GUYS SAY:
...Water is NOT an unlimited resource. If we are not more careful about how and when we use it, it will become scarcer and scarcer for present and future generations!
...Recently it seems our water usage can increase by 50% (even when it is raining) per day. If you are filling large tanks, perhaps find an alternate source, or contact the Village Office for appropriate billing.
...Everyone should adopt the mantra: IF IT'S YELLOW LET IT MELLOW; IF IT'S BROWN FLUSH IT DOWN.

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THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN JULY AND AUGUST. We will than decide if it is worthwhile to continue!

Congratulations to all 2017 graduates on your recent accomplishment!
We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.



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