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DEAR SUPPORTERS OF BRESAYLOR HERITAGE.....

A happy springtime to all from our little corner of the world. April has slipped away on us and we're fast approaching another Museum season.

As for Bresaylor Heritage, we have some catching up to do. Last year's curatorial efforts went into the Paynton Homecoming - e.g. display items from the Museum collection etc. This year there are many upkeep tasks needing to be done to Museum buildings and exhibits.

And, I am asking everyone interested in Bresaylor Heritage

to consider the future of the Museum. I would like to see it continue in Bresaylor indefinitely. But, for reasons of security, that is only feasible if someone lives in the hamlet. Perhaps by the time I "retire" (and I ain't getting any younger) might there be someone(s) interested (yep, passionate) about the history, and able to envisage new possibilities here!

For now, many thanks for your support, your letters, your encouraging words. You keep us going! Do all have a great summer! Sincerely, Velma Foster, for the Museum Board of Directors: June Taylor, Don Ferguson, Marg and Ross Currie, Helena Caplette and Marion McDougall.

THE 2003 HALF-THE-POT DRAW WINNER

WAS

June Johnstone
of Chilliwack, BC.
Since June was visiting in the area with the other McDonald sisters (Mary & Lorraine) we had our own backyard presentation of the cheque for \$65.



ANNUAL POTLUCK SUPPER & 2003 SUMMER RAFFLE WINNERS

The annual Potluck supper took place on Sunday, July 27, at the Museum. Attendance was low, partly because of the Paynton Homecoming of the previous weekend - people were pretty well "visited out". We enjoyed some quiet visiting after the usual pleasant meal. The results of the Summer Raffle draw were as follows: The \$50. cash prize went to Edith Falcon; Two \$25. cash prizes went to John Millhouse and Georgina Scott; Gift Shop Certificates worth \$20. went to Lyle Currie, Barbara Housen, and Ted Bugg; Gift Shop Certificates worth \$10. went to Charles Graham and Allan Macleod. A \$20. Gift Shop Certificate to someone present at the supper was won by Betty Churchman.

Complimentary tickets for the 2004 Raffle: to Mabel Forrest, Stan Tebb, Leah Merchant, Edith Falcon, Elmer Martin, Naden Hewko, Ray Sayers, Waverley Ollenberger, Bruce Clarkson and Helen Perry

Once again, **thank you** to all who participated in the Raffles which netted over \$400. for the Museum.

— SEE INSERT PAGE FOR THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE —>



• BARR COLONIST WAGON TREKKERS ARRIVE AT FERGUSON STOCK FARM •

AND ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ENCLOSING AN EARLYBIRD HALF-THE-POT ticket to be drawn for July 1....\$1. ea.

SPECIAL EARLY BIRD DRAW FOR HALF-THE-POT! at JULY 1 THIS TICKET \$1.

IF YOU WANT MORE TICKETS ENTERED INTO THE DRAW(S) LET US KNOW & WE'LL ENTER THEM FOR YOU!

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- MEL SUNDIN - sundim@aol.com (searching information on Taylor, McDonald, Inkster, Ferguson fur trade descendants).
- FROG LAKE UPRISING DESCENDANT ASSOC. - henbob@telusplanet.net



SENIORS RECOGNIZED — Mabel Waterhouse, age 98, was one of the special guests attending Paynton's Homecoming. All those attending who were 90 or over received special corsages. Pinning the flowers on Mrs. Waterhouse is Shawna McDougall.

DONATIONS TO THE BRESAYLOR HERITAGE MUSEUM ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.
A **DONATION OF \$5. OR MORE ENTITLES YOU TO BECOME A CARD-CARRYING SUPPORTER OF BRESAYLOR HERITAGE AND TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER.**



YOUR LETTERS, YOUR VISITS, YOUR SUPPORT.

Once again thank you for the many letters expressing enjoyment of the Newsletter. And, we're always glad to hear your stories too - both past and present.

The curator was a bit distracted last summer by involvement with the Paynton Homecoming, so we hope that anyone wanting to visit the Museum was able to do so. Early in the season we had a visit from the Two Rivers Community Club, who took in a demonstration of spinning by Cynthia Donald (Maidstone); and carding by June Taylor. Members of the group in attendance were Helena Coplette, Lucienne Chasse, Albie Cove, Helena Banting, Alma Gabbruch, Letty Day, Doris Jamieson and Betty Kuttai. In June, Carmen Sperling brought her grade 3 class from Maidstone. They took part in preparing ingredients and mixing a cake which was cooked in the wood stove; they helped make rhubarb jam; they made real lemonade; they churned butter; they tried writing with straight pens. Directing activities were Margaret Currie, Helena Coplette and Nelda (Coplette) Maryko.

In celebration of the Barr Colonist Centennial, a wagon train passed through the area south of Bresaylor on its way from Saskatoon to Lloydminster. The Museum provided the trekkers with supper at the Ferguson Stock Farm where they camped for the night of June 24. After supper, the Yellowhead Ramblers entertained until the campers faded away, tired from a hard day's travel through hot, dry sand. The Wagon Train travelled on to Lloydminster, arriving on June 28 in time to be a part of the official opening of Lloydminster's Centennial Celebrations at the Exhibition Grounds.

And while on the Barr Colonists, Bill (son of Norah nee English) and wife Isabel Gray returned to visit Bill's old home community again. This time, they brought their cousin, Joan Fredeen, daughter of Winnifred "Peggy" (nee English) Bryne. Winnifred, at 101 years of age, was the last living Barr Colonist, and too frail to attend the celebrations at Lloydminster. Nevertheless, she became quite a celebrity. Another family descendant, Gwyn (and husband Don Greenough), daughter of Dick and Phyllis (Stephens) English, also visited, bringing a display of English and Stephens family history for the Paynton Homecoming, which we then moved to Bresaylor for the rest of the summer. Also, Ken English (and Cathy Rae), son of Tom English, dropped in for a visit. Barry Chapman wrote that he taught elementary school in Saskatoon at the same time as the late Tom English.

Many of our Museum Supporters attended the Paynton Homecoming; some photos are included on our insert page. Several families, e.g. Bowes/Greggs, had their own reunions in conjunction with the Homecoming. A week after the Homecoming, our faithful board member, June Taylor, suffered a bit of a stroke, from which, we are relieved to report, she is recovering, albeit having to take it easy, which has never been easy for June. Another friend and another June - June Johnstone - reports that she is feeling better after treatment for a throat tumor. And Archie Early (gr. grandson of James Bremner) wrote that he had had "several strokes", and spent "nine days in intensive care". We wish continued healing to these special people. And to Bertha Millhouse who "had cataracts removed from both eyes". Shirley Wishart has been struggling with the effects of a stroke (plus a hip



2004 SUMMER RAFFLE AND POTLUCK SUPPER - JULY 25.

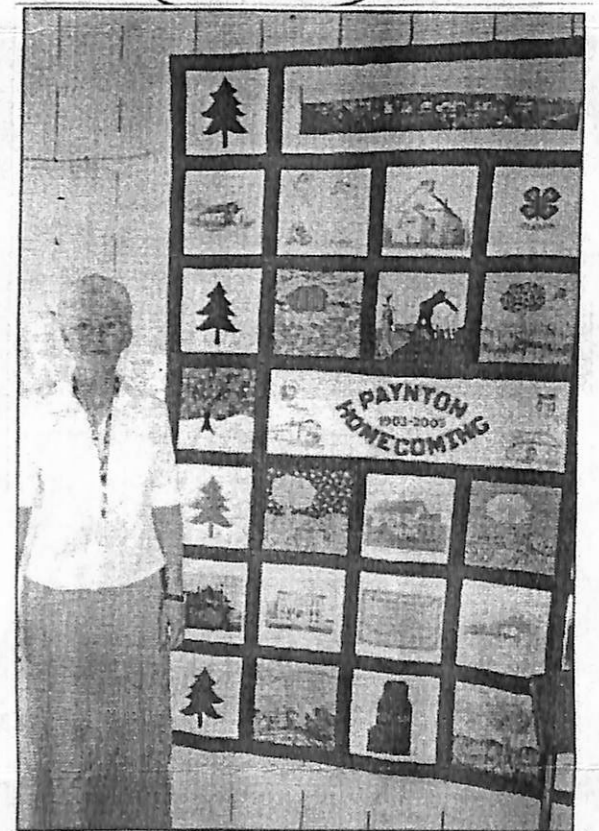
We are pleased once again to have a QUILT as first prize for our Summer Raffle. Thanks to June Taylor, Margaret Currie, Marie Ferguson, and Jean Wilson, who have contributed many hours during this past winter making a special quilt for the Museum Raffle. Thank you, quilters! Two consolation prizes of \$25., Gift Shop Certificates and other prizes will also be drawn for.

PAYNTON HOMECOMING

In last year's newsletter we gave considerable space to the upcoming Paynton Homecoming and the Barr Colonist Centennial. The weekend was a great success, with over 600 in attendance. I was most interested in collecting Paynton history and am pleased with how much was submitted. Now, it's a matter of continuing with that project, and, at this time, that means needing to get a second wind. Meanwhile, we include some photos from that event. And, if anyone would like a copy of the Homecoming report that I wrote for the Maidstone Mirror (August 27, 2003 issue), I would be pleased to send photocopies of the write-up and photos. Or, for that date's entire issue, contact the Battlefords News-Optimist, (306) 445-7261. VF

★ THE SAME QUILTERS WHO MADE THE PAYNTON QUILT HAVE MADE US ONE FOR OUR SUMMER RAFFLE. NOW IN THE R/M OFFICE.

...won by Ron and Clara (Bowes) Sultz, who donated it back to the community.



COMMEMORATIVE QUILT — A special quilt created for Paynton's Homecoming emerged under the skilled fingers of Margaret Currie, Jean Wilson, Marie Ferguson (in the photo) and others under the supervision of June Taylor.

OBITUARIES

REMEMBERING THE RECENT LOSS OF FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS

Beryl (Taylor) Wells
d. September 21, 1998

Jack Johnstone
d. November 25, 2002

Patrick Fitzpatrick
July 11, 1939 - February 2003

Carrie Taylor
1917 - June 22, 2003

Albert Armstrong Sayers
June 19, 1924 - July 25, 2003

John (Jack) Boggust
May 29, 1913 - August 7, 2003

Grace Foster
d. September 15, 2003

Stanley W. Anderson
1919 - Sept 15, 2003

Sylvia (Mrs. Stan) Bidyk
May 31, 1936 - November 24, 2003

Sidney L. A. Taylor
June 2, 1912 - December 30, 2003

Herbert Alfred Sayers
1930 - January 12, 2004

Mary Ruby Pearl Lennie
1922 - January 13, 2004

Roderick Coldwell
1971 - Feb 11, 2004

Roy Anderson
1956 - March 26, 2004

Minnie Carlson
1911 - April 8, 2004

replacement) now for three years, but continues to work with her brother on their family history which runs back through sponces (and other familiar names) to Isaac Batt and further. Perhaps we'll cover some of that in future newsletters.

There were more losses of old friends this past year. Mel Sundin wrote that "my beautiful mother, Carrie Taylor, passed away" in Malta, MT, U.S.A. "She delighted in hearing from you folks up north and she never stopped talking about our trip up there to meet relatives she never knew she had. She claimed ALL of you as family." Carrie was a granddaughter of Herbert Chapman Taylor who left the Bresaylor Settlement for Montana in the late 1890s; his descendants there have been very interested in their connection to Bresaylor. Last year also saw the passing away of Sidney Taylor, grandson of Alexander Taylor, another of the original Taylors. And, we had a visit from D.Keith Taylor of Vernon, BC., a long-absent grandson of David Taylor. He was surprised and delighted to find that there are still remnants of his childhood community here. It turns out that the fathers of Carrie (Timolian), Sidney (Cuthbert) and D.Keith (Angus) were first cousins. And Mildred (Taylor) Roberts' father (Andy, son of David) was also a cousin. Mildred sends a comment on the Big Rock: "I often wonder if it really is as big as I thought it was then. When Eileen Bowes and my sister Beryl went there, I'm sure I wasn't allowed to tag along as a kid sister, but I remember going with my brother Ellis and probably other kids who were our age." Mildred also pays tribute to the late Dorothy Bowes (long time community nurse in this area): "My mother called her when I had pneumonia once and from then on I saw her as an 'angel in disguise'. She was such a kind person and always had a smile and I just loved her." Richard Fitch, grandson of the late Eva Foulds, dropped by to see items contributed to the Museum by his grandfather, Earl Foulds, now in a care home where Richard is employed. He was on his way to Langmeade cemetery for his grandmother's burial ceremony.

Azelia Tesolin recalls getting "to know Earl and Eva (Foulds) when we got our CB radios. They used to come to our skidoo rallies in Baldwinton."

Jim and Janet Shimek paid a first visit to the Museum. They have been Supporters for some time, and it was nice to meet them. More folks are on the move this past year. Jean Steward and Eva Inkster now live in the Seniors apartments in Maidstone. And Marcel and Eileen Lacoursier have moved to North Battleford. Eva Regnier also lives there now. Lois Spence is settled in at Lloydminster. But, hey, there's new blood in the community. Clint and Jaydee Currie have a new baby girl, Brenn, which makes Ross & Margaret Currie grandparents again.

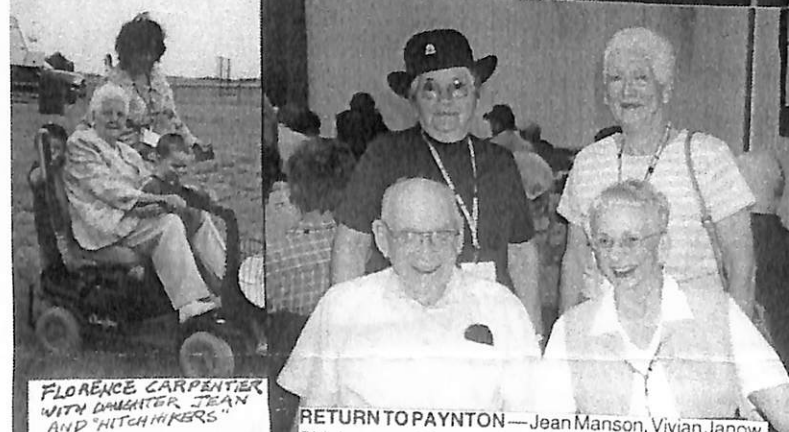
Congratulations are in order for Ruth (Young) Woodworth, Battleford and District 2003 Citizen of the Year.

And thanks: to the Bowes/Gregg families who held a raffle at their reunion and donated the proceeds to the Museum. Also, to Ted and Jennie Bugg for cutting grass at the Bresaylor Cemetery for the last couple of years. And to Sadie Bugg for helping rake up the grass cuttings.



BARR COLONIST DISPLAYS

HISTORY ON DISPLAY — Paynton School was the centre of much interest during the Homecoming. Area and family histories were among the displays enjoyed.



RETURN TO PAYNTON — Jean Manson, Vivian Janow, Sid Jones and Annie Utri.



SOUVENIR TABLE (JUNE & EILEEN) PAINTINGS BY ALVIN SAYERS

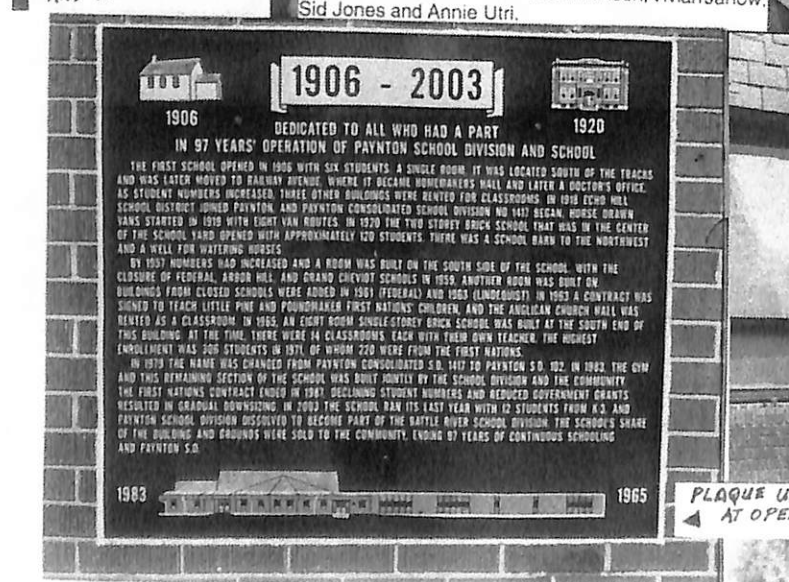


BEEPER THE CLOWN



Scenes from Paynton Homecoming 2003

YVONNE CARPENTER WITH THREE OF HER DAUGHTERS



PLAQUE UNVEILED AT OPENING

BRESAYLOR MUSEUM GIFT SHOP • BOOKS • CDs • CARDS • PRINTS

- SOME CRAFTS. Items by or about Bresaylor history/people, past/present.
- (No sales tax. Please allow for cost of mailing).

BOOKS IN OUR GIFT SHOP -

- "SAYERS FAMILY COOKBOOK" - updated, 2003, \$14.
- "BUFFALO DAYS AND NIGHTS" by Peter Erasmus as told to Henry Thompson. Peter Erasmus lived from 1833 to 1931 - an important interpreter for early missionaries, for Pelliser, and at the signing of Treaty 6. A good read. \$15.
- "TWO MONTHS IN THE CAMP OF BIG BEAR" by Theresa Delaney and Theresa Gowanlock, with introduction by Sarah Carter. \$20.
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- "PETER FIDLER, CANADA'S FORGOTTEN EXPLORER 1769-1822" by J. G. MacGregor. \$17.
- "GULLY FARM" by Mary Hiamstra, a Barr Colonist's story. \$15.
- "WHEAT PROVINCE DIAMONDS" stories of Saskatchewan baseball by Paul Hack and David Shury. \$25.
- "EXPLORING THE FUR TRADE ROUTES OF NORTH AMERICA" by Barbara Huck. A travel guide. \$20.
- "HAYWIRES" by Jim Caplette. \$15
- Sorry to report that "The Other Side of Rebellion" by Margeret Stobie is no longer available; it is out of print.

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS CAN BE ORDERED DIRECTLY FROM THE AUTHORS:

- "FOOTPRINTS IN THE DUST" a detailed account of the Riel Rebellion by Doug Light. \$30. from the author at 2804 - 13 Ave. NW, Calgary, T2N 1L9.
- "THE SANDS OF TIME" a reprint of publication "The Cree Rebellion, 1884" ed. Ross Innes. \$18.50, from the author at 86 Sherpe Crescent SE, Medicine Hat, AB, T1B 3Y6.
- "THE ADVENTURES OF YUKON JOE" and "WANDERER OF THE WILDERNESS, YUKON JOE" by E. H. Murray. \$16 and \$18. from the author at #3, 2107 - 43 Ave., Vernon, BC, V1T 3K6. Ph (250) 542-6051.
- "STEELE'S SCOUTS, Samuel Benfield Steel & The N.W. Rebellion" by Wayne F. Brown. \$18. from the author at Box 232, Paradise Hill, SK, S0M 2G0. Fax (306) 344 2257, wfbrown@sk.sympatico.ca.

HERE ARE SOME OTHER BOOKS, NOT SPECIFIC TO OUR AREA, BUT CONNECTED TO THE HISTORY OF THE WEST, BOOKS THAT I HAVE FOUND TO BE "GOOD READS". YOU CAN BORROW THEM FROM OR THROUGH YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.

- "THE LAST CROSSING" by Saskatoon writer Guy Vanderhaeghe (2002). Fictional but including historic figures, the legendary Jerry Potts is a major character in this novel, as he was in early western Canada. This book was chosen by the CBC "Canada Reads" panel as this year's book all Canadians should read. "THE ENGLISHMAN'S BOY", also by Guy Vanderhaeghe. When cowpokes were no longer needed for the big cattle drives, they sometimes become extras in Hollywood movies. That's part of this book's story - mostly set in the US, but reaching across the border (the Cyprus Hills massacre). • Calgary writer Fred Stenson also writes historic novels. His latest book "LIGHTNING" is set in the 1890s - a large cattle drive to the original Cockrane (Alberta) Ranch from deep in Montana. His earlier book "The Trade" is about the fur trade at its most intense, most aggressive - also romance and a sense of the harsh conditions and often unsavory characters of that era.
- "LAKE OF THE PRAIRIES" by Warren Cariou; a sensitive and down-to-earth personal account of growing up in Meadow Lake. • And for a different take on Francis J. Dickens, read "The Astounding Long-lost Letters of DICKENS OF THE MOUNTED" edited by Eric Nicol.
- AND MANY MANY MORE. Let us know what books you recommend.

OTHER ITEMS IN OUR GIFT SHOP :

MUSIC:



- CD "four legs good" by dasmacht SHOW band, this is Karla Ferguson's group of (5) very talented musicians. They entertained at the Paynton Homecoming and will soon be back on the Summer Festival circuit. \$20.



- CD "First Time Out" - Old time tunes by The Yellowhead Ramblers Ross Currie plays fiddle with this group, and they too entertained at the Paynton Homecoming. \$10.

GREETING CARDS:

- LOCAL HISTORIC SUBJECTS (ask for list of subjects) by Velma Foster \$1.25 ea or 10 for \$8. (one subject or mixed)
- LOCAL HISTORIC SUBJECT PRINTS: Ask for list of subjects if interested. (12"x16" paper size). Colored - \$25-30. B/w \$10-15.

• CARDS BY JILL BUGG



*Cards
by
Jill*

My name is Jill. In 1995, at the age of 15, I suffered a severe brain injury as a passenger in a single vehicle roll-over. I was in a coma for 6 months. Due to my brain injury I am non-verbal and have a delayed swallow. I am also confined to a wheelchair. Since I have increased spasticity, I need assistance with everything I do. I am thankful for my sense of humor which is helping me on my road to recovery.

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