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DEAR SUPPORTERS OF BRESAYLOR HERITAGE:

A happy late spring, early June to all. It was supposed to be a happy early May, but, well, you understand how intentions can run off track.

In any case, a new season is upon us. The twinning of the Yellowhead Highway has been a long time coming. I'm tired of hearing myself talk about it, as are most of you, I'm sure. But, it's not finished with us yet. Weather (elsewhere) delayed work supposed to be completed last summer. So, now we are more or less where we were a year ago. It's just as well that our Board of Directors decided not to plan anything special for the Bresaylor's 125th. Just the Pot Luck Supper. But, we hope that it will be one big whopper of a Pot Luck Supper, with lots of people attending.

More on that later! Also, more about the Cemetery marker. More about the effects of the highway twinning. And, of course, more about hopes for the future of the Museum.

We look forward to seeing many of you this summer. There will always be a road in to Bresaylor - if not by the traditional entrance, then through the campground. So do plan to visit. Once more, thank you for your continued interest and support, and for your many kind letters and comments.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer on behalf of our Board of Directors, who are: Ross Currie, Helena Caplette, Margaret Currie, Marion McDougall, Don Ferguson, June Taylor (honorary), and our newest members, Marie Ferguson and Ted Bugg, I am yours sincerely, Velma Foster.

• NEIL KAMP WON \$71. IN THE EARLY BIRD HALF-THE-POT DRAW • 2006 •

2006 POT LUCK SUPPER & SUMMER RAFFLE

THE ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER took place at Bresaylor on Sunday, July 23. Prior to supper, a very intensive grass mowing/raking operation took place at the Bresaylor Cemetery. The grass had been cut earlier in the season by members of the Bugg family. Heavy growth of grass from the previous fall and new growth made for some heavy wind-rows. By late July it had grown quite high again. Adam Bugg cut the grass which, added to the accumulation from the first cut, made for even heavier wind-rows. Some very determined volunteers braved the very hot day to rake the cemetery. A bailer was introduced at one point to deal with the volume of grass, but for the most part it was hand-raked, then hauled away. That crew consisted of Margaret and Ross Currie, Don and Marie Ferguson and Joan Sayers.

Needless to say, by suppertime there were some hearty appetites. As always, there was a wonderful selection of food, enjoyed under the trees at the Museum. A special cake celebrating Peter and June Taylor and their contribution throughout the life of the Museum was enjoyed by all. A card and gift certificate were presented - a very small token of the ongoing support that the Taylors have given to Bresaylor heritage. Now they've moved to Maidstone, but they're always close by in our thoughts.

After the supper, the DRAW FOR THE TULIP QUILT took place. And the winner of the quilt was ELLIS TAYLOR OF SAANICHTON, B.C. CASH prizes of \$25. each were won by Wynn Richards, Robin Phillips and Margaret Currie. Gift Certificates for the Museum Gift Shop went to Ross Innes, Margaret Currie, Kelsey Sperling and Bruce Clarkson. Complimentary tickets for the 2007 Summer Raffle will be entered for Helena Caplette, Doreen Sayers, Kendra Valoes, Jocelyn Warkington, Irene Jenny, Marla Ramsay, Sid Jones, Bert Taylor, Chrissa Feth, and Marie Ferguson. A \$20. Gift Certificate to someone present at the Pot Luck Supper went to Margaret Currie.



The Newsletter's incompetent photographer made a special trip to photograph Peter and June Taylor at their new home in Maidstone. But the film used was the kind that had to be sent away to be processed. Since the Newsletter's already running late, it was decided to use other photos of the Taylors. June is seen beside the quilt she made 15 years ago, for the launching of the History book and Bresaylor Reunion - also the 110th anniversary of the Bresaylor Settlement (and the 125th for Canada). Peter is attending to the horses, something he always enjoyed. In this case, he is helping with the seeding of one of the Heritage Oat Crops at Bresaylor, also 15 years ago.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the raffles, which netted over \$750. for the Museum! ALSO, quilt tickets sold by the Paynton Seniors and the Paynton Library raised a few dollars for those organizations. SPECIAL THANKS to the QUILTERS, Margaret, Marie and Faye.

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SUMMER RAFFLES

EARLY-BIRD HALF-THE-POT DRAW - JULY 1 DEADLINE \$1.00 TICKET ENCLOSED More tickets entered by request.

"CHERRIES" SUMMER QUILT RAFFLE ONCE AGAIN we are the recipients of another beautiful Quilt for raffle - this time the subject is "CHERRIES". The crafters of this delightful, all hand-stitched quilt are Faye Falcon, Marie Ferguson, and Margaret Currie. See ... It will be raffled after the Pot Luck Supper at Bresaylor on July 22. Consolation prizes include 3 \$25. cash prizes, Gift Certificates, and more. As usual, a book of tickets is enclosed with the Newsletter for those who wish to participate. If more tickets are required, we can fill them out for you.



MUSEUM PLANS FOR 2007

This year marks the 125th Anniversary since the arrival of the first families to what would become the Bresaylor Settlement. Our board of directors decided that since we weren't sure of what would happen with highway construction, we wouldn't plan anything special. But, we will, as usual, have our POT LUCK SUPPER - on Sunday, July 22 - and we hope that it will be especially well-attended. The Museum will provide the meat for the supper, and visitors from far away need not worry about contributing to the meal. The Museum will be open all afternoon and coffee will be on. Everything else will be left to spontaneous eruption...weather dictating - we leave the agenda open to contributions of any kind - music, story telling, reminiscing... We are still trying to decide on a suitable memento for the occasion.

CEMETERY UPDATE: The Cemetery Marker project may be complete by July 22, but, in any case, should be in place by the end of the summer. All names of persons buried there will be on the marker. They are presently being engraved onto a durable white plastic which will be mounted onto sign board, and displayed under a metal canopy. We were warned that the engraving process would take a while - that was last fall. There was a problem getting the surface color we preferred - gold - so we will be getting white instead.

A next project? Well, we would like to place a Bresaylor Cemetery sign over the gate - again, likely in metal. Ideas for that would be welcomed.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION update:

As mentioned before, highway construction here lags behind by a year or so. But at least now construction is underway. Weather conditions (i.e. rain) elsewhere kept the crew from moving in here until late last fall. They barely had a chance to do anything before winter set in. The ground was quite wet going into winter, and with a fair amount of snow accumulation by spring, the ground was very wet when the construction crew returned. So far a lot of time and machine movement has been in trying to dry out the soil. Then, last week, there was an inch of rain, bringing highway construction to a halt. So, will the foundation work be finished by the end of June as hoped? If so, will paving be complete by the end of summer? Want to wager?

Sadly, the old community hall went down last fall.

So, we've lost the sound barrier the hall provided. Reminding us of just how close we will be to the highway right-of-way. We lose one old garage - which is very useful for storage, and already replaced with a smaller, new shed. But, we keep the other, also old (needing repairs), shed/garage - east of the main building - so do not have to find alternative storage space for that. We would like the department of highways to provide us with a security fence, between our main buildings and the highway. So far they have said "no".

"Wall of Bresaylor" project: It will be necessary to construct some kind of a privacy fence inside our property line to also buffer some of the incessant noise of the highway. The curator wishes to use parts of buildings being dismantled as part of the wall - ongoing little bits of history of the place. One can walk about the place and, for instance, say, "Oh, yes, I see that that was a door from the old old biffy, estimated to have been built by a former Federal Grain agent....." etc...like that! Can't wait to see how it turns out.

SERIOUSLY, ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE MUSEUM....

Gathering determination: It must stay here! Yes, inasmuch as I am capable of being decisive, I am determined to move forward with actions that guarantee retaining the museum in Bresaylor hamlet. The alternative really boils down to dispersing the collection - to other museums, in some cases back to donors and/or families, to archives, whatever. That would mean a loss of the sense of place that is here! Bresaylor hamlet has its own history starting with the coming of the railway. It is also in the centre of what was the original Bresaylor Settlement. Both of these and all connected histories are important. I am not convince that the preservation of this specific history of this specific place would be better served by going elsewhere, even if to bigger and, presently at least, with better facilities. Furthermore, we must not lose what we have worked so hard for these past 25 years.

There is much more to be said and I will, in the near future, try to put down some thoughts I have about possibilities for the Museum...with input from the Board as well. [Perhaps we need an official support group, a "Friends of Bresaylor Heritage" organized separately from me and the Board of Directors. I know there are very capable people out there who could take up that cause.]

I will have to clarify my own place in that future. I will continue my involvement as long as possible, as long as I am useful. But, the matter of my successor(s) is pivotal to any discussion. I propose to boldly seek that entity by putting out the "wanted" notice that echoes my own credentials. In essence, it will go something like this (blanks to be filled in):

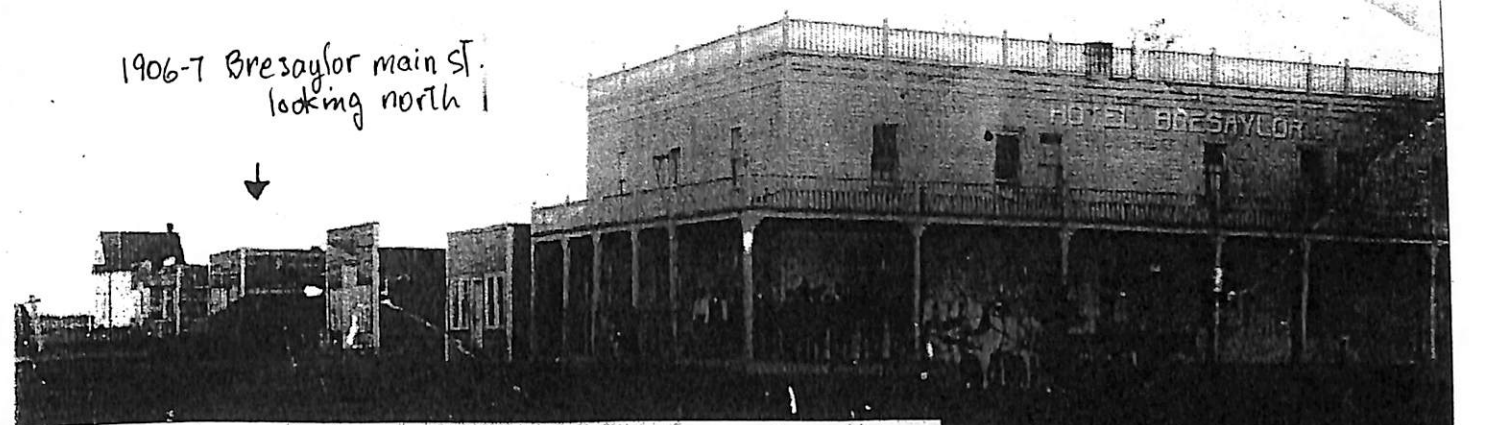
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Well, something like that.

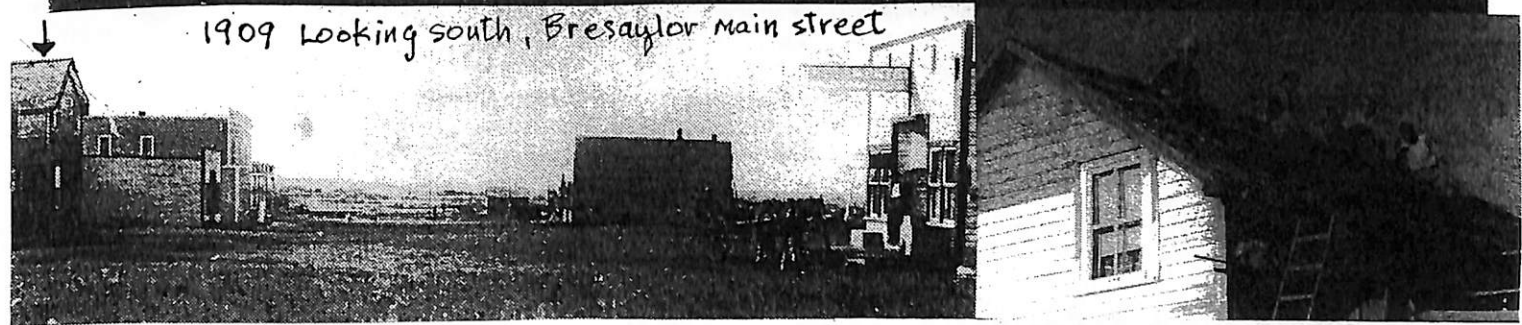
Perhaps by July 22, we can rough out some ideas of what we should aim at. How to involve those truly interested, even though not close by, and who should be our mentors.

Meanwhile, every single Supporter of our present Museum is of the utmost importance. Input for the future is welcome from anyone interested. vf

1906-7 Bresaylor main st. looking north



1909 Looking south, Bresaylor main street



Reshingling the Museum, l. to r: Ken Parohl, Bill Caplette, Ross Currie on the ladder, Don Ferguson and Shawn Ferguson

MAIN MUSEUM BUILDING (the "Alex Lenny House" - our largest artifact and a Municipal Heritage Building. The following brief biography of the building is as accurate as I can get it from somewhat conflicting sources of information. VF

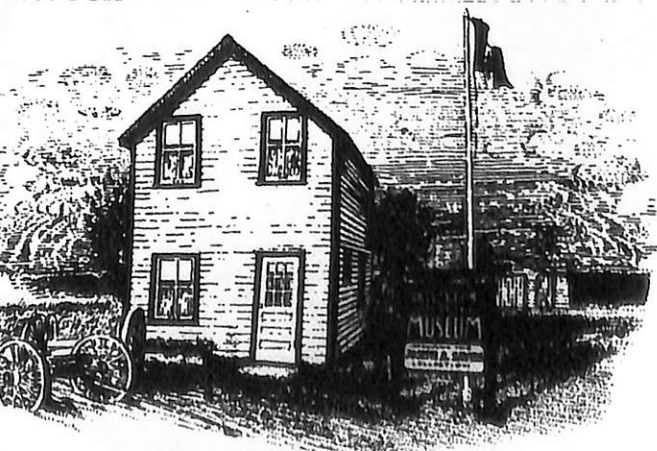
One of first buildings in Bresaylor hamlet - it was started in 1906 or '07 - as a one-storey, flat roofed building, 16' x 16' (see the early photo of Bresaylor main street, looking north), likely built by Jack Reagan, and operated as a butcher shop by James Sayers for a short time. According to the late Phyllis (Stephens) English, Jack Reagan built the house - as she knew it, that is, as the two-storey building it is. She didn't remember it as a one-storey butcher shop. In any case, by the time the photo, looking south, down the main street and dated 1909 (courtesy of the late Annie McDougall) was taken, it was a two-storey house, now 16' x 24'. The outside wall of the original building can be seen in the east room of the museum. Reagan lived in house, for some time sharing it with his nephew Jim Brown and wife, Jessie (Taylor). The back porch was added in 1917, built by David Foster.

It became the telegraph office, operated during the First World War years by Mrs. Callaghan, who took over from her husband, John T. Callaghan, when he went overseas. (Prior to that, the telegraph office had been located 3 miles east of Bresaylor.)

A Mr. Bonnifeau took over as telegraph operator until about 1921. The late Robert Leslie (Jr.) remembered Mr. Bonnifeau as a little man with a gray beard, and that he had a fence woven from wolf-willows around his garden.

Through most of the 1920s the telegraph office was operated by Alfred Allen, who lived in the house with his wife, Daisy, and daughter, Muriel. In the late 1920s a CN station was built and the telegraph office was moved to it. (The first station agent was Gray Strong.) After the Allens moved away, Oliver and Beatrice (Sayers) Foulds lived in the building, followed by the Harvey Regnier family. During a Regnier family reunion, held in Lloydminster in 1997, three of Harvey Regnier's sons - Lucien, Alex and Alvic - paid a visit to the museum. The oldest two reminisced about having lived in the house. At that time there were no partitions upstairs and the floor was just bare boards.

Finally, in the late 1920s, the house became the home of Alex and Mary (Bremner) Lenny, who were its last residents. It was recalled that Mary kept the house beautifully furnished. She passed away in 1966, after which Alex soon moved to Paynton.



MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

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BOOKS we do not carry. You can ORDER FROM THE AUTHORS:

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- "HEADINGLEY, Pioneers, Past & Present" by Murray Peterson and Georgia Anderson Taillieu. 308 pp. (Hard Cover \$65. + \$8. mailing = \$73. Order from Jean Ammeter, 5765 Portage Ave., Headingley, MB, R4H-1E7).

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- CD "FIRST TIME OUT" - Old time tunes by the Yellowhead Ramblers \$10.
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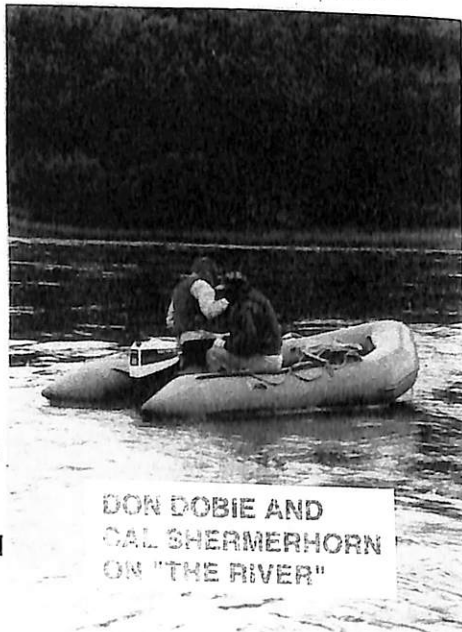
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DON DOBIE AND CAL SHERMERHORN ON "THE RIVER"

RUN, RIVER...

I believe that many of the supporters of Bresaylor heritage would be concerned about a possible threat to heritage sites along the N. Saskatchewan River. If a proposal to build a dam near Highgate were to become a reality, flooding would occur upriver to past the AB/SK border. This, I believe, would be disastrous for the river itself, but, it would also result in the flooding of historic sites on or along the river. Sites such as Fort Pitt, Frenchman Butte, Pine Island, Mouth of the Gully Creek, Fort Umphreville etc. - whose potential as important historic and tourism attractions has never been explored. Hopefully, the feasibility study currently being done will indicate that a dam is too expensive, too destructive to figure into water issue plans. *Friend of The North Saskatchewan River, Velma Foster*

While thinking about the river I reread Don Dobie's delightful accounts of his trips down

"THE RIVER" ... Some of you will recall that, when he was a youthful 76 years of age, having just had a hip replacement, Don Dobie and friend Jim Hatcher made a journey down the North Saskatchewan River in a zodiac, towing a tender. That was in 1988. The journey started out at Devon, AB, and the destination was to be somewhere along the river north of Bresaylor, replicating a river trip Don's uncle, Cubby McDonald, had made, rafting supplies downstream from Edmonton during the early days of the Bresaylor Settlement. As fate, and a nasty storm, would have it, that journey was ended - somewhere around the SK-AB border.

But, it wasn't the last of the river journeys - at least for Don (Jim retired from further zodiac ventures). Don and another partner, Cal Shermerhorn, went on to do three more river trips - two on the North Saskatchewan and one on the South Saskatchewan, completing both rivers from source to Forks - near Prince Albert where the rivers join to form the Saskatchewan River. The last of those trips was the one made in 1992 from Rocky Mountain House to Bresaylor - it was to make up for not having completed the first trip. Don timed this last trip to coincide with the Bresaylor history book launching and reunion. That was fifteen years ago and he had just turned 80.

Don Dobie went on to chronicle all four river journeys. From time to time we have made them available through our Museum Gift Shop. Now there are only a couple of copies left, but, having chatted with him by phone, we agreed to try to put more copies back into circulation. They are a good read, sprinkled with Don's delightful sense of humor and his insightful observations on one of the nation's great waterways. WATCH FOR!

NEWS, VISITS, HAPPENINGS.....wherein we share

information on Museum events, and "news" gleaned from your letters & elsewhere - our own recycling of information too

to be just - discarded!

Some special CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER: Florence Carpentier celebrated her 95th birthday in April, and Don Dobie will celebrate his 95th in June. Sid Jones turned 90 in May. Last year 50th Anniversaries were celebrated by Alvin and Donna Myhre and Jim and Barbara (Petty) Housen. And for those keeping track, it's 15 years since we launched the Bresaylor history book at the Bresaylor Reunion. Wasn't that a party!

Once again we opened the Museum season with a visit from Carmen Sperling's (grade one) class. They first stopped by Vera Valliere's farm where she showed the children a cream separator in operation. She sent along two jars with cream to be shaken during the trip to the museum. By the time the bus arrived, the cream was starting to turn to butter. By the end of the visit, the children were able to use the butter on toast made on the top of the wood stove. A new activity was the use of a scrub board, with homemade soap grated into water hauled from the rain barrel. Grass behind the museum was tall enough for a scything demonstration; also a small maze had been cut which the children enjoyed after a visit to the museum. Helping with these activities were Margaret Currie, Helena Caplette, Marion McDougall, Marie Ferguson, and the curator.

Ellis (& Dorothy) Taylor, winner of the Quilt raffle wrote to say "Thank you.. It is difficult to imagine the hours of tedious work involved to accomplish such a beautiful quilt... All best wishes for a continued bright future for the museum". Ellis has deep roots in Bresaylor, a son of Andy and Bertha Taylor and grandson of one of the original Bresaylor Settlement families - David and Elizabeth Ann (Spence) Taylor. He spent his childhood in Bresaylor hamlet where his parents owned one of the stores. Another comment about the museum by Patricia Smith: "...As long as I'm able I'll support your endeavors." Kay (McCready) Critchley had earlier reported that her uncle "Doug McCready keeps well and happy down in Tucson."

Unfortunately, Doug passed away on February 10, 2006. "May (Kamp) Wakelin wrote "This years letter was of special interest to me. The Sinclair family were very special friends of my family. I remember Cathy as a baby and Isabel as a little girl... Their brother was a good friend of my brother Neil... My Mother stayed with Alec Lenny's when expecting my younger brother Leonard (Kamp). It was march and they were afraid they wouldn't be able to get her from farm to hospital in time. Andy Taylor took her to hospital when time came.... We have such wonderful memories of the Bresaylor area and when we get together with anyone from there is a lot of reminiscing."



HOWARD AND MAY WAKELIN GOT TOGETHER WITH GRACE WOODCOCK IN MILTON, ON, IN AUGUST, 2005. Photo courtesy of Grace Woodcock.

Another reconnect - Barbara (Petty) Housen's recollections of the Sinclair family and the Community Hall; "Isabel was a playmate of mine in those years 1942-47 when my home and Isabel's home were separated by the Bresaylor Community Hall that was just beginning its existence." "Fifty years ago Jim and I had our wedding reception in the hall on September 3, 1956. I remember many dances there and must agree that the floor was the best for miles around at that time... Last year on a trip through Bresaylor I got a great picture of the Hall all boarded up of course. It served the community well in its time. Farewell to it in '06 I understand." Barbara goes on to comment "I have been truly blessed to have been one who has been a part of the life as it was in the small hamlet of Bresaylor '41 - '56". Bob (& Shirley) Hendriks, (Frog Lake Uprising Descendant Assoc) on receiving the Newsletters, "the 'newsy togetherness' being the feeling I always get after reading them!" Bob is close to publishing a biography of William Bleasdel Cameron (remember "Blood Red The Sun" etc.). He comments on our item on the hall - "...really interesting, typifying how the West was built through great volunteer work and dedication to ones community." He makes reference to Sharon Butala's latest book, "Lilac Moon"...about the same thing" (Another must read?) From long time supporter, Anne Stephensen: "these Golden Years are catching up on us... Enjoy the Newsletter and hope the Museum can keep going". Irene (Land) Jenny has moved to St. Louis (Saskatchewan, that is)...still keeping in touch and says "thanks for being my old friends". Eileen (Bowes) Clarkson: "Our old farm house will be missed as it was a landmark for many travellers, not to mention a special home for the "Bowes Girls". Clara (Bowes) Sulz expressed similar disappointment, as did Carol (Bowes) Selte after having viewed the ruins of the house when attending the Pot Luck supper. [My comment: It's always saddening to see a building, even though vacated and no longer in use, with its human input and memories, carelessly razed. I felt deeply saddened to see the hall go down with a similar kind of thoughtlessness.] Alvin Myhre wrote, "Donna and I are celebrating our Golden Wedding Anniversary this year (2006) in the Kootenay Lake region.... So we won't be at Bresaylor this summer, but are looking forward to hearing about any 2007 celebration for the 125 coming up". And from someone with a long-time interest in Bresaylor, Elsie (Brown) Colby, who wrote, "How I would like to have one more visit but it doesn't seem likely... Evelyn (Brown) Harman is 91 and is in great shape... Florence (Inman) Jones is still living in Vancouver - we talk on the phone often... I talk to Marguerite (Bowes) Scott often... am sorry that I do not keep more in touch with my Taylor relatives. I do wonder about them!" Elsie is a daughter of Jessie (Taylor) Brown, granddaughter of David Taylor. Doreen E. Williams made contact with us to let us know that her brother, Archie Earley, had passed away, leaving her the "only member left in our family." This family is descendant of James Bremner's daughter Ellen, who married Angus Miller and left the Bresaylor area in 1885. It was nice to have made contact with Archie a few years ago, and now we hope to keep in touch with Dorothy. Lois (and Bert) Sayers wrote that "We have had fun... doing family research. We are so proud to see the Metis People 'come into their own'." Grandson, Shawn, "is very musical and he received a violin for Christmas... We are encouraging him to play the violin in true Metis tradition... Sadly Bert lost two beloved Aunts in the past year. Pearl (Foulds) Norrie and her sister Violet Foulds. In their memory, Elsie and Yetty Foulds are hosting a Foulds cousins tea in July, the oldest person there will be Nels Foulds the only surviving child of Sarah and Alex Foulds"

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Another very talented young fiddler is **Shelby Nicholson**, (12 year old daughter of **Beverley (Sayers) Nicholson**), who provided lunchtime entertainment at a meeting of the Northwest Museums Association held in Meadow Lake in May. From **Ross Innes**, re: the Newsletter - "this one was especially interesting as I enjoyed the Bresaylor village history recap...It must be about 50 years ago that I accompanied my dad to visit **Joe and Mary Rose Sayers** in Bresaylor. I remember how fascinated I was to listen to them discuss the 'early years'. I also visited them and others in Bresaylor with **Bill Pritchard**." "Dad" was well known teacher in the Battlefords, **Campbell Innes**. This from **Barry Chapman**: "Always enjoy reading your well-written newsletter! Some day will show up for a reunion...you opened the door to my mother's past history". Barry is grandson of **Alexander Roderick and Annie (Taylor) Chisholm**. Finally, this word from **Grace Woodcock**: "The circle is getting smaller. I knew four in the obituary."

Yes, the circle gets smaller. But it keeps growing too. Every year we collect new interest, much of it from descendants of those who have passed on. New blood, like **Vinessa Currie**, who has moved back to Paynton. Although she is very active in that community, she has also extended some of her enthusiasm to Bresaylor. She has started her own company "Clearwater Canoeing" (see item on the back page). Vinessa is granddaughter of Jack and Julia (Anderson) Currie.

Now, this year, we have already hosted Mrs. Sperling's class as they came in May - causing us to hustle preparation of the museum buildings. But, more on that in the next newsletter.



POT LUCK SUPPER AT BRESAYLOR, 2006

"BRESAYLOR BETWEEN, The Battle and the North Saskatchewan Rivers", as you all know, is out of print. But, requests continue to come in for the book. If you know of any copies anywhere, let us know.

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APRIL 12, 1915 - AUGUST 18, 2006

LOUELLA MARIE BRAUN
AUGUST 10, 1917 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2006

ELDON EARL DUTTON
MARCH 10, 1951 - NOVEMBER 3, 2006

EDWARD MURRAY
FEBRUARY 1, 1931 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

WILLIAM JOSEPH "BILLY" SAYERS
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SHIRLEY GABRUCH
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SEPTEMBER 3, 1938 - MARCH 4, 2007

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ERIC GROSETH
JUNE 16, 1922 - APRIL 17, 2007

SAD ANNIVERSARY: IT IS TEN YEARS SINCE THE LOSS OF THREE YOUNG MEN WITH CLOSE TIES TO THE MUSEUM: SHAWN FERGUSON (24YRS), SON OF DON AND MARIE FERGUSON; CHAD JAMES (16YRS), SON OF KEVIN AND ROSE (CARPENTIER) JAMES, GRANDSON OF YVONNE CARPENTIER; AND ACEL DAVIS (17YRS), SON OF FRED (LATE, AS OF MARCH 4, 2007) AND BEV DAVIS.

THEIR LOSS TO FAMILIES AND FRIENDS CAN'T BE IMAGINED; THEIR LOSS TO ALL IS UNRECOVERABLE.

