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## Dear Supporters of Bresaylor Heritage,

As we are now well into the month of June we should be looking ahead to that first day of summer. But, I'm afraid folks hereabouts feel that we haven't yet had spring. It's been cold, with frost still threatening and some of us are getting tired of lugging planters back and forth into the house at night. Not only that, but it's - of all the insults - a dry cold. Little moisture to speak of.

Alas, whining will not do. In next-year-country this might not be the year. And, it did rain today - meagre, but a few inches in the rain barrel. Just enough to give us optimism. Isn't it!

*P.S. On a personal note, I wish to share another area of interest (beside heritage) in my own life. This past year I have been privileged to sit on the Interim Board of the newly labeled North Saskatchewan River Basin Council, an evolved and evolving entity consummating over four years of local participation in crafting a Source Water Protection Plan for the NSR in Saskatchewan. I say privileged because of the integrity of the fellow citizens engaged in that process of which I have been a part since first representing the RM of Paynton. All are dedicated to the concerns of what is our most precious resource - water. Oh yes, and that's heritage too!! Check it out at [www.nsrbc.ca](http://www.nsrbc.ca). V.F.*

**LOUISA SHERMERHORN WON \$72. IN THE EARLY-BIRD HALF-THE-POT-DRAW - '08**

## 8 POT LUCK SUPPER at BRESAYLOR

There was a very good turnout to the annual Pot Luck Supper at Bresaylor last July 20, with over 50 present. The weather was co-operative and as usual the meal was exceptional. Thanks to the cooks, which, of course, were all of us.

As usual, the meal wound up with the raffle of THE QUILT. As reported in the last Newsletter, the "Cherries" quilt, was donated for re-raffle by the family of the late Yvonne Carpentier. And the lucky winner this time around was **Waverley Ollenberger** of Frenchman Butte, who was delighted to win such a "beautiful treasure".

**CONSOLATION PRIZES** WENT TO Margaret Currie (a coloured print of the Bresaylor Elevators); Dana Anderson (a BBQ apron hand-painted by Colleen Rayner); Louise Blais (a set of River Books by Donald Dobie); Audrey Sapp (b/w print of Ste. Anne's Church); also to Neil Kamp, Robin Philips, Yvonne Cote and Helena Caplette (Gift Certificates to the Museum Gift Shop). And tickets for the 2009 raffle will be entered for Eileen Innes, Margaret Boggust, Stephen Harty, Margaret Currie, Glenys Oliver, Jean Ammeter, Grace Woodcock, Norine Schwalm, Merrill Taylor, Marla Ramsay, Herb/Lois Sayers and Ken Macdonald.

**A \$20. Gift Certificate to someone present** at the Pot Supper was won by Margaret Currie.

**Thank you** to all who took part in the raffles, which netted just under \$1000. for the Museum, plus, proceeds from tickets sold by the Paynton Library and the Paynton Seniors went to those organizations.

Special thanks go to the quilters who were **Margaret Currie, Marie Ferguson and Faye Falcon**.

*In any case, our Museum season is underway, with student, Amber Peterson back for another go at being my assistant. And there is much to do that only got started last year. The fence, for instance. And the museum sign. And keeping the newly planted trees and shrubs alive. And, of course, accommodating the visitors that we hope will be back in goodly numbers once more. We look forward to your visits if possible, and certainly to being in touch. Your letters and support are our life-blood. Do have a safe and happy summer (it will come).*

*On behalf of our Board of Directors, who are Helena Caplette, Marion McDougall, Ted Bugg, Don and Marie Ferguson, and Ross and Margaret Currie, I am yours, Sincerely, Velma Foster.*

## SUMMER RAFFLES - 2009

**THE "EARLY-BIRD HALF-THE-POT" DRAW** takes place on **July 1**. A single \$1. ticket is enclosed. And we will enter more for you by request.

The theme of this year's quilt is "**Planted Posies**". Once again it is a beautiful, all hand-stitched masterpiece, this time by **Margaret Currie, Marie Ferguson, Faye Falcon and Irene Larmour**. A book of tickets is enclosed and if you would like more we can fill them out for you. You will surely want more than one book of chances at this quilt. (See photo)

**ANOTHER YEAR.** So, what a year it has been - again. Last summer was very productive with two willing helpers - students **Jenna Marynowski**, hired under the YCW (Young Canada Works) program, and **Amber Peterson**. Amber was supposed to be my personal employee, but there was enough museum work to keep both busy, and they worked well and efficiently together, so most of my projects got put on hold.

In the fall Jenna went off to the U. of A. in Edmonton to take the second year of her B. of Commerce in Business Management, and this summer is doing an internship with the School of Retailing at Ikea. Amber meanwhile went to the U. of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon for her first year in Engineering. Fortunately, we received another YCW grant and Amber is now our curator's assistant, doing curatorial duties like painting and keeping the trees watered.

**PAYNTON FARMERS' MARKET.** Once again, like last year, we will be taking items from our Gift Shop (books, prints, etc) to display at the Farmer's Market, a project new to Paynton last season. This is our way of giving support to the concept of producing and consuming as close to home as possible.

**CONTINUING.** The idea of a Memorial area, including the fence, got off to a start last summer and a number of small trees and shrubs were planted. The 32' long sign board is ready for the Museum name and we'll try to get that up before July.

**THE CEMETERY MARKER.** The name panels for the Cemetery marker and the panel on which they will be attached is ready for the erection crew.

**This summer's plans** include a continuation of the tree planting and fence building.

Also, we hope to get underway with the building of a WEBSITE of the Museum and its collection. Also, a CD of the history book is being looked into.

So there are lot of things to and if anyone would like to help we'll try to make efficient use of you.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ARE IN ORDER:**

[An apology - to Doug Perry for my having called him "Jim" in the last newsletter.]

• Special thanks for favours sent our way this past year: to the quilters as mentioned; to the grass cutter, Ted Bugg, and rakers at the cemetery last summer - Margaret Currie, Mary Ferguson, Ross Currie; To Nadine Parohl for curtains in the Museum building; to Marion McDougall for birch trees and Christine Pike for clematis plants for the Museum grounds; to Ken Parohl for rototilling ahead of our treeplanting; to Mrs. Lou Rayner for donating a basketful of her handcrafts for sale in the Gift Shop; to Helen Perry for donating the Autograph book of Mrs. Jeannie Whyte to the Museum.

**CONGRATULATIONS** • To **Wynne Richards** who celebrated her 85th birthday in August, 2008. • to **Clearwater Canoeing** owners and operators **Vanessa Currie-Foster** and **Stacey Gross**, for winning "**Rookie of the Year Award**" at the Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence. Also, all the best to Vanessa and Les Foster in their marriage of last summer • to **Michael Bugg**, who convocated in 2008 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine Degree from the U. of Saskatchewan. • to **Ross E. Petty, C.M.**, made a Member of the Order of Canada, "for his contributions to the field of pediatric rheumatology, notably for having established the first formal academic program in Canada, as well as for having improved the lives of children afflicted with rheumatic diseases.

• to "**The Dust Poets**" for their continued success and their new CD "World At Large". They will perform at the Winnipeg Folk Festival this summer. They have a website <<http://dustpoets.com>> and we will have copies of the CD in our Gift Shop.

**NEWS, VISITS, HAPPENINGS...our own information recycling bin....**

Visits to the Museum last summer were somewhat sparse. We didn't have adequate signage for most of the summer - just our little old sign propped up on the edge of the ditch. The highway department didn't replace the **Bresaylor** sign, taken down for road construction. They did agree to put up a **Bresaylor Road** sign, and when it finally went up in mid-winter it was spelled "Breysalor". We're still waiting for that to be corrected.

The first visitor of last season was **Joan Champ**, granddaughter-in-law of the late **Norah Gray** (daughter of Canon English). Joan had just finished setting up the "Boomtown" exhibit at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. Descendants of **Jack and Minnie (Taylor) Inman** paid a visit, including daughter-in-law **Lissi Inman**, and great granddaughter **Amy Eileen Taylor** as well as **Dennis and Judy Winzowski**.

Our Pot Luck turnout made up for a quiet summer. Two visitors at the Supper who hadn't been here for a long time were **Joan Lesmeister** and **Pat Pydde**, daughters of the late Artie and Margaret Taylor, great granddaughters of the original David Taylor. Sadly, their sister Elaine Swistun recently passed away. Joan and Pat plan to return this summer.

Descendants of **John and Rose Pritchard** were out in full force at the Pot Luck. There were great grandchildren such as the daughters of Edward and Mary Sayers - **Mona (Harold)**, **Kay**, and **Eileen (Marcel)** Also the children and grandchildren of son (the late) **Wayne (Linda) Sayers - Doug and Cheryl Sayers** and

children **Kyle, Matthew and Sarah**. Then there was **Victoria Pritchard**, whose father (or grandfather) I believe was Solomon, with daughter **Becky Trotchie** and her children **Lawren and Helen**. We do plan to set aside a bit more of our museum to honour **John and Rose Pritchard** and their role in saving the lives of the two women at Frog Lake in 1885. Meanwhile, we are submitting a brief write-up and photos of **Mary Rose (Pritchard) Sayers** into the Northwest Museums Association book project "**Saskatchewan Women of Influence 1905-2005**". Each Museum participating can submit just one woman's story, making it difficult to chose. It was decided that the **Bresaylor Settlement** years should be represented and **Mary Rose** will be the one.

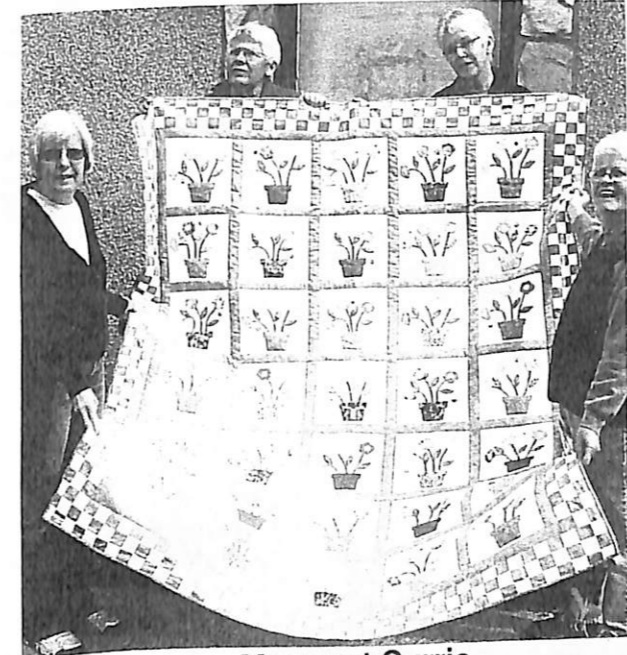
"After a lifetime of farming we have decided to sell the farm and move to a nearby town. The upkeep of the yard and large garden was becoming too much to manage." So writes **Naden Hewko** and the town was **Macklin**, if all went as planned. We wish the **Hewkos** well in this big transition. **Irene Huffman** is having difficulty with a big change in her life. She lost her husband and misses him so much. We're pleased that she still makes the effort to drop us a note. We're always happy to hear from our supporters. You know that your letters mean a great deal to us. And it seems there are those who like to hear about each other through us too. **Mildred Roberts** seems quite happy to get the newsletter; "I get my coffee and read every word". I can't think of a better compliment than ones letter being savoured over a cup of coffee. **May (Kamp) Wakelin** too, reports that when the Newsletter comes everything stops so I can read it." "**Bresaylor** is very dear to my heart". "The last newsletter brought information of **Gil Bellavance**, an old **Battlebank** schoolmate". It would seem that it is a comfort to hear of old friends when one is feeling mobility restrictions -

ones own health or of that of a spouse. **Mary Siferd** and husband are restricted by his having to be on oxygen 24/7. Meanwhile, she writes from Calgary that her two sisters, **June and Lorraine**, are paying their annual visit to the Stampede (still lots of mobility there). **Bud Regnier** has been taking care of his ailing **Yvonne**. **Peggy Zaraska** mentions her husband having health problems. We know this is likely to be true for many of you and hopefully good wishes come through our every word. And may they help you with your day.

From another perspective, **Barbara Graig** mentions babysitting a granddaughter: "it seems the normal here (Wpg.) grandparents baby sitting as there isn't enough day care (if any at all)". We're always pleased to hear from the **Montana Taylors**. **Jack Millar** of **Malta** likes to get the "updates on the Museum". And **Marie Taylor**, also of that branch of the family, would like to make it back up here to do more research. And then there's **Mel Sundin**, always eager to share family information with Taylor and other connected families.

**Marilda Hilda Sayers**, daughter of **Joseph and Aurora Sayers**, is 90 years old and living in **Victoria**. That was good to hear, and that her grandchildren, **Richard and Robert Lewis** and their mother **Marlene** wish to be in touch with the museum. **Jim and Janet Shimek** now live in **Alberta**. And **Joy Shimek** spent time last summer at **Radisson, SK**, and recommends a visit to the **Zion Museum** there, suggesting that "it would be worth anyone's time to go and spend a day there". A good idea. **Grace Woodcock** is "enjoying life in Ontario...Well looked after" with three daughters and a son there. **Grace** remembers **Ivan Regnier** "a big stout man who when we had our school picnic at **Rush Lake** he would get us kids to the lake then he would walk out in the water in his bib overalls and lie down on the water and float! It was amazing to see this huge man just lying on the water." **Ivan** was an uncle of the **Regniers** who lived in what is now the main Museum building - in the 1920s. **Grace** remembers the children as **Bud** and sisters **Grace, Eva, Bernice** and **Clemence** and goes on to say that she remembers "being so

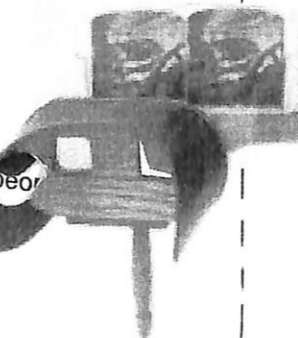
**2009 SUMMER RAFFLE "Potted Posies" Quilt**



Irene Larmour, Margaret Currie, Marie Ferguson, Faye Falcon

**JENNA** thought she'd like to try making photo images for the stereo viewer we have in the museum (one artifact that we let be handled). The idea was successful and made for an interesting session with children at the **Paynton Library**. They had a photo session hamming it up for the camera and the following week, made the double images into photos for the viewer. Those who were at the **Pot Luck Supper** will remember having to sit still while **Jenna** took 2 photos separated by inches.

**STEREOSCOPE**

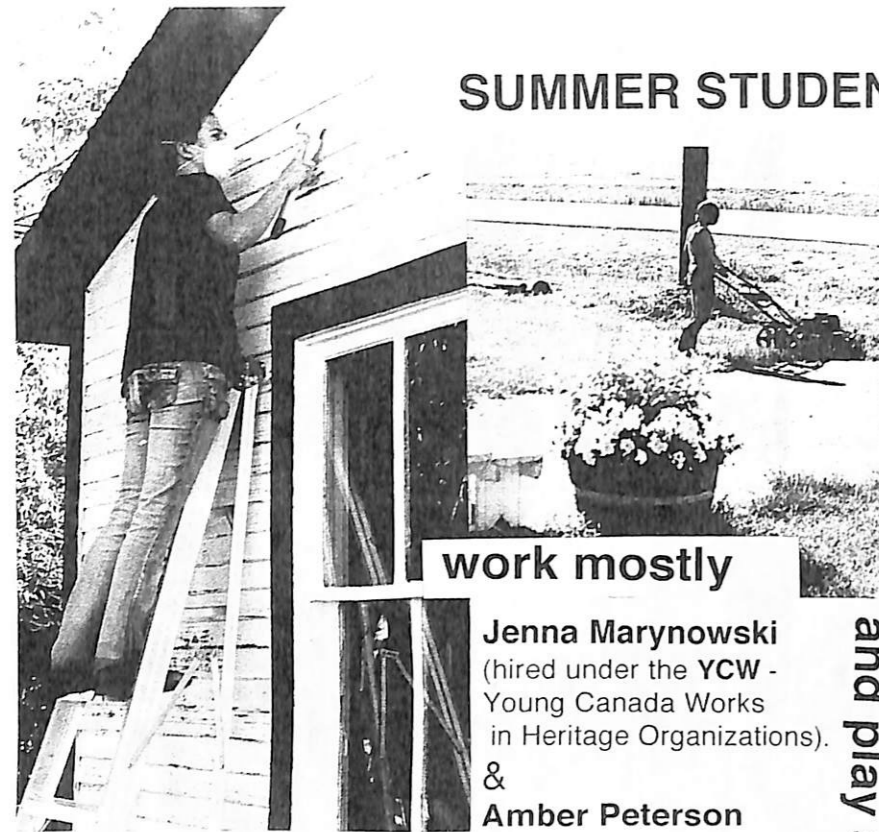


at the Pot Luck Supper visitors from Cut Knife



Shown here is one of Harold and Mona Bullock. You can cut it out and mount it onto a piece of card and it's ready for viewing. Several more of these photos (in colour) have been mounted for viewing and can be seen at the museum.

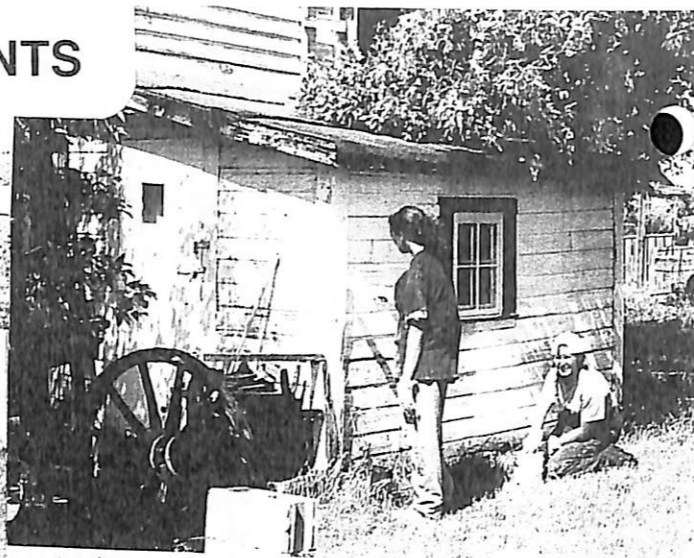
## SUMMER STUDENTS



work mostly

**Jenna Marynowski**  
(hired under the YCW -  
Young Canada Works  
in Heritage Organizations).  
&  
**Amber Peterson**

and play some



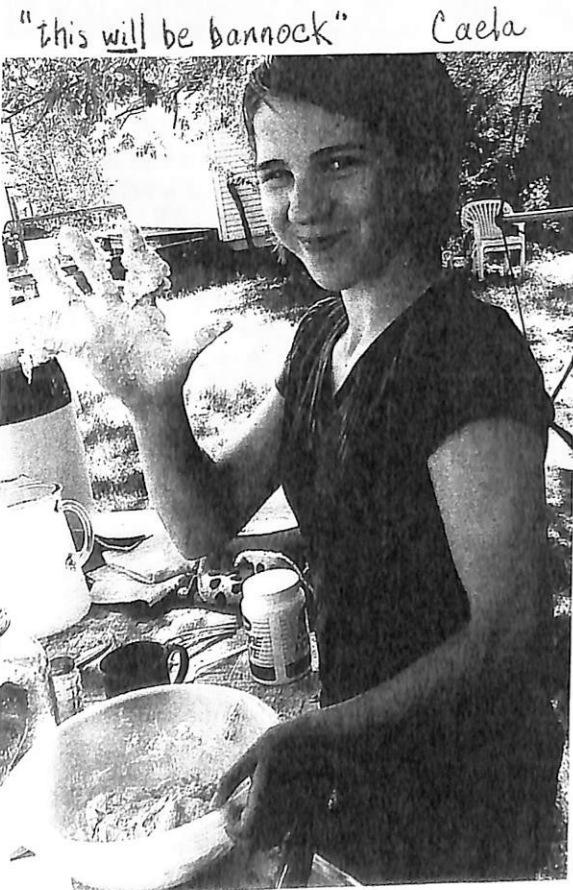
Anita



Amber

- They did a lot of scraping and painting, grass cutting, tree watering and moving artifacts and stuff about. Oh yes, and helped construct and put up the canopy.

- They also instigated some projects with children at the Library in Paynton and at Bresaylor.



"this will be bannock" Caeta



△ Felted "hats" ▽



"LAST DAY AT THE MUSEUM"  
Jenna and Amber assisted  
visiting children in Bannock  
making, Wool Carding and  
Felt Making. And in Childrens'  
Games and Races - "Egg and  
Spoon", Three-Legged, and  
others.

very sad when they lost their Mom". Two visitors to the Museum last summer remembered their Grandfather, father and siblings living in that house. Their names were **Phillis** and **Cheryl** so perhaps they were children of a second marriage.

Some others who wrote letters of greeting and support include Merrill Taylor, Betty Churchman, Cathy Cronk, Glenys Oliver, Allen Bremner, Edna Marynowski, Babara Greig, Frank Hunt, Marg Murray.....and more.

### LOOKING BACK SADLY.

Three men, with close ties to the history of Battleford, have gone from us during this past year - **Doug Light**, **David Shury** and **Ross Innes**. They were all supporters of Bresaylor Heritage too.

**David Shury**, whose book "Baseball Diamonds" we have in our Gift Shop, established the Baseball Hall of Fame in Battleford. Jane, his wife of 52 years, intends to carry on and expand that museum.

**Doug Light** with wife Meriel and brother Don often visited Bresaylor. Among other achievements Doug was responsible for collecting many of the artifacts in the Glenbow Museum's Ethnology department. He also wrote the consummate book on the Northwest Rebellion, "Footprints In The Dust". We're glad that Don is also an exacting historian and continues to add to his own archive of Battlefords and area history.

**Ross Innes** has always been helpful to and supportive of Bresaylor history and the museum. Son of Campbell Innes, Ross worked a good part of his life for Historic Sites Canada. "Above Where Eagles Soar", his book about his brother and other pilots of WWII from this area, is available in our Gift Shop.

And our very special friend, **Donald Doble**, passed away last summer at 96 years of age. We had just reprinted a few copies of his "River Trips" written after 4 trips down the NSRiver in a zodiac that was 76 to 82.

### GOOD THINGS HAPPEN TOO.

- A cookbook to honour the late **June Taylor**. Her family gathered recipes from friends and ex-neighbours of their Mother, and put them into a beautiful cookbook in her memory. The book is published in a loose-leaf format interspersed with photos of June. The family kindly donated a box of the books to the Bresaylor Museum, the sale of which will go toward the memorial fence. We are most grateful to **Bev (Woods)**, **Margaret (Peterson)**, **Karen (Bullock)**, **Ern**, and **Peter** for such a generous gift in memory of June who was a very special friend off the Museum.

- Another book to celebrate is "**William Bleasdel Cameron, A Life of Writing and Adventure**" by **Robert W. Hendricks** of Heinzberg, AB. Many Bresaylor people will remember one of Cameron's best known works, "Blood Red the Sun", the account of the Frog Lake massacre. The book is available on line through Athabasca University. We also carry it in our Gift Shop.

- Then there is the book, "**What Lies Behind The Picture?**" about the **Wishart** family and other related families discovered in **Vernon R. Wishart's** search for answers to his ancestry. Vernon is a brother of my old friend, **Shirley Wishart**, credited for much of the research in the book and whom I met long ago in Calgary. When her health was still intact Shirley made a trip up to this area in search of Wishart connections to the Spences, to Isaac Batt, and other families. Her brother's book ties the Wishart family into the numerous fur trade connections that reach back into their Native and to the Orkneyan ancestry.

- The Maidstone Museum is selling a book of local stories by local people titled "**Reflections and Remedies**". It sells for \$12. and can be ordered from the Maidstone Museum. The Frenchman Butte Museum also has a book of local stories available from their Museum titled "Our Heritage, 'Passing it on'".

## OBITUARIES

**OLIVE CLARISSE (COOK) SWEZEY**  
1924 - 2006

**MARJORY (FOULDS) VALLIERE**  
DECEMBER 8, 1924 - JUNE 6, 2007

**ROBERT OMILON**  
DECEASED NOVEMBER 29, 2007

**DON HUFFMAN**  
DECEASED 2008 AT 91 YEARS

**MABEL IRENE FORREST**  
NOVEMBER 7, 1913 - MAY 21, 2008

**DIANA (HART) SCHWAN**  
DECEASED JUNE 3, 2008

**DOUGLAS WALTER LIGHT**  
OCTOBER 1, 1933 - JUNE 22, 2008

**BETTY (DOUVILLE) SANKEY**  
AUGUST 14, 1935 - JULY 5, 2008

**DENNIS JOSEPH DOUVILLE**  
OCTOBER 30, 1932 - JULY 21, 2008

**BERNARD JOSEPH BLAIS**  
DECEASED AUGUST 1, 2008 AT 85 YEARS

**DONALD DOBIE**  
JUNE 13, 1912 - AUGUST, 2008

**LAWRENCE PHILIP BEAUSOLEIL**  
APRIL 5, 1920 - SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

**DAVID WILLIAM SHURY**  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1930 - OCTOBER 22, 2008

**BERT SMITH**  
1924 - 2008

**LUCIENNE (DEMERS) CHASSE**  
JANUARY 22, 1927 - OCTOBER 28, 2008

**BERTHA ELIZABETH MILLHOUSE**  
JANUARY 1, 1919 - NOVEMBER 22, 2008

**EMMA IRENE (MCTAGGART) CARTER**  
JULY 18, 1922 - DECEMBER 27, 2008

**ROSS MILLER INNES**  
DECEASED JANUARY 1, 2009

**CATHERINE IVY ANNE GREENWOOD**  
SEPTEMBER 2, 1909 - JANUARY 22, 2009

**EDITH (WARD) HANSEN ENNIS**  
DECEASED MARCH 27, 2009 AT 98 YEARS

**ELAINE (TAYLOR) SWISTUN**  
MAY 27, 1960 - APRIL 5, 2009

# ANGLICAN CHURCHES

100th Anniversaries

*LAFURN All Saints*  
2008

*LANSMEADE All Saints*  
2008

*FOREST BANK Church*  
2009

## 2010

marks the

## 125th

Year since the  
Northwest Rebellion

We are open  
to suggestions  
as to how we should  
mark this event  
since it was so  
important to the  
early history  
of the

### Bresaylor Settlement

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to the  
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HERITAGE MUSEUM  
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A Donation of \$5. or  
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of  
BRESAYLOR  
HERITAGE  
and to receive the  
NEWSLETTER.

## BRESAYLOR WORD-SEEK by Margaret Currie.

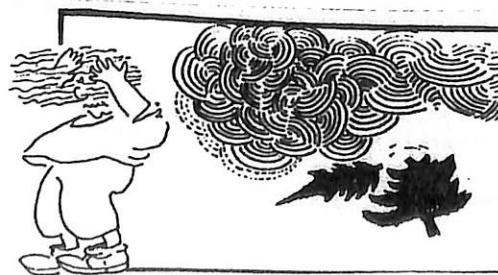
Here is an exclusive word-seek puzzle created by Margaret Currie just for our newsletter readers using words from our history. I think this is a brilliant work. But, she apologizes for one thing - she couldn't fit "Sayers" into the scheme without starting all over, so this will be the Sayers-less puzzle.

K	C	O	N	N	A	B	K	S	A	S	W	E	R
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The usual rules apply. All the words listed below appear in the puzzle - horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Circle the letters only, not the whole word. The leftover letters spell a quote from a postcard of a bygone era. The vowels are in place.  
York boats, McDonald, Rupert, Spence, North West, Poundmaker, Oxen, Taylor, bannock, McQuats Lake, Slater, Sod, Sask, Carlton, Fort Pitt, Laurier, Telegraph Line, Louis Riel, Velma, Beal, Taits, Caplette, Bremner, Cree, Cart, Seneca, Trees, Cinnamon.

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Solve the quote and enter the contest - as often as you like. Some "substantial prize" will be awarded to the winner - drawn for if more than one winner. The deadline is July 26 at the Pot Luck Supper.



THE  
GREAT  
TORNADO  
OF  
1989  
JUNE 30  
20 YEARS