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Dear Friends and Supporters of Bresaylor Heritage...

As this Newsletter is nearing completion so April is giving way to May. And although spring hereabouts is approaching reluctantly, it seems downright warm and friendly compared to its treatment of our neighbours in southern Saskatchewan and Manitoba. They are just now being overwhelmed with a blizzard beating down on already flooded miles of rivers and farmland. We can only wish them luck in the days ahead with what they're having to deal with.

Last year's museum season went well for us. Once again we had Amber Peterson for Curator's assistant. And then Bill Dobie gave of his time to do major roof work. Ross Currie built a support for the Cemetery marker and it got put in place with the help of Ted Bugg and Rosemary Currie. Amber built a section of decorative fence so heavy that we had to call on Ted and Ross to help heave it into place. So much

rain meant that the grass got ahead of the mowers and the sheep. So we're grateful for the help of the R.M. of Paynton with cemetery grass cutting. Now we plan another season of continuing to get things done. And we will continue to be grateful for any help that comes our way.

Finally, the Bresaylor history book is going to be digitized. We will be having DVDs and soft cover printed copies available. See the enclosed form and let us know if interested.

We look forward to another museum season and to your visits. If those aren't possible, we do cherish your letters. And your support is our life-blood and deeply appreciated.

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

2010 EARLY BIRD HALF-THE-POT DRAW WINNER - MARY ANN JONES - \$91.

POT LUCK SUPPER AND SUMMER RAFFLES - JULY 25, 2010

A nice sized crowd gathered at Bresaylor for the Annual Pot Luck Supper last July. As always there was a bountiful supply of food, thanks to all present. Weather was agreeable, allowing for lots of visiting before and after the meal.

The lucky winner of the "Umbrella Quilt" was Helena Caplette. Gift Certificates to the Museum Gift Shop went to Ryan Phillips, Ron Sulz, Brenn Currie, Harold Bullock, Waverly Ollenberger and Lorraine McDonald. Complimentary tickets on the 2011 Quilt Raffle will be entered for Jenna Marynowski, Jill Bugg, Gerry Waterhouse, Glenys Oliver, Cheryl Dennis, Doreen Sayers, Jay & Donna Box, Penny Cholowski, Helena Caplette and Rose James.

Special thanks to the quilters - Margaret Currie, Marie Ferguson, Faye Falcon and Irene Larmour.

The winner of the draw for the Purple Martin Bird-Church, made and donated by Wallace Gregson, was Tahnayah Bear.

The solution to the Word-Search Puzzle, created by Margaret Currie, was a quotation from a 1913 Battleford newspaper about a football game between Bresaylor and Battleford, played in Battleford. The headline quoted - "Bresaylor Defeated By Local Kickers" - can be found on page 448 of the Bresaylor history book (also on display in the Museum). Those who entered a solution to the puzzle were Bev Davis, Maisie Steele, Katherine Finn, Wallace Gregson, Barbara Greig, Betty Martin, Lottie Tebb, Harold Bullock, Mona Bullock, Kay Ness, Nadine Parohl, Marcel Lacoursier and Eileen Lacoursier. A draw was made, and Katherine Finn's name picked to win the prize, a Saskatchewan Roughriders 100th Anniversary T-shirt, somewhat fitting for a year when the province paid special attention to its beloved football (you know, that other kind of football) team.



FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE WE'VE HAD QUILT RAFFLES SOMEONE PRESENT AT THE POT LUCK SUPPER WON THE QUILT. IN 2010 THAT WAS HELENA CAPLETTE.

Finally, Door Prizes were drawn from names of those present at the supper. The \$20. Gift Certificate went to Marcel Lacoursier; other prizes to Thelma Pope, Anita Peterson, Roxanne Sjogren, Shiela Spence and Debbie Veit.

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Museum raffles, an important part of our funding. Last season's raffles netted over \$1000. for the Museum, and proceeds from tickets sold by the Library and Seniors went to those organizations.

SUMMER RAFFLES - 2011

• The Early-Bird HALF-THE-POT draw will take place on July 1. A single \$1. ticket is enclosed with this Newsletter. We will enter more for you at your request.

• Once again Quilters Margaret Currie, Faye Falcon, Marie Ferguson and Irene Larmour have made and donated another special hand-stitched masterpiece - this time it's a "Kool Kats Quilt" (see photo). A book of tickets is enclosed. If you would like more let us know and we will fill them out for you. The draw for the Quilt and consolation prizes will be made at the Pot Luck Supper at Bresaylor on July 24.



The 2010 season got off to a good start with our receiving a grant from **Young Canada Works** In Heritage Institutions. Once again Amber Peterson was hired as Curator's Assistant. She was able to continue sign and fence work started the year before; also, to help with painting, flower beds, window repair and, inside, recording the book and magazine collections to our Library File and starting recording the general Museum collection to digital. As well, minding Museum tours as needed.

Bill Dobie. A highlight of the summer was the arrival of Bill Dobie from Vancouver (and from fly-fishing) ready to go to work repairing and fixing. Remember, in the last Newsletter I mentioned his promise to return, toolkit in hand, to help us out. He was as good as his word. He braved the high roof of the main Museum building to put a cap (a rather fancy creation it is too) atop the chimney. That put an end to leakage down onto the artifacts. We were impressed with Bill's agility and daring, to learn later that he needed a knee replacement - which he has since had done. He also did major structural work on the porch roof and reshingled it. But that was a lot closer to the ground. All in all, it was fun to have Bill here for a week and we are grateful for all that he did in that time. Bill suggested he might come back this summer. That would be nice.

While Bill was here, **Don and Marie Ferguson** offered to show him where his father (**Wallace**) and uncles and aunts had spent their school years. Amber and I went along for one marvelous, if bumpy, ride through the pastureland - now part of Ferguson's Stock Farm - and Don was able to point out where farmyards and buildings had been. In fact, the house where the Dobie family spent the winters - close to Battlebank School - was in what is now Ferguson's yard. Bill's uncle, the late **Doug Dobie**, kept a diary of the years 1936-7 when he was 13-14 years old. It included a map of the area which helped locate where the Dobie neighbours lived - in the Battlebank School District. Many of their stories are in the Bresaylor book.

YOUR VISITS/LETTERS/CONTRIBUTIONS...

We are grateful to **Margaret Wilson** for her words of encouragement: "Thank you for another year of work in preserving the area's heritage and fostering the many friendships between all generations proud of their Bresaylor heritage". • The Museum was closed and no one at home when **Don Rahrck** called in last July, but he left a note - "I had a good visit with your dog." So, it seems that **Boomer** can be a friendly host. (woof) • **Judy Winzowski** wrote about a visit of two years ago "that will remain with our family" - that is, the family of **Minnie (Taylor) Inman**. • **Barbara Housen** sends "Sympathy to all who have lost loved ones recently." Many of those losses are shared by all of us. Friends of the museum included. She mentions the loss of **Averil Spence** and adds, "Rod and Avril's daughter **Bonnie** was a wonderful light in the lives of my parents **Hugh and Vera Petty**. She shared her love and talents so generously with them." **Bonnie (Spence) Schimschock** was at the **Charles Sayers Reunion** last summer and we're pleased that she also paid a visit to the museum. • Sadly, **Lois Sayers** has bid farewell to her life partner, **Bert**, who "lost his battle with cancer...just over a month after his eldest brother **Edgar (2010 Obit.)**". • **Mary (McDonald) Sifert** too lost her partner **Harold** after a lengthy illness. • **Peter Taylor** is now resident at **Pine Island Lodge** in **Maidstone**. It was nice that he attended the **Pot Luck supper** with daughter **Karen Bulloch**. • Our neighbour and friend **Sadie (Dutton) Bugg** has also taken up residence at **Pine Island Lodge**. At 94 years it was no longer possible for her to live in her own home. She seems fairly content and comfortable in her Lodge lodgings. • Word comes from **Karen Krein**, that her mother **Betty (Currie) Churchman** too has settled in nicely - at the **Cut Knife Special Care Home**. She is in good health but having some difficulty with short term memory. • **Edna Marynowski** writes that "All is quite well with me - still independent and in my home..involved with church, bible study and Tai Chi twice a week."

• **Joyce (Millard) Semenchuk** - wrote to introduce herself and sent a DVD made from an 8 mm film taken by her father, **Walter Millard**, when he was the **Pool Agent** here in the late '50s. It includes a tiny segment

of **Joe and Mary Rose Sayers** in their horse drawn buggy. Those who caught a glimpse of it on the little screen at the **Pot Luck supper** were delighted. Later **Joyce** dropped by and we had a chance to meet her in person. • Other items contributed to our archive/library include a memorial book put together by the family of **Samuel Douglas McCready** and donated to the Museum by **Kay (McCready) Critchley**. • And **Alvin Myhre** brought a copy of his book of "**Family Memories and Ties**" - a Story of the Taylor family, that is, the original **Bresaylor Taylor** family. Both of these publications will be available to anyone interested in having a look at them.

• We don't see **Bob and Gerry Waterhouse** very often anymore since the late **Mable Waterhouse** is no longer with us, so it was nice to hear from them, that they still think of us. As do many old and new friends of **Bresaylor** heritage, some who this past year wrote encouraging words - **Clara (Bowes) Sulz**, **Anne (Chilibekki) Stephenson**, **Cherryl Dennis**, **Maisie Steele**, **Jay and Donna Box**, **Peggy (Fidler) Zaraska**, **Kelly and Shirley Rowland**, **Clara White**, **Leah A. Crossguns**, **Lorna Carter** and many many others.

Your letters and support mean so much to us
Ray Sayers, "Community Pillar". Last year when doing the Newsletter I had misplaced an item from the **Meridian Booster**, paying tribute to **Lloydminster "Community Pillars"** of years past. I had intended to include mention of it then and will do so now. It acknowledged **Ray Sayers** as a **Lloydminster "Community Pillar"** and gave a summary of his career. Since **Ray** only received a sentence or two in the **Bresaylor** history book, here's a bit of fill-in.

After finishing high school he took correspondence courses in typing, bookkeeping, business management and commercial law. He arrived in **Lloydminster** in 1948 and trained as a grain buyer. Then served at **Wheat Pool Elevators** in **Borden**, **St. Walburg**, **Northminster** and **Aberfeldy**. The dust was starting to bother him, so he was glad when the opportunity came to become assistant **Credit Union** manager in **Lloydminster**. He became full manager 6 months later and all in all spent 37 years as **General Manager of Credit Unions** in **Alberta**, **Saskatchewan** and **B.C.** Since retirement in **Abbotsford, BC**, he keeps a beautiful yard and we always post a few of the photographs of his flowers for viewing when he sends them. When returning to **Bresaylor**, **Ray** always visits in the area of his old home, now farmed by **Ross Currie**. The memories mean a lot to **Ray**. How nice to have had him and his son present for the **Pot Luck Supper**.

• We were pleased, in late October, to have a visit from the **Saskatchewan Archaeological Society**, as part of their special 2010 **Bus Tour of Sites relevant to 1885**.
 • Word from **Gwen Zweifel** regarding the "**Saskatchewan Women of Influence**" book is that it is well on its way with some delays regarding copyright issues. She couldn't give us a definitive date for publishing, so we'll just have to wait.

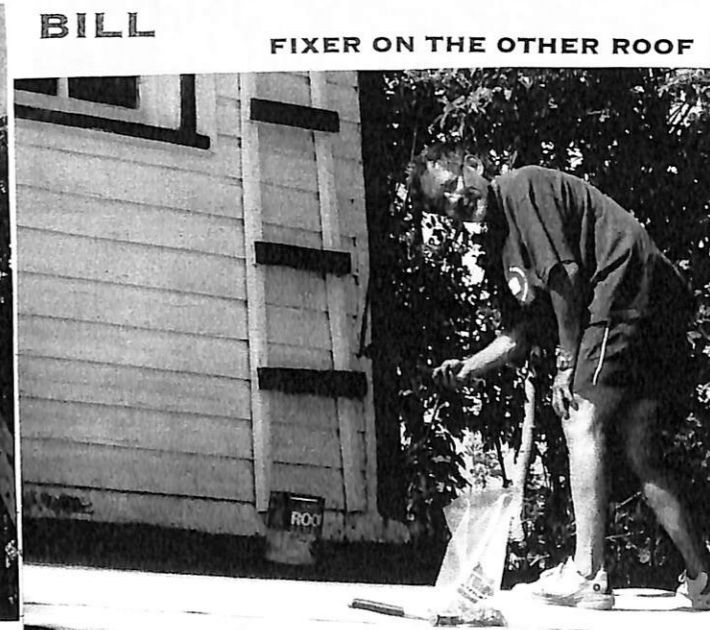
In last year's Newsletter we made mention of an **ALIEN INVASION** about to take place in **Paynton**. Now **Paynton** has its own **spaceship**, courtesy of the **ReArtCycle Group Inc** assembled from scrap metal gathered from area farmyards. **Mariann Taubensee** and **Ellery Russell**, **Paynton** artists, were part of the **Invasion**, which also brought a weekend of other activities to town, including a **Junk Jam Workshop** for children of all ages. It was a fun event!



AMBER - STILL DOING CHOP-SAW



FIXER ON THE ROOF



BILL FIXER ON THE OTHER ROOF



WITH DON AND MARIE FERGUSON



BRESAYLOR POT LUCK SUPPER • 2010



**VERNON, SHIRLEY AND BILL WISHART
CLIMBING TO PIKE'S PEAK**



*Cliff
Spence*

HONORED ANCESTORS

**ISAAC BATT 1725 -1791 & HIS CREE WIFE, - NAME & AGE
LONG SERVING HBC TRADER UNKNOWN - WHO MAY HAVE
KILLED ON THIS SITE BY BEEN KILLED AT THE
TWO GROS VENT INDIANS SAME TIME.**

• MAY THEY REST IN PEACE •

• FROM HISTORICAL RECORDS - PLACED BY DESCENDANTS •

• 2010 •



DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL TO ISAAC BATT, HBC TRADER

*WHAT'S ON
THE PLAQUE*

**GIFT
CERTIFICATES**
Can be used
For
GIFT SHOP
Purchases
Or
For
RAFFLE TICKET
Purchases

BRESAYLOR CEMETERY

BRESAYLOR CEMETERY BURIALS & COMMEMORATIONS.

Markers for the graves are map
• Indicates Commemorative grave

1 ANDERSON, Andrew 4 May 17, 1820 and 2 ANDERSON, Mary 4 June 11, 1827	17 EDWARDS, George 4 July 1821	34 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	49 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
3 ANDERSON, Elizabeth 18, 1827-1858	18 FROST, John 4 July 1821	35 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	50 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
4 ANDERSON, Walter August 4, 1798 March 10, 1829	19 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	36 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	51 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
5 ANDERSON, Thomas July 18, 1810 - Jan 11, 1878	20 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	37 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	52 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
6 ANDERSON, David April 25, 1817 - Jan 8, 1857	21 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	38 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	53 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
7 ANDERSON, Maria January 29, 1810 - April 28, 1878	22 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	39 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	54 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
8 ANDERSON, George December 6, 1815 - January 12, 1819	23 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	40 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	55 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
9 ANDERSON, John 1820	24 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	41 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	56 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
10 ANDERSON, William 1820	25 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	42 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	57 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
11 BEAGALL, William 1820	26 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	43 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	58 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
12 BOGARD, John 1820	27 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	44 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	59 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
13 BREWSTER, Charles 1820	28 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	45 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	60 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
14 BREWSTER, James 1820	29 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	46 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	61 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
15 BREWSTER, Arthur 1820	30 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	47 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	62 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
16 BREWSTER, James 1820	31 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	48 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	63 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
17 BROWN, John 1820	32 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	49 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	64 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
18 BROWN, John 1820	33 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	50 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	65 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
19 BROWN, John 1820	34 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	51 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	66 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
20 BROWN, John 1820	35 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	52 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	67 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
21 BROWN, John 1820	36 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	53 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	68 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
22 BROWN, John 1820	37 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	54 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	69 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
23 BROWN, John 1820	38 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	55 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	70 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
24 BROWN, John 1820	39 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	56 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	71 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
25 BROWN, John 1820	40 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	57 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	72 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
26 BROWN, John 1820	41 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	58 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	73 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
27 BROWN, John 1820	42 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	59 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	74 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
28 BROWN, John 1820	43 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	60 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	75 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
29 BROWN, John 1820	44 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	61 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	76 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
30 BROWN, John 1820	45 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	62 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	77 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
31 BROWN, John 1820	46 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	63 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	78 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
32 BROWN, John 1820	47 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	64 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	79 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
33 BROWN, John 1820	48 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	65 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	80 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
34 BROWN, John 1820	49 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	66 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	81 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
35 BROWN, John 1820	50 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	67 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	82 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
36 BROWN, John 1820	51 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	68 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	83 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
37 BROWN, John 1820	52 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	69 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	84 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
38 BROWN, John 1820	53 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	70 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	85 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
39 BROWN, John 1820	54 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	71 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	86 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
40 BROWN, John 1820	55 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	72 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	87 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
41 BROWN, John 1820	56 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	73 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	88 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
42 BROWN, John 1820	57 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	74 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	89 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
43 BROWN, John 1820	58 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	75 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	90 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
44 BROWN, John 1820	59 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	76 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	91 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
45 BROWN, John 1820	60 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	77 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	92 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
46 BROWN, John 1820	61 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	78 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	93 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
47 BROWN, John 1820	62 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	79 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	94 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821
48 BROWN, John 1820	63 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	80 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821	95 GIBSON, John 4 July 1821

MARKER WITH NAMES • LOCATION MAP ON BACK

**• SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR CEMETERY MARKER - BUILT BY ROSS CURRIE •
ERECTED AT THE CEMETERY BY TED BUGG, ROSEMARY AND ROSS CURRIE.**



2010 - REMEMBERINGS

Being the 125th year since the Riel Rebellion made 2010 special. Events were held to mark that time - at the Fort in Battleford, at Poundmaker Reserve and other historic sites in the area. At the Bresaylor Museum we assembled a temporary exhibit of photos and information about the **Bresaylor Settlement in 1885 & effects the uprising had on the community**. The photos are of some of the residents alive at that time. Recollections of descendants written into the Bresaylor history book were displayed, and we invited further personal stories from that time. [This exhibit will be left up for another season].

Descendants of **Charles Sayers Sr.** held a family reunion at Delmas in July. The recent passing of **Averil (Spence) leaves June (Cote)** the only remaining member of that generation of the family. We were pleased that several of the guests from the reunion were able to visit the Museum.

Some of the **Bernard Sr. Blais** family also had a reunion. Those who paid a visit to the museum surprised me with the information that they had spent their early childhood years on their farm across the tracks south of Bresaylor. I thought they had always lived in Delmas only. So that's a chapter missing from the Bresaylor history book and we apologize for the oversight. Fortunately, their family story is in the Delmas history book.

In response to our request for stories of the Rebellion passed down to family members, **Cliff Spence** wrote that his grandfather **Edwin Spence** was a member of the Home Guard while in the barracks at Battleford, where the Spence family sought protection when trouble broke out in 1885. Edwin told about delivering a message from Battleford to Fort Pitt - likely to **Supt. Francis Dickens**, who was in charge there at the time. Cliff writes that when Edwin started his return trip "he was chased into the North Saskatchewan River by some Indians. He got into the river with his horse, grabbed the horse's tail and reached the safety of the other side. He said the Indians shot some arrows at him and had a big laugh at having chased him into the river but did not come after him."

A follow-up note to this recollection: As I write this we are at that time of year when the N. Saskatchewan River is breaking up - April 20 this year actually. In "Footprints In The Dust" Doug Light records that in 1885 Supt. Dickens and his men left Fort Pitt for Battleford on April 15, just after break-up when there was still ice in the river, a treacherous journey down-river - and in an open scow. So, likely Edwin Spence too was dodging ice flows as well arrows on his way back to the south side of the river. Treacherous indeed, but being on horseback he would have made it back to Battleford long before Dickens and his men did - they arrived on April 22, almost a week after embarking.

Cliff Spence's great grandparents came with the family to the Bresaylor Settlement in 1883. His grandfather Edwin Spence was a young man at the time. He later married **Margaret Sayers** and eventually they settled north of Maidstone and raised a large family. Cliff grew up north of Maidstone as well. The Spence family story is in the Bresaylor history book.

Commemorative Plaque. And that brings us to another interesting event that took place - last September. Descendants of **Spences and Wisharts** (Shirley Wishart has often been mentioned in these dispatches) placed a commemorative plaque at Pike's Peak n.w. of Maidstone. The event being thus remembered took place almost 200 years before, in 1791, when **Isaac Batt**, a trader for the HBC out of Manchester House on Pine Island, was murdered by two Gros Vent Indians. Isaac Batt and his native wife, likely also killed with him, had a daughter, **Nestichio**, who married **James Spence Sr.** and from that union descended most if not all of the Spences who later came to the Bresaylor Settlement. Also, proud descendants of this same couple are the **Wisharts - Vernon, William and Shirley**. Their family story is recorded in "What Lies Behind The Picture?" Sharing this common ancestry - of being descendants of James Spence and Nestichio - brought the Wisharts and Spences together. They made an exploration of the area reaching south from Pine Island and concluded that it is possible that their ancestors were killed in the vicinity of what is now known as **Pike's Peak**, on land homesteaded by **Gus Kenderdine** and still belonging to his grandson **Bob Kenderdine**. A memorial to Gus Kenderdine, one of Saskatchewan's pivotal painters and art teachers, was erected on top of the peak some years ago by his family. And, on a very windy Sunday last September, another small marker was placed on the hill as a memorial to Isaac Batt and his wife. (see photos)

After much detailed research, Cliff Spence has made the case for Isaac Batt's wife having been with her husband when he was killed. It was generally the custom of early traders to have their native wives with them when they travelled. Indeed, the women were often the reason that the traders survived at all, and certainly helped to make life on the trail more amenable. Cliff has written several pages wherein he creates a possible scenario of how events might have occurred on that fateful day of now over 200 years ago. I'd be pleased to make a photocopy of his narrative available to anyone who might be interested.

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OBITUARIES

Marie Pidwerbeski
April 10, 1919 - June 15, 2008

Marion (Gregson) Waldegger
March 2, 1926 - September 21, 2009

Harold Siferd
deceased November 21, 2009 at 92 years

Thomas T. Smith
1925 - December 29, 2009

Bert Sayers
deceased January 5, 2010 at 78 years

Tim Morris
d. January 19, 2010

Craig Massie
June 16, 1933 - March 21, 2010

Averil (Sayers) Spence
June 23, 1914 - January 12, 2010

Infant Ruby McMannis
March 13 - March 13, 2010

Sharlaine (Carpentier) Boddy
April 24, 1945 - August 3, 2010

George Miller Dobie
June 30, 1935 - August 13, 2010

Audrey Dorland
January 4, 1935 - August 16, 2010

Alvin Travis Anderson
March 9, 1960 - January 22, 2011

Harriet Josephine (Massie) Tayler
September 4, 1915 - March 21, 2011

Colleen Carol Marie Cote
June 5, 1959 - March 4, 2011

John Peterson
1928 - March 11, 2011



What I find compelling about the Wishart family and Cliff Spence is their sense of intense pride in their ancestors. Pride in the bold young men - many originally from the Orkney Islands - who built the Fur Trade, and in their Native wives who made the Fur Trade possible. Vernon Wishart's book, "What Lies Behind The Picture?", speaks to the celebration of the awakening of knowing of that dual heritage and what a powerful force the knowing can be in lives so touched. These are true descendants of the Fur Trade, no less.

Doreen Williams too is a Fur Trade descendant - of James and Letitia (Fidler) Bremner, original Bresaylor settlers. She sends these words, written in a reflective frame of mind, "Re - Louis Riel Rebellion which was only 125 years ago. One realizes what a young country we live in. We've accomplished and contributed so much. I love my country dearly. Every part of Canada has its own beauty."

These are appreciative words with which most of us would concur, I'm sure.

CONGRATULATIONS
 VINESSA (CURRIE) & LES FOSTER
 ON THE BIRTH OF TWIN BOYS
 JACK RONALD & BEN GARY FOSTER
 JULY 15, 2010



BRESAYLOR WORD-SEEK by Margaret Currie

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O	T	A	N	E	E	R	G	E	I	L	L	E	N
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The following words appear in the puzzle - horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Circle the letters. The leftover words spell the quote - some letters are in place and the word divisions given.

Rush Lake, bell, flag, ink, Boyko, recess, water pail, lunch kit, swings, Joe Wilson, horse, chalk, toilet, barn, S.D., Federal, Arbor Hill, H.English, Lily Taylor, Topp, discipline, Bryn Thomas, Battlebank, Nellie Green.

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