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Dear Friends and Supporters of Bresaylor Heritage. . .  
 Here on the prairies we have had an unusually warm winter.  
 Spring isn't being much warmer than most of winter was. So we're  
 waiting for warmer, and a bit more wet would be nice!  
 Now, it's just past mid-April and we're getting the Newsletter out  
 - almost early for us.  
 A couple of issues are preoccupying us - some of us anyway -  
 as we head into the season when everything has to be done at  
 once. Or is that not every season?  
 For one thing, we have decided to seek National Historic Event  
 designation with Parks Canada for the original Bresaylor  
 Settlement. Our Board has met several times since the New Year  
 to figure out procedure. An initial application is being prepared  
 with help from an advisor from Parks Canada, and it is getting

close to being ready. A letter about that is enclosed.  
 Also, we are planning to have a more timely and open Annual  
 Meeting. Please plan to join us.  
 Major work projects planned for this summer are, first, reroofing  
 the Museum office building. Also, and hopefully this will be the  
 year, a cemetery work bee to straighten markers and do other  
 repairs to grave sites. If you'd like to help leave us your name.  
 Now, we look forward to another Museum season and hope that  
 many of you will be able to visit. Meanwhile, your letters and  
 support mean everything to us. Thank you ever so kindly!  
 Do have a safe and healthy and happy summer. On behalf of the  
 Bresaylor Museum Board of Directors, I am yours  
 Sincerely, Velma Foster.

## 2011 EARLY BIRD HALF-THE-POT DRAW WINNER - NADINE PAROHL - \$72.

### POT LUCK SUPPER AND SUMMER RAFFLES - JULY 24, 2011

A nasty plow-wind hit our part of the country on July 18. So, in Bresaylor, a major clean-up of branches and other debris took place ahead of the Pot Luck Supper on July 24.

Missing for those present at the supper was the canopy we have enjoyed for two or three summers. Unfortunately, we had just put it up ahead of the wind. The damage done has put it beyond justifiable repair.

After an enjoyable meal of shared and varied dishes, the Raffle of the **Kool Kats Quilt** took place. The winner was little **Claire Murray** of Edmonton (see photo). Word sent with the photo from her parents, Kim and Ryan Murray, is that Claire loves looking at the cats. We hope she will treasure that delightful quilt for a lifetime.

Thanks again to the **QUILTERS** - Marie Ferguson, Faye Falcon, Irene Larmour and Margaret Currie.

**Consolation Prizes:** Gift Certificates of \$20. went to Charlie Sayers, Bev Davis and Barb Housen. Gift Certificates of \$10. went to Mabel McManus, Jace Neuls, and Barbara Greig. Complimentary tickets on the 2012 Summer Quilt Raffle will be entered for Marian Sayers, Robin Phillips, Jean Stewart, Mel Sundin, David C. Taylor, Barb Housen, Nadine Parohl, Joan Caldwell, Marianne Taubensee, and Martha Davis.

The \$20. Gift Certificate to someone present went to Thelma Lundell.

The **Word-Search Puzzle** created by Margaret Currie was solved by Barbara Greig, Betty Martin, Lottie Tebb, Helena Caplette, Wallace Gregson, Sharron Walker, Mona Bullock, Nadine Parohl, Eileen and Marcel Lacoursier. A draw was made to decide the winner and **Marcel Lacoursier's** name was drawn. He won a book donated by Margaret Currie: "When the School Horse Was King", by John C. Charyks - in keeping with the theme of the words in the search - education. The solution reads "Velma Foster preserves Bresaylor History". Velma, red faced and humbled, nevertheless appreciates the attempt to make her feel useful.

**THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Museum Raffles! They are an important part of our funding-raising.

In spite of the Mail strike, at a very inopportune time, over \$800. was raised for the Museum. Also, proceeds from tickets sold by Paynton Library and Paynton Seniors went to those organizations.

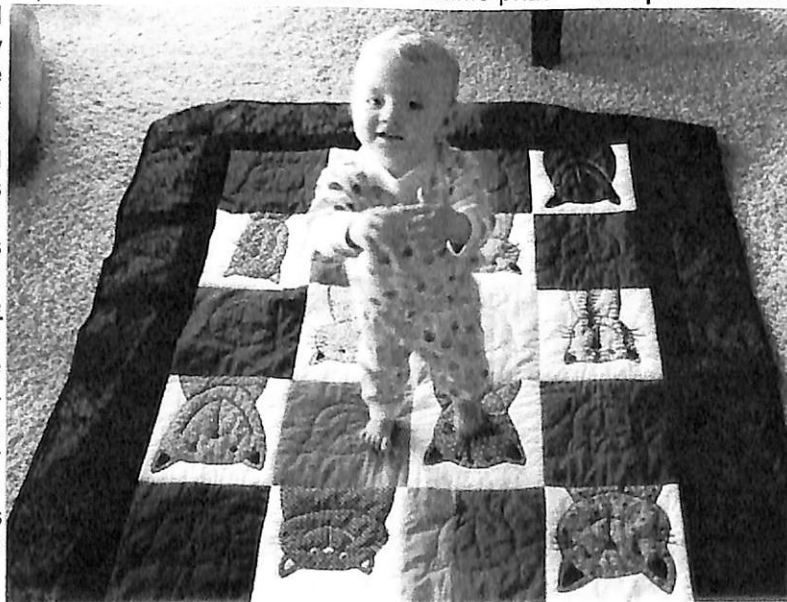
## 2012 SUMMER RAFFLES

• Once again, the **Early-Bird Half-the-Pot** draw will take place on **July 1.** A single **\$1.** ticket is included and can be cut out and sent. [More can be entered at your request.]

• And once again the Quilters - Faye Falcon, Margaret Currie, Irene Larmour and Marie Ferguson - have completed a Summer Raffle prize - "**Juniper Hollow**" - another lovely hand-stitched quilt.

Tickets are included with this Newsletter - in a different format. Just cut the tickets off and - if you're entering the Word-search contest - send the whole page. (The early bird ticket is on the back.) We will be happy to enter more tickets for you at your request.

The draw for the quilt and Consolation prizes will take place at the **Annual Pot Luck Supper, Sunday, July 22, 2012 at Bresaylor.**



← Claire Murray



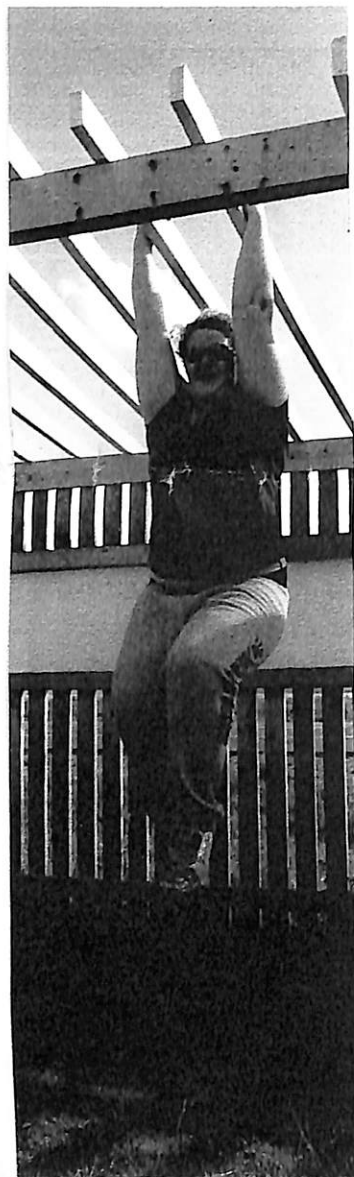
Summer Student  
High-flying Kyla  
Rhinehart

## BRESAYLOR MUSEUM ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2012, AT 7:30 PM.  
PAYNTON SENIORS' CENTRE.

### SOME THANK-YOUS ARE IN ORDER:

- To Bill Dobie for once again giving the museum a week of his summer to help with repairs and building projects at the Museum
- To the Rural Municipality of Paynton for cutting the grass at the Cemetery.
- To Ted Bugg for augering holes for support poles for the Memorial area and, with help from Ross Currie, installing the poles.
- To Ross Currie for providing tractor/front end loader and Don Ferguson for his expertise in post straightening, who, with help from Bill Dobie, made it possible for our 32 foot sign to stand straight, no longer tipping into the ditch.
- To Kyla Rhinehart, our YCW summer student, for helping with a variety of projects including starting us on the way to a Website, for continuing work on the library including setting up shelving and card file to help with book loans, construction work on the fence and Memorial area as well as maintenance and mowing.
- To the Sayers (Charles) Reunion of 2010 for a donation of \$270.
- To the nice man from Sask Power who helped Bill Dobie (who happened to have just arrived- thanks Bill too) replace the power line support into the Museum office, and trim some branches to prevent the line from being knocked down again. That was caused by a wind that preceded the July 18 plow wind.
- To Marian McDougall for planks (originally from a Paynton elevator) for support for the lattice cover over the Memorial area.
- To Nadine Parohl who brought her young neighbour, Brett Leduc, to help pick up branches and debris after the plow-wind.
- To Ted Bugg for contributing the metal to cover the Cemetery marker support and helping Ross Currie to install it.
- Belated thanks to Ross Currie for supervising the winter burial of Alvin Anderson (in 2011) at the Bresaylor Cemetery.
- To Ross Currie and daughter Rosemary for installing the panel of names to its support at the Cemetery.
- To Margaret Currie for mowing at the museum last summer when other mowers gave up the ghost.
- To Cindy Brune-Chalmers - great granddaughter of Joe Sayers - for photos of markers on Joseph and Aurora Sayers graves in Royal Oak Cemetery, Victoria. They'll be posted in the museum.
- To the women who always help with the Newsletter mailing - Marian McDougall, Helena Caplette and Margaret Currie.



Straightening and Strengthening the Museum sign -  
Ross Currie, Don Ferguson, and Bill Dobie



### MORE VISITS, LETTERS, NEWS - our own recycling bin of your words and ours...

- On a happy note, we hear that **Eva Inkster** had the doctors baffled for a while until they realized that she had a severe case of appendicitis. She is recovering and we wish her continued healing.
- Our thoughts are with **May Wakelin** who is struggling with her own health issues after having lost husband **Howard** last September. He had had a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. **Jean Stewart** reports that May hopes to make it to the Stewart Reunion this summer. We hope so too as old friends hereabouts will look forward to seeing her.
- Condolences to **Bud Regnier** in Salisbury, England, on the loss of his wife **Yvonne** after a long illness. Bud always sends greetings to everyone at Christmas time and surely they are still timely and appreciated now.
- Last May our Newsletter to **Donna Spark** would have arrived in **Slave Lake, AB**, just about the same time as that shocking fire that almost consumed the town. We haven't heard from Donna since but hope the fire missed the trees and planters that she and her environmental club had worked so hard to place in the community - as reported in our 2010 Newsletter.
- Thanks to **Alice Douville** we are once again in touch with **Irene (Land) Jenny**, who lives in an assisted living home in Hoey, SK. She would love to hear from anyone who knows her. Contact her son Keith or Jane at (306) 422-8246 for the number to call. Irene is doing well, turning 94 in July, and is as alert and cheeky as ever.
- Alice also informed us that her sister, **Noella Sayers**, will be 90 on December 24 of this year.
- **Grace (Dobie) Woodcock** turns 95 this year according to nephew **Bill Dobie**.
- **Sadie (Dutton) Bugg** is now resident at River Heights Lodge in North Battleford. She turned 95 in the summer of 2011.
- **Betty (Currie) Churchman** celebrated her 90th in 2010 and resides at the Cut Knife Care Home.
- **June (Sayers) Cote** is resident at Davidson Manor in North Battleford.
- **Dora Boggust** now resides at the Loon Lake Long Care Home and is doing well there.
- Daughter **Karen Bullock** reports that **Peter Taylor** is doing quite well at Pine Island Lodge, Maidstone. He's going to attend Granddaughter **Nicole Bullock's** wedding in Edmonton in July.

## EARLY-BIRD HALF-THE-POT

DRAW

JULY 1 DEADLINE • TICKETS \$1.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### My Old Quilting Frame

If my old quilting frames could talk  
What tales they'd have to tell  
Of things they heard, while women worked  
Or stopped to rest a spell.

For they'd hear of training children  
And ornery husbands too.  
Of how to mend young Willie's pants,  
Of peach preserves to do.

Sometimes the neighbours ear must burn  
While needles jabbed that quilt.  
But mostly kindly things were said  
and happy friendships built.

Of these things my quilting frames  
Ne'er breathed a single word  
But, kept in strictest confidence  
The tales they overheard.

(author unknown)

← **Glenys Oliver**, who wrote this poem, wrote this comment:  
"I could say the same about my horse as well. I tell him many things and he just nods his head up and down and agrees with me and tells no one!"  
Glenys was part of the Barr Colivist Memorial Trailride that stopped at Don & Marie Ferguson's in 2003? Glenys has kept in touch with us ever since and sent in this poem - presumably because she can see that quilts play an important part in the life of our Museum.



## gift shop

### BOOKS: [partial list only]

- RECIPES & REMEMBRANCES, June's Family & Friends Cookbook (June Taylor, that is) 20.00
- WHAT LIES BEHIND THE PICTURE? A Personal Journey into Cree Ancestry by Vernon R. Wishart. 24.95
- SAYERS FAMILY COOK BOOK 14.00
- THE 4 RIVER TRIPS (1988, 1989, 1990 & 1992) by Donald Dobie 10.00
- THE PALLISER EXPEDITION: The Dramatic Story of Western Canadian Exploration, 1857-1860, by Irene M. Spry 16.95
- TWO MONTHS IN THE CAMP OF BIG BEAR by Theresa Delaney & Theresa Gowanlock, with a new introduction by Sarah Carter. 19.95
- A PRAIRIE MEMOIR, The Life and Times of James Clinksill, 1853-1936 by S.D. Hanson 19.95
- THE KELSEY PAPERS with a new introduction by John Warkentin 25.00
- PEQUIS, A Noble Friend, by Donna Sutherland. 24.95
- GREAT STORIES FROM THE PRAIRIES, edited by Birk Sproxtun 22.95
- THE PLAINS CREE, an Ethnographic, Historical & Comparative Study by David G. Mandelbaum 24.00
- A PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: The Metis of the Western Plain by Irene Temier Gordon. 10.

### 2 New fun Reads -

- SASKATCHEWAN BOOK OF MUSTS, THE 101 PLACES EVERY SASKATCHEWANIAN MUST SEE \$13.95
- SASKATCHEWAN BOOK OF EVERYTHING EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SASKATCHEWAN AND WERE GOING TO ASK ANYWAY \$14.95

Ask for complete list of Gift Shop items

### SOME NEW BOOKS TO CHECK OUT....

"Full Steam to Canada, a Barr Colony Adventure" by Anne Patton, about leaving England to come to Canada as part of the Barr Colony, 1903, through the eyes and senses of a young girl. We hope there will be a follow-up story of the journey after Saskatoon, which is where the book ends. We know that that is just where the fun begins. \$8.95

"The Strength of Women... Ahkameyimowak" edited by Priscilla Settee. A great read by some very interesting - and strong - women. \$19.95

• Long time Museum supporter and writer, **Naden Hewko** has published some of her own recollections in "Secrets of a Ukrainian Baba". Naden (Bucher) grew up in the Paynton area (and keeps hoping someday there will be a history book of Paynton.) You can order a copy for \$20. from Naden at Box 851, Macklin, SK, S0L-2C0. Phone (306) 753-3155.

\* "BRESAYLOR BETWEEN THE BATTLE AND THE NORTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVERS" the history book, is now on digital and book copy from digital: CDs are \$20. plus \$4. mailing. Books are \$65. plus \$15. mailing.

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BRESAYLOR WORD-SEEK by Margaret Currie

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The following words appear in the puzzle - horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Circle the letters. The leftover letters spell the quote - some letters are in place and the word divisions are given.

- CROCUS
- WOLF WILLOWS
- TIGER LILY
- SASKATOON
- CHOKECHERRY
- CAT TAIL
- BUFFALO BEAN
- BLACKEYED SUSAN
- POPLAR
- BALM OF GILEAD
- BERGAMOT
- GOLDENROD
- ROSE
- ANEMONE
- HAWTHORN
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Mildred (Taylor) Roberts writes that there are "Very few people left that I know. I would love to make one more trip west, but it probably won't happen as my husband can't travel and with Ellis (Taylor) in Victoria and our daughter in Vancouver I would probably fly over Saskatchewan." • Marie Graham comments "You can get a lot of information on a sheet of paper and save some trees". Yes, frugality would explain that somewhat. Marie has donated to the Museum a quite unusual child's "pile" fabric jacket worn by her stepfather, Jack Hooley, dating to the early 1900s?

• Pam Erickson, a descendant of Charles Bremner, last June was planning to travel to "Scotland, England and Wales...all three part of my heritage. Will be going to the Orkneys as well as Wick where the Bremners come from." Hopefully more about her travels next time.

• Another descendant of James and Letitia (Fidler) Bremner, Donna and Ivan Blanche, visited the Museum last summer. • And Laverne Caplette, from White Rock, BC, daughter of Ross Caplette, and another descendant of Charles Bremner, also paid a visit.

Some others who wrote to us this past year were Merrill Taylor, Betty Churchman, Cathy Cronk, Frank Hunt, Barbara Grieg, Allen Bremner and many others. We love to hear. Cheers and thank you!

Special Congratulations to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 2nd for 60 years as Queen of Canada.

Eva (Miller) Early, daughter of Angus and Ellen (Bremner) Miller and granddaughter of James and Letitia (Fidler) Bremner sent to us by Eva's daughter Doreen Williams



FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT - 2011>>>2012

Late in October of last year we were pleased to have a visit to the Museum from Robert Doucette, president of Metis Nation Saskatchewan. Surprisingly, he was surprised - and he seemed delighted - to discover the Bresaylor Museum. Perhaps we of the Museum Board - especially the Curator - have been less than assertive when it comes to promoting the Museum. That there should be people who don't know about us? . . . Point taken.

Then last November there was an invitation to anyone of/and/or interested in Metis heritage to attend a meeting at Fort Battleford (Parks Canada) with Darren Prefontaine (Gabriel Dumont Institute). He was seeking to become better acquainted with Anglo Metis communities. Having been the main spokesperson for almost all Metis culture in Saskatchewan lately, including articles in Saskatchewan's Centennial Encyclopaedia, 2005, perhaps it was time that he noticed - Bresaylor, for instance? Anyway, at that meeting Marilyn Richardson, herself a descendant of Peter Fidler and proud of her own Metis roots, did not hesitate to propose that Bresaylor be made a Unesco cultural site. Well.....at least a National Historic Site. Yes.

Helena Caplette and I attended that meeting and took back the idea to the Museum Board. So.....one thing leading to another and, to cut to the quick.....we're going for it! That is, for National Historic Event designation for the original Bresaylor Settlement.



Some of "Little Joe" Sayers family: Two daughters - Marilda and Veda with Marilda's twin grandsons Robert Lewis and Richard Lewis.



Parks Canada has designated numerous sites/people/events of French-Metis culture, but, other than National Historic Person designation of James Isbister (Prince Albert) there's little acknowledging English Metis. Not that we do not celebrate all of Metis history. It's all integral to the founding of Canada, to the history of the Fur Trade, which, as the historian/economist Harold A. Innis\* said, defined the shape of the country. It's just that now a little more balance is in order.

[\* More re: Harold A. Innis: He concluded "that the fur trade largely determined Canada's boundaries adding that the country "emerged not in spite of geography but because of it". He described "the central role First Nations peoples played in the development of the fur trade. Without their skilled hunting techniques, knowledge of the territory and advanced tools such as snowshoes, toboggans and birch-bark canoes, the fur trade would not have existed." And: "We have not yet realized," Innis wrote, "that the Indian and his culture was fundamental to the growth of Canadian institutions."]

• Gwen Zweifel reports that "Saskatchewan Women of Influence" is now at the second proofing stage, with some copyright matters still to be dealt with. The book will run to about 300 pages and Gwen is hesitant to say when it will go to press. We know she will be making sure it is done as well as it can be.



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## OBITUARIES

Torrance Sack  
October 14, 1946 - May 16, 2011

Marion Una (Mr. Angus) Taylor  
1909 - June 2, 2011

Clara Alberta Johnson  
March 17, 1926 - June 18, 2011

Howard Wakelin  
October 15, 1919 - September 19, 2011

Kenneth Keith Foulds  
December 12, 1937 - October 29, 2011

Winnifred Alice Jones  
April 22, 1913 - December 25, 2011

Stephen Hartly  
deceased @ 93 years in 2011

Stanley Bidyk  
December 25, 1932 - January 20, 2012

Clara Harris  
December 27, 1920 - January 28, 2012

Ted Webb  
July 15, 1947 - January 31, 2012

Bob Waterhouse  
December 5, 1932 - february 8, 2012

Alvin Sayers  
November 8, 1931 - February 13, 2012

John Tobin  
March 3, 1930 - February 25, 2012

Maureen Gay Morris  
May 28, 1931 - March 17, 2012

Vaughn Sharp  
January 15, 1953 - March 29, 2012



*Putting the panel of names into place at the Cemetery  
Ross and Rosemary Currie.*

• Carol (Bowes) Selte donated to the museum the medicine bag used by her Mother, the late Dorothy Bowes, in her duties as a community nurse. This summer we will try to set up a small exhibit showing items from the medicine bag - syringes, bandages, medications and first aid guides - used by "Nurse Bowes" in her care of the sick and injured in the Bresaylor area.



FIG. 52  
TREATMENT OF CRUSHED FOOT



FIG. 80—GRIP FOR FOUR-HANDED SEAT



PLAQUE STOLEN

"THE MOUTH OF THE BIG GULLY CREEK AREA AND PINE ISLAND ARE PROTECTED AND PRESERVED IN MEMORY OF OUR HISTORICAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE."

(Ironic and sad!) Those are the last words on this plaque which overlooked historic Pine Island north of Maidstone - Paynton. No longer! It was recently vandalized - presumably for the copper content in the bronze. (Not likely because the culprit wanted to study Pine Island's connection to the Fur Trade.) Shown here in 1991 at the unveiling of the plaque is Christine Pike and the late Mr. Bill Bullock who provided the rock for the monument. The late Vernon Shrank of Paynton composed the wording for the plaque.