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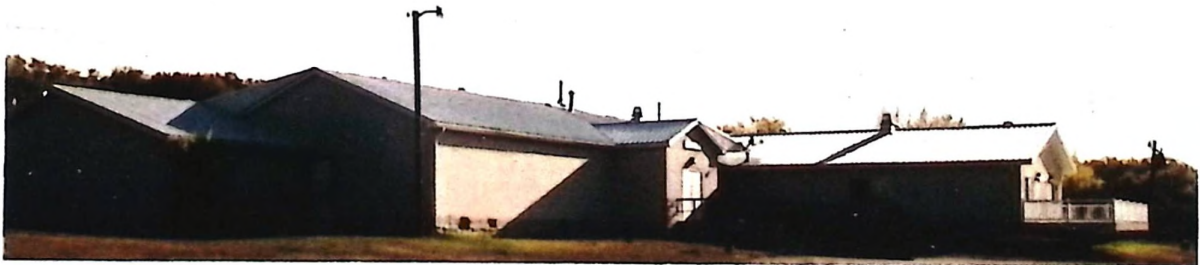
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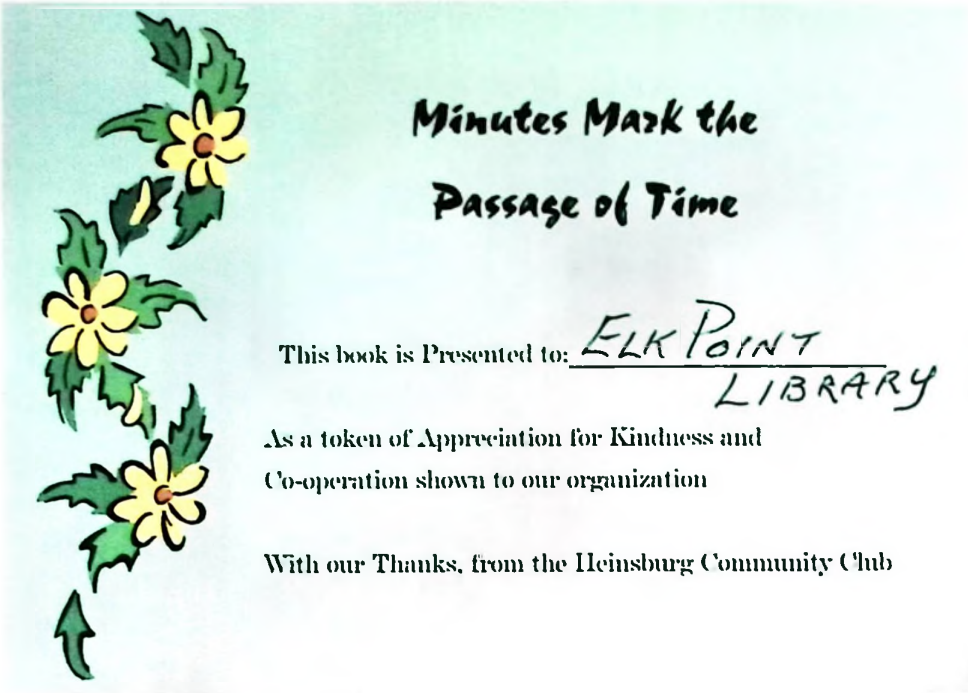
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With our Thanks, from the Heinsburg Community Club

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the founding members of the Heinsburg Community Club who had the vision and to those who came later supporting what others had begun.

Where there is no vision the people perish.

-Proverbs 29:18

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Thank you to:

Grace Meger, who was going through her mother's old photos and came across one taken at the hall displaying a large cake with a 25 on it, and Shirley Kvill, who was going through the minutes in preparation for a speech for the club's annual appreciation night, each to discover that 2009 was the club's 50th year of incorporation. As a result of the historical presentation and photo display that evening, the audience encouraged the club to prepare this history book.

Shirley Kvill, who condensed 54 years of minutes, Lorraine Carter, who typed the condensed minutes, made a disk for every member, and later typed the complete book and inserted the pictures. The members who wrote their assigned chapters and many did more than one. Their signatures appear at the bottom of each document. Susan Fairbairn, Grace Meger and Shirley Hendriks, selected and tabbed the pictures to be inserted into the text. Grace Meger, Shirley Hendriks, Susan Fairbairn, Brenda Porter, Marje Scott, Colleen Sharkey and Shirley Kvill who provided photos and news articles found throughout this book. Brigid McGarry, who was imported from St. Vincent Lake to assist the book committee with the skills needed to lay out the book. The Book Committee, who held many meetings, made decisions, and edited all the material, also Marilyn Bosvik, who assisted with the editing. Everyone who took the extra time to submit a picture, send a story or relate one for the memory chapter.

THANK YOU!

Please be aware that the information in the early minutes are sketchy at best and memories fade, so if any information from these sources are missed or incorrect, it is purely accidental.



Book Committee - Left to Right: Lorraine Carter, Susan Fairbairn, Grace Meger, Marje Scott and Shirley Kvill, Shirley & Bob Hendriks.

NEWS COVERAGE



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February 13

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review **TS** this week

Lots of snow this year for annual Heinsburg Snowmobile Rally

Last year's cancellation due to the lack of snow was just a dim memory last weekend when Heinsburg hosted a total of 529 snowmobiles and 379 hands at their annual Snowmobile Rally.

The weatherman cooperated with a beautifully warm and sunny day, perfect for enjoying the lengthy ride starting at Heinsburg's picturesque water tower and heading up to Little Garner Lake, where participants were treated to a hot dog lunch and beer along the Iron Horse Trail.

The rally ended with a

bountiful roast beef supper at Heinsburg Community Hall and draws for a huge array of prizes contributed by businesses throughout the area. Everything from a propane barbecue to ball caps, from snowmobile oil to pizza gift certificates went home with the lucky snowmobilers.

February 13 was an especially lucky day for the six rally participants whose names were drawn for the major cash prizes. East and Legan Co-h accepted first prize of \$1000 along with the Gregor Family trophy, while Gerry Jenner was

second, receiving \$500 and the Heinsburg Tenyo trophy. Adrian Ewasiuk took third prize of \$250. Dobra Zeek the fourth prize of \$150, and Trina Kaziak and Alma Twarog each received \$100.

A special prize went to the day's youngest participant, four year old Morgan Kjenner.

The Heinsburg Community Club would like to acknowledge the excellent coverage we have received over the years and continue to receive in the Elk Point Review.

Thank you, Vicki Brooker!

Heinsburg Community Club Discusses New Season

By Sandra Bishop

Heinsburg area representative

HEINSBURG - The Heinsburg Community Club held a meeting in the seniors' room of the community hall on September 26.

The main topics of discussion were club membership, weekly bingos, and upcoming events.

•Membership has declined since last year, and it was decided that a committee visit local residents to encourage new members. Club members volunteer their time and efforts to provide opportunities for residents to meet at dances, suppers, bingos, and to provide funding for such recent projects as the Whitney Lakes Stampede Association, various school programs, Heinsburg's 4-H multi-club, the skating rink, restoration of the water tower and the Heritage Manor auxiliary.

•Despite fewer workers, weekly bingos will begin this Wednesday, October 5, at the community hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the early bird draw beginning at 7 p.m. and the

regular games beginning at 7:30 p.m. The format for bingos has changed slightly for this season. The price of a three strip card has increased from 50¢ to \$1 which allows for higher payouts.

Also, there will be a weekly mini-bingo which will begin at 52 numbers and \$100 and will add \$10 per week. Every fourth week the mini-bingo will be called off for a possible maximum payout of \$130. The weekly bingos will still include the regular jackpot blackout. Some other smaller changes have also been made and will be explained before every game.

•The first scheduled event for this season will be the Turkey Supper on Friday, November 11. A dance will follow. The club will not be sponsoring a New Year's Eve event this year so the hall is available to other groups. If you wish to make a booking call Sherry Young at 943-3775.

•Before next spring new corrals will be built at the Whitney Lake Stampede grounds. A grant for the corrals was applied for through the club.

•The skating rink is about 85 per cent complete. It still requires end screens and the gates need to be hung, but as soon as the weather becomes cold enough the rink will be flooded.

Thank you, Sandra Bishop, for your coverage in the past.

IN APPRECIATION

The Heinsburg Community Club wishes to pay tribute to members who have served in the club for many years, by hanging their photographs on our hall walls.

We invite the families of long serving or deceased members to submit a clear photograph (8"x10") with a concise write-up. It will be framed and hung up by the community club.

This project is ongoing. Please contact Shirley Kvill at 780-943-3338 or Marilyn Bosvik at 780-943-2270

GRANTS THAT HELPED

Community halls are kept functioning by members dedicated to spending many hours, working and focusing on what's best for their facility.

They're very dependent on money making events throughout the year, and the Heinsburg members made a commitment to do their best to keep monies coming in. The club held dances, social events, rented the hall, had fall suppers, ran bingos, and snowmobile rallies. Bingo became the main source of income in the latter years. The minutes disclosed that the community club made two attempts to become an Agricultural Society. It was unsuccessful because centres close to us, such as Dewberry, Tulliby Lake, and Elk Point, already had an Ag. Society.

To keep going, and to grow, the club had to look at available grants. Fortunately for us, there were members who were familiar with this avenue; Lori Best, Laverne Wilson, Parrish Tung and Lorne Young.

As it turned out, after applying, our club got the money needed for each project. Most of these were matching grants:

- New Horizon Grant to construct the senior wing in 1984 and in 2009 \$21,416.00 to renovate same wing
- Community Lottery Board Grant - \$5,000.00 to restore CN Caboose and 1,000.00 to buy wooden chairs
- Historical Resources Grant - \$11,000.00 for shingling the CN station
- Alberta Tourism Grant - \$11,500.00 for Camp Kitchen and \$13,749.00 - partial payment of a John Deere tractor and mower
- Alberta Sports Council - \$20,700.00 towards tractor/mower
- CFEP - \$5,000.00 building of stage, \$8,000.00 for wheelchair accessible playground at school, \$40,169.00 for the lounge addition
- Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife - \$4,000.00 for sound system
- Wildrose Foundation - funds towards sound system
- Alberta Community Development - \$20,000.00 for water tower restoration
- County of St. Paul - \$5,000.00 to shingle station, funds for 75th Anniversary, \$8,988.00 for full cost of hall chlorination system, \$18,000.00 to build a gazebo, \$2,000.00 for wheelchair ramp at hall entrance, \$600.00 to assist with operating expenses, \$500.00 travel grant, \$3,400.00 recreational grant 2008 and \$1,000.00 for 2009 incorporation celebration,
- Donations from local oil companies and local businesses
- \$25,943.00 hall roofing 2007

We acknowledge that without the following grants the Heinsburg Hall, the Railway Theme Park, and the Campsite on the Flats would be very different facilities from what they are today.



CLUB EXECUTIVE - 1955 TO 2009

Presidents

Paul Buck 1955-1959
Norman Howarth 1959-1961
Laverne Wilson 1961-1968
Iryne Buck 1968-1970
Steve Kuziw 1970-1972
Donald Kjenner 1972-1981
Bob Hendriks 1981-1984

Lorne Young 1984-1991
Rocky Sharkey 1991-1997
Charlie Thomson 1997-2001
Rocky Sharkey 2001-2003
Marje Scott 2003-2005
Marilyn Bosvik 2005-2007
Marje Scott 2007.....

Vice Presidents

Mr. Taschuk 1955-1957
Paul Juba 1957-1959
Vernon Sharkey 1959-1961
Paul Juba 1961-1968
Laverne Wilson 1968-1974
Iver Bosvik 1974-1975
Mike Nychporuk 1975-1981
Ella Botting 1981-1982
Eugene Lypowy 1982-1983

Lorne Young 1983-1984
Alvin Meger 1984-1990
Geoff Bishop 1990-1991
Donald Kjenner 1991-1997
Rocky Sharkey 1997-1998
Marje Scott 1998-2003
Susan Fairbairn 2003.....

Secretary/Treasurers

Alice Gregor 1955-1971
Eleanor Bendixon 1971-1981
Doris Wilson 1981-1985
Alvin Meger 1997-2007

Treasurers

Doris Wilson 1985-1990
Alvin Meger 1990-1997
Alvin Meger 2007

Secretaries

Joyce Nychporuk 1985-1986
Siri Thir 1986-1988
Alice Gregor 1988-1993
Susan Fairbairn 1993-1995
Colleen Sharkey 1995-1997
Marilyn Bosvik 2007-2009
Lorraine Carter 2009.....

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HALL

The Heinsburg Community Hall as it sits today was constructed over many years and in many phases. The original building was a school bought for five dollars in 1954, by the Legion from the then existing School District. It became known as the Big Legion Hall. The Heinsburg Legion folded in 1955.

J. YVES DUPUIS
SECRETARY-TREAS.

R. J. BACETTE, B.A.
SUPERINTENDENT

St. Paul School Division No. 45
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

ST. PAUL, ALBERTA
Sept. 27th, 1954.

Mr. F. H. Payer, Sec.,
Heinsburg Legion No. 138,
Heinsburg, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your money order of \$5.00 received last week for the purchase of the parcel of land transferred to the Heinsburg Legion.

As we are unable to locate the title of the land, would you be kind enough to let us have the legal description of the parcel concerned at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,
J. Yves Dupuis
Yves Dupuis,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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ST. PAUL SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 45
ST. PAUL - ALBERTA

RECEIVED from Heinsburg Legion #138
the sum of Five Dollars

\$ 5.00

ST. PAUL SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 45
J. Yves Dupuis
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Thank You

Heinsburg Alta. Dec 5th 1955

Mr. Paul Buck.
Pres, Heinsburg Community Club.
Heinsburg Alta.

Dear Sir.

The Heinsburg branch of the Canadian Legion.
Herewith this day December 5th 1955.
Transfer the large Legion Hall otherwise known as the Legion Hall.

To the Heinsburg Community Club.
and from this date forfeit all rights and claim to said hall.
also the contents in the hall.

This is with the understanding that the Community Club will
operate the hall and take over all expenses which might be
involved after this date.

and that it will keep this hall open for Community activities
or any other engagements.

We would also like to make reservations for one night a year to
hold our Armistice dance on November 11th.
if however November 11th falls on a Sunday the following Monday.

All correspondences relating to the title of the land which the
hall now is located on will be turned over to the community so as
same can be completed.

The Legion has been trying to start a picture show in town on
Saturday nights.
with Mr. C.A. Selezinska running the show.
The terms we had with him were.
Fifty - Fifty after the cost of the films were taken out of each
show night.
if however there was a loss the Legion paid half and Mr Selezinska
paid the other half of the loss.
The Legion supplied caretaker lights and heated the hall.
Mr. Selezinska supplied the picture machine and any other expenses
as the the operating of same.
We wish you luck and if at any time the Legion can assist you do
not hesitate to ask.

Pres, Mike Buck.

Sect, F.H. Player.

We see from this letter that in 1955 the conversion of the Big Legion Hall into a Community Hall was formalized giving birth to a new organization called "The Community Club". Many of the former Legion members transferred their commitment to the new group. These enterprising individuals were able to think big and accomplish much with many years of perseverance and volunteering.



The Large Legion identified in the picture is the building that was purchased for \$5.00 from the St. Paul School District. The original Legion not shown in picture was located to the left (south) of the church.

Prior to the takeover, the Legion had applied for permission to move the Big Legion Hall thirty feet to the west, because the hill on the east side of the building was eroding and the land was sliding towards the river, only to find out that the land the Legion thought they had purchased from the School District was park reserve, and belonged to the Department of Public Works. Thus began a twenty-six year period of correspondence to gain title to the land.

At some point, the Department of Public Works turned the land over to the County of St. Paul and on October 28, 1981, they leased it to the Community Club for 25 years. The club never acquired title to the land, but continues to renew the lease.

The fledgling organization inherited the problem of moving the building and gaining ownership to the land, but now they were debating whether to move the old building or build a new one. A more pressing problem surfaced - they had little or no money. The executive decided to call all the existing clubs in the community together and try to persuade them to amalgamate. As ingenious as the idea was, they were unsuccessful in uniting the groups, but the Ladies Curling Club offered to loan them \$150.00 and the Baseball Club offered \$100.00 and both were graciously accepted. Shortly after, the secretary, Alice Gregor, was instructed to get a dozen receipt books and a public meeting was called. It was decided at this meeting that shares be sold at \$10.00 per share and although members could purchase as many shares as they liked, they would only be entitled to one vote. Shareholders also had to pay a one dollar membership fee. After 5 years the club agreed to start to pay back the shares on a percentage basis.

The Directors got busy with plans for a new hall.

Minutes of the Building Committee
April 21/58

Discussion on building ~~new~~ ^{new} complete hall
or new walls and old roof.

It was decided that a new structure
be built 30x60 and the material all to
be bought from the Beaver lumber at the lowest
possible price. The construction to be
started at once pending the sale is
transferred from the M.D. of St. Paul.

all in favor.
Alice Gregor
Ed Buck
Jim Dolan
Jeanette Dolan

It was suggested that the hall be 30' x 60' with a basement of 20' x 36'. In 1957 it was moved that there be no basement and a lean to kitchen be added.

In 1958, they were still contemplating moving the hall, but they would have to strengthen it first. Six months later a final decision to sell the hall was made. It was moved that the old hall be sold for \$100.00, after the chimney, ceiling, plywood, wiring and doors, etc. had been removed. It was further moved that the windows be examined and valued for selling purposes. It was hard to tell what the buyer got for his hundred dollars.

The new hall ended up being 32' x 60', becoming the hardwood dance floor area of today's hall. According to Alice Gregor, the first event, Ed Buck's wedding, took place in 1958, when the hall was still without a roof. Then, that fall, when her sister, Jeanette and Jim Dolan got married, it was the first time the guests had something wonderful to dance on. The 3/8" plywood was already laid on the dance floor. Thank you for sharing those memories, Alice.

There was controversy, as to roof or no roof at this wedding, and at our 50th Anniversary on August 29th, 2009, Allan Buck, who was present, corrected this memory. He said, "There was a roof, but no gables or doors". Thanks, Allan!

It was in 1958 that the founding members decided to incorporate the club and began the process of incorporation.

Heinsburg Community Club Founding Members

1955

Paul Buck	President
E Taschuk	Vice President
Alice Gregor	Secretary
Johnny Gregor	Director
Bob Maxwell	Director
Mike Buck	Director

Members

Frank Player
Iryne Buck
Paul & Marion Juba
Chester & Bertha Botting
Agnes Kuziw
Emma Wilson
Hugo Wenzel
Nick Mykytiw
Margaret Gregor
Anne Buck
Rudolph Gregor
K MacDonald
Gladstone & Kay Horton
Lloyd McEwen
Walter Felewich

1956

Executive reinstated

New members

Conrad & Mary Selezinka
Vernon & Colleen Sharkey
Floyd & Eleanor Bendixen
Exie Sharkey
Mrs Watson

1957

Paul Buck	President
Paul Juba	Vice President
Alice Gregor	Secretary
Mike Buck	Director
Vernon Sharkey	Director
Rudolph Gregor	Director

New members

Lawrence & Olga Sharkey
Laveme & Lila Wilson
Margaret Nelson
Reverend Clennet

1958

Executive reinstated

New members

Harry & Hazel Jenner
Norman & Winnefred Howarth
Eldred & Gladys Lowe
Thelma Sharkey
Jim Pyper
L. Le Feuvre

1959

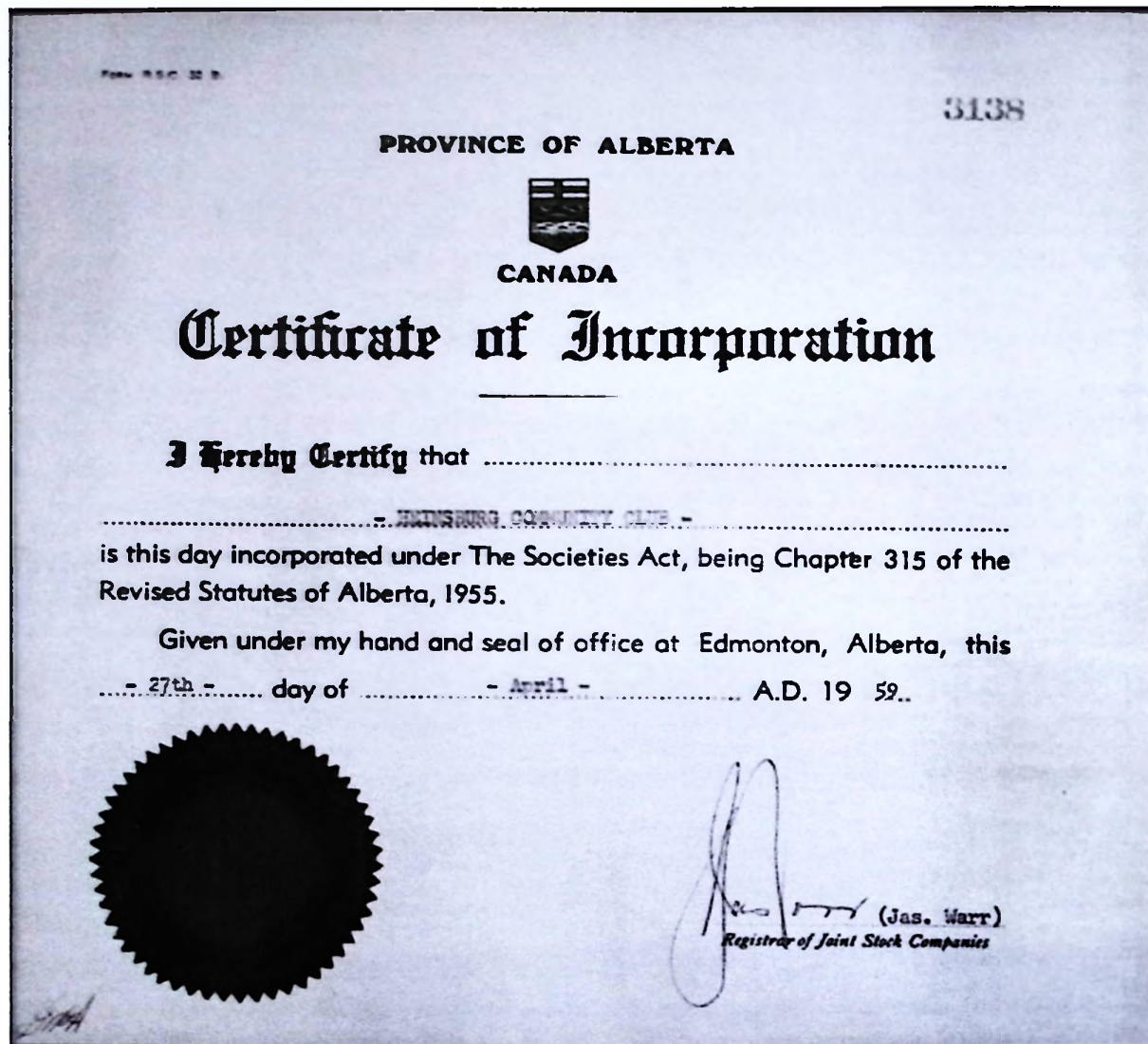
Norman Howarth	President
Vernon Sharkey	Vice President
Alice Gregor	Secretary
Laveme Wilson	Director
Eldred Lowe	Director
Mike Buck	Director
Rudolph Gregor	Director

No new members

In December of that year their financial woes were reviewed and discussed and Beaver Lumber was paid \$100.00, the electrician received \$50.00 and the club cleaned up small local bills. They also returned shares as promised and some

members donated their money back to the club. Four months later Beaver Lumber received another \$150.00 and the hall's debt continued to be reduced.

On April 27, 1959, the community club became a registered society.



On May 2, 1961, it was decided that a hardwood floor be installed. At the June meeting, a year later, it was moved that R. Gregor order 2600 board feet of second grade maple flooring at \$275/1000 board feet for a total of \$715.00. S. Hartwell laid the floor for \$168.00 and W. MacDonald was hired to sand the floor at six cents per square foot. Today, we pay close to \$3,000.00 just to refinish these same boards.

In 1963, donnacona sheeting was used on the hall ceiling.

In June 1968, plans were underway for a new addition to be used as a kitchen and dining area. Imperial Lumber had the lowest bid and Mike Buck undertook the job

of building the addition with voluntary help. Two large doors were cut in the west wall of the hall gaining entrance to the extension and a kitchen was installed in the northeast corner.



By 1982, according to this photo, the two doors were changed to one large opening between the dance and dining area.

June 1971, the members decided roof repairs were needed as the roof had sagged 1 5/8" and had to be fixed before the hall could be re-shingled. The ladies also requested linoleum for the dining area at this time.

The hall was re-shingled for \$526.00, which included labor and cost of the lumber to replace old boards.

In 1973, a motion was made to dig a well and in 1974 the hall was stuccoed. Gas was put in five years later.

When operating a hall, maintenance and improvements are always an issue. How to make things more efficient and nicer to accommodate and attract a crowd are concerns. Expansion was back on the agenda in March 1981. This time the expansion would include a kitchen, bar and bathrooms at an estimated cost of \$22,000.00.

In order to secure grants, the feasibility of forming an Agricultural Society was examined. Once again, an amalgamation with clubs was attempted. Later this idea was scrapped when it became evident that an Agricultural Society would not work in this area. All the club members agreed to co-sign for a \$12,000.00 loan for the renovations. When completed the expenses were \$3,148.12 over the estimate.

In May 1981, A.G.T. was contacted to install a phone.

In 1981, after numerous requests the community club obtained a 25 year lease for the land from the county.

A sewer system to cost approximately \$10,000.00 was discussed and tabled until spring of 1984. It was installed by Pratch Construction at the cost of \$4,245.00 in 1986.

March 26, 1984, an estimate was received from Harold Illingsworth, for the senior addition. The senior wing would cost around \$25,000.00. (The senior wing is addressed in a separate chapter of this book.) It was completed in 1985. A phone extension for the seniors was installed that year, as well.

The hall walls in the dance area were painted in 1985 and in 1986 the air exchanger was approved. Steel doors for approximately \$2,188.00 were also installed making the hall more secure.

In 1989, it was time to add on again. The club was experiencing a problem with equipment that kept accumulating as their needs grew, but storage was becoming a dilemma. As anyone who has been involved behind the scenes of an organization will attest, to find things quickly and easily, everything must have its place. This is crucial to efficiency and harmony within the ranks. You can get the job done expediently; therefore, you can go home faster.

In this phase of construction two storage rooms were added, with the dimensions of 20' x 32' and also discussions were underway for the construction of a cloakroom, lounge and bar on the north side of the dance area at the estimated cost of \$70,000.00. A secret ballot vote was taken for this project and it was passed on February 5, 1990.

A work bee was scheduled on August 13, 1994 to redo the dance floor under the supervision of Bert Meger. The work cost \$1,500.00.

In 1996, a suggestion to build a stage on the east end of the hall was introduced. Alberta Community Development Recommendations were received for the construction of the stage. Harold Lefebvre's bid for a 16' x32' addition was over \$26,000.00. On September 26, 1996 another secret ballot vote was carried out on this phase of development and passed. On October 24, 1996, a special meeting was called to vote on a proposed extension to the stage, the 8' extension to the south would accommodate a bathroom and dressing room facilities for performers at an additional cost of \$10,103.68. Again, the vote was by secret ballot and carried. The stage construction progressed nicely and was completed by February 22, 1997, in time for that month's jamboree.

September 1998, the club received a grant for \$2,000.00 from the County of St. Paul to assist with the construction of a wheelchair ramp to the main hall entrance and senior wing.

In September 2000, the deck at the main entrance was repaired and painted.

In 2004, a new chlorination system for the hall water was installed. The club received \$8,988.00 from the County to cover the full cost of this system under the condition that anyone needing water within the town of Heinsburg would be supplied from the hall's outside tap.

April 19, 2005, a motion was made to install a hand washing sink in the hall kitchen and this was done in compliance to the Food Safety Regulations.

January 23, 2007, a motion was made to accept a bid from Lavann Enterprises. The bid was to relocate the make-up air unit off the kitchen roof; redesign the roof over the kitchen and entrance to the senior wing; strap and cover the entire hall roof area with colored metal.

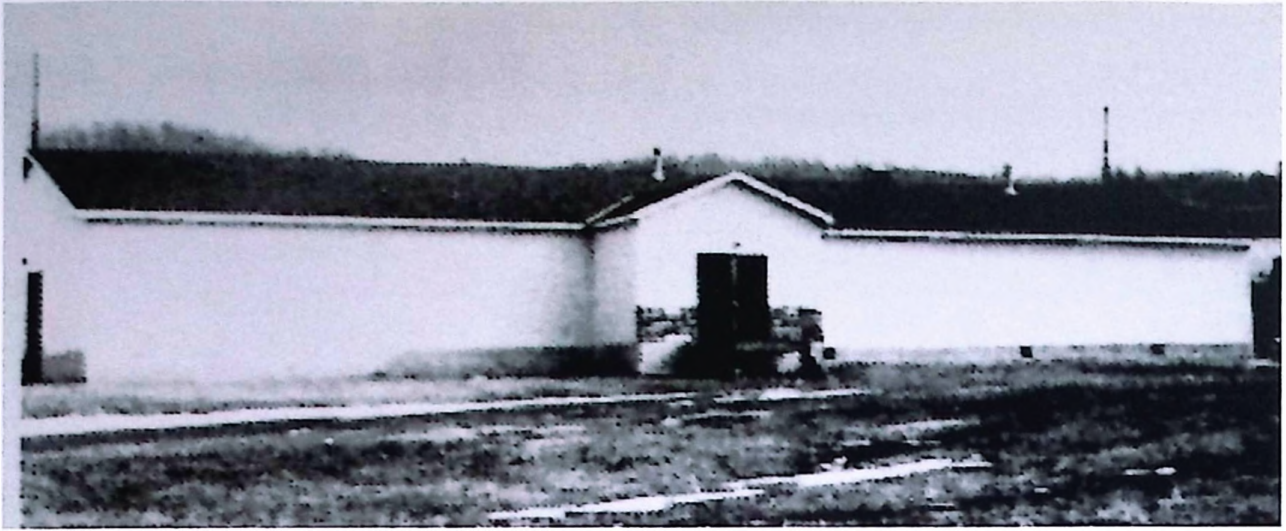
The hall committed \$7,000.00 towards labor on the grant application for this project. Under the capable direction of Lavern and Rubyann Kittlitz, the additions were united under one roof, improving the aesthetics of the hall.

November 20, 2007, a motion was passed to have a janitor's room built in one corner of the cloakroom. This was completed and a janitor's mop sink was purchased and installed. This was another very necessary project to enhance safety and sanitation. (More on this project in another chapter.)

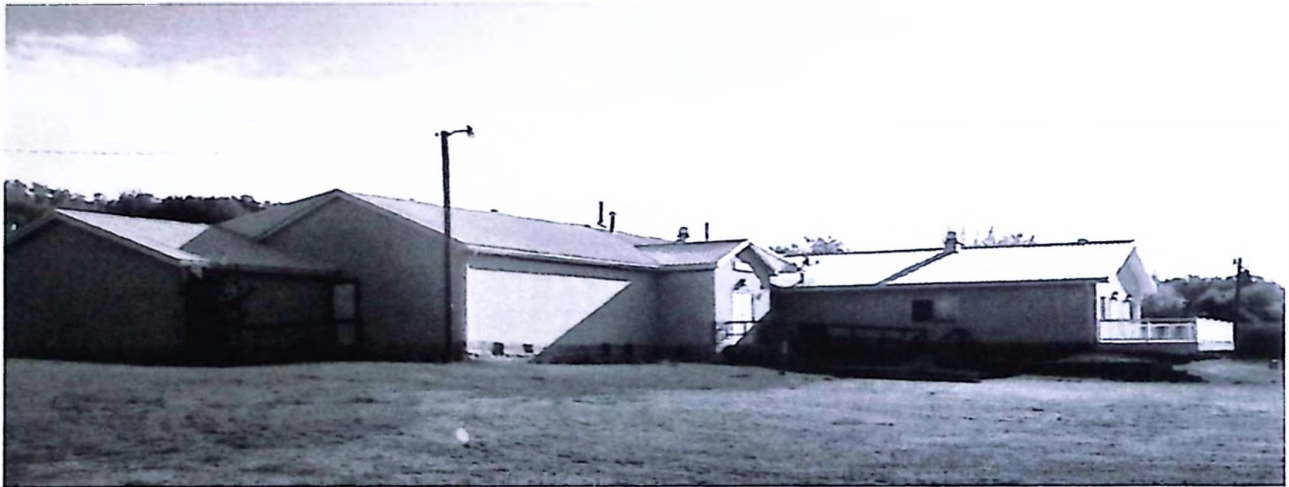
A most recent renovation to the seniors centre was an upgrade to the electrical system and the strengthening of the foundation on the south side of the wing. A state of the art deck completed the remodelling. The work was done by Lavann Enterprises and certainly improved the appearance of the centre.

As you have read, construction, renovations and repairs are an ongoing thing and so is the need for funding, equipment and supervision. Many or most of these construction phases were funded by grants and someone had to apply for them. We give Alvin Meger and others, credit for all their time and expertise and acknowledge that they went the extra mile. In addition the board of directors, elected for 4 year terms, handled the planning, spending and supervising of projects to completion. Sharkey Services, located so conveniently, also contributed so much with the generous use of their equipment. To all of the above we salute you and say thank you.

Submitted by Shirley Kvill



Hall in 1976



Hall in 2009

THE COMMUNITY HALL UTILIZED AS A SCHOOL

The hall has been used as a school on several occasions while renovations and/or construction of the Heinsburg School was being done.

According to our records it appears that in 1956 the school division was renting the hall for a school facility. We have letters indicating the hall was rented for \$50.00 per month and if they left the partition as it was, it would be lowered to \$40.00 per month.

In 1957 it appears the school was still using the hall. After going through the minutes of the school division, we were not able to confirm the above. Their records showed no transactions of money being paid to the hall for rent.

In 1986, the school division was building a new school. It was not completed in time, and the hall was used until construction was completed.

Submitted by Shirley Kvill



Graduation held at the hall.

SCHOOL DAYS IN THE HALL

The 1986-87 school year, was a memorable one. Major renovations were being done at the school. Grades 7-12 had to continue their classes through the noise, dust, and moving walls but the elementary classes were moved to the community hall. Makeshift blackboards and student desks were moved from the school, along with boxes of supplies that each teacher deemed necessary.

Grades 2-6 were held in the main hall with an assortment of blankets and sheets pinned to clotheslines to separate them. Mrs. Lovell's grade 2 class was closest to the kitchen, Mrs. Engleder's grade 3,4s were in the middle, and Mr. Smuk's group of grade 5&6 students were on the end nearest the stage. Every Wednesday afternoon desks were pushed to the edges of the hall and clotheslines taken down in preparation for bingo that evening.

The teachers all had different teaching styles, which made for some great student entertainment. One of the grade 5 students recalls the time that Mr. Smuk stood on his side of the "soft wall", quietly listening to Mrs. Engleder's lecture. As she got louder and more animated, he decided it was time for some comic relief. When she moved closer to the sheet, he reached around it, grabbed her elbow, and growled like a bear. Only her students saw her reaction but everyone in the hall (possibly even the town) heard it!

My grade one's and I were fortunate that the senior's club allowed us to use their room. I set up our "classroom" in the corner nearest the door. The phone was there so I became the unofficial secretary. In mid-September, Ms. Naido's kindergarten class joined us in the senior's room. It was her first year in Heinsburg and I'm sure she wondered what she was doing here. Luckily, we both spoke quietly and our classes were quite small so the noise level was minimal.

We all moved out at the beginning of January, a little sad to end our two-room-school experience.

Submitted by Connie Thomson

WATER AND SEWER

In the early years, water was hauled to the hall in cream cans, boilers, pails and many other containers that were available. Outhouses were set up outside to use for private waste disposal. Dish water and left over coffee was dumped outside on the ground for disposal by mother-nature.

In 1974 a motion was passed to have a well dug beside the hall. This provided a source of water for the hall but there still was no sewer disposal system. The well was fitted with a hand pump to get the water out of the well. This well is still being used. The extension known as the lounge was built over the well, and access to the well today is through a trap door in the lounge floor. Later on His & Her toilets were built onto the side of the hall with access from within the hall, freeing up the outdoor toilets to be sold for \$20.00. The waste was collected in a holding tank. This tank was pumped out and hauled away for disposal. In May 1986, a new sewer system was installed complete with septic tank, disposal pump and sewer field. This now allowed the rest of the hall to be plumbed with running water and sewer disposal.

In 2003, our hall was designated as a class 3 facility and thus we were required to have our water source sampled every three months. In November 2003, tests of our water showed the presence of coliforms. We were unable to use the water for human consumption unless it was boiled. We were advised to shock treat the well to get rid of the coliforms. This was done but the contamination showed up again 3 months later. A suggestion was made to dig a new well but this did not guarantee that our water would be free of contamination. A decision was made to have water treatment equipment installed to chlorinate the water and thereby make it safe for human consumption. The equipment was installed and put into service in May 2004. It has worked well for us to date.

Since the installation of the water treatment the County of St Paul #19 has paid us for the full cost of the equipment less GST because the town water well was also contaminated and therefore treated water was needed for the inhabitants. An outside tap was installed at the hall so that the general public has access to safe drinking water.

Submitted by Alvin Meger

THE KITCHEN

The kitchen has been an integral part of the hall established by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion and the beginning of activities that still take place there today. The supper they put on at that time cost only \$1 per adult and 50 cents per child, with everyone lending a hand. (Fifty years later, the cost is \$12 per adult and \$6 per child.)

In 1955 the Legion gave the hall and entire contents of the old Legion to the newly formed Heinsburg Community Club (HCC). The club added five dozen mugs and a big blue enamel kettle. Legion plates were used into the 1970's.

To raise funds, the HCC held a chicken supper on November 21, 1956, the ladies struggling without a real kitchen, cooking in the old Legion hall. Meal planning was done at Alice Gregor's or Colleen Sharkey's homes, involving much grocery shopping and food preparation. The supper tradition carries on to this day.

In 1968 an addition was built onto the west end of the new hall that became the dining room including a small kitchen located in the northeast corner. This new kitchen made food preparation much easier. For seats, 18 planks and 36 sawhorses were purchased. At this time, Iryne Buck and Eleanor Bendixen travelled across the river to visit the King George Hall south of Elk Point to see how they had organized their kitchen.

In 1974, there was a well with a hand pump located on the north side of the hall, providing water that was carried in with cream cans and pails, then, heated in big boilers. Coffee was also brewed in one of these. To serve coffee, it was ladled out of the boilers and into the large enamel coffee pot that was carried around by two people for pouring, a dangerous job to be sure. Dishes were washed in large cream colored enamel dishpans about 6-7 inches deep. When the dishwater looked like soup, the water was flung out the north door onto the hillside. Later paper plates and plastic spoons began to be used, cutting back on the dishwashing. (Cutlery inscribed with Ladies Auxiliary was used until just recently.)



Around 1981 things improved with a new kitchen being constructed onto the north side of the hall. Ella Botting applied the fake grain onto the new cupboards built by Mike Buck, the pattern is still visible to this day. Preparation and serving counters, natural gas and plumbing were added. Also 150 Corelle dinner plates were purchased.

In 1981, ten tables 40 inches wide and four large stainless steel kettles were added. A grand opening was held for the kitchen.

In 1984, the three large stainless steel sinks were made by the Canadian Salt Company employees at \$1.80 a pound. These sinks are still in use today.

In 1986 a cooler costing \$600 along with a donated freezer made food storage easier and safer. Meanwhile, a new storage room on the west end provided more space for the increasing amount of kitchen tools.

In 1981, the Grade 12 Graduation banquet, consisting of Kentucky Fried Chicken and trimmings (provided by the school) was served by the club for a total charge of only \$50. Other catering was also done by the HCC. If the head table was served, it cost only \$5 a plate, with full sit-down service \$5.50. The menu generally consisted of one meat, potatoes, vegetables, salad and a simple dessert. If white paper was used for table coverings, so much a foot was charged.

After 50 years, it can be said the kitchen proved to be a great success.

Submitted by Shirley Hendriks

MEMBERSHIPS

In 1955, a group of local citizens got together to form a Club that would take on the responsibility of operating a community hall in the Hamlet of Heinsburg Alberta. On May 30, 1955 the executive of the newly formed Heinsburg Community Club was

President	Paul Buck	Hotel owner
Vice President	E. Taschuk	School Teacher
Sec-Treas	Alice Gregor	Clerk
Director	John Gregor	Farmer
Director	Bob Maxwell	UGG Grain Agent
Director	Mike Buck	Electrician
Director	Kay Horton	Housewife

Other members were:

Frank Player	Agnes Kuziw	W. Felewich
Iryne Buck	Marion Juba	Gladstone Horton
K. Macdonald	Hugo Wenzel	Lloyd McEwen
Chester Botting	Margaret Gregor	Rudolph Gregor
Bertha Botting	Nick Mykitiw	Anne Buck
Paul Juba	Emma Wilson	

This group of people took over the operation of the hall formerly operated by the local Legion.

Membership fees were set at \$1.00 per year. Later, a motion was passed to sell Club shares at \$10.00 each and that members could buy as many shares as they wished. However all members, including shareholders, pay the \$1.00 yearly membership fee and they were allowed only one vote regardless of how many shares they owned.

On April 21, 1959, the following members signed the application for incorporation under the Societies Act.

President	Norman Howarth	Post Master
Vice President	Vernon Sharkey	School Bus Driver
Director	Eldred Lowe	UGG Grain Agent
Director	Laverne Wilson	School Teacher
Sec-Treas.	Alice Gregor	Clerk
(Witness)	Rudolph Gregor	General Merchant

The application was approved and became effective April 27, 1959.

Membership fees set at \$1.00 per person yearly.

At the 1963 annual meeting the membership fee was changed to \$.25 per person. Vernon Sharkey, Laverne Wilson, Jim Pyper and Harry Jenner volunteered to canvas for new members to the Club.

There are no recorded minutes for the period October 1963 to June 1968.

Membership fee was set at \$1.00 per family unit.

At the 1983 annual meeting a new plan for membership fees was introduced on a one year trial basis.

Option 1

Single	\$15.00 per fiscal year.
Couple	\$30.00 per fiscal year
Children (12-18)	\$5.00 per fiscal year
Children under 12	no charge

Option 2

\$1.00 per person per fiscal year.

Those who chose option 1 would be allowed free admittance to all Club sponsored functions.

Those who chose option 2 would have to pay full admission to all Club sponsored functions, whether they worked at the function or not.

At the 1985 annual meeting membership fees were raised to:

\$20.00 per adult person

\$5.00 children (12 - 18)

Free for children under 12

Again, those wishing to opt out of the plan, and pay the \$1.00 membership, would be required to pay full admission to Club sponsored functions.

The position of Secretary-Treasurer was separated into a Secretary and a Treasurer.

A bylaw was instated that said annual meetings are to be held as soon as possible after February to coincide with the fiscal year March 1 to February 28.

Membership fee changed to \$1.00 per person annually March 6, 1989. Member recognition was brought forward. A committee was formed to bring forth a proposal at June 5, 1989 meeting.

In 1988 there was a membership drive that included visits to community families promoting the Heinsburg Community Club.

At the 1989 meeting the committee proposed that a permanent plaque be placed in the hall with the names of all past members shown thereon. The plaque was made but no name tags have been attached.

Annual Meeting March 5 - 1990 a motion was passed stating that member rates for hall rental apply only to members, grandparents, parents and children. Members must be in good standing for one year before these benefits apply.

Annual meeting March 11, 1991 - Annual membership fee remain at \$1.00 per person. Members working at a Club function do not pay for admission, while those members not working pay the full admission price. Non active members are not entitled to Club benefits. Regular monthly meetings September to June are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month. There are no scheduled meetings for July and August.

April 15, 1991 - A motion was passed that stated the Heinsburg Community Club will give a gift of \$250.00 to a member, son and/or daughter of a member in lieu of a wedding shower. Membership cards are to be issued yearly to members who have paid their fees.

May 16, 1995 - A motion was passed to amend the motion passed April 15, 1991 with regards to \$250.00 being given in place of a wedding shower. The amendment is to read, \$250.00 will be given at the first marriage of a son or daughter of a member or a member in lieu of a wedding shower or party. Minutes of meetings are to be sent out to all members. At some time earlier a motion was passed saying that only the Heinsburg Community Club could have a resale liquor permit in the Heinsburg hall. This proved to be a hardship for members wishing to run a loonie bar. A decision was made in 1995 to allow the Club to sell liquor at member functions at 30% of the normal price.

March 18, 1998 - A motion was passed to allow a Club member in good standing to run a resale permit in the Heinsburg Community Hall for a family only function. The maximum charge allowable under this permit would be \$1.00 per drink. This restriction has now been abandoned and members are allowed to have a resale permit and charge whatever they wish as long as it is a family function only. There are no restrictions attached to members supplying liquor free of charge at family functions.

In 2000 the question was asked why we do not have a charitable number for income tax purposes. We are a non profit organization and cannot get a charitable number.

In March 2004, the Club books were audited by Rubyann Kittlitz and Shirley Kvill. They did a commendable job. Also a letter, "Did You Ever Wonder", was drafted and sent out to families in the surrounding communities in attempt to gather new members for the Club.

Membership fees for the Club remain at \$1.00 per person yearly. No changes have been made since 1992.

Submitted by Alvin Meger

MEMBERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

1955 - Original Community Club Members - May 30, 1955

<u>Executive</u>	Paul Buck	President	
	Eli Taschuk	Vice President	
	Alice Gregor	Secretary	
<u>Directors</u>	Johnny Gregor	Bob Maxwell	Mike Buck
<u>Members</u>			
Frank Player	Bertha Botting	Hugo Wenzel	K. MacDonald
Margaret Gregor	Mrs. Watson	Jim Pyper	Agnes Kuziw
Nick Mykytiw	W. Felewich	Iryne Buck	Chester Botting
Anne Buck	Gladstone Horton	Paul Juba	Marion Juba
Rudolph Gregor	Lloyd McEwen	Kay Horton	Emma Wilson

1956

<u>New Members</u>			
Exie Sharkey	Conrad Selezinka	Mary Selezinka	Floyd Bendixen
Mrs. Watson	Eleanor Bendixen	Vernon Sharkey	Colleen Sharkey
Margaret Gregor	Exie Sharkey	Thelma Sharkey	Rudolph Gregor
Paul Buck			

1957

<u>New Executive</u>	Paul Juba	Vice President	
<u>New Directors</u>	Mike Buck	Vern Sharkey	Rudolph Gregor
<u>New Members</u>	Lila Wilson	Lawrence Sharkey	Laverne Wilson
Olga Sharkey	Rev. Clennett	Margaret Nelson	Bill Nelson

1958

<u>New Members</u>	Harry Jenner	Norman Howarth	Hazel Jenner
Winifred Howarth	L. Le Feuvre	Thelma Sharkey	Eldred Lowe
Gladys Lowe			

1959

<u>New Executive</u>	Norman Howarth	President	
	Vernon Sharkey	Vice President	
<u>New Directors</u>	Laverne Wilson	Eldred Lowe	

1960

<u>New Members</u>	Della Kjenner	Donald Kjenner	
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1961

<u>New Executive</u>	Laverne Wilson	President	
<u>New Member</u>	Gordon Ruthven		

1963

<u>New Members</u>	Walter Mazepa	Lois Sharek	
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1964 to 1967

No change or additions

1968

<u>New Executive</u>	Iryne Buck	President	
	Laverne Wilson	Vice President	
<u>New Members</u>	Frank Bendixen	Pete Lypowy	Eugene Lypowy
Goldie Lypowy	Ella Botting	Marvin Botting	

1969

<u>New Directors</u>	Laverne Wilson	Eugene Lypowy	Vernon Sharkey
<u>New Members</u>	Lloyd McEwen	Steve Kuziw	Sheila Lorensen
Leonard Sawak			

1970

<u>New Executive</u>	Steve Kuziw	President	
<u>New Directors</u>	Lois Sharek	Marg Nelson	Eugene Lypowy

1971

<u>New Executive</u>	Eleanor Bendixen	Secretary	
<u>New Members</u>	Tina Lypowy	Phyllis Bristow	Mike Nychyporuk
Lena Kuziw	Walter Kuziw	Joyce Nychyporuk	

1972

<u>New Executive</u>	Donald Kjenner	President	
	Laverne Wilson	Vice President	
<u>New Directors</u>	Steve Kuziw	Mike Buck	Floyd Bendixen
<u>New Members</u>	Bob Hendriks	Shirley Hendriks	Bertha Bazian
Frank Bendixen	Russell Bazian		

1974

<u>New Executive</u>	Iver Bosvik	Vice President	
<u>New Members</u>	Margrite Bosvik	Iver Bosvik	George Bendixen
Gail Bendixen			

1975

<u>New Executive</u>	Mike Nychyporuk	Vice President	
	Eleanor Bendixen	Secretary	
<u>New Members</u>	George Band	Marguerite Band	

1976

<u>New Member</u>	Dorothy Nelson		
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1977

<u>New Members</u>	Grace Meger	Alvin Meger	Noreen Rainboth
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1978, 1979 & 1980

No change or additions

1981

<u>New Executive</u>	Bob Hendriks	President	
	Ella Botting	Vice President	
	Doris Wilson	Secretary	
<u>New Members</u>	Henry Labiuk	Joe Sullivan	Debbie Sullivan
Sherry Young	Lorne Young	Ian McGilvery	Kathey McGilvery
Leo Rainboth	Phyllis Labiuk	Rocky Sharkey	Doris Wilson
Joanne Sharkey	Walter Skolarchuk	Helen Skolarchuk	Jim Robertson
Joe Sullivan	Debbie Sullivan		

1982

<u>New Executive</u>	Eugene Lypowy	Vice President	
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1983

<u>New Executive</u>	Lorne Young	Vice President	
<u>New Members</u>	Wesley Neumiere	Ben Womacks	

1984

<u>New Executive</u>	Lorne Young	President starting October	
	Alvin Meger	Vice President	
<u>New Members</u>	Siri Thir/Lorenson	Don Lorenson	Alma Bettcher
Ken Bettcher	Alma Twarog	Johnny Twarog	Jack White
Ray Gibson	Molly Steele	Ken Steele	Bob Smith
Terry Best	Lori Best		

1985

<u>New Executive</u>	Joyce Nychporuk	Secretary	
	Doris Wilson	Treasurer	
<u>New Members</u>	Erling Pynnten	Connie Thomson	Charlie Thomson

1986 & 1987

No change or additions

1988

<u>New Executive</u>	Alice Gregor	Secretary	
<u>New Members</u>	Jeff Bishop	Sandy Bishop	Olga Sharkey
Lawrence Sharkey			

1989

<u>New Members</u>	Cathy Botting	Dale Botting	Lorna Best
Percy Best	Doug Duguid	Mim McCollum	Lyle Womacks
Lyndelle Womacks			

1990**New Executive**

Geoff Bishop	Vice President
Alvin Meger	Treasurer
Kirsten Vinge	Sheila McGillis

New Members

Judy Jenner

Lloyd Jenner

1991**New Executive**

Rocky Sharkey	President
Donald Kjenner	Vice President
Ron Jeffrey	Dorothy Jeffrey
Henry Botting	Roxie Botting

New MembersGary Fairbairn
Leona PetersSusan Fairbairn
Rick Peters**1992**

No change or addition

1993**New Executive**

Susan Fairbairn	Secretary
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New Director

Gary Fairbairn

1994**New Director**

Babe Sharkey

1995**New Executive**

Colleen Sharkey	Secretary
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New Director

Bob Hendriks

New Members

Allan MacDonald Josephine MacDonald

1996**New Executive**

Alvin Meger	Secretary/Treasurer
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New Director

Henry Botting

New Members

Roy Scott Marje Scott Parrish Tung

1997**New Executive**

Charlie Thomson	President
Rocky Sharkey	Vice President

New Director

Allan MacDonald

1998**New Executive**

Marje Scott	Vice President
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New Director

Babe Sharkey

New Member

Harvey Lingrell

1999**New Director**

Roy Scott

New Members

Brian Bailey Brenda Porter Bill Porter

2000**New Director**

Gary Fairbairn

2001

<u>New Executive</u>	Rocky Sharkey	President	
<u>New Director</u>	Lloyd Jenner		
<u>New Members</u>	Shirley Kvill	Arnold Kvill	

2002

<u>New Director</u>	Babe Sharkey		
<u>New Members</u>	Jennifer Driemel	Elaine Efford	Ray Efford
Marilyn Bosvik	Dean Bosvik	Lane Scott	

2003

<u>New Executive</u>	Marje Scott	President	
	Susan Fairbairn	Vice President	
<u>New Director</u>	Roy Scott		

2004

<u>New Director</u>	Gary Fairbairn		
<u>New Members</u>	Rubyann Kittlitz	Lavern Kittlitz	

2005

<u>New Executive</u>	Marilyn Bosvik	President	
<u>New Director</u>	Lloyd Jenner		

2006

<u>New Director</u>	Vernon Sharkey		
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2007

<u>New Executive</u>	Marje Scott	President	
	Alvin Meger	Treasurer	
	Marilyn Bosvik	Secretary	
<u>New Director</u>	Grace Meger		

2008

<u>New Director</u>	Gary Fairbairn		
<u>New Members</u>	Lorraine Carter	Gary Carter	

2009

<u>New Director</u>	Lavern Kittlitz		
<u>New Executive</u>	Lorraine Carter	Secretary	
<u>New Members</u>	Gayle Gagne	Roger Gagne	Leona Durocher

HEINSBURG COMMUNITY CLUB MEMBERSHIP 2009

Bosvik Dean	Heinsburg AB
Bosvik Marilyn	Heinsburg AB
Carter Lorraine	Lindbergh AB
Carter Gary	Lindbergh AB
Durocher Leona	Elk Point AB
Fairbairn Gary	Elk Point AB
Fairbairn Susan	Elk Point AB
Gagne Gail	Heinsburg AB
Gagne Roger	Heinsburg AB
Gregor Alice	Heinsburg AB
Hendriks Bob	Heinsburg AB
Hendriks Shirley	Heinsburg AB
Kjenner Donald	Heinsburg AB
Kjenner Della	Heinsburg AB
Kittlitz Lavern	Lindbergh AB
Kittlitz Ruby Ann	Lindbergh AB
Kvill Arnold	Heinsburg AB
Kvill Shirley	Heinsburg AB
Macdonald Alan	Heinsburg AB
Meger Alvin	Heinsburg AB
Meger Grace	Heinsburg AB
Porter Bill	Lindbergh AB
Porter Brenda	Lindbergh AB
Sharkey Rock	Heinsburg AB
Sharkey Joanne	Heinsburg AB
Sharkey Colleen	Heinsburg AB
Sharkey Vernon	Heinsburg AB
Sharkey Aaron	Heinsburg AB
Sharkey Dustin	Heinsburg AB
Scott Roy	Heinsburg AB
Scott Marje	Heinsburg AB
Scott Lane	Heinsburg AB
Tracey Betty	Derwent AB
Thomson Connie	Heinsburg AB
Tung Parrish	Elk Point AB
Wiese Bill	Derwent AB
Wilson Laverne	Elk Point AB
Young Lorne	Elk Point AB

HISTORY IS HISTORY

We often say "History is History" even if it's 55 years, or one minute ago. We also know we need people to make history. People are moving beings and time keeps moving. The passage of time marks each moment we live. The following people play a part in our recent history.

Bosvik, Dean & Marilyn

A very energetic and helpful couple, Dean with his ability to fix anything he put his hands on and Marilyn with her sense of dedication to the health and wellness of our facility and the public. They are fun to work with and greatly appreciated.

Carter, Lorraine & Gary

Although new to the club, they are making an impact, with Lorraine as secretary and Gary displaying patience while she's busy with all the typing needed for this book.

Durocher, Leona

A Fishing Lake resident who has become an active member of the club, she especially enjoys working at our jamborees. We are pleased to have her on board.

Fairbairn, Gary & Susan

We benefitted when they joined us. They brought their energy, quick wit and willingness to support projects such as snowmobile rallies, suppers etc. and help with maintenance.

Gagne, Roger & Gayle

New members.

Gregor, Alice

See 50th Anniversary chapter.

Hendriks, Bob & Shirley

Bob is our historical buff, and Shirley brings her keen eye to see the whole aspect of an undertaking. She well remembers the old times when we washed dishes with no end in sight, with no running water.

Kjenner, Donald & Della

We can count on them for anything because of their long standing relationship with the club. Donald has manned the door for countless dances and events. Della has made countless delicious desserts, (especially her blueberry delight).

Kittlitz, Lavern & Rubyann

The entire hall shows the handy work of Lavern & Rubyann, when grants allowed or construction projects needed leaders, they were there.

Kvill, Arnold & Shirley

Shirley is a natural leader, even though she says "I don't want another job", she usually leads the way. At the hall, Arnold often jokingly says "I do as I'm told".

MacDonald, Allan

Alan works as a cashier during club bingos. His participation is appreciated.

Meger, Alvin & Grace

Alvin is the information guru. If you want to know anything about the hall or the club just ask Alvin. Grace's talent lies in music, she's a singer/song writer and she especially enjoys and promotes jamborees.

Porter, Bill & Brenda

They are a joy to have in the club. Bill's talent for telling jokes makes him a good emcee at the jamboree. He's always ready to help with anything. Brenda lends her artistic flare to the decor. Her nursing expertise is handy to have on the premises.

Scott, Lane

Lane has put his time in helping out at the jamborees as a very entertaining emcee and hopes to help with bingo calling, if time permits.

Scott, Roy & Marje

Marje is our current president. She is very instrumental in advertising. Over the years, because of her participation in many organizations and her wide interest, she has made many connections. She loves to welcome people to Heinsburg. Roy has served on the board of directors and played a big part in the Wagon Treks.

Sharkey, Aaron & Dustin

These two young men are often asked to help with heavy jobs and come willingly.

Sharkey, Rocky & Joanne

Rocky served as a director and as president. He was a very capable bingo caller. Joanne's cooking experience is demonstrated when large meals are served at the hall.

Sharkey, Vernon & Colleen

See the 50th Anniversary chapter.

Tracey, Betty & Wiese, Bill

Betty has very little time to spare, because she's busy running her diner, and she tries to help the club as much as possible.

Thomson, Connie

Although a long time member, it was Connie's late husband Charlie who spent a lot of time at the club. Charlie thrived at meetings, and Connie was content to let him do so. It is a long drive for her but she never misses her turn at the weekly bingos.

Parrish Tung, Laverne Wilson and Lorne Young; All are honorary members, who have moved to Elk Point but maintain a close connection to the club. We can always count on their assistance and good advice.

HALL RENTALS

When the newly formed Heinsburg Community Club took over operations of the Legion Hall, rental rates were as follows:

Political meetings and outside shows	\$10.00
Shows And Dances	20% of door receipts
Trials	\$ 5.00
Local meetings	Free

Local organizations were allowed free use of the hall unless there was financial gain.

The hall was being used for school classes while renovations were being made at the central school.

In 1962, hall fees for the new hall were:

Local clubs	\$10.00
Outsiders	\$15.00

In 1970, rates charged to local clubs and members \$10.00 and non-members \$25.00. Then in 1971, rent was on a percentage basis, 70% to the renter and 30% for the Club. In 1974 rent for local clubs was \$25.00 for the entire hall or any portion thereof. In 1975 rent was raised to \$75.00 for non-members and outside renters. In 1977 rent for local clubs was raised to \$35.00.

1980 rental rates were:

Non-members	\$100.00
Members	\$ 50.00
Funerals non-members	\$ 20.00
Funerals members	no charge

1982 rental rates were set at:

Non-members	\$130.00
Members	\$ 50.00
Local clubs	\$ 80.00

New rates for hall in 1984:

Outsiders	Hall only	\$140.00
	Hall & Kitchen	\$175.00
	Hall, kitchen & bar	\$200.00
	Pop Machine	\$16.00 per canister of pop
	Damage deposit	\$100.00

Local clubs	\$ 80.00
Members	\$ 50.00

In 1986, it was decided that the new Seniors Centre be available to senior members and community club members free of charge. Damage deposit on main hall was raised to \$200.00.

The Heinsburg School was using the hall again while renovations were made at the central school.

In 1989 it was moved that the kitchen not be rented to non-members.

1990 hall rents increased:

Non-members	\$300.00
Members	\$75.00
Local groups	\$150.00
School	\$100.00

Members must be members for 1 year to qualify for member rates.

AGT rented hall for open house presentation.

In 1992 Pan Canadian rented the hall for a community information meeting re: development in the oil patch.

Funeral rate for non-members was raised to \$150.00 in 1993.

Hall rentals in 1994 were: Graduation June 3, Womacks Anniversary June 11, Bristow Wedding Dance July 22 and Nelson 50th Anniversary July 30.

Hall was booked for 2 weddings in 1995.

Pan Canadian rented the hall for an information meeting November 16, 1995.

Hall was booked May 25, 1996 for M. Botting Anniversary, May 31 Graduation, June 22 School Homecoming, June 29 Best Wedding, August 17 Thomson Wedding, September 7 Scott/ Robinson Wedding, October 12 Dance, November 8 Fall Supper, and December 6 Christmas Party.

All candidates forum held for provincial election in 1997. Thomson 25th anniversary held July 5, 1997.

Hall bookings for 1998: Gregor Reunion August 1, 2 & 3, Ed Bochon's son's Wedding June 20.

Motion passed in 1999 to allow Seniors Club to use the main hall on fun days.

Two weddings booked for 2000, Melissa Krider August 5, Denise Bendixen August 12. Motion passed to allow Midwest Tourism use of the hall free of charge for Travel Alberta workshop.

In 2001, a Reach Seminar was held in the hall May 8, Graduation June 2, Scott reunion July 6th, 7th and 8th, Midwest Rodeo dance August 11, and Midwest Tourism Group held a workshop in the hall October 13. All candidates forum held October 2 prior to County elections October 15, 2001.

Alma Twarog's funeral held January 8, 2002.

Vernon & Colleen Sharkey's 50th anniversary celebrated in the hall May 25, 2002.

Grace & Alvin Meger's 50th anniversary celebrated in the hall August 16, 2003.

Riverland Recreational Trail Society rented hall for Cowboy Poetry Gathering July 4, 5 & 6 2003.

Cowboy Poetry Gathering sponsored by Riverland Recreational Society held July 3, 4 & 5, 2004.

Hall rent for use by the Heinsburg School was raised to \$250.00 from \$175.00 in 2005. Ron Jeffrey's funeral held May 21, 2005.

80th Birthday Party held for Roy Scott July 2, 2006. Hall rented by Frog Lake Parish Committee December 31, for New Years Eve dance.

Hall rented by the Frog Lake Parish Committee for a dance on February 17, 2007. Eva Clack's funeral held February 9, 2007. Olga Seniuk rented hall on February 24, 2007 for her husband's 80th Birthday Party 3:00-7:00 p.m. There was no charge for rent but a donation of \$200.00 was accepted in lieu of rent. Della & Donald Kjenner's 50th anniversary held in hall June 29, 2007. Elmer Bristow funeral held in hall September 2007.

Hall rental change-

\$375.00 for day of the event

\$100.00 for setting up the hall the day before

\$100.00 to remove decorations and belongings the following day

Since 2007, persons or groups renting the hall must have their own liability insurance coverage when the general public will be attending. This is especially so if a liquor license is present. No keys will be let out until proof of insurance is provided.

Annie & Merle George 50th anniversary June 29, 2008 held in the hall. Tricia Keast wedding held August 2, 2008 and December 19, 2008, a birthday party for Stacey Booth.

The Stacey Laboucane wedding held on May 2, 2009, May 9, 2009 Ervin & Marie Quinney's 30th anniversary, August 29, 2009 Heinsburg Club 50th anniversary, September 19, 2009 the Cody Cross wedding, October 3, 2009 a birthday party for Doris Pynnten and on October 26th the County Reeve plebiscite.

On July 17, 2010 will be the Meiklejohn/Stubs wedding, Heinsburg School Reunion booked for July 31, August 1 & 2, 2010 and on August 7, 2010 the Amber Krider wedding.

Submitted by Alvin Meger

A SENIOR'S FOUR-PLEX FOR HEINSBURG

In the late 1970s or early 1980s, government grants were made available to construct accommodation for seniors in the area similar to suites currently in use in Dewberry. The Heinsburg Community Club struck a small committee to look into this matter and the president at that time, Robert Hendriks, conducted a senior's survey to see how many would be interested in renting suites in such a facility, concluding there were enough interested seniors then and in the near future to make it a viable project. A grant application was submitted and in due time, studied by the government review board but they turned down the Heinsburg proposal with little explanation given. A year or so later, a second application was made and this was turned down as well but this time with the following reasons: there was not enough demand, there were no water or sewer services, it had inadequate shopping and there was no nearby access to medical services. In retrospect, it was a fair although disappointing decision for Heinsburg, but with Elk Point being reasonably close and with adequate services, it received the funding and before long, two comfortable complexes were built. Seniors from the Heinsburg area were eligible to apply and several took advantage of the suites in Elk Point then and continue to do so to this day.

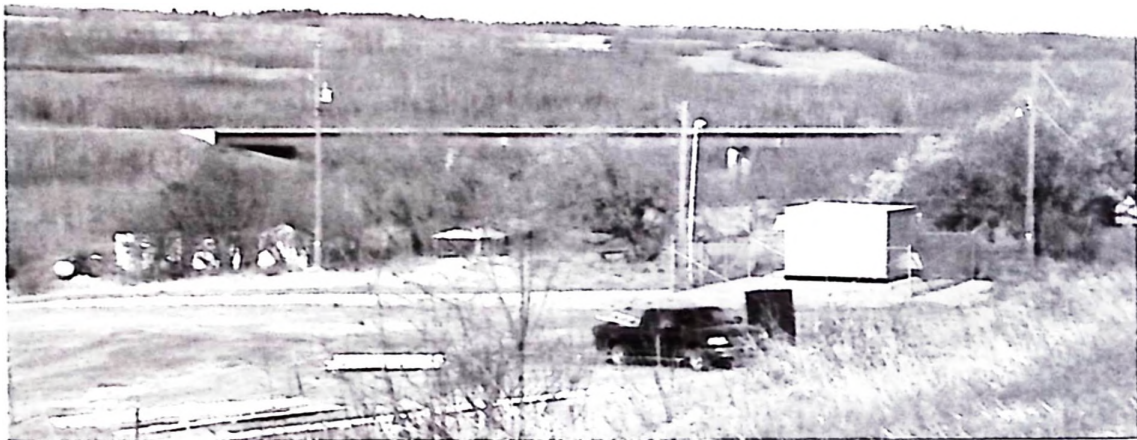
Submitted by Robert Hendriks

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

From the very beginning, the Heinsburg Community Club made it a practice to be involved in community affairs. They were concerned with school growth, local politics and welfare of the town's citizens. Many other clubs in the area were very willing to let them lead, or take over, and being the longest active club left, they are still at the helm.

Large events in the Heinsburg area have been plentiful throughout the club history.

In 1963 a brand new bridge spanned the banks of the North Saskatchewan River, just up from the old ferry landing. When something this exciting happened, we needed a party. Well, who was the first to step up to the task...of course the Heinsburg Community Club.



We needed dignitaries, activities, a parade and lots of food. Now, there are no records of this event in the minutes, but a large number of people got fed that day. A big parade assembled on the south side of the new bridge, parading back towards the town and winding through the streets.

When the speeches were finished, everyone got treated to a barbeque of beef on a bun and lots of refreshments. I'm sure many non-members pitched in and made the event a success, but all in all we had a grand "BRIDGE OPENING".

One rather large undertaking, that the club spearheaded, was the Heinsburg 50th Anniversary in 1978. Since it was such a large event more workers were needed. This turned out to be one affair that became a "Real Community" event.

A meeting of all the clubs: Frog Lake, Martin Club, The Ball Club, the Curling Club and a Home & School Association were active at that time. These groups and the Heinsburg Community Club pulled together and each threw in \$100.00 to have a "kitty" to get this big celebration off the ground.



Parade Rider – Grace Meger

The parade mustered down at the community school and entries came from all over the surrounding communities.



We had floats, riders, walkers, clowns and senior & teenage queens. Bertha Botting was the senior queen and Lana Nychporuk, from the school, was the teenage queen. Votes were by ticket sales for each category with three or four individuals running for the positions.

This was a fun day for Bertha, because Ernie Ford, CKSA's TV host was there to interview the people home for the day. With so many people returning for the Homecoming as guests or with the parade the amount of food needed was vast. Most members remember how full the hall was for the evening dance. There was standing room only and it was very hot. The next morning a pancake breakfast was served from 9:00 a.m. until noon, with approximately 600 people entering through one door and exiting



out another, with a plate of flapjacks, eggs and sausages covered with syrup. Della Kjenner remembers a lot of syrup ending up on the floor, making for a sticky situation. After everything was cleaned up and back to normal, all the clubs involved, came out money ahead, and everyone was happy and satisfied that a good time was had by all.

For a few years, the Family Day Holiday was a big event, with bonfires, wiener roasts, games, tobogganing and a very special sleigh ride provided by Ronnie Lorenson.

A 75th anniversary for the town was hosted by the club on August 23, 2003. This anniversary was nowhere near the magnitude the 50th was, but it was still very profitable for the club.



In 2004, we put on a small band festival, with two stages side by side. One band would entertain as the other set up, providing an ongoing variety of music for the entire day. The small bands were just that, made up of local musicians and jamboreers from the circuit. The whole event was well

received by the public and the band members. Also it was profitable for the club and might have grown into an annual event, but the membership decided it was too much work, so it became a onetime thing.

Submitted by Grace Meger

SMALL BAND FESTIVAL AND COUNTRY FAIR
AT
HEINSBURG ALBERTA
JUNE 5, 2004

JOIN US AT THE WATER TOWER CAMPSITE FOR AN AFTERNOON OF HOMETOWN MUSIC PROVIDED BY SMALL BANDS FROM THE SURROUNDING AREAS

ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE CONTINUOUS ALTERNATING BETWEEN TWO STAGES FROM 12:00 NOON TO 6:00 P.M.

BEER GARDEN AND CONCESSION ON THE GROUNDS

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BEAN BAG GAMES, HORSE SHOES, KIDS RACES, CRAFT TABLES, ETC.

SUPPER IN THE HALL BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.
\$6.00 PER PLATE

DANCE IN THE HALL STARTING AT 8:00 P.M.

50/50S ALL DAY, FREE CAMPING ON SITE

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS

SPREAD THE WORD

CLUB BINGOS 1981 to 2009

Bingo was starting up all over the country, as a means of income for schools, halls and even church groups, so why not the Heinsburg Community Club?

A motion was made to hold an occasional bingo to raise money. A few turkey bingos, some pie bingos, and a cash bingo were tried.

It was not until 1981 that a license was obtained, then, every Wednesday night, a group of 9 or 10 members plus a willing caller spent their evening watching the faithful bingo players support our club. This became a very good source of income for our club, a steady cash flow for many years. The Bingo revenue made it easy to keep the hall maintained and the bank account at a comfortable level.

Callers were not hard to come by in the early years. Willing and able were Steve Kuziw, Laverne Wilson, Lorne Young, Grace Meger, Rocky Sharkey, Gary Fairbairn, Bob Hendriks, Charlie Thomson, Brian Bailey, Arnold Kvill, and our latest, Lavern Kittlitz. Three of our callers passed away during their bingo calling years: Steve, Charlie and Brian.

Bingo formats took on many changes throughout the years. We had from one line to blackouts, to X's and stamps, sevens and many others. Players used single cards that were not to be defaced, marked only with beans, pennies or bingo chips and these would often get scattered across the table. The newer method uses dabbers which totally ink up the whole three up strip.

Equipment has also made bingo night a lot different. As the years went on everything was upgraded. It started out with a little cage that let the balls one at a time. It progressed to a blower type to the present console that is computerized and shows everyone the ball on TV. It verifies the winning card on the screen; also it counts the numbers showing the pattern to be completed on a big board hanging on the wall. Jackpots varied as time went on with the Lucky Sevens going up to over \$2,000.00 and down to our low payouts of today.

Rules, Rules, Rules! So many rules over time, from the doors being open to anyone, resulting in the members turning into baby sitters for the evening, to the present provincial law, that no one under the age of 18 is allowed inside the hall when bingo is on.

The duration of the bingo license was also a variable decision. Some thought to go the whole year, while others suggested a break from the end of June to the first Wednesday in October. Recently, an eight month stretch has been working, giving the two groups of workers a four month rest.

After the NO SMOKING law came into effect in 2008, there was a drastic decline in players. Just before Christmas 2008, it was thought that we might have to close down. The discussion was that it would be very hard on the hall to not be used regularly, however the attendance picked up enough to carry on. So as of May

2009, we are valiantly continuing to provide the surrounding area with a place to enjoy an evening of bingo...

Submitted by Grace Meger

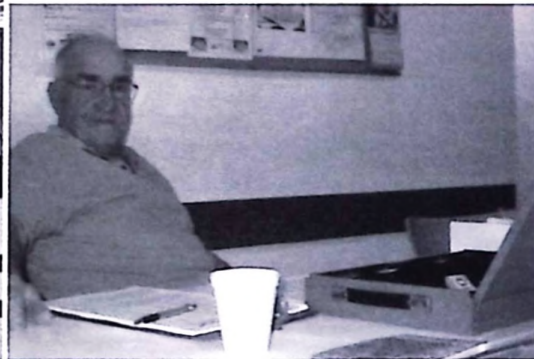
Fall 2009 - Bingo Committee 1



Cashier – Gary Fairbairn



Caller – Grace Meger



Pay Master – Alvin Meger



Concession – Shirley and Arnold Kvill

Fall 2009 - Bingo Committee 2



Pay Master – Marje Scott



Cashier – Al MacDonald



Bingo Caller – Lane Scott



Concession – Colleen & Babe Sharkey



Lavern & Rubyann Kittlitz missing from group picture



Dean & Marilyn Bosvik-on leave of absence

THE BOOTH

The booth has generated healthy dollars to the general account. Over the years, on bingo nights, the occasional auction sale, craft sales, some Club events and a few times at the Whitney Lake Rodeo, money made by the booth helped to boost revenue.

For a long time, the members of the Senior Centre supplied a light menu of sandwiches and cake at the bingos for the hungry players. Later, the Community Club took it over, and added an expanded menu of hotdogs, hamburgers and a wider variety of sweets and other goodies. Popcorn has always been a favourite at the bingos. All in all, the booth has always been well received.

Submitted by Grace Meger

SNOWMOBILE RALLIES

In 1982 the Community Club held its first Snowmobile Rally. This was a successful venture so rallies were held again in 1983 and 1984 when 118 machines participated.



1982 Rally

For the remainder of the 80s the club pursued other avenues as a means of fundraising.

In 1991 the Club decided to once again enter into the increasingly popular world of snowmobile rallies after a six year absence.

As with any new venture there are many decisions to be made; date, prizes, cost per participant, supper, dance and are there enough of us to work an event of this type?

Once there was any sign of snow on the ground the thoughts of where the trail should go was being discussed. As soon as there was enough snow, the snowmobilers were out riding to see if what they had thought was really workable. The majority of these outings turned into a great day of fun and adventure with a group of friends. Many winter days were filled taking these little rides before the actual scouting of the trail to be used for the Rally took place.

The scouting of the trail to be used for the rally involved a crew of quite a few people. There were always obstacles to be dealt with (trees to be moved, etc.) or



FOUR ACES — Made a winning hand for Fred Hall of Lloydminster. Fred Berg accepts Hall's trophy, donated by Mike's M & M Store from Danny Nychyporuk (left).



118 participate in Heinsburg snow rally

By VICKI BROOKER

A total of 118 snowmobiles covered a 20-mile circuit and visited five stops last Saturday, as Heinsburg Community Club held their third annual snowmobile pull rally. The weather man provided a fresh and fleecy coat of snow and a mild, sunny afternoon for the Feb. 11 event.

The Mike's M & M trophy and a \$200 purse went to Fred Hall of Lloydminster, who collected a mittful of four Aces along his way. Hall noted that he plans to donate \$100 of his prize money to a friend who was injured in a snowmobile accident during the past week. Hall's prize was accepted from Danny Nychyporuk by Fred Berg.

The Skalaruchuk Auction Service trophy for second place went to Allan Tuleck of Myraan, along with a \$100 cash purse. Tuleck collected four

sevens to win the prize, presented by Walter Skalaruchuk.

Agent John Lypoway presented the Alberta Hall and Crop Insurance trophy and \$100 in cash to third place winner William Crocker of Vermilion, whose hand contained four deuces.

A unique feature of the Heinsburg rally is that no prizes or prize money is retained. All the cash prizes come from the entry fees. However, a surprise donation gave the club a very nice door prize for the event. A large mirror, courtesy of Crystal Glass, Lloydminster, was won by Gordon Hancock, in a draw from all the participants' names.

Appetites sharpened by an afternoon in the fresh air were treated to a tasty chicken dinner and the day finished up with an evening of dancing.

perhaps a bit of re-routing to be done. The men involved had to pay close attention to anything which may cause problems for the snowmobilers and make a mental note so that these concerns could be addressed and if any needed, be clearly marked. Every year created new challenges. To determine the actual trail involved many outings from Heinsburg to Garnier Lake and back by this dedicated group (did I mention that this group also really enjoyed snowmobiling?).

Once the trail was mapped out many other gears were set in motion. The landowners were contacted to see if they would give permission to our club to cross their land, if we were to host a rally on a specific date. As a small token of appreciation all landowners were extended an invitation for supper the night of the rally.

The club chose the 2nd Saturday of February, to be the date for our rally as it did not interfere with any other rallies in our area.

The behind the scene planning begins with meetings held to decide:

- rules for our rally
- prizes
- door prizes (who will canvas businesses?)
- supper – what to feed this hungry group of people (numbers unknown makes planning very difficult)
- book a band for the dance (if one is to be held)
- how to do registration (we have to keep track of these riders from the time they leave the hall until they return safely). Waivers required
- how to record numbers drawn at each check-stop (5 required) so we can determine the winners
- where will the check-stops be located:

1st check-stop – Hall – where friendly faces would welcome you to our rally

2nd check-stop – Fritz Younghan's Shop – where hot coffee, donuts, visiting and the second part of your hand.

3rd check-stop – Garnier Lake – Mid-trail lunch – Hot dogs right off the grill, coffee, a bonfire to warm yourself, tall tales of the first half of the ride, a chance to rest and the third part of your hand.



4th check-stop – Jackpines – a roaring bonfire to sit and enjoy, campfire coffee, the fourth part of your hand and the reminder that you need to be back into the hall by 5:30 p.m. You are on the final leg of the ride.

5th check-stop – Hall – where the fifth part of your hand is drawn and you can see if you have any chance of winning the major prize.

For a few days preceding the rally, there was a steady stream of things to be done:

- fire rings and wood had to be hauled to Garnier Lake and the Jackpines
- had mother nature cooperated with snow and if so did Garnier Lake need to be ploughed to accommodate the workers' vehicles as well as room for the machines to stop and enjoy mid-trail lunch?
- had door prizes been collected?
- had all necessary road crossing, parking signs been made and were ready to go on Saturday morning?
- had all necessary supplies been ordered and whom was picking up on Friday?
- was all the necessary paperwork ready to go: registration, waiver and check-stops forms?
- and finally the BIG question – did we have enough people committed to work the event?!!!

The day before the rally, Friday, was the beginning of a very long week-end for the volunteers. The group that was in charge of making the trail left Heinsburg in the morning to ride and mark the route to Garnier Lake. They had to ensure that all check-stops were clearly visible, any obstacles that may cause harm or damage were flagged so that snowmobilers were aware of these, move or clear any trees that may have come down in recent days. They did their utmost to make this route as safe as possible for all to ride and enjoy. Some of these days when the trail was

being marked were not fun days. Extreme cold and terrible weather conditions had to be overcome. They carried on and just hoped that tomorrow would be better and the snowmobilers would come to Heinsburg.

Friday afternoon and evening saw the hall a very busy place. Prep work being done:

- in the kitchen
- the hall being set up for registration
- the check-stop groups picking up their paperwork and designated items to be drawn
- the Garnier Lake team picking up and making sure they had all the required supplies for mid-trail lunch
- door prizes being brought in
- the work schedule checked one more time – what did we forget? – are we ready for this??

It's been a long day and time to go home as tomorrow starts extremely early and doesn't end until the wee hours of Sunday.

Good morning Saturday: Temperatures are not too extreme and it appears it is going to be a nice winter day.

It starts at 7:00 a.m. with bales and road signs departing for their designated locations.

At 8:00 a.m. two snowmobilers leave Heinsburg to ride the entire trail to ensure that everything possible has been done so that a safe and enjoyable ride will be had by the crowd we are hoping for.

By 9:00 a.m. the volunteers handling the designated parking areas are seeing vehicles pulling their trailers loaded with machines arriving in Heinsburg. The hall is alive with people. The kitchen has hot coffee ready for all. Check-stop workers drop in just in case they may have forgotten something the night before and then they depart for their destinations. Registration begins – the snowmobilers are anxious to get on the trail. They are advised of the rally rules and are made aware they must be back in the hall by 5:30 p.m. Have a safe ride, enjoy our trail.

It is now 1:00 p.m. and registration is over. Take a deep breath, sit down and relax – analyze the situation. Get yourself ready for the next piece of the puzzle.

It is 2:00 p.m. and two more snowmobilers leave Heinsburg riding drag. They will now ride the entire trail to make certain that no snowmobilers are left out on the trail. We need to know that all who registered have returned to the hall.

About the time the guys riding drag are leaving Heinsburg, the first snowmobilers to depart this morning are arriving back at the hall at check-stop #5. The smells coming from the kitchen are wonderful but it is a long time until supper.

The hall has been transformed since this morning – it is now full of tables and chairs for the snowmobilers to sit back and relax, have a refreshment or two and tell their days adventure.

By 5:00 p.m., the snowmobilers are hungry and restless. You can't even hear yourself think in the hall – almost time to start serving supper and get the crowd settled down some. What a hungry looking crew – sure hope we have prepared enough food.

By 6:00 p.m. the food line is flowing smoothly along. Lots have their plates heaped with food and are sitting back down enjoying supper. Now to help keep them amused door prizes are handed out.

At 7:00 p.m. the winners of the major prizes have been declared and the prizes are awarded. We have some very happy people. Others have had a great day, but no major prize. Others not so good, machines have broken down and been hauled back in.

In the early days of our rallies, we held a dance in conjunction with this event, but as the years passed we could no longer keep up with this pace. From 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning until 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning got to be more than our bodies could handle. All a person could think about was tomorrow and the clean up that lay ahead of us.

Sunday was another day and again, the trail had to be ridden to clean up anything that pertained to the rally the day before. Others were out in vehicles picking up the bales and road crossing signs. Others were at the hall restoring it to its normal self. By Monday, the only sign remaining would be a pounded down trail where the snowmobiles had gone.

Each year the prizes needed to be bigger to keep pace with the other rallies in the surrounding communities. In 1993, 1st prize was a new snowmobile, but mother-nature did not cooperate and due to poor snow conditions we had to hold the machine for a year and it was given away in 1994.

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HEINSBURG SNOWMOBILE RALLY attracted 371 machines and a total of 442 participants last Saturday. Leo Whylyuk (not shown) collected the highest score of 441, while Laura Barboel (front left) had the lowest total of 111. Numbers were drawn to determine the major prize winners. Alice Gregor (right) presents the first place trophy in memory of the late Rudolph Gregor to \$1000 winner Arnold Kvill of St. Paul. Other winners were (right to left) Don Kent, \$500 and Heinsburg Esso trophy; Reb Heathcote, \$250 and Sharky's Bus Lines trophy; Murray Molinewa (accepting for father Frank) \$150 and Woody's Trophies and Gifts trophy; Shamaa Martin (seated) \$100. Participants also collected door prizes from 69 donors.

1997 saw the biggest rally of the club, when 435 machines came rolling into Heinsburg. The sight from the step at the hall was just about more than a person's eyes could believe. All you saw was big fancy trucks pulling trailers loaded with sleds. Life is good, these are the good times. Would our small, quiet town ever be the same!!

Again, in 1998 we had to cancel due to the lack of snow. Each time we had to cancel, this impacted the club immensely. No rally, then we had to try and come up with another event to help replenish our funds.

Our final rally was held in 1999. Each year it was becoming more difficult to host this event. The popularity of snowmobiling had led to many lawsuits and the

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review SPORTS this week



A THOUSAND DOLLARS RICHER -- Bart and Logan Coch are \$1000 richer as the big winners of the Heinsburg Snowmobile Rally, taking home first prize and the Gregor Family trophy from the February 13 event.

Lots of snow this year for annual Heinsburg Snowmobile Rally



GARRY KJENNER took home the \$500 second prize and the Heinsburg Tempo trophy.

Last year's cancellation due to the lack of snow was just a dim memory last weekend when Heinsburg hosted a total of 329 snowmobiles and 270 riders at their annual Snowmobile Rally.

The weatherman cooperated with a beautifully warm and sunny day, perfect for enjoying the lengthy ride starting at Heinsburg's picturesque water tower and heading up to Little Garner Lake, where participants were treated to a hot dog lunch and back along the Iron Horse Trail.

The rally ended with a

beautiful noon beef supper at Heinsburg Community Hall and draws for a huge array of prizes contributed by businesses throughout the area. Everything from a propane barbecue to hot laps, from snowmobile oil to pizza gift certificates went home with the lucky snowmobilers.

February 13 was an especially lucky day for the six rally participants whose names were drawn for the major cash prizes. Bart and Logan Coch accepted first prize of \$1000 along with the Gregor Family trophy, while Garry Kjenner was

score of 91 points, and J. Gunderson, with the highest total of 452 points, won \$100 cash each.

Numbers were drawn to determine the four major winners, with those whose totals matched then drawing an additional number to break the ties which occurred in every case.

Lee Zahar of Smoky Lake took home the Gregor Family trophy and \$1000 cash first prize, while Randy Ballas of Elk Point won the Heinsburg Esso trophy and \$500 for second place. Huguette Coulombe of Bonnyville was third for the Sharkey's Bus Service trophy and \$250, and Rodney Pacholek of Elk Point took

1/30 - 4th Prize



DIG WINNER -- Lee Zahar accepted the Gregor Family trophy, in memory of Rudolf Gregor, from Alice Gregor.

The Sports Page

February 8/97

Heinsburg rally biggest ever

media attention to this had landowners no longer willing to give permission for us to cross their land (they did not want to be sued)!

Each year saw new problems to overcome and we had our share.

In the early years, alcohol and sledding was a major concern. Luckily, we did not encounter any serious mishaps. We invited the R.C.M.P. to ride our rally. Their presence in our hall and town really helped to keep things under control.

To host an event of this type took far more than the Heinsburg Community Club Members - it took the entire community to make this such a successful event. Many days were spent in the planning and execution of the rally. There are good memories and some not so good. It brought people together and a lot of friendships were founded and remain to this day.

We thank all those people, and you know who you are, who helped us tirelessly, year after year. This event became the club's major fundraiser, the 1990s were extremely good to us, and thus enabled us to be able to maintain and keep our hall as an important and vital part of this community.

Submitted by Susan Fairbairn



SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE HEINSBURG COMMUNITY CLUB

Many events ran by the club ended the day with a dance, some, a dine & dance. That brought many types of bands to our hall, from the old stand bys, the Heinsburg Old Timers, to some very expensive, loud and in demand bands. To list a few: Buck Swan, Melody Ranchers, Lumber Jacks, Midnight Ramblers, The Bounce, Fast Trax, Gold Dust, Night Train, Grant West Band, Wanted, Hi-Way 28, Moose Mountain, Country Colors, Michaels Brothers, Rogers Brothers, Patrick James, Jade(a second generation of the Horton Band), Latigo, Ransome and probably many more we've lost track of.

1967



Heinsburg Old Timers – 1967

Harry Jenner – drums

Ed Smuk – accordion

Leonard Sawak – guitar

Vernon "Babe" Sharkey - violin

With the old timers playing a lot of the time, the club was not used to paying the high prices for bands, but as it turned out, we needed to bring in the music that drew a crowd. For many years that was the way to make money. But all things change, and so did the prices ranging from \$800.00 up to \$1,800.00, and on New Year's Eve these were doubled. It soon became a losing battle. When admission tickets were raised to cover the cost, people weren't happy. Also the bar had to raise their prices, thus more complaints. As these events faded out, a new fad was fast taking over "THE JAMBOREES".

Prior to 1996, Laverne Wilson informed the club of an evening of music, (with performers such as amateur fiddlers, singers or instrumentalists) that was starting to take hold in communities everywhere. A \$3.00 admission provided an evening of dancing, visiting or just sitting and listening to the music, with the option of buying a lunch. Members of Riverhurst, Boscombe, Therien, Eastbourne and others had a good thing going and it soon spread to many halls all around the province including ours.

A sound system is vital to a good jamboree, with most clubs hiring a sound man for the evening, but our club voted to install their own system. It was a good

decision, as it is a quality unit. The first Jamboree in the hall was September 1996 and our \$10,000.00 sound system was installed a year or two later.

A weekend campout at the end of June is the "Jamboree Windup". Again, Heinsburg hosted the 2009 campout and as always it was a huge success. Camping jammers arrived Friday to play music, visit and dance. These people are like extended family, coming together time after time all year.

Submitted by Grace Meger



Prelude of a jamboree – Pick up band 1986, Raymond Hamond, Harry Jenner, Walter Saranchuk, Chester Botting, Doreen Younghans, Albin Nelson, Babe Sharkey.



1984 – 25th Anniversary



Party!!



1984 - 25th Anniversary



Party!!



Fall Supper 1981

JAMBOREES

Since the Heinsburg Community Hall was built, there has always been good music provided for the delight of listeners and dancers.

In the fall of 1996, we began to hold country music jamborees on a regular basis. These jamborees are used as fund raisers for small communities with limited opportunities. About twenty other communities within our region also hold regular jamborees. In a co-operative fashion, representatives of the groups get together in September, usually at Heinsburg, and plot out a workable schedule for the coming year. A very dedicated group of followers acquire copies of this list of events and faithfully follow the volunteer performers from place to place.

Many of the folks who attend the jamborees regularly proclaim that Heinsburg provides the best evening of all. We are one of the few halls that offer a bar service, and a good variety of lunches, excellent sound and dancing conditions.

We follow a simple format: a 7:30 p.m. start time, a lunch-break half way through and we finish by midnight. It keeps us all busy, moving the thirty to forty performers through their turns, making lunch, selling 50-50s and raffle tickets. Someone has to take admission at the door and others tend bar. The emcees keep things on schedule. Folks have a good time and our club makes pretty good money. So they continue!...

Submitted by Marje Scott



Dedicated jammers – l to r – Babe Sharkey, Henry Botting, Grace Meger and Mary Burock

Jamboree Workers for 2008-2009

GROUP 1



Lane Scott – Emcee

Shirley Kvill

Arnold Kvill

Shirley Hendriks

Bob Hendriks

Joanne Sharkey

Rocky Sharkey

Colleen Sharkey

Lorraine Carter

Gary Carter

GROUP 2



Bill Porter – Emcee

Susan Fairbairn

Gary Fairbairn

Brenda Porter

Leona Durocher

Rubyann Kittlitz

Lavern Kittlitz

Della Kjenner

Donald Kjenner

Marilyn Bosvik

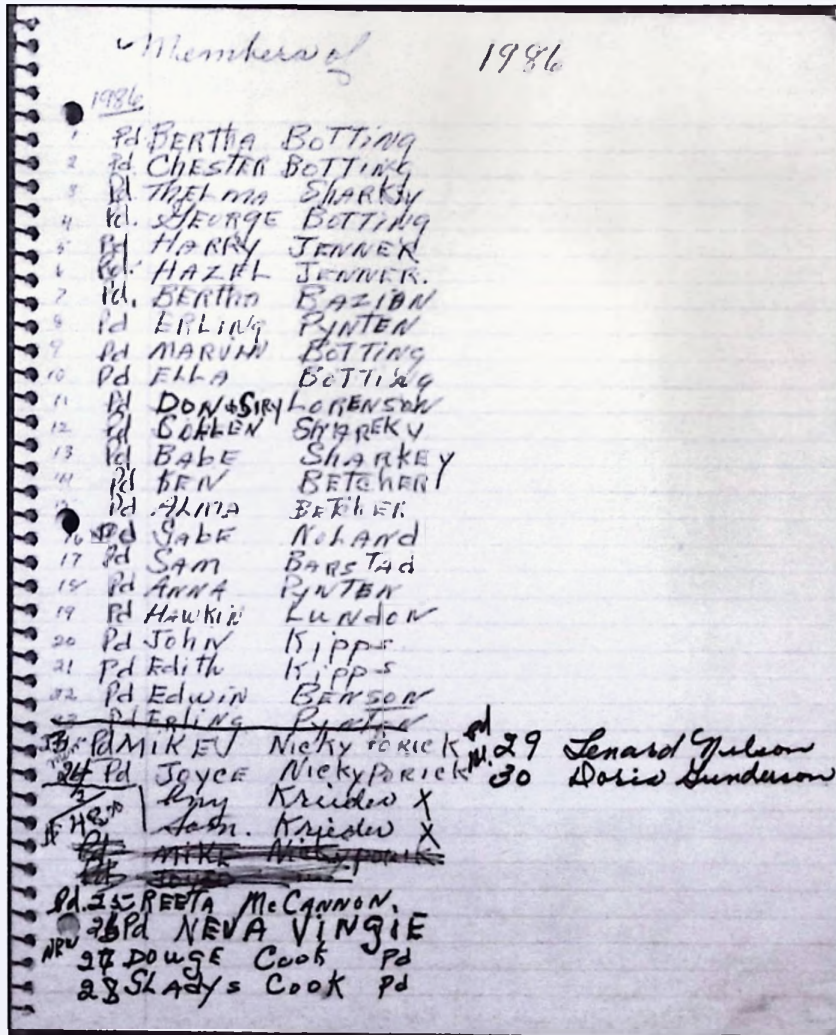
Dean Bosvik

Vernon Sharkey, Marje Scott, Grace Meger and Alvin Meger attend all Jamborees.

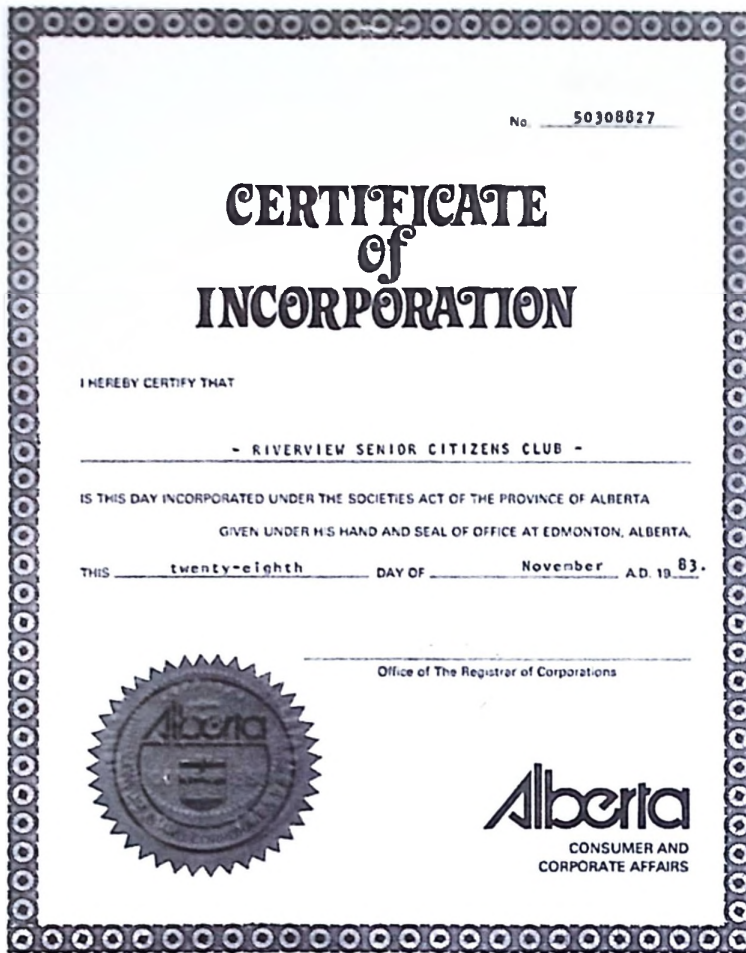
SENIOR WING

A special meeting was scheduled by the community club in 1983 to discuss a senior addition to the hall. Several insightful members pushed to have this wing built. They felt that the seniors in the area deserved a place to gather for recreation and needed a place to hold small social functions such as birthdays, showers, anniversaries, meetings and other special events. The majority of the members were in favour, if the seniors showed willingness to support and help with the project.

A massive membership drive ensued, organized by a few enthused seniors and support was gathered.



Their official name became the Riverview Senior Citizen Club and they became a registered society on November 28, 1983.



In 1984, Harold Illingsworth submitted an estimate of \$25,000.00 to build the wing and was hired.

The newly formed senior club became aware of a New Horizons Grant of up to \$12,000.00 that they could qualify for, as long as they had complete administrative authority over the addition. Also, a \$4,000.00 Senior Citizens Grant was available.

It was decided the wing dimensions be 32 feet by 32 feet, but as construction began the builder advised the directors to consider extending the addition another 12 to 15 feet, stating that this would incur very little cost and would be beneficial in the future. Babe Sharkey, one of the directors, said they agreed with the contractor and went along with the suggestion. The size of the room was increased and hardly anyone noticed as nothing was ever said. From observation, today's seniors certainly enjoy the facility and appreciate having the extra space the increased size affords.

The addendum to the original application which follows clearly explains how the community club financed this project.

Seniors'
Drop-in Center

The Heinsburg Senior Citizens, in joint co-operation with the Heinsburg Community Club, are undertaking the building of a seniors' drop-in center. This center will be added on to the existing hall as a semi-self-contained unit. The proposed center is an activities area for the seniors and proposed activities include: shuffle board, pool tournaments, card games, card bingos, bake sales, and many more. Also, this center will be a focal point where the seniors can hold meetings, and where they will simply come to socialize during their agreed upon operating schedule.

In order to see this proposed center to its completion by the fall of 1984, the Heinsburg Seniors have solicited the financial backing of the local community club.

The club members have agreed to help their seniors construct, furnish, operate and maintain this proposed center in accordance with the following conditions:

- 1) That of the estimated \$25,000.00 construction cost, the seniors' club agrees to fund \$12,000.00 (either through fund raising, grants, or both).
- 2) That the seniors' club agrees to provide approximately \$7,000.00 towards the total estimated cost of _____ to furnish the center with appropriate activities-related furnishings, i.e., pool tables, shuffle boards, card tables, lounge furniture, etc.

- 3) That the seniors agree to lease the center from the Heinsburg Community Club on a permanent basis, i.e., a permanent lease. The terms of the lease will read as follows:
 - a. The Seniors' Club assumes total administrative authority over the center. *
 - b. Any revenues generated from the use of the center go:
 - i) first, towards the operation and maintenance expenses incurred by the center.
 - ii) second, as determined by the seniors.
 - c. If, after a positive effort is made by the seniors to raise funds to cover the O & M costs, there is an operation and maintenance deficit, the Community Club will cover this deficit.
 - d. If the Heinsburg Community Club is encumbered with additional expenses directly resulting from senior-center activities or related activities, then the Seniors' Club will be deemed responsible for these expenses as per section b, article 1 of this lease agreement.

- 4) That the Seniors' Club agrees to sign an operating agreement which:
 - a. Allows Community Club members generous access to the use of this center, provided this access does not interfere with the seniors' planned activities.
 - b. Assures the Heinsburg Community Club of ~~the~~ designated nights per week (as scheduled by the seniors) for Community Club activities.

Included in this operating agreement is the understanding that the above mentioned groups are responsible for:

- a. proper supervision of the facility.
- b. incurred o&m costs.
- c. incurred damages resulting from group activities.

The undersigned authorities of the Heinsburg Senior Citizens' Group and the Heinsburg Community Club, respectively, approve of the above proposal and the terms of the proposed lease contained herein.

[Signature]
 President, Seniors' Club

 [Signature]
 President, Community Club

According to the minutes, things did not run smoothly for a while because there was an issue with control and use of the facility. After some time and several joint meetings things were ironed out.

The seniors gave the community club \$4,000.00 towards payment of the wing. The senior utility was set at \$400.00 annually and was increased at the insistence of the seniors, to \$800.00 annually in 2004 and it remains as the current annual fee.

The senior wing is currently used every Thursday night by the seniors for their regular activities. Two Tuesdays a month are reserved for the Heinsburg Community Club and Heinsburg Senior's meetings. Upon request, at local funerals, it serves as a family room. It is used by the Health Unit for clinics, as well as the federal, provincial and municipal governments, for forums and elections. Businesses have booked it for workshops and meetings. The seniors host card parties, whist drives, pool, shuffleboard, crib tournaments and pancake suppers. The room is available for small private social gatherings as well. It is a very functional, reasonably priced facility and is well utilized.

The seniors' acknowledge that the Heinsburg Community Club has been and continues to be a very generous sponsor of the senior club. They rent out the wing and give us the rent money. They applied for a Senior New Horizon Grant and



received \$21,416.00 to upgrade the electrical system and to strengthen the foundation on the south side of the wing. Lavann Enterprises did the renovations, which include new patio doors, new flooring, foundation support and a new deck to wrap around to the east corner including the exit door. This project was completed in 2009.

Submitted by Shirley Kvill



1985 Ribbon Cutting of Seniors' Wing – Left to right Bertha Botting, Amy Krider and Alvin Meger



A senior event

SENIOR CLUB EXECUTIVE 1984-2009

Presidents

Amy Krider 1984-1985
Erling Pynten 1985-1986
Ken Bettcher 1986-1988
Don Lorenson 1988-1990
Babe Sharkey 1990-1994
Donald Kjenner 1994-2005
Elda Magnusson 2005...

Vice Presidents

Erling Pynten 1986-1987
Don Lorenson 1987-1988
Ken Bettcher 1988-1990
Elmer Bristow 1990-1993
Lorna Best 1993-2001
Ron Jeffrey 2001-2005
Don Kjenner - 2005....

Secretary Treasurers

Ella Botting 1986-1987
Elma Bettcher 1987-1988
Siri Lorenson 1988-1990
Ella Botting 1990-1991

Secretaries

Lyndelle Womacks 1991-1994
Della Kjenner 1994-2004
Lorna Best 2004-2005
Della Kjenner 2005...

Treasurers

Ron Jeffrey 1991-1994
Merle George 1994-1995
Ron Jeffrey 1995-2001
Shirley Kvill 2001 -2008
Fritz Younghans 2008...



Senior Christmas Function



Valentine Day Celebration

2009 SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

Lorna Best

Annie George

Mary Hinton

Fritz Younghans

Ernie Kline

Shirley Kvill

Elda Magnusson

Bev Smith

Barb Striethorst

Percy Best

Merle George

Della Kjenner

Donna Kline

Arnold Kvill

Gary Litvany

Marje Scott

Warren Smith

Blaine Striethorst

Honorary Members

Marvin Botting

Josephine Gray

Donald Lorensen

Roy Scott

Emma Osinchuk

Horace Osinchuk

Floyd Quickstad

Donald Kjenner

THE CAMP KITCHEN

In May of 92 Diana Anderson and Bob Smith (our counsellor) attended a community club meeting. They explained how to apply for tourism grant money. A grant for tourism money was applied for and in time the club was notified that it was approved and that we would receive \$20,700.00.

Joyce Nychyporuk made a motion that we build a camp kitchen down on the flat where the CNR train tracks once were. The motion was carried and all were in favour.

Vernon Sharkey spoke to the county, regarding land for the camp kitchen. Papers were signed and the project was approved.

Three bids were received. Gerry Kent of Marwayne got the bid for \$25,412.50. A motion was made to pay the remaining cost out of the bingo money.



In May of 1994, the work began. Rock Sharkey broke the ground by digging the foundation and a large hole for a one thousand gallon sewer tank.

The camp kitchen has a cedar ceiling with four covered ceiling lights. The walls were finished with a wood grained wallboard and four plug ins.

There is a large camp stove designed and built by the late Pete Stafford (Jorvik) of Elk Point. There are four large windows, two with plexiglass and two screened with shutters closing from the inside. It has two doors, one front and one back with screened doors for summer. There are four picnic tables and a cement floor that cleans up nicely.

The men and ladies washrooms are on the end of the building, with outside entrances. There is also a storage room for dry wood.

The strong force behind this busy little place was a member named Joyce Nychyporuk and in her memory, the camp kitchen was dedicated to her.





The little kitchen has hosted many different kinds of parties from quad riders, snowmobilers, anniversaries, trail users, weddings, birthdays, family reunions and many of just pot luck.

It stands proudly with the North Saskatchewan River running directly behind, a large spruce tree towering high above and the CNR water tower just to the east. This is why it is called the Camp Kitchen in the Water Tower campsite, Heinsburg Alberta.

A card of thanks was sent out to Diana Anderson by our secretary, Susan Fairbairn.

Submitted by Colleen Sharkey



Ground Breaking



Camp Kitchen floor



Septic Tank



Goodtimes at the Camp Kitchen

THE BIG TREE

Visitors to the Heinsburg Railway Theme Park and Campground usually comment about the beautiful big evergreen tree that dominates the area.

Back about 1950, people still lived on the river flat near the railway line. This later became our Campground. A family named Bendle made their home near the Water Tower. Mr. Bendle was a CN employee. As a part of a beautification project for their well kept and nicely fenced yard, Mrs. Bendle planted two small evergreen trees. One did not survive, the other flourished, the only enduring evidence that families once lived there.

As the years progressed, and the railway was removed, memories of busier days prompted the Club to establish the Railway Theme Park. In addition to the water tower and station, a caboose and speeder were added for display and a camp kitchen and gazebo were erected to welcome visitors to the park.

The tree continues to be a focal point of the park.

On October 20, 1992, the Community Club made a motion to cover the cost of decorating this beautiful tree for Christmas, with 36 strings of outdoor lights. Various companies helped with the installation of the lights:

- 1994 and 1995 Pan Canadian and Larry's Picker Service put up tree lights for the price of a "Thank you" ad in the paper
- 1999, Riverhill Enterprises hung and removed the lights for a fee
- 2000, Petrovera Resources agreed to cover the cost of decorating the tree
- 2001, B&R Transport received a "Thank You" notice in the Elk Point Review and a thank you card was sent to Doug Basset as payment for hanging the lights

In 2002, the club made a motion to discontinue the lighting of the tree due to the unavailability of a picker truck.

During this ten year period, toward the end of each November, the evening for the trimming of the tree was announced, and became sort of an unofficial start of the season. Everyone brought something for refreshments. Babe, Grace and others brought their musical instruments.

Decorating the tree involved everyone pitching in to check the strings for replacement bulbs. The picker truck arrived and the placement of the lights began, and continued until all 36 strings were in place and lit up. Then everyone enjoyed the refreshments. With the camp kitchen nice and warm from the big heater, we all sang Christmas carols until it was time to go home.

Approximately 1000 lights could be seen all over town, across the river, and from the bridge. Many visitors came to view the beautiful scene. For many families it became a Christmas Eve tradition.

Alas, as time has gone on, the pickers have become very expensive and our members older, so for the past few years the tree has not been lit, and remains as a beautiful memory. We continue to be thankful that at least one of Mrs. Bendle's trees grew.

Submitted by Marje Scott



Trimming of the tree and light installation in November – the beginning of the Christmas season

RAILROAD THEME PARK

Most agree that this tiny settlement located at an important ferry crossing, clinging to a river hill on the north shore of the historic North Saskatchewan River, was special. Currently administered by the County of St. Paul #19, it once ruled itself efficiently with an informal mode of government, holding its own as a busy riverside community serving a large area on both sides of the river. But as time passed, the unique nature of Heinsburg changed as its population dropped, its stores closed, the CN railroad was abandoned, and a number of buildings, some of an historic nature, such as the CN watchman's dwelling and the CN pump house and the drug store once belonging to frontiersman and writer W.B. Cameron were being torn down. Serious residents interested in maintaining what was left discussed preservation and by 1996 a master plan of historical development was put together by a small historical committee within the Heinsburg Community Club and headed by Robert Hendriks. And a very ambitious plan it was, involving a complete facelift of main-street and development on the railroad flats next to the river, namely the old CNR water tower now beginning to collapse, and CNR station house with a leaky roof and a basement often full of water. There was even talk of reclaiming the Roman Catholic Church that once stood across from today's community hall which was moved to the Frog Lake Reserve.

Within a short time however, the group began to realize the enormity and expense of such a plan, and that fact, combined with the reluctance of property owners to invest in face lifting of their building(s) along with reduced Alberta government funding of the Main-street Program, forced the group into abandoning that endeavour. In addition, grants changed from full funding to that of matching grants, placing yet another burden on an already financially strapped group, so the focus narrowed to just the development of the Railroad Theme Park.

Funding projects of this scale meant that financial help was needed and the matching grants just mentioned were available from the Alberta Historic Resources Foundation but in order to qualify, the area and buildings on the site had to be designated by the Alberta government as a Provincial Historic Resource. By 1999, the application had been approved and the flats received the necessary designation. In addition, local communities, businesses and the county all contributed funding to help out so in due course, engineering studies were carried out on the water tower and the station house to determine the extent and cost of restoration and preservation, funding was put into place and restoration work began. Coincidentally, the Elk Point Historical Society who had brought in a retired CN caboose for Elk Point decided that Heinsburg could have it to display at the theme park. A short section of rails were laid and the caboose and CN speeder donated by local residents Roy and Marje Scott were now in place.

By 2000, the water tower was completed and dedicated and by 2002, the station house had a new shingled roof and other improvements. The caboose had new

windows installed in 2001. A large interpretive sign was prepared and paid for with the help of generous donors and was placed under cover of a unique shingled structure.

The original historical group was dissolved and a new group was recently formed independent of the Heinsburg Community Club to begin extensive restoration of the CN station house. To date, the group is still working on funding.

At this time, much of what the original 1996 master plan called for has been accomplished regarding the railroad flats but Heinsburg's main-street program has seen no progress. None the less, this small place still manages to retain a distinctive atmosphere with an active community club hosting a variety of events including the popular jamborees and the railroad flats provide ample camping facilities including power, a new bandstand or gazebo donated by the County of St. Paul and a camp kitchen, developed earlier by the Heinsburg Community Club. The flats continue to remain a popular spot for tourists and locals during much of the year.

Submitted by Robert Hendriks



CNR Station Roof Restoration

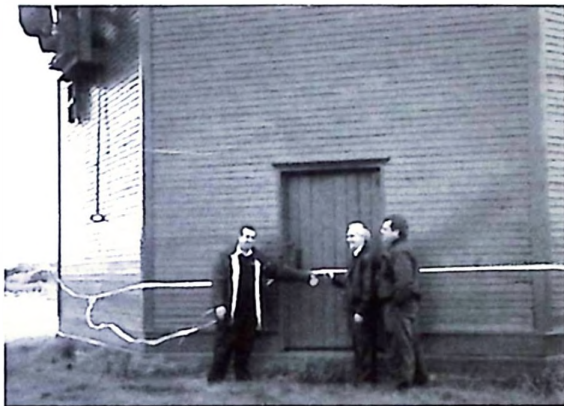


Dedication of Water Tower



**CNR WATER TOWER
RESTORATION
PROJECT DONATORS**

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COUNTY OF ST. PAUL, ST. PAUL
ALVIN AND GRACE HEGGE, HEINSBURG
CAL'S HOME HARDWARE, ELK POINT



Railway History Day, September 2001

WAGON TREKS AND CANOE VOYAGES

Since the mid 1980's Heinsburg has attracted numerous wagon trekkers and canoe voyageurs.

One of the first treks that I recall participating in, was in 1986, organized by Allan



Roy Scott's Team



Casey Vanderburg on Heinsburg Wagon Trek - 2002 Middle Creek

Brown from Marwayne. The trek group consisted of 14 covered wagons and many mounted riders. The trek started at Lea Park and visited Tulliby Lake, Frog Lake ending with the windup evening at the Heinsburg Hall, before returning to Marwayne. Good food, fun and fine

music were greatly enjoyed by all participants. This entire trek was recorded in an eastern equine magazine that received wide circulation.

After that, many wagon groups recognized the Heinsburg area as very suitable for wagon travel. The abandoned rail line and portions of the original Carlton

trail offered superb opportunities. Heinsburg's reputation as an excellent host encouraged others to follow.

In 2000, the Back to Batoche trek from Slave Lake, Alberta to Batoche, Saskatchewan traveled with a combination of covered wagons and canoes. It was the canoe brigade that Heinsburg received. So thrilling to see the canoes arrive, then, the voyageurs carrying them up the banks to safety for the night. A traditional feast was held in the



camp kitchen followed by fiddling and jigging until very late. Years ago very similar events took place without the use of a camp kitchen.



Middle Creek Wagon Trek 2002: top left to right – Lloyd Jenner, Rod Smith and granddaughter, bottom- lunch time

In 2008, the David Thompson Bi-Centennial Brigade visited Heinsburg and again was well fed and entertained. One participant, at the end of his 2000 mile trip, declared that the evening at Heinsburg was one of the best of the entire trip.

In 2001, the community club organized our own wagon trek, along the Iron Horse trail, from Heinsburg to Lindbergh and return. Although it was a fairly small group, it included four visitors from England. As always, with a Heinsburg event, good food, great music and fine weather provided a great time and wonderful memories for all participants.

It even proved to be a “money making” event, but as usual required many kindly volunteer hands to help make the trek a success.

In 2006, a Métis wagon group from Manitoba and Saskatchewan enroute to Métis Crossing spent the night in Heinsburg in cold pouring rain. An evening of

campfire, fiddle music and a barbeque had been planned. Heinsburg very kindly offered the hall as a warm, dry location for the festivities. A memorable time was once again had by all.

Since that first trek, back in 1986, each year, several smaller groups trek along the Iron Horse trail and enjoy the excellent amenities offered including the sturdy hitching rails for safe tie-ups.


Again in 2009, several treks happened. Good Times and the appreciation of Heinsburg continue.

Submitted by Marje Scott

FOOD AND SAFETY AND A CLASS 3 DESIGNATION

In the spring of 2005, with the implementation of new food handling regulations, the Heinsburg Community Club started the road to obtaining a Class 3 designation for food handling. The first order of business was totally cleaning the kitchen and pantry area. One member, Rubyann Kittlitz attended a provincial Safe Food Handling Course in Vermilion and received certification. In accordance with the requirements, a hand washing sink and a splash guard were installed. Kitchen lights were covered and filters were placed on vents in food areas. Containers were purchased for storing all items used in the serving of food, eliminating any risk of contamination. A drying rack was added to the kitchen. Members involved in kitchen activities were informed of safe handling procedures for food and proper washing, rinsing and sanitizing methods for utensils and kitchen areas. As a result, a safe environment has been established to permit the Club to serve food at bingos, jamborees as well as other functions. The temperature of the fridge, freezer and cooler are noted and recorded at each function. A journal is maintained that describes the food handling at each of these functions. Everyone is aware of holding temperatures and best before dates. The club is intent on maintaining due diligence to minimize any unforeseen occurrence while at the same time documenting all procedures in the event an explanation is required. The majority of all prepared food is now handled in the hall kitchen under safety guidelines. Any products that come from a private kitchen are noted for consumer information at time of serving. Although more time is required before every event to insure the cleanliness and subsequent sanitizing of the kitchen and contents, it is a pleasurable experience to know without question that everything used is good to go. The safe food handling reference guide is available at all times in the kitchen and now that the members are comfortable with the procedures, the Class 3 designation is well earned and deserved.

Submitted by Rubyann Kittlitz



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BINGO
FOOD PREMISES CLEANING PROGRAM - WEEKLY

Name	Item To Clean	Instructions	Staff Initial When Tasks Completed & Supervisor Check							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Utensils		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Counters		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Handless Drains		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Paper Machine		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Cooler Freezer Fridge		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Door Knobs		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Telephone		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hand Drier		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Light Switches		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Shaver Machines (electrical)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Coffee trolley		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Water Dispenser (Overflow)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mopwater		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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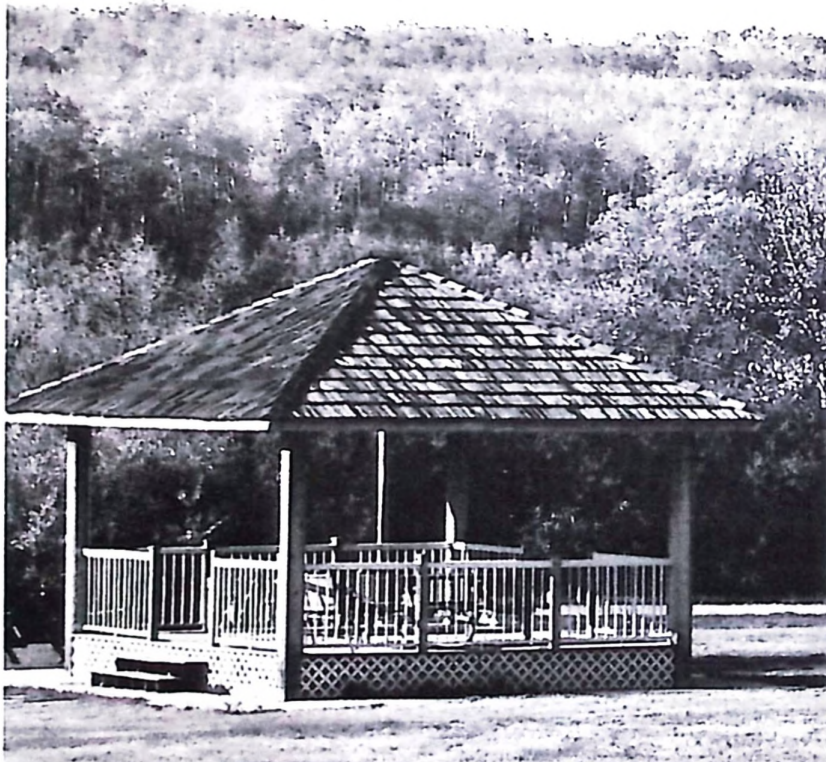
GAZEBO

In February of 2006 Glen Ockerman (our county councillor) advised the community club of a grant of \$18,111.00, available to construct a gazebo on our Water Tower Campground, with no matching funds needed. The community club members were very happy to accept the grant. The job was headed by Vernon Sharkey and Dean Bosvik and constructed by Kerry Loughran of Elk Point.

In no time the Gazebo was built sitting beautiful and proud right next to the famous camp kitchen in the Heinsburg Water Tower Campsite. The gazebo has lights, plug ins and picnic tables. It is a very busy little gazebo and adds much beauty to the campsite.

P.S. This gazebo is different from all others that were built in the county. It has four sides. Babe (Vernon) Sharkey didn't know how many sides it should have and I guess Dean didn't care as long as it looked good.

Submitted by Colleen Sharkey



The Heinsburg Community thanks the County of St. Paul for financing the well used gazebo.

THE LINOLEUM FLOORS

Where does one start with thirty-five years of wax build-up? A professional to do the job would be the solution, but in September 2005, the club decided to take this project on.

Richard Krawchuk was the janitor for Home Hardware in Elk Point. He said he would use spray nine and gave an approximate starting quote of \$1,500.00. I then contacted Valencia from Pioneer Janitors, St. Paul, who was the Co-op janitor. She said that she would strip the middle portion but that it would cost us just as much again, for her to do the corners and along the walls. She recommended that we do the corners of the floor and at least six inches from the walls ourselves.

Rubyann Kittlitz and I decided to experiment on the dark brown linoleum under the zip counter. It took six applications of hottest water with stripper, trying SOS, scouring pads, steel wool, a steel bristle brush, and paint scrapers to finally get the wax off. On another occasion, while I used steel wool and stripper under the kitchen counter, Marje Scott tried to use the ancient scrubber from the back room. It was useless.

Alvin & Grace Meger, Della Kjenner, Joanne Sharkey, Dean and myself met the following Saturday to attempt to remove wax along the walls. After several applications of the stripper, using the floor polisher as agitator, we were despairing at the enormity of the job facing us. Sheer determination drove Alvin Meger down on his knees scraping the dry wax off with a paint scrapper. I joined in the effort. Joanne used up the remaining stripper solution on the floor behind us. She and Dean Bosvik started dry scraping the linoleum by the bar.

I remember Della standing over me saying in a pitying tone of voice, that she would like to be down helping me but she physically just wasn't able. She was great help, running to our beck and call all day long.

As the layers of wax were lifted, we were surprised to see a new color emerge. I remember Della standing over Alvin and he was saying "do you remember that it was this color?" "No" she replied.

It had taken two long days to hand scrape wax off all corners and along the walls. The cellar door was a tedious hand-scraping job done by Grace and Alvin. We talked it over and decided that with the proper equipment and more help we would strip the middle of the floors as well. It couldn't possibly be harder than what we had just done.

On Tuesday, Arnold Kvill went to Lloydminster and rented a swing machine with stripper pads. We were joined by Shirley Kvill, Susan Fairbairn and Gary Fairbairn after his work and Donald Kjenner after his chores. We poured the hot stripper solution on small areas and scrubbed with the swing machine. We used mops and a shop vac to suck up the slippery slop. To keep from falling down, we put

scouring pads onto the bottom of our shoes and held them on with laces, elastics, twine, etc.

Alvin recommended that we NOT pour the wax and stripper into our plumbing and sewer system. For this purpose a plastic barrel with a tap and a long hose attached, was set up outside the exit doors.

On the insistence of Shirley Kvill, the stripping process was repeated three times until all visible traces of wax were removed.

On Friday, our last day, the floors were given a final rinse of vinegar and water to neutralize any stripper residue. As the Megers left to go home at 8:00 p.m., Shirley Kvill and I were still on knees scraping the doorways and trying to remove the brown burn marks from cigarette butts with paring knives. We were sure looking forward to Valencia coming to seal and wax the floors.

It had been a long and arduous task but the results were very rewarding. We had a clean, shiny beige-coloured floor.

In 2007 the floors were re-waxed by Colleen Sharkey, Joanne Sharkey, Marilyn Bosvik, Shirley Kvill and Dean Bosvik. In March 2009 Noreen Rainboth and Sheila McIvor were hired to re-wax the kitchen, the bar and lounge area.

Submitted by Marilyn Bosvik

THE DANCE FLOOR

We had an oiled, maple hardwood dance floor in our community hall. This floor was getting dirtier and wearing down to the bare wood. Water can ruin bare wood therefore no wet-mopping could be used to clean the floor. Different members, on several occasions had tried Varsol, Murphy's Oil Soap, Zep Cleaner, Chem 2000, Mr. Clean and dish detergent on small areas of the floor. None of these products had any impact whatsoever. Months went by. Finally it was heard that Vernon Sharkey wanted to know "When was that dirty floor ever going to get cleaned?" This was the cue needed. With support from Shirley Kvill and Colleen Sharkey, I started to gather information from other Community Halls about their hardwood dance floors. Connie and Carol in Islay, Shelley Poitras in Lac Bellevue, Dixie at Blackfoot, Danceland at Manitou Lake, Saskatchewan and Joan Meiklejohn in Marwayne. The Marwayne hardwood floor most closely resembled ours. Joan said that their maintenance man kept putting on more oil and it just got blacker and blacker and was a big mess. Then four years ago they hired Mark Masby from Parkland Hardwood flooring in Edmonton. He had put on a water-based finish which didn't last. He then came back to Marwayne and recoated with gymthane(alkyd) for a minimal cost. They were pleased with the results.

Mark Masby and other professional hardwood restorers were contacted and consulted about what was best for our floor. John Gross (gym floors for St. Paul County), Adolf (St. Albert Budget Hardwood Floors), Greg Lazicki (Bonnyville Nelson Lumber), Lloydminster Windsor Plywood, Ador-A-Floor Hardwood (Edmonton), Lloydminster Furniture Clinic, Edm. Zep.Co. All recommended a hard finish except Edm. Zep. Co.

Mark Masby (Parkland Floors) and Adolf (Budget Floors, St. Albert) agreed to come to the Heinburg Community Hall and give us quotes for oiled and hard finishes.

Shirley Kvill's advice was to go with the professionals and save the floor. The majority of the members concurred and voted to hire Mark Masby to sand, fill and put on three coats of gymthane hard finish. This was completed in April 2006.

Submitted by Marilyn Bosvik



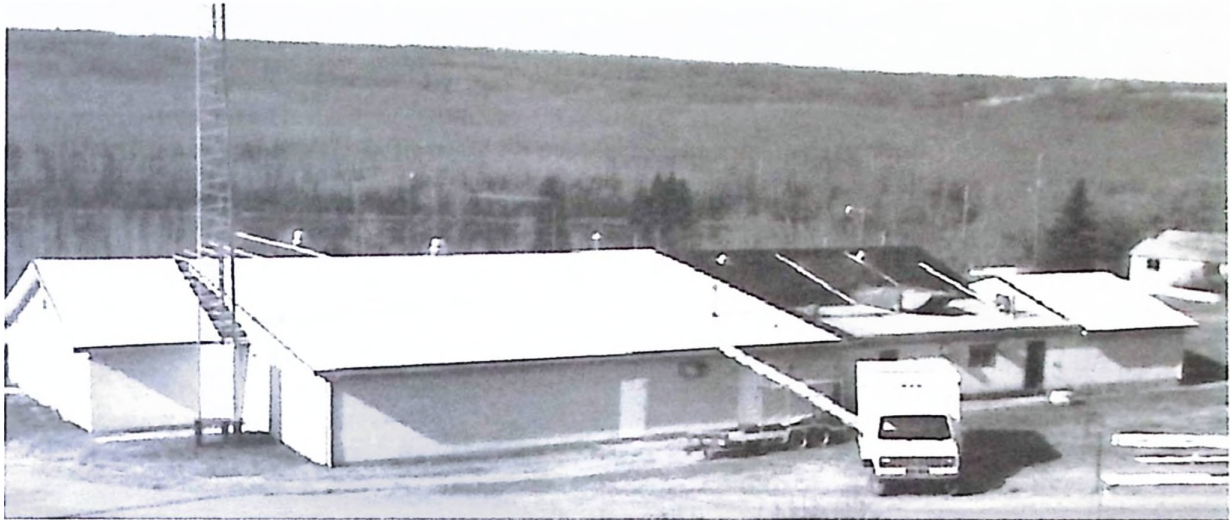
Floor before refinishing



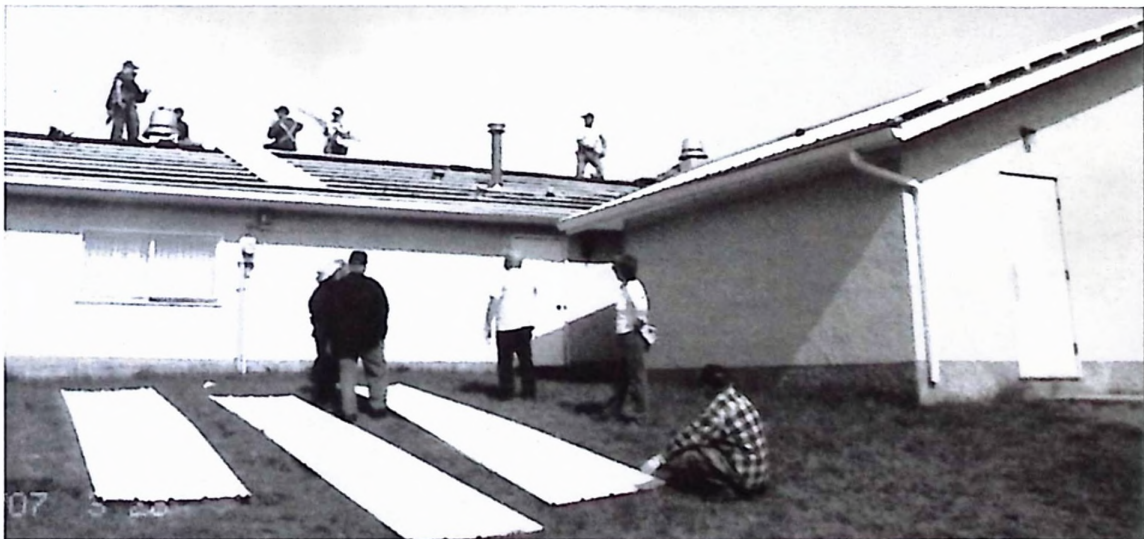
Floor with gymthane finish

ROOFING PROJECT 2007

In 2007 we undertook the ambitious project of re-roofing, placing the hall with all its additions under one metal roof. This involved redesigning, repairing and then covering the entire roof with metal. In the process, the air exchanger, which was causing problems, was removed from the kitchen roof, to stand erected next to the building. This allowed new trusses to be placed on the kitchen area to bring it up to the same level as the main hall.



Over the span of about 3 weeks, this roofing project brought together all the members to help get the job done. This was a great advantage when the 44 foot lengths of metal had to be transported one at a time up and onto the north side of the building. A long ramp was set up which permitted members to pull the sheets up. And as the saying goes, more hands make work light, there were usually six people available to operate the screw guns for attaching the metal. As testament to



the dedication and desire of the community members, they contributed a total of

548 volunteer hours helping on this project. Two moments were most memorable during this time. The first was very alarming when the bottom of the ladder skidded out while Alvin was standing on it by the roof eave. The clatter of the falling ladder and then discovering Alvin appearing to be tangled in it was very shocking to everyone. Fortunately Brenda was present there that day as well and took calm control over everything and while an ambulance was being dispatched, she made sure Alvin was comfortable while remaining still. There were no serious consequences, but that certainly made attention to safety details more imperative. The other incident involved the picker truck that delivered the kitchen trusses. It chose the moment when the trusses were suspended over the main hall to become disabled causing us to place the entire set on that roof for dispensing rather than where it had been preferred. The metal was already on this part of the roof and there was a concern that they may slide off that roof, especially if high winds were to come up. After placing Sharkey's tractor against them to stabilize them, it was quickly decided that rather than wait until the next day as originally planned, a few members were contacted and the trusses were moved into place that evening. The process only took about an hour and undoubtedly everyone slept better that night knowing there would be no concern over where the trusses would be in the morning. This project was an excellent example of the benefit of having access to member volunteers.

Submitted by Rubyann Kittlitz



Volunteers enjoying a much appreciated lunch break.

HALL ROOF PROJECT 2007

Paid expenses

Lavern Kittlitz skilled labor	180 hrs @ \$25.00 + GST	4770.00
Lavann Enterprises	materials, equipment, tools, etc.	24888.92
Elk Point Truss	23 trusses delivered	2731.62
Hahn's Welding	erect make up heater stand	517.28
Jonny's Electric	reconnect make up heater electrical	697.71
Mike Bergeron	eaves troughs	1159.64
Big M Mechanical	reconnect gas to make up heater	<u>530.00</u>
	Total paid	35295.17

Donated services

Dean Bosvik	loader tractor	5 hrs @ 50.00	250.00
Sharkey's Service	loader tractor	6 hrs @ 50.00	300.00
B+R Trans	lift make up heater	2 hrs @ 200.00	<u>400.00</u>
			950.00

Donated Materials

Lumber, gravel, rebar, pipe for stand, etc	885.00
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Volunteer labor

548 hrs @ 10.00	<u>5480.00</u>
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Overall total to date 42610.17

Grant total 25943.00

Interest 406.08

Total 26349.08

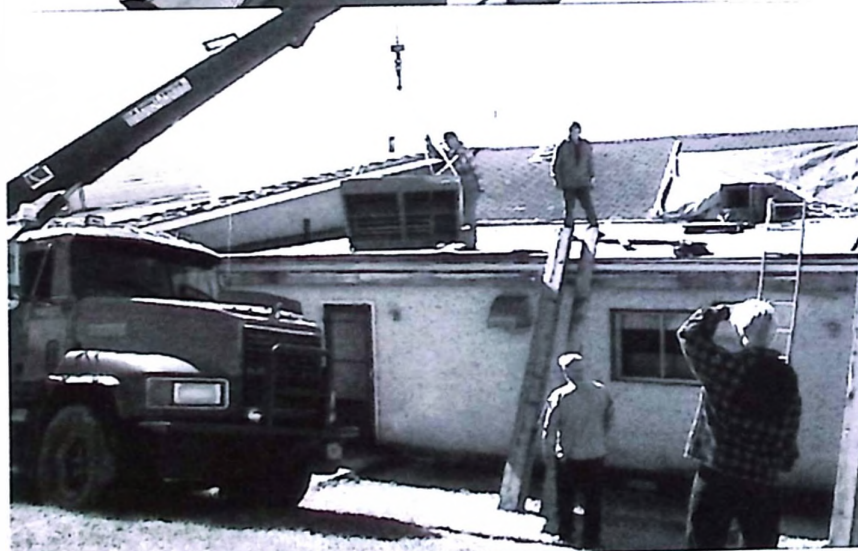
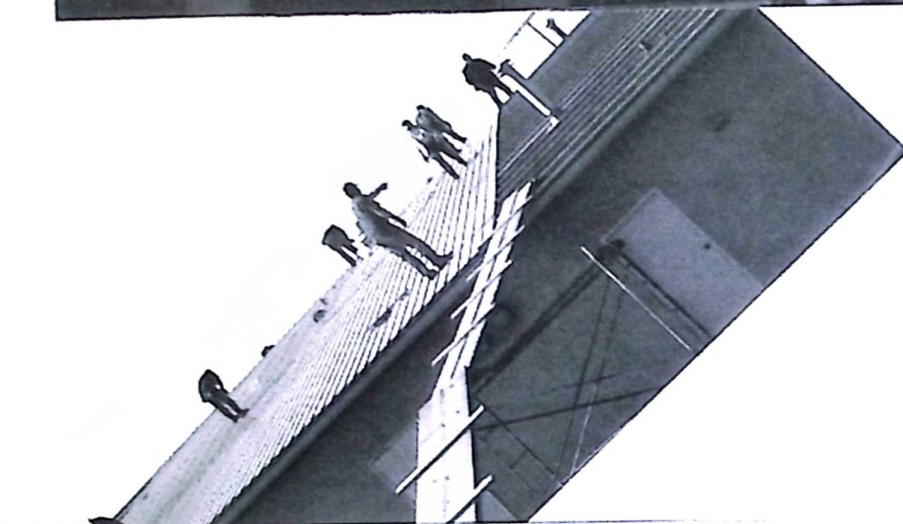
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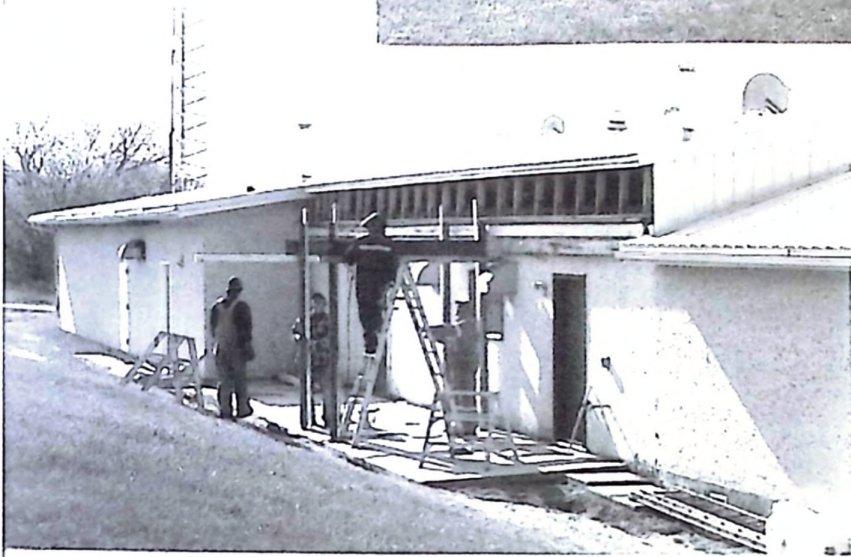
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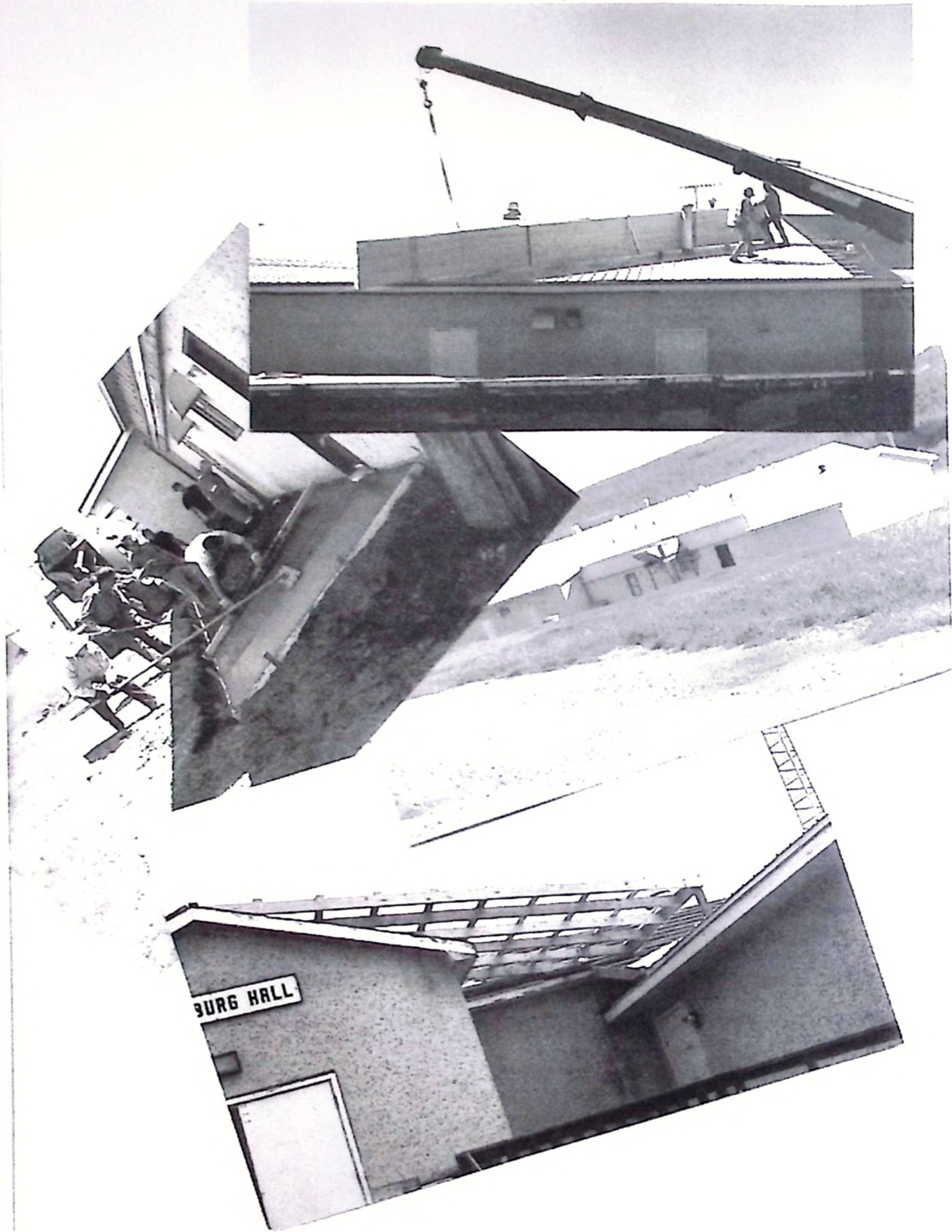
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Project over run 318.09

Roofing Pictures







JANITORS

Over the past fifty years, our community hall has grown until becoming the wonderful facility that we now enjoy. However, there has always been a need to keep the hall clean and ready for the next event. For many years, volunteer workers would remain at the end of the evening to clean up. As the hall expanded, the duties of the janitor grew to keep up with the demands of a large facility and the need for a janitor grew as well.

For the first time at the May 2, 1963 meeting a decision was made to hire a janitor and a tender for bids was put out. The janitorial duties were to; open and close the hall, light a fire, sweep up, bring in water and wash the dishes.

In 1968, the janitorial duties increased to include disposal of garbage inside and out, general cleaning of stoves and tables, washing of dish towels and minor repairs, to be made as needed. The janitor was also responsible to organize a "clean up" day. There is no record as to janitorial wages for these services. Tenders were sent out and no janitor was hired. The club volunteers continued to clean up after events.

At the June 24, 1970 meeting a janitorial rate was set at \$6.00 a night and the washing of dish towels was included in that rate.

In 1973, a motion was made to pay the janitor an additional \$5.00 to scrub the dining area floor when needed.

In 1975 the janitor's wage was raised to \$12.00 per event and in 1976, the duties were upgraded to include the sweeping of the snow off the steps.

In 1982, the janitor's wages were raised to \$25.00 per event, which included the \$5.00 for scrubbing floors. Notice that up to this time the minutes do not include the name of any janitor or if one was ever hired.

At the January 12, 1987 meeting, janitor was on the agenda again. Tenders for a janitor were put out, along with a job description. According to the minutes, Hazel Jenner became a paid hall janitor in 1987. We believe she was the first janitor ever hired, as her name was the first to be recorded. Bingos were now a regular activity at the hall and the janitor was to be paid \$25.00 per clean up and after a dine and dance, received \$50.00. A major hall clean-up was to be done twice a year, at the rate of \$150.00 per cleaning.



In 1991, the minutes indicate that janitorial rates were a problem. In April the new rates were: \$25.00 for clean-up after bingo, \$10.00 extra if scrubbing was necessary and \$75.00 if the function used the complete hall.

Joanne Sharkey became the hall janitor around 1993. As the hall had grown again, and was hosting more and more regular events, Joanne sometimes needed to come in after a bingo to ready the hall for another use early the following morning. President Rocky Sharkey advised the club that a different janitor was needed beginning September 1997. Joanne volunteered to remain as janitor if the groups working events would remove garbage, rinse coffee pots, empty ash trays into safe containers, shut off the lights and air heater, close up the kitchen and secure all doors to the outside. In 1999, Joanne again tendered her resignation as janitor, but agreed to stay until a replacement was found.



In 2000, the club reviewed janitorial rates.

Once again, in 2004, Joanne advised the club of her resignation as hall janitor, effective immediately following the March 16th Annual Meeting. She received a small honorarium in recognition for her years of service as janitor. Family commitments eventually forced Joanne to leave us and for a time we changed workers fairly frequently. When we were truly out of a janitor, Joanne kindly filled in again until someone else took over.

Eva Unruh, with the help of her children Deanne, Austin and Jaylene, became the next janitors. They took on the extra duty of cleaning the camp kitchen for \$25.00 per clean-up, once a week in July and August. Deanne and Austin cut the grass in the park. This was a great relief and much appreciated. (No photo available)



Our present janitor, Sheila McIvor, continues with all the duties, except for washing dish towels, she works on an hourly rate. She is very willing and attentive to all the duties required in our very large modern hall. In 2007, a special janitorial room was constructed, complete with a floor sink, drain and handy storage for all the equipment.

We very much appreciate the fine care our hall has received over the years by our so dedicated janitorial staff.

By Marje Scott and Shirley Kvill

THE JANITOR'S ROOM



Filling and rinsing a mop bucket from the kitchen sink was slow and unsanitary. Lifting a bucket to empty into a toilet was messy and difficult. It was decided to build a small janitor's room inside the large cloakroom to access nearby water pipes. Dean Bosvik and Lavern Kittlitz had to locate and T into the hot and cold water pipes, drain lines, and heat plenum. They crimped the water lines, glued the bottom of the mop sink and put in a register. They did this work lying on rocks and dirt in a three foot crawl space.

Coat racks had to be removed before starting the room. This meant the cloakroom walls in addition to new room walls had to be repaired, plastered, sanded and painted several times. Bob and

Shirley Hendriks helped with this part of the renovation. The blue paint that had been used for trim in the hall was found in its original can in the back room.

Sheets of lowest grade plywood were used for walls and ceiling inside the janitor's room. This necessitated that I sand, plaster and paint three times to achieve a minimum of smoothness.

Dean cut and installed a shelving style as indicated by our janitor, Sheila McIvor.

I was given the honor of turning on the tap. With a flashlight tied to the top of my hard hat, I entered the black crawl space. I could crawl on all fours until a plenum forced me down on my stomach on rocks and dirt. I manoeuvred for a couple more metres, found the tap and turned it on. NO LEAKS! YAY! After this, I had a great appreciation for Dean and Lavern's effort to build the janitor's room.

Submitted by Marilyn Bosvik



CAMROSE CASINO JUNE 2008



L to R: Susan Fairbairn, Grace Meger, Alvin Meger, Bill Porter and Brenda Porter – part of the crew that went to Camrose

Heinsburg Community Club discussed and debated the club working a casino many times. Bingo numbers were dropping causing decreased income to the club. Several things contributed to lower attendance, the provincial no smoking policy and an aging population.

Pros and Cons to work a casino was debated, many suggestions were made to help our financial coffers. Finally we voted to apply for the casino in Camrose, some anxiety and many concerns reflected this decision.

A cold night in February, the “Casino Lady” came to our regular monthly meeting, answered all our questions, calmed our anxiety and worries about our pending commitment in June.

Seventeen of us departed for Camrose, a beautiful small city, many churches, a vibrant downtown, clean and friendly, the weather co-operated with nice warm days.

Some of us stayed in great accommodations, some were booked into a “party central” hotel, they managed to move to better rooms for the second night.

The casino, small by Vegas standards, was very clean, had good food and a friendly helpful staff. Casino staff guided Heinsburg rookies with patience, humor and expertise. We were not allowed to gamble or drink any alcohol however “the cage” and the coffee room were stocked with pop, coffee and lots of candy to munch on. The various positions we filled were explained to us well, the “jobs” were quite simple. The counting machine, money sorters, computers and many helping hands made it easy for us.

The weekend was totally enjoyable, we had great visiting time with our fellow club members, we even managed to squeeze in a "happy hour or two", when our various shifts were completed.

I understand Heinsburg Community Club will go to Camrose again in the 3rd quarter of 2010. Those who commit to go work it, will have fun, it is a really good experience. We are looking forward to it. Here's to 2010!

Submitted by Brenda Porter



Lavern Kittlitz making waffles



Continental breakfast at the R&R Inn- Dean & Marilyn Bosvik and Babe Sharkey – Below Colleen Sharkey & Rubyann Kittlitz



FUNDRAISER - A CASINO EVENT

On June 11 and 12, 2008, the Heinsburg Community Club conducted a Group Casino Event in Camrose, Alberta.

Our casino chairperson, Alvin Meger and club secretary Marilyn Bosvik were responsible for all applications, fees, hiring registered casino advisors, opening a casino bank account and arranging accommodations. The people that volunteered to work were:

Marilyn & Dean Bosvik

Susan & Gary Fairbairn

Rubyann & Lavern Kittlitz

Shirley & Arnold Kvill

Allan MacDonald

Grace & Alvin Meger

Brenda & Bill Porter

Colleen & Vernon Sharkey

Laverne Wilson

Lorne Young

Attending the Casino in Camrose was an exciting and eye-opening experience. Most of us only see the facilities from the other side where monies are easily lost. We all had the opportunity to see how this operation works and be a part of it for a couple of days. I believe I had the best job being the banker. The responsibility felt overwhelming as we were in the room, where all the actual cash for the gambling part of the casino was physically held. To process, count and distribute cash and chips for various functions was a serious matter and at the end of the day it all had to be correct. The casino hosts were wonderful in being our teachers and coaches and supervising our actions and their calm patient demeanour made the experience very enjoyable. It was very satisfying to be able to perform most of the functions correctly the second day by myself. To think that we were locked behind two secure doors in a room that mimicked a vault in its security was exciting. Cameras were trained on us and all transactions at all times and all chips that were cashed in, had to be in full view of those cameras for verification. The cashier and banker were not allowed to leave for any extended period and needed replacement by a manager if they had to leave. But what we missed in the interaction with other members in the lounge during their quiet times, we got to indulge in the full experience and intenseness of the cash cage. The only outside contact we had besides the customers, were with the chip runners who came for more chips to place at the table. We had limited contact with the counters who as a group counted the cash retrieved from the tables. They were in a different locked room with only a small opening to pass the money through to our side. Although our group only witnessed a little over \$100.00 profit for the two days we were there,

the tens of thousands of dollars in that room was very sobering. A pooling of charitable Casino proceeds gave us a share of \$18,000.00 and made this an unbelievable experience. I can only imagine the intensity of the situation if the casino had been busier, but what a blast!

Submitted by Rubyann Kittlitz



Shirley & Arnold Kvill



Laverne Wilson

Missing photo- Lorne Young



Allan & Josephine MacDonald



Gary Fairbairn

THE COMMUNITY

Since Heinsburg was founded, back in the 1920's there has never been a body set aside to care for the needs of the community and residents. Never having been declared other than a hamlet, the County has been responsible for providing roads, schooling and other major concerns.

As the Community Club evolved, concerns have increasingly been presented to "the club" for resolution. When it appeared that our school would be closing – a letter of support, that it remains, went in from us. Requests for improved highway access and better visibility at the bridge also came from us.

On an ongoing basis, the club and hall offer an excellent location for happy events such as weddings and anniversaries, etc., and free use of the hall for funerals of community members.

Whenever a hardship occurs, such as illness, accident, death or fire, the club is always there to make a donation and see what can be done to ease the difficulty.

We work together, as regular volunteers, to provide entertainment for those who wish to enjoy them through our bingos, jamborees, suppers and Riverview Senior Centre, housed in a portion of our building. We also produce funds sufficient to share with the community at large, as required.

Since there are no active service clubs in the area, we also host election forums, information nights on various topics and opportunities for meetings of a variety of groups.

One thing that we do, that often goes un-noticed, is that we offer an opportunity for newcomers to find a place to get acquainted. How better than by volunteering with a worthy community group?

The community club looks after the maintenance of the Railway Theme Park, which includes the camp kitchen.

Over the years, we have donated toward the refurbishment and preservation of the Water Tower and Railway Station, which would not remain without our help. We have endorsed and supported tourism and new businesses in our area.

Although our hamlet has become very small and quiet, we've earned the reputation of "the liveliest ghost town in Alberta".

Most of the community's accomplishments over the past fifty years are traceable back to the endeavours of the Heinsburg Community Club. We have refused to let our community die!

Submitted by Marje Scott

HOW WE REALIZED IT WAS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLUB

Do you believe in a guiding hand from above? If so, just run this through your mind a bit.

Bertha and Chester Botting (Henry, Shirley and my, "mom and dad") were members of this club from the beginning. Except for a period from 1956 to 1965, they were involved in most functions. When they passed away in 1993/1994, Shirley and I had the task of sorting out mom's pictures. We put them in categories and dispersed them, some just got put away. That was in 1995.

This past January 2009, just like most new years, I got in the mood to root around in things that are tucked away, some for a long time.

Now this year I ran across an envelope marked HALL. There, along with many other pictures of hall events, was a photo of a big cake with a 25 on top. The other picture showed a Big Party with people everywhere, families, dignitaries, dancers, singers, and members. We wondered what was going on. I took them to Bob Hendriks, then to Babe and Colleen and no one knew.



January is the time our club has an appreciation night. We get a caterer in and treat ourselves to supper, drinks, and then we dance. Shirley Kvill is very good at reminding us, what we have accomplished throughout the year, and this year she said, "I'm going to do a club history instead." To do this we went through the minutes. When we got to 1984, we found Joyce Nychporuk's motion to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the incorporation of the Heinsburg Community Club. There was our answer to the pictures. Mom was in the hall taking pictures of a party Joyce had organized for the 25th in 1984 and in 2009 these pictures came out of the drawer just in time for a 50th anniversary. There is only one thing weirder, one night the ladies in the kitchen heard and saw a book fall out of the top shelf of the cabinet. It was the guest book I saw in the picture with the names of all the people who signed it the night the pictures were taken. Now back to, do you believe?? I do!

Submitted by Grace Meger

1954 25th Ann of Incorporation of H.C.C.

April 28	Walter Jelinek	Winnipeg, Man.
April 28	Edna, Rena and Nancy Letcher	Winnipeg, Man.
April 28	Helen, John, Marge, Muriel	Winnipeg, Man.
April 28	Sam & Amy Krider	Winnipeg, Man.
	Don & Della Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Dawn Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Grace Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Bill Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Edna, Betty, Cathy, Kris	Winnipeg, Man.
	Harvey Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Carl Bristow	Winnipeg, Man.
	Bertha & Ethel Bristow	Winnipeg, Man.
	Leona, Norma, Carl	Winnipeg, Man.
	Ben Womacko	Winnipeg, Man.
	Erny, Velma & family	Winnipeg, Man.

April 28	Walter Jelinek	Winnipeg, Man.
	Edna, Rena, Ruth	Winnipeg, Man.
	John & Betty Bristow	Winnipeg, Man.
	Grace Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Walter Anderson	Winnipeg, Man.
	Arno Lucks	Winnipeg, Man.
	Sam & Marion Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Carl Bristow	Winnipeg, Man.
	Helen, Lillian, Vera, Joseph, Pamela	Winnipeg, Man.
	Walter Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Edna, John, Muriel	Winnipeg, Man.
	W. W. Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Erny, Velma & family	Winnipeg, Man.
	Edna, Betty, Cathy, Kris	Winnipeg, Man.
	Harvey Ginner	Winnipeg, Man.
	Carl Bristow	Winnipeg, Man.

April 13, 2009

Dear Friend;

The Heinsburg Community Club is planning a celebration for August 29, 2009. It is 50 years since the Club was incorporated as a registered society, and we are very proud with the progress and work that has been accomplished. This is an invitation to all past and present members and /or their children to help us celebrate fifty years of cooperative effort within the Heinsburg community.

Our members are currently involved in putting together a club history book in honor of this occasion. (The book will not be ready by August 29, 2009, but orders can be placed that evening.) Our club history would be incomplete without a chapter for public input from those who were there and remember. We are asking for your assistance with memories and pictures of events that remain significant to you and are of interest to the general public for inclusion in our publication. We encourage you to browse through your albums and if you wish to be part of this endeavor please submit your write up and photos to Grace Meger, by May 31, 2009. Because we have a set completion date for this publication, anything received after that date may not be used.

We will be honoring the "Founding members" of the Community Club and urge that representation from each family be present at the function, if possible. Please find enclosed a list of founding members, as well as, the agenda of the evening's events for August 29, 2009.

Supper is a part of our festivities and the cooks appreciate knowing the number of plates needed. Please RSVP to Grace Meger in writing or by phone (780-943-2333) by July 31, 2009, the number of family members planning to attend.

We would like to thank you for your time and cooperation. The success of this project is contingent on your support and participation. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

The Heinsburg Community Club
c/o Grace Meger
R. R. 1
Heinsburg, AB. T0A 1X0

Program of events August 29, 2009

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm - coffee is on

4:00 pm to 5:30 pm – refreshments (cash bar)

5:30 pm – Supper (members & invited guests only)

7:00 pm Open House begins

Welcome address

Greetings from Dignitaries

History of Club

Honoring Founders

Present members

Memory lane (Guests time to join in)

Cutting of the cake

Entertainment



Heinsburg Community Club

*At Heinsburg we are having a Celebration!
It is 50 years since we received our Charter
as a Registered Society.*

Open House: August 29/09 at 7:00pm

Program: Welcome

Guest speakers

Club History

Honoring Founders

Memory Lane

Cake Cutting and Coffee Break

Entertainment

*Everyone Welcome! Please join with us on
our Special Day, as we recognize 50 years
of continuous service to this Community*

at the Heinsburg Community Hall

For more information call: 780-943-3148.

Marta Murphy

*Heinsburg Community Club's 50th Anniversary of Charter
August 29, 2009*

Program!

*4:30 pm: Coffee & Cocktail Time
5:30 pm: Dinner - Grace by Roy Scott
7:00pm: Open House Begins*

*Welcome - Lane Scott
Introduction of Special Guests
Greetings from:*

*Hon. Ray Danyluk, Minister
of Alberta Municipal Affairs
Mr. Robert Bouchard,
Reeve County of St. Paul #19
Mr. Parrish Jung,
Mayor of Elk Point, AB
Mr. Glen Beckerman,
Councillor for Division 1,
County of St. Paul #19*

*Club History: Laverne Wilson
Honoring Founding Members
Memory Lane: Everyone wishing to share Memories
Cake Cutting: Founding Members
Coffee Break
Entertainment*

Thank You for Coming!

Program Video by Roy Cardinal

50th Anniversary – Speakers and Dignitaries



Emcee – Lane Scott



Marje Scott – Greetings Ray Danyluk – M.L.A.



Robert Bouchard – County Reeve



Parrish Tung – Mayor of Elk Point

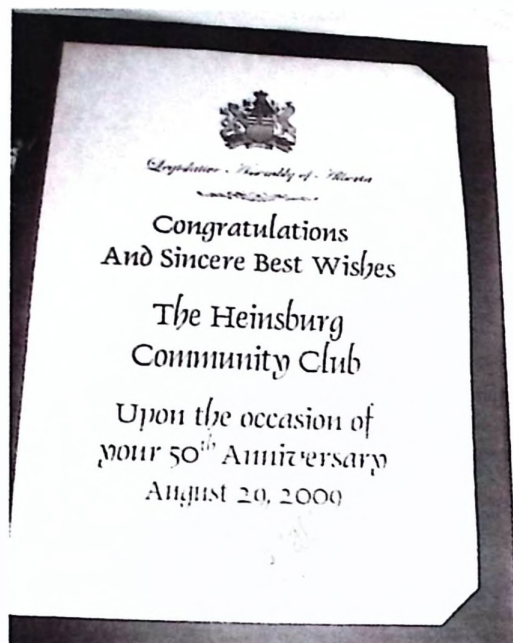


Glen Ockerman – County Councillor



Laverne Wilson – Presenting history & club achievements

Congratulatory Presentations to H.C. Club



from MLA Ray Danyluk



from County Reeve Robert Bouchard

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

Today marks 50 years as a registered society. The club is aptly named as it is not just an auxiliary to a hall, but it has been a service club to Heinsburg and the surrounding community. Its members, past and present, have worked hard to keep the pulse of the community beating. Over its 54 years of existence, it has accomplished many things to be proud of.

It built this huge, ever-expanding hall where reunions, weddings, club events, socials and funerals are held, and it continues to maintain it. It has a Class 3 license for serving food and it follows food safety regulations.

It sponsors the senior addition and continues to help the seniors with maintenance and offers them a place of their own to administer as they see fit.

Heinsburg Community Club formed a historical society within its ranks to apply for grants to preserve the historical sites, the station and water tower for future generations.

The club has built and continues to maintain the gazebo, the camp kitchen and the Railway Theme Park, used by tourists, Iron Horse Trail and local people throughout the summer. It lit up the huge Christmas tree with nearly 1,000 lights during the festive season for decades, absorbing the cost of lights, power and set up to add joy to those close by and those passing through. It supported the

Whitney Lake Rodeos and hosted the rodeo dances. It supported the Whitney Lake campground. It has hosted graduations, harvest suppers, cowboy poetry, New Year's dances, snowmobile rallies and homecomings. It ran bingos, for huge crowds in its hey-days when the hall would be full to capacity, and now for smaller crowds once a week. It provides disaster relief to families within the area suffering from fire loss, accidents, illness and disease. It maintained a skating rink and a heated skate room for the Heinsburg school children for many years and donated funds for sporting equipment.

The Community Club made and continues to make donations to the school for the Head Start Program and the Terry Fox Run and it continues to support the students graduating with graduation gifts.

It installed a chlorination system in the hall, funded by the County, and maintains an outside tap supplying clean, potable water for the residents in Heinsburg and area, as needed.

It provides a place for federal, provincial and municipal elections to take place and for forums to be heard. It provides a place for the health unit to hold vaccination clinics. It applied for and received a grant for \$8,000.00 used to make the Heinsburg school playground more handicap-user friendly.

It is made up of industrious, tireless members dedicated to the betterment of the community and deserves to be proud of its many achievements. Thank you, Heinsburg Community Club members, past and present.

Written by Shirley Kvill

HONORING FOUNDING MEMBERS-50 YEARS OF SERVICE



Grace Meger – 50th Anniversary Coordinator - Acknowledgment of Honorees

ALICE GREGOR



Pearl Montgomery and Rudolph Gregor were married in 1918. They worked on a farm that Rudolph described as being in the Frog Lake district on the east side of Laurier Lake.

Alice is one of six children born to this marriage. While most of her siblings went their separate ways, Alice chose to stay and help her dad in the Red & White Store, right here in Heinsburg.

She was very dedicated to her mother during this time, but she still found time to be a community club member.

Alice has been instrumental to the Heinsburg Community Club, being the secretary/treasurer for 15 years and secretary at times through the years. Although she turned these positions over to others, Alice still remains a member, and can boast the fact of being so, for 54 years.

She was well known for figuring, so we depended on her for keeping bingo books in order.

Alice has always made the best pies and every year they are well received at the fall supper. I must say they are still coming in as good as ever.

When Alice decided to retire the store it had the name Lucky Dollar and it still stands on main-street, looking very lonely and the worse for wear. But being built in 1929, things just don't go forever. We are finding that Alice is showing us that maybe people do. Congratulations Alice, we are the better for you being with us all this time.

COLLEEN SHARKEY



Colleen joined the community club in 1956 and has remained an active member for 53 years. She has held the position of secretary and social convenor.

She was instrumental in designing the present kitchen and claims she still has the original plans at home.

Colleen spent most of her years with the club working in the kitchen, because she loves to cook and is very good at it. She has the ability to put a variety of food on the table and to feed a

lot of people.

Her quiet demeanour and capable hands, add stability and calm, when there's anxiety in the kitchen.

She's the little engine that could and she still hasn't run out of steam.

Colleen loves Heinsburg and her generosity, through donations is second to none. Her motto "the harder I work, the better I like it" is evident. Thank you, Colleen, for many years of dedicated service.

VERNON SHARKEY (BABE)



Vernon has been an active community club member for 53 years. He has served two terms as vice president and many as director, planning and overseeing the many different projects.

He was very instrumental in getting the senior wing built, and was always there, for all phases of construction, and there has been many, over the decades. He has been very generous with his equipment, his time and his services.

He has kept the camp grounds groomed and looks after the camp kitchen. He is Heinsburg's greatest advocate; he loves to have things happening in the hall and has served on the advertising committee forever.

Babe knows how to carve a turkey quickly and efficiently and has passed his skills on to others. As you all know many a turkey has been carved in this hall over the years.

He has lit the stoves for the ladies, helped with maintenance and small repairs. Babe is always there with his fiddle and banjo at each jamboree, sharing his talent.

Thank you, Babe, for your dedication and years of service to our club.

A FOUNDING MEMBER (Moved from Heinsburg) - IRYNE BUCK (KOZAK)

Iryne married Mike Buck in 1942, when he was taking his basic training in Camrose, Alberta. Mike got his wireless radio training while he was in the army.

In 1955, when school bussing became a big business, they bought a bus. For the next fifteen years Iryne worked as a bus driver. As well as being a housewife, a mother to three girls, and a bus driver, she also got involved in the community club, serving as president in 1968.

When they moved to a salt plant residence in Riverview, they were no longer Community Club members, but we stayed in touch with them for years.

Iryne now lives in Elk Point and is still bustling around town. Thank you Iryne for your part in our club and we are happy to have you here today.

A FOUNDING MEMBER (Moved from Heinsburg) - ELDRED LOWE

Eldred and Gladys came into the community in the mid fifties, they were young and energetic. They arrived with two sons Ricky and Randy, then, David was born so they fit right in with all the young families in the area.

Eldred operated the UGG grain elevator and sold insurance. He soon got involved in the community club and was one of the signers on the incorporation registry in 1959.

When the 50th anniversary was being planned, he got a special invite to come and help us celebrate.

Everyone was happy to get a chance to visit with him and get caught up on his life after Heinsburg..

A FOUNDING MEMBER (Moved from Heinsburg) - EMMA WILSON

Emma Pike was born in the U.S.A. in 1912, and shortly after became a Canadian citizen. She grew up near Ashmont, Alta. After marrying Jim Wilson and bearing three sons; Jimmy, Laverne, and Gordon, there were many moves around the province.

The move in 1949 brought them to Heinsburg, which caused Emma some unhappiness as this appeared to be a remote location. Maybe it seemed that way, because the road east of the salt plant was mostly sand holes, winding through trees and hills. This brought them right down by the railroad tracks where Jim worked. Laverne remembers the town people were very friendly and his mom settled in nicely.

Emma was a very quiet person, but her name shows up many times in the club minutes and it appears that both she and her husband were members for nearly fifteen years.

Emma is now a resident at Parkview Extended Care, in Elk Point, as she is unable to live alone at her beloved farm near the community of Boscombe, Alta.

A FOUNDING MEMBER (Moved from Heinsburg) – MARION JUBA

Marion's husband, Paul ran the Alberta Pacific Grain Elevator in Heinsburg. They raised two children, Blaine and Sharon here. During their stay in Heinsburg, Paul

served on the executive and both were active members with the club. They moved to St. Paul and after Paul passed away Marion moved to Elk Point and still resides in the Fort George Manor.

BINGO CALLERS – Honorary Mention

At this time, I must say thank you to the people, who do and did call bingo. I'd also like to make a special acknowledgement of the three people who called bingo for the club and seemed to really enjoy doing so.

The first was Steve Kuziw, who was always willing to call and who liked interacting with the people. One of his little "come backs" was clickity click, under the "O-66", as well as "I-18", because he wished he was 18 again.



Next, we remember Charlie Thomson, who almost got in trouble with his phrase "You know good help is hard to get these days.", but I know he meant that towards himself.

Brian Bailey (Big Guy), loved to call bingo, he really did, and he was always on top of the game. You always knew what was coming up next with Brian at the console. Maybe that was because he enjoyed playing bingo, himself.



These three people have passed on, and we miss them a lot. This is also a good time to remember all the members of this club who have passed away. As club members, family members and as friends, we truly miss you at a time like this.







CONCERNS FOR THE HALL'S FUTURE

A few halls have closed in the county in 2009 and it's not hard to see why. With the rising cost of utilities, insurance, and the implementation of the new health & safety regulations, clubs appear to be fighting a losing battle.

A more pressing hardship for the Heinsburg Community Club is an aging and declining membership. In recent years much has been done to bring this facility up to date. This book preserves its history but we are concerned about its future.

Do you see the Heinsburg Hall as an asset to the community? Are you aware that the Seniors' Centre is dependent on the operation of the hall? Will it matter to you if the complex is closed within the next five years? If the answer to these questions is yes, then you can make the difference. The Heinsburg Community Club meets at 7:30 on the third Tuesday of every month in the Seniors' Centre. Your support and involvement may insure the continuance of this facility. New members are always welcome. For further information call Marje Scott at 780-943-3148 or Alvin Meger at 780-943-2333.

FUTURE EVENTS – JANUARY 2010
Fifty Year Honorees - Appreciation Night

Donald and Della Kjenner

Our minutes show that Donald Kjenner was at the door for the November 11th supper in 1960. This also indicates that the Kjenners have been with the club for 50 years.



Don & Della continue to be very active with both the club and the seniors and we look forward to honouring them at our annual appreciation night.

Laverne Wilson



Laverne is a founding member and a 50 year honoree of our club. Although Laverne moved out of Heinsburg and settled in Elk Point, he continued to be part of our organization. He and Doris return for many club events and Laverne often participates like he's never left. He was the Keynote speaker at our anniversary celebration when he should have been an honoree. Our apologies, Laverne, we hope to make up for it on appreciation night.

ANECDOTES: WE WERE THERE

For this chapter you were invited to submit memories and pictures of events in the Heinsburg Hall that were significant to you, for inclusion in this publication. The articles and photos received have been used.

Shirley and Arnold Kvill

Long before Arnold and I retired at Laurier Lake and became members of the Heinsburg Community Club, we were involved with the snowmobile rallies. Arn participated in the rallies and I worked as a volunteer at the mid trail stop at the Garnier Lake Pasture.

1996



We owned 3 machines and our son-in-law, Dwayne Olekson and our grandson, Jason Davis rode with Arnold. One year Arnold won \$1000.00. What excitement!

The crew I worked with were Ella & Marvin Botting, Don & Siri Lorensen and Dorothy & Ron Jeffrey. What a hoot! We'd arrive and start a fire in the frigid cabin, put on boilers of water for coffee and cocoa, skin wieners and butter buns. The guys would start a bonfire, shovel snow, park vehicles out of the way, set up the pull station and then help us.

One year, Ron and I worked the number draw. If a small number was pulled Ron would proudly announce that was his age and if it was 60 or up it was my age. Everyone brought their sense of humor and what a riot we had.

As the bulk of the machines started pulling in and everything would be hectic for a while. The riders would discuss the snow conditions, relate things they saw or things that happened to them during the ride as they wolfed down a couple of hot dogs and drank coffee, then drew their numbers before setting out to complete the second half of their 50 mile journey.

Then clean up, packing and evacuation began. In retrospect I can picture the machines and we still miss those times. Thanks Heinsburg Community Club for those fond memories.

McEwen Family Relationship with Heinsburg Community Hall

Since our parents are now both gone, it now means remembering some of the stories.

Mom said that Dad was involved in the building of the Hall. She said that the CNR section men hauled the cement by the wheel barrel to build the foundation and footings. At that time, Jim Wilson, Mert Raymond, and our Dad – Lloyd McEwen would have been the section men.

Since that time, our family has used the Hall for weddings, funerals, family reunions.

On September 30, 1967 I married Gary Fakeley and our reception and dance was held in the Hall. My bridal shower hosted by the Community Club was also in the Hall on September 12, 1967 – I only know that date because I received a cookbook from Josephine Gray and she put the date in it.

Next up was Liz who married Adrien Fortin on March 28, 1970. They went away and got married but their wedding dance was held in the Hall in April of 1970.

Then Valerie married Terry Krider on August 7, 1976. They got married in Krider's yard and their wedding dance was held in the Hall later in August.

Marie was next. She married Robert Zayac on July 11, 1981 and their reception and dance was held in the Hall.

Dad's funeral was held in the Hall on January 7, 1989, our brother Jim's on February 12, 2007 and our Mom's on May 11, 2009.

My sister Marie and I hosted 2 Gregor reunions in 1997 and 1998. It was great to have a Hall like this one with a nice prep area, big sinks, etc.

In my younger days, I remember the many dances in the Hall –the midnight dances were always fun especially for us young ones who didn't like to go to bed anyway. Most of the time, dancing to the music of the Heinsburg Oldtimers.

This Hall has definitely been a focal point for the community. Weddings, funerals, dances, graduations, homecoming celebrations in 1978 & 2003, the school reunion in 1985.

Submitted by:

Carolyn (McEwen) Fakeley



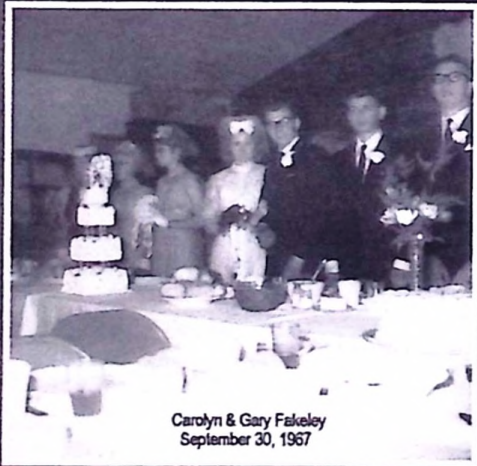
Mom (Jessie McEwen) in centre with her siblings
Jim, Janel, Alice & Donald - 2003



Marie & Robert Zayac
July 11, 1981



Valerie & Terry Knider
with Sam & Amy Knider
& Marilyn Nelson
August 7, 1976



Carolyn & Gary Fakeley
September 30, 1967



Liz & Adrien Fortin
with Dad & Mom on left
Mary & Arthur Fortin on right
March 1970

Dr. W.A. Buck

Some facts I remember:

- Hauling lumber from Wolf Lake to build a 2 sheet curling rink by the water tower
- Flooding the skating rink from the CN water tower
- Building a baseball diamond east of the water tower and by the school (close to Bosvik property)
- Building a baseball diamond on Horton land
- Playing with Chartier kids (Agnes Chartier/Kuziw)
- Babe Sharkey and I were always mistaken one for the other (I did have blonde hair as a kid)
- Percy MacKenzie had a Model T run away down mainstreet, over the bank and almost to the river
- Sleigh riding down the road from the old nuisance ground down into town
- Opening of the new bridge

People I remember:

- Leonard Coombes – a post master in Heinsburg
- Eric Thorne – elevator agent and Velda's restaurant
- Mr. Cameron – drugstore owner & survivor of the Frog Lake Massacre
- Link Emmerson – blacksmith
- Kapjack, Katz and Gregor Stores

Grace & Alvin Meger

What do I remember?????

Memories are different for each person, your involvement, your interest, how the event affected you, makes a big impact on your memory. To go back over 40 years, is hard on our memory card.

From 1954 to when Alvin and I joined the Heinsburg Community Club, we were raising our kids, six in all, who were involved in their own sports and school. Alvin worked shiftwork at the salt plant and also had a hand in farming, either at his parents, or at mine. Later when we joined the club, I also worked at the plant. So

what do I remember? ...a lot of juggling of our life. We started stepping up to get projects going, and found it very worthwhile to do our part. In 1978, I was given the job of inviting all the parade entries for the 50th anniversary for the town of Heinsburg. This is submitted in an earlier chapter when all the clubs in the area joined together, to see if an event of this size was feasible. Such a large undertaking needed lots of extra hands, and I was happy to take on the roll of PARADE MARSHAL. Harry Jenner was to help me, Donald Kjenner was also kept busy the morning all the entries starting arriving. We escorted everyone down to the school grounds where they mustered, to prepare for the very long parade soon to start.

I had a half Arabian white saddle horse, who loved parades. He walked proud and stepped out nicely and he handled the task well. While I carried the Canadian flag, we led the column of over 90 entries, who came from communities far and wide. We moved along Riverside Street, parading through the town till we came past the hall.

The parade was so long, we decided to make a very sharp turn, onto the street that is above the hall, and returning back down to the lower level of town via mainstreet. Was this safe? I guess so, as there were no problems or runaways on our infamous, inclined main street of Heinsburg.

A little booklet was put out, to help with the memories, of how the six separate clubs came together and worked shoulder to shoulder, and handled the 1100 hungry people who ate barbecued beef, the 400 who attended the Saturday evening, the 650 people who had breakfast Sunday morning and the 2000 to 2500 attending the ball games at Lakeland ball park after breakfast.

I also see in this booklet that a temporary lean to was built along the north side of the hall, to cope with the overflow of people that these statistics refer to. To think back to these kinds of events, is like a dream and to imagine our club of today taking on such an endeavor!!! Not likely...but I do get a good feeling when a function turns out a success and we show the communities around, that Heinsburg Community Club is a well working force... Our members are dependable, fun and capable, although aging, they still put on a good event. THESE ARE GOOD MEMORIES FOR ME.

Donald and Della Kjenner

Donald and I worked at bingos for many years. During its popular years, we would get huge crowds. Donald remembers one bingo when the hall was filled to capacity and Anton Zarowny and others were playing bingo on the kitchen stove.

I remember our New Year's Eve dances and the good perogy suppers we had, with crowds that packed the hall. The ladies from across the river came to help us make the perogies and what fun we had.

I also remember when Eleanor Bendixen and I purchased a second-hand stove for the club in St. Paul. After the men brought it home, we cleaned and scrubbed that stove for what seemed like days, but we used it for many years, too.

Vernon(Babe) Sharkey

Babe remembers the day when Laverne Wilson(Willie) and he drove to Edmonton to pick up the hardwood for the hall floor. They were in an old Ford truck, driving in frigid conditions with the temperature dipping to -50 degrees and they nearly froze to death. The lumber was safely delivered and they were paid for gas and meals. Those were the good old days!

Marvin Botting

Ella and Marvin really enjoyed the dances. Heinsburg held great dances – people came from all over. The socializing was always the most fun.

Marvin recalls starting his car after a Heinsburg dance, when a policeman that was parked behind him approached and asked, "Are you going to drive this car?". Marvin replied that he was, and the policeman suggested he should get someone who'd had less to drink. Marvin said he'd get his wife, knowing, she'd had a few "Nips", too. They got home safely.