

# INGLIS



# NEWSLETTER

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Donations can be left at the R.M. of Shellmouth-Boulton office

## Community Group Meetings

**Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Inglis Area Business Group**  
8:00 p.m. @ The Prairie Grill  
For more info contact Rick Goraluk 564-2585

**Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Inglis & District Community Club**  
7:30 p.m. @ Inglis Hall  
Everyone welcome

## Inglis Nursery School General Meeting

The Inglis Nursery School Annual General Meeting and Registration will be held on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at Inglis School. Everyone welcome!

We need three board members. All children who will be three years old by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> of 2007 are eligible to register. Please call Sheila @ 564-2569 if you have any questions.

## The Inglis Newsletter – Last Issue?

I would just like to thank everyone for always letting me know how much they enjoy the Inglis Newsletter. I have been happy to bring this small bit of reading to your homes over the past few years.

This is my last issue of the Inglis Newsletter. Finding the time to complete it each month has started to become somewhat of a challenge for me and with the pending arrival of child #2 in a few weeks, it will become basically impossible.

Unfortunately to date, I have not been contacted by anyone showing a guaranteed interest in taking over this monthly tradition. If anyone is interested, I encourage you to contact me in the earlier part of August so that I can explain what all is involved and help you prepare for it. You should be fairly comfortable using a computer and also have access to one if you plan on doing this. At this point, it is a volunteer position but the Inglis & District Community Club would be willing to discuss payment.

Watch for posters to see if anyone will do a September issue.

For businesses that have ads pre-paid, if this is indeed the last issue of the Inglis Newsletter I will contact you in the future to discuss reimbursement.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your appreciative comments and for your support of the Inglis Newsletter over the past few years.

I sure hope there is someone out there willing to carry on this monthly tradition.

*Tammy Fingas*

**There will be no Activities Board Card Party in August but mark September 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the next one!**

## Grow Project Update

First off, we'd like to give a huge thank-you to all the supporters of the grow project. The response from the community and surrounding areas has been excellent and we hope the donations keep rolling in to support the project. Once again, thank-you!

Things are progressing rapidly out on the grow project field, just like every other crop out there. The canola is done blooming and looks to be quite a good crop in the making. If you have not seen it yet, or lately, make a point of getting out there as it really is quite an impressive and interesting project. There is a sign at the entrance of the field and also along both major roadways with directions to the field, so finding the grow project field is no problem at all. There is also a sign in town just north of the R.M. shop with the major sponsors names and/or logos on it and another sign next to the R.M. office with all the contributors of the project to date. A big thank-you goes out to Jillian Frieze and Anne Nernberg for making the signs for the roadways and to Dianne Ungarian for keeping the sign next to the R.M. office updated.

The next hurdle we will be facing in the near future is getting the crop swathed in a timely manner. If anyone would be interested in donating the swathing of the crop, please contact Ken, Luc, Dave, Kent or Lorne to discuss further. We are also going to be looking for trucks and combines as the harvest day draws nearer. Ideally, we would like to pick a weekend near the end of the harvest season so there is more people and equipment available to lend a hand and join in with the fun and fellowship of wrapping up the harvest of the Grow Project.

Stay tuned for further updates and keep those donations coming in. Below is the list of donations that have been made since the last newsletter:

Bert & Bernice Marshall \$150.00

Erwin & Enid Mack \$200.00

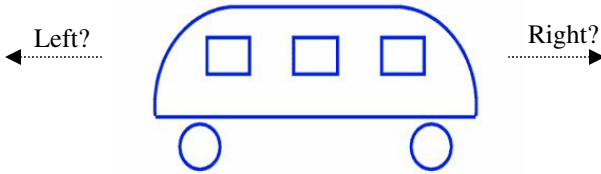
Katie Halwas \$100.00

The Inglis Activities Board would like to thank Tammy for all of the hard work she has put into doing this newsletter for the past 5 years.

If it wasn't for her, the events we put on would not have been advertised so widely and probably would not have been as well attended!!

Tammy, you did a GREAT job, so we hope everyone in our community will let you know when they run into you!!!

In which direction is the bus traveling?



Answer on Page 3

### Winners of The Inglis Activities Board Events on Canada Day are as follows:

#### The Bike Decorating Contest

Ages 6 and under: Sebastian Leimhofer

Ages 7 to ten: Abbey Marschall

Ages 10 and up: Bria Wojcichowsky

#### Washers Tournament:

"A" side champs were Reg and Gloria Burla

"B" side champs were Dave and Marcia Rowat

and of course we can't forget the "fun to watch"

#### Watermelon Eating Contest:

Kids champ was Seth Beaulieu (Yorkton)

Runner up was Skylar Nicholas (Inglis)

Adult champ was Miles Nernberg (Inglis)

and there was a tie for runners up: Evan Jordan (Teulon) and Kurt Dreidger (Russell)

Thanks to all that participated in our activities, and we hope everyone had a lot of fun!!!

*Inglis and District Activities Board*

### THANK YOU'S FROM THE INGLIS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CLUB

The Inglis & District Community Club would like to thank the following individuals who donated their time for working the bar at the Matskiw/Hoplock wedding on July 7<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the club:

Ken Bannister

Bob & Leanne Werschler

Norm Kerr

Newell & Shannon Johnston

Don Marschall

Also thank you to Kevin and Cheyenne Matskiw for their generous donation of \$200 towards the club.

The Inglis & District Community Club would also like to thank everyone for supporting the supper on Canada Day. By donating salads, working in the kitchen, cleaning up, taking money, donating BBQ's and cooking, we can boast yet another successful fundraiser! We estimate that we served over 300 for supper.

*It was a great day!*

*Thank you!*

Thank you to everyone who donated towards my bridal shower gift at Jordie's Food Mart in Inglis. Also thanks to Jeri-Lynn for making us up such an exciting basket.

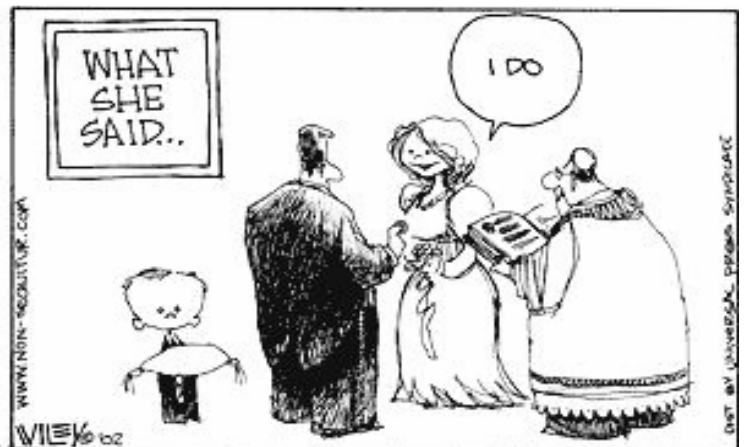
You all made this a memorable evening.

*Kim Bodnariuk*

### The Way Children See Things!

A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup to come out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. "It's the minister, Mommy," the child said to her mother. Then she added, "Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle."

**The highest reward for a person's work is not what they get for it, but what they become because of it.**



*This story was unintentionally missed from the printing of the Inglis Book "Backtrackin". Apologies go out to Saimi Iftody and niece Arlene Wagner for the disappointment caused. Tammy so graciously agreed to include it in the Inglis Newsletter in order that it could receive some exposure. Thank you, Heather Koss.*

### **RECOLLECTIONS** Submitted by Saimi Iftody

In this day and age with technology giving us all sorts of gadgets such as cell phone, it makes one think, "How in the world did we ever get along?" Before we got telephones in 1954, the nearest phone was 1 ½ miles away. My husband, George, and I lived on the quarter section SW-28-23-27W, now occupied by Jim and Wendy Bezan. Several times I had to run to Peter Gaber's to use the phone to call Mr. Liske to deliver fuel for the tractor. When the phone came in, they were quite a novelty. We were on a party line and news was gathered and passed long. That was our "Internet"!

I first set eyes on Inglis on June 5, 1947, after a 2-day train ride from North Bay, Ontario. North Bay is east of Sudbury. The train from the east was late getting into Winnipeg, and missed the connection to the train going to Inglis. I was in a bit of a panic, but the ticket agent told me not to worry. He telegraphed ahead to Portage La Prairie and I traveled on the "flyer", as it was called, and the Inglis Train waited for me. I was traveling alone as George had come out 6 weeks earlier to make arrangements to purchase a farm. The trip was quite memorable, as the one and only passenger car was quite full until we got to Minnedosa. There, a lady went by me down the aisle, and stopped to ask me if I was from Minnedosa. Well, never having heard the name, I thought she said Minnesota, so I promptly informed her that I was Canadian. She gave me a rather strange look. From there on I was the only passenger. Then trainman talked to me, I suppose in curiosity as to who I was, and said to me, "I see by your ticket that you're going to Inglis. Why are you going there? People don't go to Inglis; they leave Inglis!" The trainman was Byron Crawford and he said he knew George. They had written their Grade 8 exams in Inglis together. A very long time ago, Inglis was the center to write the Grade 8 exams and get a certificate for having completed Grade 8, which at that time was held in high regard. And so began my life on the prairies!

We lived a few months with George's parents, Jacob and Evdochia Iftody, on NW 19-23-27W, and then we moved to a very small one-room house on the east quarter of the home place. George had gone to an auction sale and bought a wooden table and 4 chairs and a tiny cook stove. There was no well on the place so snow had to be melted for water. I used to boil and cool off water for drinking. One day I filled an earthenware pitcher with hot water and set it to cool, setting on the little front porch, and forgot about it. The water froze and cracked the pitcher. I was heart-broken because it had been a wedding present.

In the spring of 1948, we started building on the quarter section that became our home for the next 9 years. Helping George with the building were his brother Gordon, Burt Duncan, and Teddy Herichuk. The building site was better than a mile away, and many times to save time, I carried hot meals in pots and jugs, and then hurried back to wash the dishes and start making supper. Water was carried from Ostafichuk's who lived east of us about ¼ of a mile. Harvest time was particularly hard as the house was so small, and no matter how much I cooked, there was hardly anything left for me. Any excess weight that I had carried soon vanished. In the fall of 1948, after the harvest, we were able to move into our own home. In was the only home I had ever lived in, that no one else had lived in before.

A log barn was quickly built for our 3 cows and a team of horses and some chickens. There wasn't time to put on a proper roof, so it was covered with a few boards and lots of straw on top. It was a cozy barn for our animals, but when the spring rains came, it leaked badly and George would hold an umbrella over me while I milked the cows. Incidentally, I had received a "crash course" in cow milking the first summer I was in Manitoba.

Life was good despite the many obstacles we had to overcome. Not many luxuries, unless you consider a treadle sewing machine a luxury. Until we had one of our own, I used to go to Mrs. Kozma Bezan's about a good ¼ mile away and take all the mending that needed to be done, as she had a sewing machine. I was quite proud to acquire one at an auction sale. On it, I sewed up my first maternity top with a drawstring purse to match, and also 3 dozen flannelette diapers when we were expecting our first-born. Gregory was born August 29, 1956.

We probably would have farmed for quite a few more years, but George had back problems, and spent 4 winters in Deer Lodge Hospital in Winnipeg; the last year being 1954. He left home on January 19 and did not get back until June 5. All that time, I was left in charge of everything. I had 4 cows to feed, water, and milk and as the cream had to be delivered to town, I had to learn to harness the horses, and hitch them up, and drive them 6 miles. On one occasion, when I got to town and drove the team to the livery barn which was operated by George Choropita, he had to literally pry my hands open to release the reigns as I had to hold on so tightly, and it was a very cold day as well. Also that winter, before George left for the hospital, he had hauled long rails of wood to be cut into stove lengths for the next winter. I split all that wood and later piled it up neatly at the edge of the yard by a bluff.

Later on, when it was time for seeding, my brother-in-law, Gordon, came to do the work. He rented a Ford tractor from the dealer and I used it to harrow after him while he used our Cockshutt for the seeding. Later that year, we got the telephone, which would have been so useful when I spent those months alone. I remember the time when one of the young heifers had apparently tried to jump from her stall to the other one, and the partitions were at least 3 feet high. She got half way over, but got hung up. She was already with her tongue hanging out and her eyes rolled up when I found her in the morning. There was no way I could help her, except by sawing through the 10-inch fir planks. I had to cut through 2 planks to free her. Upon completing this task, my brother-in-law showed up, and I'm afraid I gave him a tongue lashing for not having come sooner, but of course he didn't realize anything had happened.

These are some of the experiences I had during my years on the farm. We left the farm in the fall of 1956 and we moved to Dauphin, as George had accepted a job with Westeel, later Westeel-Rosco, as a traveling salesman. His experience in being a municipal councillor for 6 years helped him to get the job. Three more children were born to us during our Dauphin years. Gregory, our oldest, is now in Vancouver. A daughter, Sandra, is in Calgary, and Ron and Ray are in Winnipeg. I moved to Winnipeg in 1999. George passed away October 11, 1992.

Answer to Bus question: The bus is traveling Left. How can you tell?  
Because you can't see the door.

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