

# West Creston Community NEWSLETTER

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## Recreation \$'s for the Hall!

The "Yes" vote from last November's Referendum resulted in West Creston taxpayers now contributing to the Recreation Assessment on our Property Taxes. A silver lining is that our Community Hall will now receive an annual Management Fee of approximately \$15,000.00! This amount will go a long way towards offsetting the annual operating expenses for the Hall. The annual Expense Amount was \$20,087.99 as per the Financial Report for the Year End/February 28/07. Hall Rentals, Recycling Bin Revenue, Membership Dues, Fundraising Events, etc. will continue to make up the shortfall for the annual cost to maintain and operate our Hall.

## Calendar Photo Contest Deadline Extended

After much consideration, it has been decided to extend the deadline to December 31, 2007. The chosen photos will then be used to produce a **2009** West Creston Calendar that

will be ready for sale in spring of 2008. The extension will allow for a better quality of calendar to be produced and a longer "sale window". Revised photo contest rules and submission forms will be available at the Corn Crickers Picnic, Mugwumps Country Store or by contacting Cathy at 402-6576.

## Corn Crickers Picnic

Get ready for some old fashion family fun! This year's Picnic is **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** at the West Creston Community Hall from noon to 4:00. In addition to the Annual Pie Auction, many other activities are being planned. If you would like to help with the planning/organizing/assisting, etc., please contact Picnic Coordinator Ted Yarema at 402-2056.

## Future Hall Events

Some potential upcoming events are a Halloween Dance, Christmas Tea, and New Year's Eve Dinner if volunteer organizers can be found. Anyone wishing to help arrange these or other events, please contact Hall President, Allen McLaren (402-6624) or attend any monthly meeting of the Hall Society.

## Regular Hall Meeting

The next Hall meeting is **Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** - 7:30 p.m.

## Hall Trivia

Does anyone know when the first Corn Crickers Picnic was held?

## W.C. Fire Protection Society

The Fire Protection volunteers have been a busy group! Anyone who has driven past the Hall over the past few months may have noticed a great deal of activity behind the building. The Fire Society applied for and received a B.C. Gaming Grant for the purchase of an equipment building. After many, many, volunteers hours spent preparing the site, pouring the foundation and assembly the building pieces, the new Fire Building is ready!! Many thanks to Area Manager Tom Mann and the R.D.C.K. for a grant to help cover site prep costs. The W.C. F.P.S. will be hosting an Open House during the Corn Crickers Picnic and invites everyone to drop in to have a look around. Visitors to the Hall are requested to not park in front of the access route. "Fire Lane" signs have been put up to clearly mark the area.

The West Creston Fire Call Out Number is **402-9779**. If you have any questions about the Society or wish to become involved, please contact Jim McLeod - 428-8841.

## Coming Soon ...

Don Turner has been working on restructuring/revamping the West Creston Community website. It is almost ready to launch - more details in September's newsletter.