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Thank You's:

A special thank you to Cathy Robinson and Linda Teague who organized the very enjoyable Christmas Tea. Also, a special thank you to those who assisted with the baking, the setting up, Santa's helpful servers and the clean up crew. The vendors supplied a wonderful variety of items to purchase, thank you for your time and effort!

The Spaghetti Dinner was also a huge success. Another special thank you to Jackie Ryckman and Maura Schadeli and their family members who assisted in providing those who attended with a delicious dinner and three choices of homemade desserts . . . the portions more than generous!

Beginner Bridge Lessons:

The FREE beginner bridge lessons have been postponed to April 14th. Lessons will be held at the West Creston Hall at 7:00 pm and continuing every Tuesday evening. Attendees must pre-register with Bob Gildemeester at 250 428-2880.

R.D.C. K. News:

Congratulations to Larry Binks, the newly elected Area C Director. He can be reached at 250 428-9577.

West Creston Community members wish to thank Tom Mann for his many years of faithful service to the Area C residents. We were all sorry to hear of Tom's illness and wish him a speedy recovery.

Part-Time Hall Cleaner:

The Hall requires a part-time cleaner to be available to clean the hall before and after functions. This is a paid position, approximately 6 – 10 hours per month. If you are interested, please contact Jackie at 250 428-7078.

Annual General Meeting:

The West Creston Hall Society Annual General Meeting will be held at

the Hall on April 21, 2009 at 7:30 pm. Please mark the date on your calendar as it would be great to have a large turnout. We are fortunate to have such a lovely Hall and grounds in our community, but it takes lots of work to maintain and plan for the future. The more folks involved the easier it is for everyone. Hopefully we'll see you at the meeting!

West Creston Fire Protection Society:

Exciting news for West Creston; the West Creston Fire Protection Society has taken a giant step forward.

With the assistance of Larry Binks, the R.D.C.K. has given West Creston a Community Development grant for Enhanced Rural Fire Protection in the amount of \$7000. This will cover yearly expenses for the phone call out service and insurance for the trucks and satellite units. They are also going to provide the fire response members with insurance coverage and look

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into the possibility of leasing a fire truck for five years.

Before leaving office Tom Mann gave the fire society \$1000 to purchase 50 calendars from the Canyon/ Lister fire department. In turn this has done two things for us:

1) The calendars were to raise money for a specialized sprinkler trailer for fighting wild fires, which we now have access to.

2) W.C.F.P.S. already has equipment for spraying foam – Canyon/Lister has a stock pile of foam which they will supply to us as needed.

This foam can be sprayed on a building that is in the path of a fire – for \$50.00 a pail – the owner can have their building hosed down with a fire protective coating.

West Creston residents should have what most Canadians take for granted – our homes and lives protected from being destroyed by fire.

S-100 Wild Fire Course:

ONLY TEN SPOTS LEFT, for the S-100 wild fire course.

This certified course will be run on March 28 & 29; and is provided **free to West Creston Residents.**

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone, thinking of future employment with forestry or concerned about your family's safety in a fire situation.

Call 250-428-8841 for more information and registration.

West Creston Calendars:

There are still a few of the beautiful scenic 2009 calendars for sale at Mugwumps. There are some fabulous photos of the local area taken by local photographers.