

2012 Blaine Lake Centennial Planning Meeting

March 11, 2010 @ 7pm @ BL Seniors' Centre

Present: Terry Rapsey, Denyse Rapsey, Shelby Williams, Jenna Nemish, Vivian Nemish, Walter Perekudoff, Barb Mascho, Al Sorenson, Maureen Barrie, Annette Pollard, Elaine Pollard, Lorne Popov, Ernest Crowder, Anna Brad, Laurie Cheveldayoff, Lucille Horner, Linda Wishloff, Gertie Postnikoff, Scott Larson, Terra Bonnieman, Lucien Lamontagne, Jim Burak, Kari Redlich, Larry Androsoff, Pat Ciona, Andy Ciona

Blaine Lake's 2010 Centennial Celebrations – June 22, 23, 24, 2012

The evening was a brainstorming session that included event, fundraising, promotion/media ideas. The lists below were from the session.

Event Ideas

- Slo-pitch/Family Slo-pitch tournament
- Invite and Include Dignitaries in events – (i.e. parade marshal).
 - Invite Ken Cheveldayoff.
- Invite Military Cadets/Leask Legion/Have a tribute to our veterans
- Local business people dress in period costume for the week prior to the event
- Create a mascot/monument:
 - World's Biggest Whooping Crane, as Blaine Lake is on the migratory path for the birds and often stop at the Blaine Lakes
 - Have a monument made of Doukhobour women pulling a plough.
 - Get plaques that describe each of the settlement cultures (i.e. Scottish, French, Ukrainian, etc...)
 - There is a capital grant (Legacy Monument Grant) available, can range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 and the deadline is Sept. 30, 2010. Prototypes will need to be done before the date, so a cost can be estimated. If wanting to do this, a sub-committee needs to be made for this as soon as possible.
- Skew the Blaine Lake restaurant menus toward ethnic food for the weekend
- Performances from Sask. Express/ Saskatoon Mini-Expressions
- Dance – or a couple of dances
 - Dan Diehl would like to have a concert/concerts
 - Street Dance

- Play depicting Blaine Lake history
- Fashion show
- Amazing race contest
- Pancake breakfast
- Create heritage site plaques for Blaine Lake's heritage sites and unveil the plaques that weekend
- Parade – (Wally Kabaroff mentioned that he would like to help out again)
 - In 2005, we had 3 pipe bands in parade that were sponsored by local businesses.
- Who's who – who came out of BL and where have they gone
- School reunion
- Turn of the century country fair – pie eating contests, quilting contest, pickling judging
- Blaine Lake RCMP reunion
- Time capsule burying
- Have RCMP dress in period costume and ride horses in the parade. (Kari Redlich said this is possible, as long as everything is organized far enough in advance.)
- Incorporate the businesses into the celebrations throughout the week/weekend and encourage this by offering awards for the best decorated business, best costumes
- Fireworks
- Make sure to involve the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, the local Hutterite Colonies, and other neighbouring communities
- Pow Wow
- Interdenominational church service followed by an old fashion community picnic
- Pie social
- Exhibit with local artisans and their work
- Exhibit with past community members and their work (i.e. Edith E. Vereshagin, Hazel Stupnikoff, Jack Funk)
- Pony rides, sack races, 3 legged races
- Golf tournament/horseshoe tournament
- Old time dancing and demonstration/Square dancing/barber shop quartet
- Wagon rides/livery stables
- Get millstone working (sits in front of library)
- Gopher races/ pig races
- Dunk tank for local politicians
- Blacksmithing demonstration, carving whistles out of willow demonstration
- Antique car show
- Have a four page spread done in newspaper with historical pieces about Blaine Lake (similar to what Shellbrook did)

- Get the children to learn songs that were sung a 100 years ago and perform them
- Have volunteers wearing something identifiable – pin, shirt, badge, etc...

Individuals that have Contacted Us

- Munroe
- Ens (will provide us with financial donation for the event)
- Popoff
- Funk-Weibe
- Other past graduates of BLCS have said that they would love to help with planning and organizing

Fundraising Ideas

- Create a medallion/coin
- Create a stamp
- Duck race down the river
- Can sell bricks to people and can put names on it – buy a brick
- 1 year prior the event – have musical performance for fundraising (each performance would have a song from a different decade)

Souvenir Ideas

- Create a commemorative pin
- NorthStar apparel has contacted Laurie and is willing to meet with us to look at all the options we have

Items to Do Before Centennial Celebration

- Ensure Communities in Bloom Committee is aware so they can have everything in full bloom for that weekend
- Fix up the museum
- Get the water tower fixed up

Promotion/Media Ideas

- Start advertising now
- Create a song and create a video and then get it promoted thru CTV, Global, etc...
- Have a song written about Blaine Lake and its Centennial
 - Possibly get the children and teachers to write and sing the song

- Advertise in the Our Canada magazine, Country magazine, Prairies North, Retired Teachers magazine, senior newspaper, Facebook
- Involve the school – can the teachers implement something into the curriculum for the students to learn about the history of Blaine Lake

Those celebrating 100 years in 1912 in Blaine Lake are the CN Station (library building), CIBC Bank, Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel, RM of Blaine Lake and Town of Blaine Lake. The Gillies Post Office was moved to the town settlement in November 1911.

What other communities are celebrating their 100th birthday this year in Saskatchewan?

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| • Assiniboia - December 19, 1912 | • Gravelbourg – December 30, 1912 |
| • Avonlea - February 10, 1912 | • Leask – September 3, 1912 |
| • Bengough - March 15, 1912 | • Lebret – October 14, 1912 |
| • Bethune - August 2, 1912 | • Lestock – April 17, 1912 |
| • Beinfait - April 16, 1912 | • Liberty – January 23, 1912 |
| • Blaine Lake – March 15, 1912 | • Macrorie – February 8, 1912 |
| • Brierbrest – April 17, 1912 | • Meacham – June 19, 1912 |
| • Cabri – May 13, 1912 | • Neville – July 5, 1912 |
| • Chaplin – October 8, 1912 | • Pennant – July 29, 1912 |
| • Cut Knife – May 17, 1912 | • Preeceville – February 6, 1912 |
| • Dalmeny became village June 17, 1912 but was disorganised in 1914 and then reorganized in 1919 | • Stenen – August 14, 1912 |
| • Denholm – June 25, 1912 | • Strongfield – May 3, 1912 |
| • Dike – December 30, 1912 | • Sturgis – September 3, 1912 |
| • Edenwold – October 3, 1912 | • Success – October 25, 1912 |
| • Ernfold – December 4, 1912 | • Vanguard – July 8, 1912 |
| | • Waldheim – June 10, 1912 |

**Only communities that are within a 50 mile radius are Waldheim, Leask and Dalmeny (if that is the year that they choose to use)

**Next Blaine Lake Centennial Planning Meeting:
Tuesday, March 30, 2010 @ 7:30pm @ Blaine Lake Seniors' Centre**