

Dewberry Community Newsletter

July 2024

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Over 38 years ago, a group of local individuals wanted to provide a recreational facility that would encourage and offer opportunity for friendly and social activities. Many years later, our 9-hole course / par total 36 / 2,033 yards is still providing an affordable and fun experience for all ages. Our beautiful course and Clubhouse is open 7 days a week (weather permitting). Grab a bite to eat with a refreshing beverage and sit back and enjoy the view.

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Lea Park
GOLF CLUB



FRIDAY, AUGUST 15th

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Patricia McGregor
(nee Haskell)

September 23, 1942-May 21, 2025



Patti McGregor was born Patrica Marie Haskell on September 23rd, 1942, in Islay, Alberta, a small town Northeast of Edmonton. She passed away on May 21st, 2025, at Surrey Memorial Hospital after her abdominal aortic aneurysm, something she had lived with for many years, ruptured.

Patti was the daughter of Chris Haskell and Leontine Marie Verreau. She was survived by her sister Faye, and had two brothers, Albert and Jim. Her heritage was Danish on her father's side and French on her mother's side. She was raised as a farm girl on the prairies near Dewberry, Alberta and started school in a one room schoolhouse and eventually left home to finish post-secondary in Edmonton.

She was a teacher in the 60's and was married to Alan McGregor in 1967 where they settled into their home on Dawson Place in North Delta. They raised two children, Davis and Shauna-Lee, and fortunately, Patti was able to stay at home as a home maker to raise them. They separated around 1980 but remained good friends for the benefit of their children. She was involved in politics in the early 80's and even ran for a position on council in North Delta. She was very active in the theatre and even involved her kids in the Act One Players. She filled their lives with music and theatre for their early years, ensuring that they were fully immersed in the cultural arts.

She worked at the Delta Arts Council from early 1980s until she retired in September 2007. She finally sold the house on Dawson Place in 2017, after living there for 50 years. She downsized, decluttered and moved into a condo in Kennedy Heights Tower. There she met so many people and was within walking distance to the Kennedy Seniors Recreation Centre. She often referred to her new home as a bit of 'Heaven on Earth'.

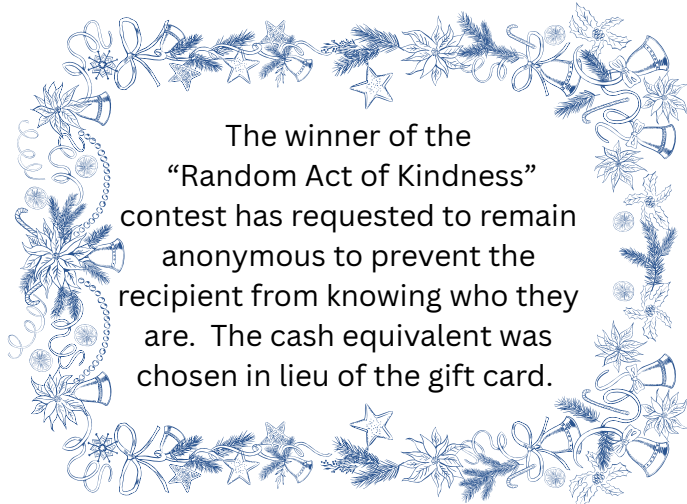
She was involved in music her entire life, sang in many different groups and often solo. She thoroughly enjoyed entertaining from the time she was a little girl until just a few years ago when she decided it was just getting too hard to haul around all the equipment.

She was loved by four grandchildren whom she was extremely proud of: Brody, Callum, Koen, and Emily. She adored her grandchildren and showered them with her love. They all have very fond memories of her, especially all the games that they have played with her over the years.

She was very active volunteering at the Kennedy Seniors Recreation Centre. She enjoyed daily walks; playing her guitar or keyboard; visiting or chatting with family and friends; playing different games such as Scrabble, Mahjong, Rummy-O, puzzles, card games and Pickle ball too! She also called herself a "Foodie" as she loved to enjoy different ethnic restaurants with family and friends.

Unfortunately, in 2021 she was diagnosed with an abdominal aortic aneurysm and was told that her life expectancy was 2 years. She was blessed (and so were the people around her) to have surpassed this. She passed away peacefully in the Surrey Memorial Hospital on May 21, 2025.

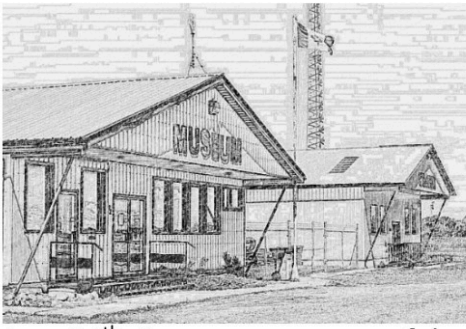
She will be dearly missed by all those that knew her and loved her.



The winner of the
"Random Act of Kindness"
contest has requested to remain
anonymous to prevent the
recipient from knowing who they
are. The cash equivalent was
chosen in lieu of the gift card.

In Every Hand, A Thread

*In every smile, a spark of grace,
In every heart, a gathering place
We share the load, we share the light
Together strong, through day and night
A patchwork quilt of voices true.
Woven tight in all we do.
For in this place, both you and me-
Are roots and wings of **COMMUNITY***



Museum Notes

A Big Thanks to everyone who visited and supported the museum for our open house on

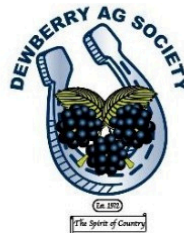
June 14th. It was a very successful event and certainly enjoyed by all. Plans are already underway for next year!



Special thanks to Tammi Etherington for putting together an awesome temporary display and for the planters and flowers, Terry Butz for lending us his team and wagon, and to all the museum members and volunteers who worked extremely hard getting the museum ready for the Dewberry Community Day open house.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, and we are always open to more. For information on volunteering, becoming a member of the society, or about any of our activities, do not hesitate to contact us at any time. Follow our Facebook page for additional information or, email us at dewberryvalleymuseum@gmail.com.

The Dewberry Valley Museum is funded in part by donations from visitors and community members. Any donation is appreciated, and tax receipts will be issued for donations over \$20.00. Please consider us in your donation and legacy planning.



On Saturday June 14 the Ag Society was pleased to be a part of the many festivities and events around town.

We served Complimentary Hot Dogs with a beverage, and it was nice to have our lobby full and being utilized. Many treasures were found at the Community Garage sale that was held that day as well!

Thank you to Laurie, Eleanor, Holly and Doris for setting up the lobby and Thanks to the superb Hot Dog Crew-Holly, Darlene, Linda, Doris and Suzanne that served over 250 Hot Dogs After the Parade.

We would also like to acknowledge the Dewberry Chuckwagon Racing Heritage Society for organizing the groups to keep our Fathers Day weekend tradition alive.

No July meeting see you in August!

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 2024
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 see you there!*




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 LARRY BENSMILLER: (780) 808-9292
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This is a paid position, details can be discussed.



thank you

- To Pastor Matt for all the mowing he has done around the Hamlet
- To the Ag Society gals & the businesses for planting flowers
- To all the individuals and organizations for their contribution to the Dewberry Community Day
- To everyone who came to enjoy the community day festivities



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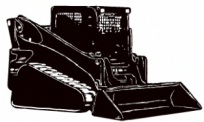
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**Lea Park Golf
Course**

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of copy paper
for the newsletter
Much appreciated!*

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Marwayne Public Library

WELCOME TO OUR LIBRARY THIS SUMMER

July Open Tues. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Closed June 22-July 6th

July 15th @ 1:00 pm Making Clay Owl Succulent Planters

July 29th @ 1:00 pm Dr. Seuss Poetry Collages

All ages welcome including adults.
Children from ages 0-12 must be accompanied by an adult
for all programs this summer.

August Open Tues. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wed 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

August 12th @ 1:00 pm Beehive Day -
Importance of Pollinators

Thurs. August 14th @ 10:00 am Science
Presentation by the Alberta Science
Network (all ages our big event)

Pick up your Summer Scavenger Hunt Booklet
Highest Points receive a May Cinema Gift Certificate for two
in September.

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For ALL Children
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Calling Youth
Leaders
Ages 13-18

Dewberry Community Church

August 11-14, 2025
9:15am-12:00pm



Pre-Register Here!

(Not required, but it helps us with planning!)
Paper also available on site

Questions? Contact Tyson @ 780-385-4931



AGES: 6-12

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WEEK**

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Dewberry Community Church

Hey Dewberry,

As I am writing this, the Bible verse that God gave me for the May edition of our Town Newsletter is coming to mind: "Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone." - Zechariah 10:1. Now, on the morning that I am writing this, we are receiving some much-needed heavy rain. Thank You Lord!

GOD IS GOOD!

Here is what is going on at the church in July:

- **VBS is on August 11th to 14th. Save the dates!**
- Learning to Pray is every Tuesday at 7^{pm} at the church.
- We are having a men's work bee on August 15th and 16th. We will be tearing out our old sidewalk at the church and pouring cement for a new sidewalk. If you are interested in helping, please join us! We would really appreciate the help!
- Our regular church services are every Sunday at 10^{am}. Everyone is welcome 😊

God bless!

- *Pastor Matt*

SUPPORTING SUMMER GRIEF

Grieving in summer can be especially disorienting because the sunshine, social events, and expectations of joy often clashes with the grieving experience. Here are some ideas to consider when thinking about supporting through experiences of grief this summer.

1. Acknowledge The Season is Hard

You do not have to feel okay just because the sun is shining. Grief does not follow a set timeline. Be where you are emotionally, by acknowledging that this is a difficult journey.

2. Set Boundaries with Time and Plans

Summer can be full of gatherings and invitations to weddings, birthday parties, or other celebrations. You are allowed to say no and set boundaries on your attendance. Many people often find it helpful to say "maybe" and then you always have the option of changing your mind.

3. Turn to Nature

While summer can feel overstimulating, it also offers gentle ways to soothe grief if you can turn towards nature. This may include going for morning walks before it gets hot, sitting quietly near water, gardening or tending to a plant, or catching the sunrise or sunset.

4. Create Your Own Rituals

Grief responds well to small rituals. Some ideas that can be helpful for summer could be writing your loved one a letter and leaving it somewhere that reminds you of them, making a playlist that connects memories of your loved one, or choosing a flower to plant at home that represents your loved one.

5. Connect With Support System

Grief can feel isolating, especially when it feels that others in your life are "moving on." Reach out to someone who can support you where you are at or consider joining a grief support group either in-person or online.

6. Give Yourself Grace

You do not have to be productive in order to get the most out of summer. If you find that you are just surviving most day, remind yourself that this is enough.

No matter what strategies you lean into this summer, know that you are doing your best to manage a very difficult season of your life.

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August



Newsletter

Deadline for Submissions
July 24th

