



# Village of Waldron reaches 100 years

Waldron will be the place to be in mid-July. The tiny village of about two dozen will celebrate its centennial July 17 and 18.

Although all details weren't available at press time, some of the events scheduled include a welcome wiener roast, brunch, parade, village sign and veterans' wall unveiling, supper and a dance.

Incorporated as a village in 1909 the population of the Village of Waldron peaked prior to the 1920s and has long since fallen off. Beginning in 1908 with one small wooden shack which served as the post office, by 1912 the community boasted two banks, a hardware store, general stores, a butcher shop, a harness maker, a blacksmith shop, two lumber yards, a livery barn, a restaurant, a boarding house, a three-story hotel, a town hall, a school, a church and a large hockey rink. A telephone exchange was organized in 1915 with 90 members.

By 1980 when the province celebrated its 75th anniversary there were 50 residents remaining in the village, a hotel, garage, post office and two Pool elevators. The community was in a struggle to retain its school, which it lost shortly after

when students were bussed to Melville or Grayson.

The rural population decline that followed decimated the village until today there are about two dozen residents living in fewer than 10 homes, and three remaining civic buildings — the town office, built as a Canadian centennial project in 1967, which houses the town office and post office, the Waldron Community Hall, which holds the club rooms of the More and Merrier Seniors Club, which meets each Thursday at 2 p.m. and the Waldron Curling Rink, which hosts an annual Curling Bonspiel every winter when the weather cooperates on a natural ice surface.

Currently the tiny village is enjoying somewhat of a population boom. Waldron's population has jumped from 15 in the 2001 census to 20 in 2006.

The residents of Waldron continue to gather at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day to honor their war dead. They also host their annual fall supper Nov. 11 serving up to 300 people who travel from far and wide to partake of the community sponsored event.



## VILLAGE OF WALDRON

### Centennial Commemorative Gardens

- Adjacent to the Waldron Cenotaph
- A Saskatchewan Centennial project
- Dedicated at Celebrate Waldron Homecoming August 7, 2005



- Built in 1930 by returning veterans to honor those who fell in the "Great War" 1914-1918
- Names of those who died in 1939-1945 have since been added
- Declared a Municipal Heritage Site January, 2006

*The Waldron Centennial will take place July 17 and 18, 2009. Anyone with information or photos of families or history, please phone Wendy at 728-5294 or Annette at 728-5376.*

### Waldron Community Hall

- Available to rent for your event
- Reasonable rates • Contact: Annette Plosz – 728-5376

### Unserviced Lots for Sale

- Contact: Arlene McGuire, Village Clerk Box 87, Waldron, Sk. S0A 4K0

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