



Neubergthal Notes

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SUMMER 2021

Tai Linklater, Altona, was the Neubergthal Heritage Foundation summer student host, "Darp Gaustviet," this summer. Now she is second year student in Environmental Studies at Canadian Mennonite University. Tai is one of only four students across Canada to receive the 2021 Mattinson Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.

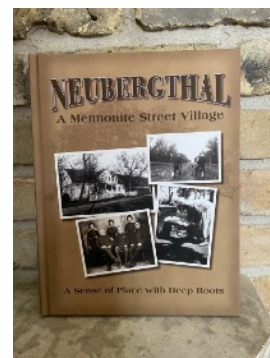
She really enjoyed hosting tours but unfortunately, Covid restricted visitors again this summer. One of the alternate projects was to take pictures of every yard in the village - this project is still in progress. A long time ago, when the historic site work was beginning, in 1997, Parks Canada created a photo inventory of every property in Neubergthal - digital and photo prints. Even some bird houses were included in this record. Now there will be an updated version for each yard.



*Carry one another
in your hearts and your prayers.*

*With a wish for peace,
safety and security
for all,
especially in this season of Christmas.
Peace to you and your families.*

from Neubergthal Heritage Foundation



For your Christmas shopping lists - for fun and old time stories give a Neubergthal story/history book. \$40.00 Contact nhfrayh@icloud.com or call/text 204 324 4115.

HONEY BEES IN NEUBERGTHAL

If you are a honey bee in Neuberghthal in winter, you would probably be in a hive in a barn on the yard of John & Joanne Isaak. John Isaak and Mike Hildebrand work with 200 hives. They built the hives, the supers and the internal frames. All this began six or seven years ago in conversations when they were ice fishing. Christmas Eve

In spring each hive contains 10,000 bees, maybe more. During summer there may be five times as many bees in the hive.

The queen begins to lay eggs, up to 2000/day. The queen has mated once at the beginning of her life and can lay fertilized and unfertilized eggs. The eggs hatch in three to five days. Some worker bees are assigned to care for the eggs, the larvae and the pupae. 42 days after the eggs are laid, the worker bees are ready.

To produce ONE pound of honey, a hive needs to fly a combined total of 55000 miles (some say more). A worker bee will live 6 weeks. A single bee produces approximately 0.8 gram (one twelfth of a teaspoon) of honey in her six week life span. Bees have two stomachs - one for regular feeding and one for bringing nectar back to the hive. Wings beat about 200 times per SECOND.

Find the English words
for these Low German words
in the articles in this issue:

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SPORTS EXHIBIT

A sports exhibit is planned for Summer 2022. We need your help!

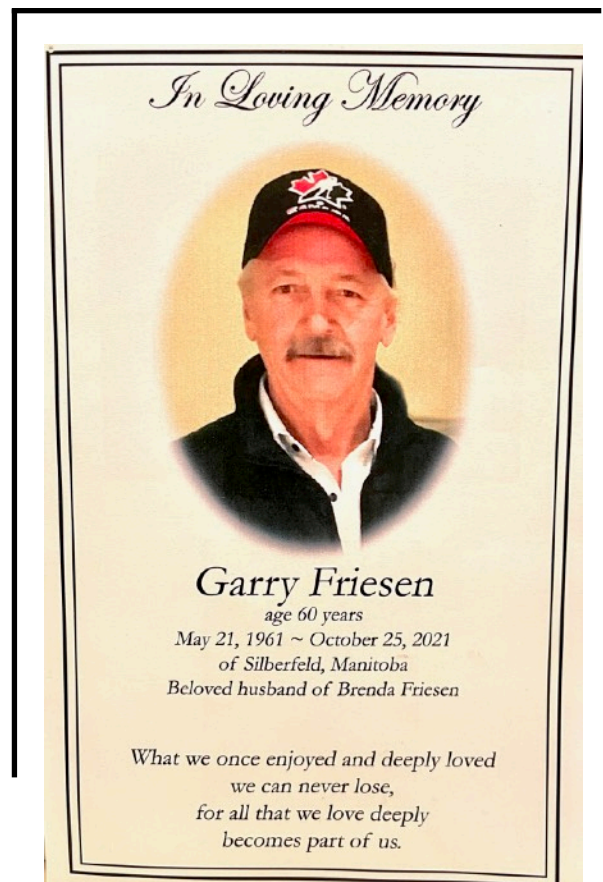
Do you have any stuff tucked away in a box or a great memory in your mind?

It certainly can be actual sports equipment or uniforms, etc. or pictures or stories about sports teams or sporting events or some cold hard facts about sports in the Village. We would appreciate as much memorabilia as possible - thus making it a substantial and interesting display.

We would like this asap. Please feel free to contact us to discuss further and/or arrange for pickup.

Anything we borrow will be well taken care of - don't worry.

For more information, contact paulinevilleneuve@me.com



MEMORIAL WALK

September 30, 2021 was the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. To create a commemoration day was one of Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. A memorial walk was organized, from the school in Dominion City to Roseau Reserve. Several people, including children, from Neubergthal and the Altona-Gretna area joined the seven kilometre walk. A short ceremony at the residential school memorial and a lunch concluded the walk. Approximately 300 students from Roseau went to residential school and are listed on the memorial. Christmas carol

Note the small shoes, teddy bears and cookies at the base of the memorial.



FRIESEN HOUSEBARN FLOORS

Margrui Krahn

In 2021 the Curatorial Team, a subcommittee of the NHF, received a Heritage Conservation Resources Grant to restore existing patterns and paint original patterns on the kitchen and upstairs bedroom floors. When restoration work began on the former Bernard and Helena Hamm housebarn, now the Friesen Housebarn Interpretive Centre, in 2002, the kitchen flooring had collapsed into the root cellar and rotted beyond repair. Fortunately a few kitchen floor boards showing a hand-painted pattern were photographed and filed for future reference. The south-side floors, which includes the Groote Stow, Faeatues, and koma, were intact with patterns preserved under layers of carpet and linoleum. Perhaps I needed fifteen years of floor pattern

research before tackling the kitchen floor. It was serendipitous to host a film maker staying at the Herdsman House for the month of June, as she was able to capture the work and hands of not only myself, but Pauline Villeneuve - in the picture (daughter of Norma Giesbrecht) and Karen (Hamm) Martens. Crawling on all fours together with summer student Tai Linklater was also a time of intimate conversation and laughter, perhaps not that much different from our female ancestors. blizzard



HOUSE AND KITCHEN PROJECT

Food, or coffee n snacks, always brightens every gathering or tour or program. The next priority for NHF is to have this option right at the Commons. A kitchen/food committee has been making plans.



NHF wants to complete the work on the Klippenstein/Commons House. The footing, the roof and siding repair and a new outside coat of paint have already been done. Commercial kitchen equipment was purchased when a local restaurant closed; this was paid by immediate donations.

Insulation, wiring, plumbing, installing the kitchen and finishing the other rooms are next steps. Kitchen and coffee area are at the north end of the house. (see illustration) The two south rooms would be a multipurpose room (dining, meeting or small theatre) and library (and office?). donation

Present mortgage not covered by pledges is approximately \$100,000.00. A building committee has been getting numbers - the projected cost of the house project is estimated to be just under \$200,000.00. Any and all donations and support would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made online at neubergthalheritagefoundation.com and clicking on the donate tab or the support button. Also, cheques (to Neubergthal Heritage Foundation) can be mailed to Box 2429, Altona MB R0G 0B0. You can specify your intent for your donation or you can leave it as a general donation. If you have not already done so, **please consider making a donation to NHF**, for this year or spread over a few years. THANK YOU.

For information, text or call Ray Hamm, 204 324 4115 or send email to nhfrayh@icloud.com.

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or family event in
2022?

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A Flo Level 2 240 volt charger at the east end of the school on the Commons yard. This charging station location is on electric vehicle maps.

Donated by Roy & Gladys
Abrams, Victoria,BC. They are
originally from Altona.
THANK YOU.

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37 tractors, 40 years or older were part of the annual Eden Mental Health Centre “Visit the Villages Tractor Trek” on October 2. The ride began in the morning in Reinland and finished with supper in Neubergthal. Theresa is the owner and operator of this 1947 Case VA1 tractor.