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Bouncing Around with Pudge

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A short time ago I asked how all the towns and villages around here got their names and as usual I got no response from the PN readers so I went and bought a book . . . Alberta Place Names by Larry Donovan and Tom Monto. Lots of interesting stuff in this book including the answers I wanted. What you are going to get is a brief summary and maybe a personal comment for some.

Altario: The name for this hamlet is a combination of Alberta and Ontario. The post office opened there in 1919 and was called Wilhelmina before the area was renamed Altario.

Amisk: Established as a post office in 1908, this village got its name from the Cree word for 'beaver'. Amisk apparently has the oldest library in Alberta; they had time to read but the beavers were busy.

Bodo: Named after Bodo, a community in northern Norway. Originally the Alberta community was called Scheck.

Cadogan: This hamlet was likely named after George Henry, the Fifth Earl of Cadogan, under-secretary of State for the Colonies in the late 1800s and Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. (Think that is a 'mouthful', read on.)

Chauvin: Named after George von Chauvin, a director of the

Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Post office opened in 1909.

Compeer: The early settlers of this hamlet felt equal, hence the name Compeer. Previously known as Sleepy Hollow.

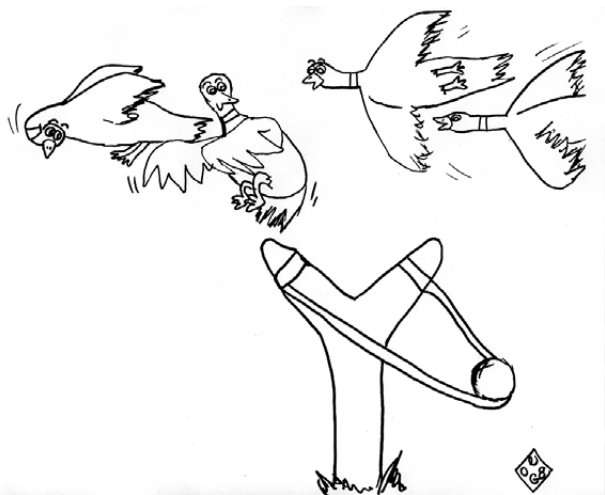
Consort: Named in honor of the coronation of King George V and his consort Queen Mary in 1911. Previously called the Sanderville Post Office.

Czar: The origin of this place name is not

Guess we have to have a vote!

Hayter: Named after Hayter Reed, manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway hotels. He also had positions in the Dept. of Indian Affairs.

Hughenden: Named after Hughenden, Buckinghamshire, the English country estate of Benjamin Disraeli, the first Lord Beaconsfield and Prime Minister of Britain, off and on, in the 1850s, '60s, and '70s.



clear. Some suggest that Russian workers on a nearby section of the CPR chose the name. Others say the village was named to commemorate the signing in 1907 of the Anglo-Russian Treaty. Yet others say it was named after the boss (czar) on a railway crew.

(Now that's a mouthful.) **Metiskow:** Got its name from the Cree place name metosi skaw, meaning "many trees". I think Tony Fleck's version is more 'romantic' . . . the farmer going home from the bar, "met his cow".

Provost: Provost is

the title given to the chief official of a Scottish town. It is the same as a mayor of a Canadian town. Why Provost was given this name is unclear. Got to have another vote.

So the weather changed a tad last week. I was in Stony Plain the week before and my barber in Spruce Grove assured me that there would be five more weeks of summer as he was giving me a "Yul Brennar" brush cut. Had to put a toque on, my head froze.

The Wainwright seniors came to visit the Hitching Post in Czar on September 17. I heard it was a good party, lots to eat, a few songs. I'm sorry I missed the show, particularly the food.

I got another book on my recent travels . . . The Bathroom Book of Saskatchewan Trivia. I was going to use it as a resource reference in some future articles that I would like to do in honor of our friends on the other side of the border. Since Ron Lancaster passed away recently, I am going to tell you about "The Miracle of Taylor Field". You can't talk about Skatchie land without talking about football.

The setting and circumstance; Calgary and Sask. in the 1963 CFL two game, total points won the first game in their town by 25 points. Sask. came back and won the series in Taylor Field in Regina. And the Edmonton Journal wrote . . . "Snowballs Have Chance in Hell". Ron Lancaster was the quarterback for Sask. in that game.

A side note to the

above . . . I was watching the game with two of my brothers in my rumpus room in Calgary. The game was exciting, but my wifey of three years kept nagging at me that we had to go bowling. I had two loves back then (not bowling) and she won that episode but it could be said that that was the start of divorce proceedings that wasn't finalized for 31 years.

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Congratulations on the efforts of the Communities in Bloom and Town of Provost crew who did such a good job of planting and maintaining the flowers in Provost this summer. The hanging pots and flowerbeds were absolutely beautiful and makes one proud to call Provost home.

Sincerely,
Norma Paulgaard

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2008 SCARECROW Competition

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The Chamber is very excited to tell you about this new event in our community, which will take place in partnership with the Pumpkin Festival. 2008 is the first year for this competition and the second year for the Provost and District Museum Pumpkin Festival. We hope that these events will continue in years to come.

We invite you to take part in the Scarecrow Competition from its very first year!

- ◆ There is no entry fee for this contest.
- ◆ This contest is open to anyone who wishes to register.
- ◆ Entries can be turned in to Kid's Korner Store on Main Street or you can call Kathy at 753-2947 to register. Entry deadline is October 8, 2008.
- ◆ Once you have entered, a spot for your Scarecrow will be reserved in one of the Communities in Bloom pots located on Main St. If you wish, you can display your Scarecrow at your own business or residential property. However, you must be registered in the contest for your entry to be judged.
- ◆ Scarecrow entries can be on display as soon as you have them ready.
- ◆ Judging will take place on the afternoon of Thursday, October 9. A select panel of judges from the Provost Lodge will be making their rounds to see all of the entries and pick their favorites.

PRIZES WILL BE:

- 1st Place - \$100
- 2nd Place - \$60
- 3rd Place - \$40

These three winners will be taken to the Provost Agriplex and be on display during the Pumpkin Festival on October 10.

We encourage everyone who is interested to take part in this great community event!



ENTRY FORM to Kids Korner Store, Main St., Provost.

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TOWN OF PROVOST

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The Town of Provost is pleased to advise all residents that

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will be providing waste collections for the Town of Provost effective October 1, 2008.

This includes the following services:

- Weekly garbage collection
- Weekly compost collection
- Bi-weekly recycling collection (blue boxes)

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