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in 2007 to support the Bodo dig site program, responded over the weekend to questions posed by *The Provost News* about the development.

Ives pointed out that "This decision is not about the U of A commitment, which is already significant. That has focussed on support for my position, creation and housing of the Institute of Prairie Archaeology (IPA, which now supports Bodo activities), interim assistance in keeping Beth Mann in the field director's position, supporting the various needs of the field school (from graduate student teaching assistants to vehicle costs), and so forth. The university is already investing more than \$200,000 annually in its commitment to IPA and the Bodo project."

The university had hoped, says Ives that Rural Alberta's Development Fund, which is involved in rural engagement strategies, could provide additional support to our activities that would allow for a stable, long term presence at Bodo. The program requires submission of a brief Expression of Interest to RADF staff members, after which a provincially appointed RADF board assesses these submissions. Successful submissions are invited



The high interest created by the vast Bodo find attracted then Premier of Alberta Ralph Klein to the dig site on July 4, 2005. ©PROVOST NEWS FILE PHOTO.

to proceed to the application stage. "Our expression of interest was unsuccessful."

PROVOST NEWS: What had been asked for; over how many years?

JACK IVES: We had asked for \$1.2 million over the three year life of the RADF program (i.e., to 2011). Essentially the same activities you reported (see *PN* May 21 2008), at the time the University of Alberta approved the institute, were intended for the proposal. These included stable funding for the field director's position to sustain our annual field excavation presence (see my comments later), scholarships directly linked to the project to expand the length of our field presence, formal public advisory and Aboriginal engagement strategies, provisions for a program of lay participation in archaeological research, partnership ventures with institutions like the University of Lethbridge and Augustana, and related initiatives.

PN: What is the name of the funding or

kind of program?

J.I. The program is Rural Alberta's Development Fund; you can find more information about it on the web (<http://www.ruralalbertasfund.com/>). We understand it to be an arm's length agency that disburses Government of Alberta funding for rural initiatives. Their web information lists the administrative staff, the appointed board members by region, and the kinds of projects that they have funded recently.

PN: What is the immediate impact of all of this?

J.I. One of the great challenges created by any archaeological field school concerns the potential for a large backlog of materials needing cataloguing and reporting. In Alberta's case, this is also a regulatory requirement, as provided by the Historical Resources Act of Alberta. We and the regulators involved are obliged to make responsible public trust decisions about recovering archaeological materials. I say more about this below,

but the immediate impact is to cause us to consider how best to balance the obvious regional need for an ongoing archaeological excavation with our scientific and legal reporting responsibilities.

PN: When was this announced by U of A or when were you or Beth Mann informed?

J.I. Our application to RADF was made through the Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts, in July, and I was named as the contact. I received a letter from RADF program manager Judy Ferguson earlier in September indicating that RADF did not wish to go ahead with our proposal.

PN: Were many people in the archaeological field surprised?

J.I. This was a particular strategy the University of Alberta wanted to pursue, and would not necessarily be widely known. Our long term plans (and letters of support) involve working closely with the regulator (the Archaeological Survey, Historic Resources Management Branch, Alberta Culture and Community Spirit), the Archaeological Society of Alberta, the Association of Consulting

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Thank You

The Akre and Ens families would like to thank every one who extended their kind condolences and expressions of sympathy to us in the sudden and untimely passing of Brian Douglas Akre.

Thank you to all who sent cards, dropped in or phoned with words of comfort. The practical gifts of foods that were prepared and delivered to our homes were very much appreciated. Thank you to the many who sent lovely flower arrangements to our homes and to the funeral service.

We were overwhelmed by the donations made to various organizations in memory of Brian. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the wonderful friends and neighbors who offered to help Allan with the harvest and with the cattle.

Thank you to McCaw Funeral Service Ltd. who handled the funeral arrangements in Lloydminster and to Randy and Carol Gregory of Gregory's Funeral Homes Ltd. in Provost for their kind assistance at the graveside service. Thank you to Pastor Paul McCormick of Central Lutheran Church in Provost who officiated at the funeral in Lloydminster and at the graveside service in Our Saviour's Lutheran Church cemetery near Hayter. Thank you to Sheldon Ens for the thoughtful eulogy and tribute to his brother-in-law Brian and to Linda Anderson who was the pianist at the service. Thank you to the Grace United Church Choir of Lloydminster for assisting at the service. A special thank you to Darlene and Alyssa Downing, Dianna Kroetsch and Donna Johnston for their beautiful song "Gentle Voice". Much appreciation goes to the pallbearers Jeff Ducek, Daryn Haldenby, Brent Herman, Darryl Israelson, Doug Larson, Jayson Tetz, Warren Turvey and Neil Scammell.

Thank you to the people who served lunch after the service in Lloydminster and a special thank you to the ladies of Central Lutheran Church in Provost who provided lunch after the committal service.

The kind words, support and prayers of people in the community show us how much Brian was respected and how much he will be missed. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Allan Akre, Kim Akre and Walter and Marlene Ens and families.

Village By-Election

NOTICE OF NOMINATION DAY

Local Authorities Election Act
(Section 26)

Local Jurisdiction:
VILLAGE OF CZAR
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that **Nomination Day is October 6, 2008** and that nominations for the election of candidates for the following offices will be received at the location of the local jurisdiction office set out below between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Nomination day.

Office	No. of Vacancies
Councillor	1

Location (Address) of Local Jurisdiction Office:

Village Office
Village of Czar
4908-50 St.
Czar, Alberta

Dated at the Village of Czar in the Province of Alberta
this 2nd day of September 2008.

Terence Steacy
(Returning Officer)