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Hello Members & Friends,

It's been a spring filled with history-making weather in the Boundary country. Heavy flooding and windstorms have done their best but the Boundary remains strong.

We cancelled our Annual Picnic in June. Many of the Board members were helping others during this time of trouble. I was under evacuation – **I'm happy to say my home survived** unscathed although my neighbours suffered major damage. We were unsure whether our choice of a picnic site would be available. I was sad to cancel the day but when I awoke on the date we had chosen and it was pouring rain I can only say I was relieved. Next year, **we'll enjoy our picnic**— nature willing.

The newspaper exhibit at the Boundary Museum has been set up. What a fun job sorting through the newspapers – impossible not to read. The collection is extensive – from the 1896 Miner all the way to 2010 Gazette along with copies of the Sun and the Boundary News. They are sorted and stored in the special cupboards that the **Woodworkers' Guild** built for the BHS many years ago and then were donated, along with the newspapers, to the Boundary Museum. While sorting, I was able to find two years of issues that the Boundary Museum Archives were missing.

Irene Perepolkin continues to bake bread at the Boundary Museum on Thursdays in the patch that is set up **on the Museum's grounds**. Very tasty – thanks for doing this service, Irene.

In July, we attended Founders' Days in Greenwood. Les Johnson very kindly helped set up our booth and he spent time talking history with visitors. I had an amazing time discussing history, selling publications and searching out stories for our next Report.

HERE is the news you are all waiting for!! Report #17 is here. Jo Ann Sergeant and I travelled to Kelowna on Thursday and picked up our brand new book. It looks great and I know you will enjoy the stories. The price will be the same as for #16 - \$18.75 retail or \$12.50 for members. I am just checking on mailing costs - I expect a minimum of \$5.00 but I might be wrong.

A huge THANK YOU to our editor, Laura Lodder, for all her work and research. A huge thank you, also, to Les Johnson for the many, many hours he spent preparing Report #17 to go to press. Thank you to Mickey Keller-Nadon for proofing. **I helped proof, too, and I've learned** a lot about how a BHS Report is put together. Patience and a love of history go a long way in assembling a book!!

I am searching for help at our booth for the Grand Forks and District Fall Fair on September 8th and 9th. **I "accidentally" became a Fall Fair Board member so I am not able to man (or woman) the booth.** I really, really want to have a booth this year. If anyone would be willing to help me, I would so appreciate it. Cookies – John? I can set up the booth and have the books ready for anyone who is willing to put in 2 or 3 hours at the Fair. We would be open from 9 am to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 am to 2 pm on Sunday. I think I can get

your Fair attendance paid for (have to check at our next meeting) but the entry fee is only \$5.00. If any one of you is willing to help me out by doing a 3 hour shift either day I would certainly appreciate a phone call – 250-442-2274.

I am also going to see if we can sell at the Harvest Festival in October at the Boundary Museum. I'll be at craft fairs in November – am going to try to make it to Greenwood and Rock Creek fairs this year. I know Report #17 will be a popular Christmas present.

The Boundary Woodworkers' Guild has completed the structure for the Memorial Sign at Phoenix Cemetery. Members – especially David Bevan – are busy hand carving the names of the cemetery's occupants using the information found in our Phoenix booklet. They held a workshop this past weekend and coffee, snacks and lunch were served by the BHS. Jo Ann and I both carved a "T" on the H.D. Matheson and R. Matheson name rail. The sign will be erected under the direction of the Woodworkers – an unusually generous offer from them. There will be a cement footing for it. It will be erected on the "driveway" by the I.O.O.F. gate – near the picnic bench. The sign will be covered with plexiglass and has two "cupboards" – one on each end in which we can post information. It should make the Cemetery much more visible coming from the Grand Forks side. When I know the date for the unveiling, I will send an invitation out and post in the local newspapers.



Pickets and cradles are on the Woodworkers' schedule for this winter with erection in the spring. David Bevan showed Jo Ann and I drawings of the pickets – very beautiful.

Klaus Bialon travelled up to Phoenix with me this past week. He is going to do maintenance in the cemetery. His father used to work at Phoenix and Klaus did guard work there as a young teenager. He has an abiding interest in history and I know he will enjoy speaking to visitors who drop by while he is there. Jo Ann and I (and anyone else who wants to!) will be undertaking some picket painting in the next few weeks. Someone repaired the iron railing around the grave with the wooden "house" marker. Thank you to whoever did that. Perhaps someday, we can fit the bottom pipe into the frame.

So, please let me know if I can send you a copie or copies of Report #17. I'll send them out as fast as I possibly can.

Historically yours,

Doreen Sorensen
Secretary