

A friendly, active and open group.

My wife Bev had yet another interesting experience the other day. She was getting together with Wendy and Catherine to prepare some of the food for the next day's Glen Alda Seniors lunch. So, off she goes, expecting to have some fun chatting with a couple of friends while they prepare the ingredients for the meal. What she ended up doing was something else entirely. Arriving at Wendy's farm on the "Ridge", she sees big clouds of smoke beyond the barn so goes to investigate. The first thing she encounters is a man exiting the barn, who gets her to help carry a hose to the source of the smoke. Wendy hollers to find more buckets, so Bev returns to the barn, grabs a couple, and heads back toward the fire, but then runs into a huge sow heading for her thinking she is carrying food. What to do? The sow is much larger than she is, so she heaves the buckets, which fortunately the sow chases. Whew, one more disaster diverted. When the sow left after finding no food, she grabbed the buckets and headed off once more. A bucket brigade was then started to quench the flames racing across the field. This was about the same time the first of three fire trucks arrived. Suddenly there were a whole bunch of guys thrown into the mix, running around, setting out hoses, and otherwise getting ready to douse the flames. Meanwhile, to add interest to all the things already unfolding, nineteen piglets got into the mix, running around, completely enthralled with all the activity, and obviously unafraid of the flames, which were moving with the wind back and forth across the field. Fortunately there was a sort of run where the piglets had been wallowing, and this ended up being a part of the firefighting effort by acting as a firebreak. I am only sorry I missed out on all the fun as it sounds like something from an Abbot and Costello movie from early last century. There will be stories told of this little escapade for some time to come no doubt.

As I have said before, life with Bev has never been dull. She has always been involved in one sort of adventure or another for the fifty years, (this year), that we have been married. It has been a trip I would gladly live over again, not least because there has always been something to keep us laughing and living. It has certainly been an adventure. Now on to the serious business of the Glen Alda Seniors meetings, activities, and luncheons, I mean, after all, isn't that the whole point of this writeup each and every month? 😊

May was obviously an interesting month, (reference the above comments), but all that aside, the "piglet meal", as I am calling it, was well attended despite all the ruckus. Wendy provided and prepared the three organically raised pork roasts, which is what she and her husband do on the farm, while Catherine made up

a huge juicy potato salad. The rest of us in the Glen Alda Seniors group contributed the additional salads, and my favorite, the splendid array of deserts. For the second meal, and gathering of our group, the duo of Tom and Brian were to do the preparation, but Tom unfortunately was not able to contribute, so Brian ended up carrying the torch himself. Tuesday, the day before the meal, saw him down at the hall cooking up a choice of sauces so those not taking to hot and spicy would have a milder option that they could put on their spaghetti. I am guessing that this was well received as while thinking of the flavours, I have not actually had the meal yet as the submission date for this writeup is the unfortunately day before the meal.

June is the month that we usually make the trip to Buckhorn for a Chinese meal, but this month we will be heading to Peterborough instead. For the second meeting of the month we will be returning to the Bar-B-Q for some tasty snacks at the Glen Alda Community Centre. You are welcome to join in sampling the fun, active, open, group that we are by contacting our illustrious President, the one and only, Barry Rand at 705-656-1850, where you will receive a warm welcome.



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