



Tractor Jack’s Roadside Diner

ACQUIRES HISTORICAL PLAQUE

The Peace Country Historical Society (PCHS), formed in 2009, is the newest and northernmost chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta. The Society is devoted to the preservation and appreciation of the history of north-western Alberta.

As the Peace Country Historical Society honours historical places, people and events throughout the Alberta Peace River Country with pictorial plaques, one significant individual immediately came to mind. A.M. Bezanson, whose book *“The Peace River Trail”* is credited by many for the settlement of the Peace River District, was certainly worthy of being nominated for such a distinguished plaque.

October 3rd, saw “Tractor Jacks Roadside Diner” at Bezanson full to capacity with locals and members of PCHS



as President Ron Thoreson presented Jackie Turgeon, Manager of TJs, with the special “Bezanson Plaque” that was sponsored by Wanda Johnston Zenner & PCHS.

Jackie & Kasun announced that they had named their amazing Blueberry Pie the “**Maynard Pie**” for the day with everyone receiving a free slice.

Wanda Johnston Zenner acted as emcee for the event



and spoke on the significance of honoring those who had made special contributions to the area. She stated that in her opinion, Maynard was somewhat of a character – a man who was just as much at ease meeting with Premiers and Cabinet Ministers as he was sitting on a binder cutting his crop of oats.

Reeve Amanda McDonald commended PCHS for their efforts to preserve history.



Once the formal portion of the event was completed, it was then time to watch a short video whereby Misha Albert (Drama Professor at NWP) who acted as ‘A.M. Bezanson’ and Wanda had a conversation. The video had been produced by Generations Readers Theatre when they were a committee under PCHS.

A large photo of Maynard taken in 1906 was on hand as well as copies of his three books, “Sodbusters Invade the Peace”, “Peace River Trail” and “Looking Ahead to the Building of a City” along with a binder filled with newspaper articles etc. Bezanson Townsite Post Cards were given out as well as PCHS bumper stickers.

Thank you Tractor Jacks Roadside Diner for your willingness to display the Ancel Maynard Bezanson Plaque. The exposure at TJs will be monumental due to its highly-visible location that is constantly providing excellent food and service to the travelling public.

STOP IN AT TJs EVERYONE, not only for the “Homestyle Comfort Food”, but also to view the A.M. Bezanson Plaque and learn where the name of the “Townsite” & “Hamlet” originated from.