

chair of the Swan Valley 1998 Forest Capital committee.

The event, attended by 225 people, consisted of a dinner catered to by Zinkews and dance with music provided by Richard Adams and his seven piece band.

Centennial Committee chairperson Fred Sigurdson spoke of the success of many of the events throughout the year and thanked all the volunteers.

Chairperson of the Centennial Book Committee Jan Linklater told the crowd that the book was about to go to press very shortly. She thanked the people of the valley for their trust by giving the committee so much material. She gave a special thanks to Becky Kroeker, Melissa Anderson and Bill Gade and said it had been a pleasure working with them. She hoped everyone enjoyed the book.

The Swan Valley 1998 Forest Capital committee made a presentation of the Forest Capital award to the Kenora/Keewatin/Jaffray-Melick 1999 Forest Capital, which was received by chairman Jack Pearson.



Ward Perchuk, right, with 1999 Forest Capital chairman Jack Pearson. Courtesy of The Star & Times.

Perchuk said the Kenora committee had questions for the members of the Swan Valley committee on the duties and details of the Forest Capital position and events.

A few representatives of the Swan Valley 1998 Forest Capital will attend the January 16 opening ceremonies in Kenora, Perchuk said.

Door prizes, the 1998 Forest Capital and Centennial closing ceremonies and a grand prize draw for a two-Polaris-snowmachine package were also part of the evening.

Perchuk said funds raised throughout the year above

costs will be contributed to the committee's "legacy project".

"All remaining funds will go back into the interpretive (Wellman Lake) site," Perchuk said, adding that the Main Street Tree of Life decorative lights were to be shut off for the last time at the beginning of the first week of January.

Winners of the two Polaris snowmachines were Harry Bushenlonga and Carol Freyling, from the Swan River-Bowsman area.

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS

$\text{♩} = 100$  Words and Music by Linda Gilchrist

Chorus

One hundred years in this fine valley One hundred years since we began It is a fine place to raise a family And we are proud to call it home

Verse

It all got started in tiny dirt run mining hard - ships they cut through De-ter-min-a-tion hard work-er courage Built the place we now call home.

- Communication was once by letter  
It took some time to get one through  
Now that the Net's here, it's so much faster  
There's no one you can't talk to
- The horse and buggy was transportation  
It got them where they had to go  
But now the airplane is so much faster  
There's no place that you can't go
- The man and women, each had their roles then  
They knew what each of them must do  
But now it's different, with equal rights  
Any job--we both can do
- The country school was just one classroom  
So many grades had to be taught  
With no computers or busses running  
Cozy atmosphere it brought
- So many changes have happened since then  
Tremendous progress we've been through  
Things keep improving to make life better  
Changes yet for me and you

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