

New stake centre nears completion

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By Delon Shurtz

It looks like the Fourth and Sixth Wards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints will have a little longer to wait before they can move into the new stake centre located on the East side of Cardston.

As the new building was nearing completion and it was time to install the new benches in the chapel area, it was discovered that the benches did not match the surrounding woodwork. So until the proper benches ar-

rive, the Southhill chapel and Temple St. chapel will have to continue sharing its space with the Fourth and Sixth wards.

Stan Johnson, a member of the stake presidency, says that construction began on the new stake centre about a year ago and was planning to have its open house on the 12th and 13th of July. As a result of the delay in construction, the open house has been postponed to a later time with no set date yet until it can be correlated with other activities and functions around town.

The new Stake Centre on the east side of town is nearing completion. It will take some pressure off

The ceremonies and grand opening of the stake centre were scheduled for August 9 and 10 but also had to be changed so as not to interfere

with Heritage Days.

Johnson says that the cost of the building is about \$2 million including the price of the land. As far as cost to the

other church buildings in Cardston.

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members of the various wards is concerned, Johnson says that there has been a building fund for about the last 10 years in which funds

had built up so that there was a surplus. As a result, there was no need to assess anyone

Cardston LDS presidency changed

By Neldon Hatch May 15 1998

Major changes have recently taken place within the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Cardston with the Cardston West Stake Presidency being reorganized after 9 1/2 years.

Replacing Brent Nielson as stake president was R. Cameron Leavitt who had served under Nielson as a counselor. Also serving under Nielson were counselor Bryce Cahoon, executive secretary Mark Wood and stake clerk Max Hardy. Besides Leavitt, the new presidency consists of counselors Delbert Payne and Jan Atwood with Leroy Walker and Richard Boivie called as executive secretary and stake clerk.

These changes were made April 29 at the Cardston West Stake conference by Elders Rex D. Pinegar and Robert K. Dellenbach, church general authorities from Salt Lake City, Utah and by regional representative Lynn Rosenvall from Calgary.

Three wards within the Cardston West Stake received new leadership on Sunday, May 6.

In the Cardston First Ward Blaine Bunnage takes over as bishop from Jan Atwood. Bunnage's counselors are Ken Sommerfeldt and Kevin Johnson. The new executive secretary is Jim Schaffer with Ross Ash and Glen Cameron serving as clerks.

In the Cardston Second Ward Dahl Leavitt was released as bishop and Greg Burt called. Burt's counselors are Don B. Jensen and Mike Redford with Wilhelm Muller and Don Pierson installed as executive secretary and ward clerk.

One change took place in the Cardston Fifth Ward where Max Hardy replaced Leroy Walker as second counselor in the bishopric.



The new Cardston Alberta Stake Centre is now a landmark on the town's east hill.

Stake centre accommodates 1,200

By Cheryl Hesse

LDS church officials of the Cardston Alberta Stake, are happy to have the new stake centre on the east hill completed, and ready for use.

Work started on the building last fall, and 10 months later the centre was completed. The contractors should be complimented, said LeRon Pitcher, councilman and public relations man for the Cardston Alberta Stake. He said the only delay was getting the right colored pews in the chapel. The grand opening was re-scheduled for Aug. 8 and 9 and Sunday meetings were first held in the building, Aug. 18.

"It is a lovely facility, and

people are proud of it," Pitcher said.

He said he is looking forward to a rise in church activities now that the new building will be able to provide more available space. Scheduling of events will be a lot easier and having the centre in use, is taking a load off the other churches and stake centre.

The new stake centre is similar in lay-out, to the West Cardston Stake centre on the Waterton Highway, but is bigger in square footage. One difference is the

gymnasium in the new building sports a polished wood floor instead of carpet.

The stake centre will be the regular Sunday meeting place for second, fourth and sixth wards, but for the next six months the centre will serve the seventh and Aetna wards as well as the Blood branch, while renovations on the South Hill Chapel are being completed.

The stake centre will accommodate 1,000 to 1,200 people for regular Sunday meetings as well as Stake conferences, such as the one held on the weekend. The

large gymnasium and chapel area can accommodate large groups efficiently, Pitcher said.

Like the West Cardston stake centre, the new building is furnished with a large kitchen, several classrooms, a relief society room, baptismal font, multi-purpose rooms and primary class areas. There is a library room where reference materials and audio-visual teaching aids are kept and offices for bishops and stake executive are located in the centre, as well as the council room.