

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CLEAN UP A COUNTRY CEMETERY

Seeking volunteers to assist with tidying up the **Ruthenian Greek Catholic Parish - Bushland Cemetery**, the original cemetery of St. Nicholas parish, located north of Innisfree, Alberta.

The land location is SE10-53-11-W4. Take Hwy 870 North out of Innisfree. Once you get to the intersection with Hwy 631, continue north on the gravel road (Hwy 870 turns into Range Road 112) for about 1 mile.

The cleanup will take place on **Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**, starting with coffee and muffins at **9:00am**, with the work starting after. Looking for anyone who could bring a riding lawnmower, push mower, whipper snipper, etc. The grass will need mowing, holes dug by rodents will need filling, fence checked for repairs, and gate painted.

### Background:

This is a pioneer cemetery that was over grown many years ago and restored in the 80s by descendants of some of the people resting there. The cemetery is full but most of the original markers were wooden and were unable to be saved in the original restoration. There is a marker there that lists the pioneers that are buried there whose markers no longer exist. My grandfather was the last to look after it and when he passed away in 2007, his daughters knew it meant a lot to him so have been trying to keep up with it. After many years of doing so they are *looking for help*. We hope there are other descendants of the pioneers who would be willing to share the duties to keep what remains of the cemetery in good condition.

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