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Langdon association hosts tea party

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Sue Collins, vice president of the Rebekah Association of Alberta, was proud to host a high tea party at the Langdon Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) Hall on May 11, in remembrance of her late mother, Shirley Thomas, 81.

Dressed in their finest hats and pearls, about 70 residents of Langdon and the surrounding area enjoyed tea and baked goods on Thomas's fine china collection.

"My mother just loved tea parties. She had a whole display in her house for her hats and broaches, and had 66 tea cups," said Collins, who thinks her mother would've been "tickled pink" with the turn out at the party.

Robin Carter, resident of Langdon, reminisced about Thomas as a "matriarch in the community" and a dedicated member of the Ladies of Langdon Rebekah Lodge for 61 years.

"She was a force to be reckoned with. This is such a lovely way to remember her, celebrate Mother's Day, and for the daughters and mothers and sisters in the community to get



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TEA TIME - Robin Carter (left), Sue Collins and Joan Bates were dressed to impress at a tea party thrown in Collins' late mother's honour hosted at the International Order of Odd Fellows Hall, May 11.

to dress up and come together," said Carter.

The Ladies of Langdon Rebekah Lodge is a chapter of the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies, a worldwide service-oriented organization founded in the 1800s.

The organization's mission is to live peacefully, and follow the golden rule to "do unto others as you would have done to you." Working in conjunction with the IOOF, the Langdon assembly operates on funds generated from fundraising efforts and casino events.

Collins said the tea party was a way for people to take time out of

their busy schedules "to spend time and socialize with each other, and to raise money to give back to the community."

A quilt started by Thomas and completed by a member of the Rebekahs was raffled off during the tea party. About \$645 from ticket sales was donated to improving the Langdon playground. The Rebekahs also sold lollipops for \$1 each, raising about \$100 for the Calgary Alzheimer Society.

"It's fun to get dressed up, but it's also about getting back to the old-fashion values we've gotten away from," said Collins, a member for 25 years.

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