

GLEN LESLIE NEWS

Sunday, June 23, Ron Thoreson of Beaverlodge brought out his leveling equipment to the Glen Leslie Cemetery to level the headstone of Vivian Johnston. The equipment is very specialized and makes leveling of all headstones including the ones that are known as “covered headstones” much easier than one would think. Once the equipment is all in place, it is



a simple matter of lifting it up to see what kind, if any, base is underneath. In this case it was a cement base that had simply settled over



4 inches and of course it hadn't settled evenly. Once the Headstone is up in the air, then the base is excavated and just pried up and gravel placed underneath. A few adjustments and the headstone was lowered back onto its base. Dirt was placed back on top of the gravel around the perimeter of the base.

In about 90 minutes, all was done including cleanup and removal of all equipment.

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Mr. Thoreson estimates that five average-sized headstone could be done in a day. This includes the headstones where the plot size is topped with cement. Mr. Thoreson provides the equipment, insurance and his expertise on a rental basis. If anyone is interested in leveling their loved ones' headstones, it may be worthwhile considering renting the equipment as a “community project” and taking care of several stones at the same time.



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