## Local family business marks its 65th anniversary in Stettler

As one of the customers as far as businesses currently in the Stettler region, Bagshaw Electric Ltd. celebrates 65 years in

since 1947."

"For one family 65 years is a great and services. milestone," said owner Charlie Bagshaw.

the oldest family Stettler area."

Serving primarily the Stettler region, Bagshaw Electric have been sold to 65.

New Zealand.

Currently located at before going," 6128 — 50 Ave., the And its motto states full line of supplies, until 1987 when son, that the business has from wire and Charlie, succeeded his been "electrifying cable, to lighting, father. receptacles, boxes, conduit and connectors father since 3 or to be in business for and propane products 4 years of age and

Bagshaw Electric since he was 12 years was started by old, Charlie has grown "It's one of Charlie's father, Bill Bagshaw, in 1947 on He received his businesses in the the site of the current journeyman's ticket Sears building shared in 1969 at the age of with Armstrong Radio 22, and received his and Appliance.

serves customers east of the army and he border, Drumheller to for a year and then of age. the south and Camrose came back home to Mosquito Magnets young Bagshaw, now

longest-serving family Europe, Australia, electrical instructor in South Africa and the army and he had his electrical ticket

Bill Bagshaw served business provides a as president and CEO

Helping out his officially employed with the business. master electrician "He just came out certificate in 1973, the youngest in Alberta at to the Saskatchewan worked in Calgary that time, at 26 years

As the business to the north, while Stettler," said the has grown, Bagshaw Electric moved to various locations

"Dad was an around town. From the been the advent all electrical services Maxx in the mid- electronic control," 1950s, near Bloke's said Charlie. Bakery in 1961, Boston Pizza in 1982.

In 1991 they propane building and added propane and their services where of an understatement

operated with Charlie, revolutionize our his wife Beth as the corporate controller, son Russell, daughter Allison, son-inlaw Kevin, and employs two master electricians, three journeymen, two logic controls and apprentices and four sales and office

"The biggest change in the industry has

While in training Smitty's in 1975 until in the late 1960s, it burned down, and one of his instructors predicted this new purchased the ICG or solid state that more complex than it many disregarded.

"We had no they still reside today. that would be and Now the business is electronics would industry," said Charlie.

> "We didn't see huge inroads in that community. until the early 1970s when it really started.

"Now, program smart relays in electronic controls has become a huge portion of our industry."

He also noted that

current sites of Party of electronics and are still included. Everything from changing a light switch in your house to wiring up a new processing plant.

"Being an trend called electronics electrician is a lot was in 1947."

When asked how propane accessories to concept how much they have stayed in business for this long Charlie said, "We have electricians and inside staff dedicated to customer service and maintain a strong relationship within the

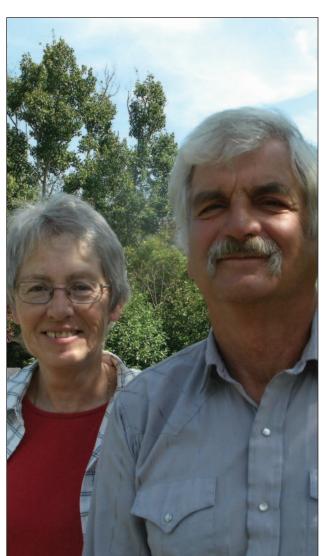
> "We couldn't have done it without the wonderful and dedicated employees throughout the years and amazing people of Stettler and area who have supported us since Day One."



William (Bill) Bagshaw (1912 to 1992) — founder and CEO of Bagshaw Electric from 1947 to 1987.



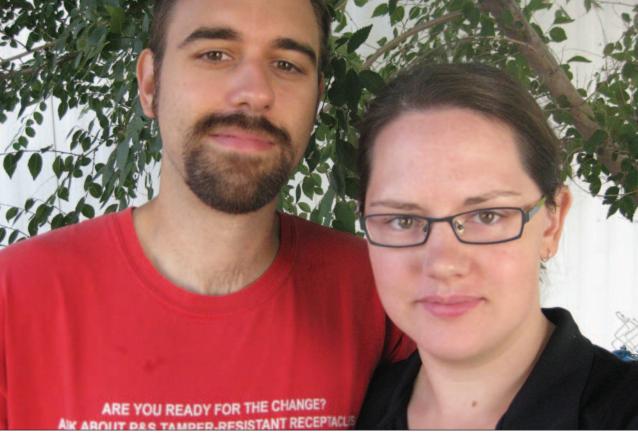
Bill Bagshaw with 10-year-old Charlie at Buffalo Lake in July 1957. Charlie was already helping his dad.



Charlie and Beth Bagshaw married in 1980, had two children, and then Charlie took over Bagshaw Electric in 1987. Beth is a certified management accountant and joined the company then as corporate controller.



Russell Bagshaw and his fiancee, Kodie-ann Douglas. Russell has worked almost steadily within the business since being officially hired at age seve, when he started by taking out the garbage and dusting the shelves after school.



Kevin and Allison Kerik, and their two children, recently moved back to Stettler to re-learn the family business.





Shyanne, 3, and Preston, 6, are the fourth generation and already showing much interest in the industry. Shyanne loves to help her dad, Russell, fix things. Preston (son of Allison and Kevin) has shown a huge interest in all things electrical and especially lighting.