

Jody Parsonage Joined 2005

Jody will never forget the day she was diagnosed with breast cancer - her 46th birthday, February 9, 2004. Surgery happened quickly, then she began chemotherapy on her youngest daughter's 14th birthday in March and finished radiation treatment on her Mom's birthday in August. It was strange the way dates coincided, just as strange she thought that she had cancer - "Why me?"

A year and half later: Jody is healthy, happy and enjoying life on the farm with her wonderful family; husband - Harold, daughters - Jennie and Sally, sons - Dory and Riley and son-in-law, Sterling.

When undergoing treatment, Jody worked when she could or that's what she says she called it. "Really it was a distraction from the disease and a way for me to have some normalcy in my life. My colleagues and friends at Prairie Spirit School Division were so supportive of me as I floated in and out of the office."

Jody feels, paddling has been such a rewarding challenge. "I am so grateful to have the support of team members. I especially enjoy the camaraderie, exercise and teamwork and look forward to many more seasons on the water. PaddlesUp!"