

P & H ELEVATOR PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Spring 2019

Newsletter

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*Happy Spring and Many Thanks!
From the P & H Elevator Society Executive*

Stettler P&H Elevator Pancake Breakfast

May 26, 2019 8:00am - 1:00pm at the P&H Elevator

Threshing Demonstration

Come see how harvesting was done in 1887!

Flour and Bread Making

Made fresh in a wood burning stove.

Rope Making Demonstration



Everyone Welcome
Admission by Donation

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What's Happening at the P & H Elevator?

The year has been busy to date and we have much more planned going forward

Christmas Party: We started the year with our annual winter get-together. We were pleased with the 160 friends that came out for an enjoyable evening.

Trade Show: We again had a booth in the Stettler Trade Show. We were pleased with the interest and support coming from the public. The volunteers always enjoy meeting and chatting with old and new friends. The stone ground flour mill demonstration generated considerable interest. Stone ground flour will be available for sale at the Pancake Breakfast.



Oliver and MaryAnn Bull volunteering at Trade Show

Spring Clean-up: We are presently working to complete our spring clean-up by May 15. The buildings need to be swept and vacuumed, and the displays organized. The threshing equipment must be checked to be in good working order for May 26 Pancake Breakfast.

Volunteers & Work Bees: We are in serious need of more volunteers to help carry out the many activities we are working on. We will match activities to your interests. A real sense of accomplishment is realized when one can look back and see the results of their efforts. These results can be enjoyed now and by future generations. WORK BEES are on Saturdays, but other days as well, when required. Stop by for a coffee and to see what we are working on.

Alberta Prairie Season Opener May 18: On this day volunteers will be on duty at the Elevator to meet train passengers and provide tours. This will be the routine for the 57 plus Train days. The Snack bar located on the Alberta Prairie grounds will open for the season to cater to the thousands of train passengers. We are looking for volunteers to help the ladies in the Snack Bar. The only commitment is 2-3 hours on train days and on those days that you may be available. We could also use Elevator Tour Guides and do not worry about not being familiar with the grain business, we would be happy to bring you up to speed. Both of these tasks can be very interesting, meeting and conversing with literally people from around the world.

Pancake Breakfast: On May 26th we will be hosting the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We will be serving up some fine fare and offering interesting displays and demonstrations. The plan is to step back in time (75+ years) and show how the wheat in the bundle is threshed (by the Little Giant) then milled in the Stone Grist Mill and the flour is made into bread and cooked in the wood & coal kitchen stove. A buzz saw will be used to saw wood for the cook stove. The donations from this event will be used entirely for the continued development of the Feed Shed addition.

Stettler Stampede Parade: We plan to put an entry in the Parade June 8th. The entry will include the horse drawn wagon, the Elevator engine and the "Little Giant" threshing machine.

Summer Student: We have been approved for a summer student under the Service Canada Hire a Summer Student program. This program is a cost sharing program. We are pleased to have our summer student from previous years-- Keirsten Docherty joining us again. As in the past she will be a great help to us. Keirsten gives a great tour, so stop by and enjoy her presentation.

Summer Tours: The Elevator complex will be open for tours on train days and most other days of the week during the summer. Threshing demonstrations will be carried out a number of times during the summer.

School Tours: We have school tours booked for May and June. We are expecting 200 plus students to visit and tour the Elevator complex. We are pleased to welcome them and teach them about Agriculture and where some of their food comes from.

Invitation: If you are in the vicinity please stop for a coffee at the "COFFEE STOP" or the SNACK BAR" for the best Hot Dogs in Town

Coffee Stop
Wednesday & Thursday
08:30 – 11:00
Everyone Welcome

A Request: Mr. Lloyd Thirsk operated "Thirsk's 5 to \$1.00 Store" for many years in Stettler. His dedicated interest in the community moved him to hand paint over

2,500 farm gate signs. His motivation was to see where his customers lived as he drove through the countryside. The once familiar black & white signs were available at no charge. In recognition of this man and as part of our heritage we would like to set up a display. We would appreciate anyone that has one of these iconic signs donating to our display.

Feed Shed Addition:

We owe a huge **THANK YOU** to Don Gillespie for offering to build the scaffolding and bring over his work crew for two plus days to complete the installation of the siding on the west and north sides of the feed Shed. They did a great job and the building looks great. The crew consisted of:

Don Gillespie, Drew Bracken, Cody Barker, Kelly Gillespie, Gordon LaRose, Tim Provien, Shane Snideman, Adam Stevens, Ron Simes.

Over the winter we completed the gas installation, put up the chimney, installed the furnace and installed the rough -in



plumbing in the basement floor.

We as volunteers will continue to carry out as much of this work as possible, only using contractors when funds become available.


Work still to be completed includes, siding & painting, basement floor, electrical plumbing & heating, floor covering, drywall. The estimated costs of the remaining work include:

- Basement: 1200 sq. ft. @ \$9.00/sq. ft.
- Insulation: 2600 sq. ft. @ \$1.50/ sq. ft.
- Drywall: 5400 sq. ft. @ \$2.60/ sq.ft.

In Memorium: The following have been added to our Memorial Board.

Memorial For:	Sponsored By:
Max C. Ginther	Donna Lea Ginther

Memberships: Thank you to everyone who has paid their annual dues. If you haven't paid your dues we would appreciate your support for another year.



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