

P&H Elevator Preservation Society

Summer 2019

Celebrating our Fourteenth Year

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- **Pancake Breakfast:** On May 26th, we held our annual Pancake Breakfast. The event was a great success! Over 400 friends attended and enjoyed the entertainment and delicious meal. We would like to thank everyone for coming, and share our appreciation for the many volunteers who helped make the breakfast successful.
- **Feed Shed Addition:** We have been continuing our work on the Feed Shed Addition this summer, and have made slow but steady progress. We have installed the vapor barrier, Styrofoam, and under floor heating lines. We will be placing the re-bar and pouring the concrete in the next few weeks. Below is an image of the work completed on the basement to date.



Work we would like to be completed before winter includes: installation of remainder of siding and exterior metal skirting, complete installation of chimney, installation of doors, and installing the pump in the septic tank. Volunteer help with the projects would

be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who have helped us work on the Addition. The building is open for viewing now, and will also be open on August 24th at our Harvest Supper.

- **School Tours:** This year, we have welcomed several groups of local students to the Elevator. It is very important to us that the next generation gains an appreciation for history, so we are always excited to offer educational tours to school groups. Next year, we hope to welcome even more students to the Elevator.
- **Summer Student:** The Elevator has been very fortunate again, as our summer student from the past two years has returned for a third summer with us. Keirsten Docherty is helping us complete many tasks around the Elevator, including assisting with daily upkeep and providing tours to guests. She will be with us until the end of August when she returns to her studies at the University of Alberta. This will be Keirsten's final year with us, as she is graduating next year – so come by before the end of the summer to enjoy one of her excellent guided tours!

- **Donations:**

This summer, **Kathleen Kossowan** made a very generous donation to the Elevator. She gave us a china tea set including a sugar bowl and creamer. These items are very significant to Stettler's history. They

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were given as a wedding gift to Stettler's very first 'First Lady', Mrs. McGillivray, and the first mayor of Stettler, when they married in 1916. The set was then passed on to Alma Milne Weis (nee McGillivray). When Alma moved into Heart Haven Lodge, she gave the set to Kathleen Kossowan. Kathleen also donated a wood cigar box that was part of the necessities of the Dominion Land Office, which was presided over by Judge W.B. Gray (Kathleen's Grandfather) in 1906. The stamp inside the box: reads "Simon's Havana", "Roosevelt Size". We are honored Kathleen chose our Society to donate these items to and we will cherish and display them for all generations to enjoy.



We recently received a beautifully restored McCormick-Deering grain binder, complete with new canvasses. The binder was restored by Scoot (Roger) Nichols and is being donated in his memory. The binder is being donated by Mr. Nichols' daughters *Kathy Rairdan* (Steve) & family and *Marlene McLeod* (John) & family We are honored to receive this donation, and the Society will permanently display – and on occasion, demonstrate – this heritage machine.



Helmuth Schroeder worked in the grain industry for many years, and more recently he worked at the Grain Academy in Calgary. He donated a beautiful brass grain scale, along with the brass cups, a Brown-Duvel Moisture tester and extra parts, and other items which we are now displaying. Helmuth is a strong supporter of the work our Society is doing.



- **Snack Bar and Elevator Tours:** The snack bar runs each train day, offering snacks and beverages to train

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passengers and community members before the train departs. Mary Ann and Oliver Bull have been doing a great job running the snack bar, along with greatly appreciated help from our volunteers. Stop in for a refreshing snack! We serve ice cream, hot dogs, and many other treats. Some days, we even have fresh cinnamon buns!

➤ **Volunteers/Work Bees:**

This summer, our volunteers have been assisting us with a variety of projects. They have been working on the Feed Shed Addition construction, preparing the sea-can as a storage space, assisting with upkeep around the Elevator, maintaining the grounds, training to guide tours, and many other tasks.

More volunteers are always welcome! We can match activities to your interests. No commitments are necessary, and we would appreciate even an hour or two on any day you are available to lend a hand. Our Work Bees are usually here on Saturdays, and they also help out on some other days. Stop by, have a coffee, and see what we're working on!

➤ **Elevator History:**

Did you know that there are only two grain Elevators with attached feed mills left standing in Alberta? Our Elevator is one of them, making us pretty unique and special! Feed Mills were used to produce animal feed for various farm animals. Parrish and Heimbecker was one of the few grain companies that attached feed mills to some of their Elevators. The only other remaining Elevator-feed mill complex left is in Three Hills, but currently it isn't being preserved. Unfortunately, this could mean that Stettler may end up having the very last one!

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Box 1437, Stettler, AB. T0C 2L0
Membership 2019
Annual - \$20, Lifetime - \$150

Name: _____

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Coffee Stop 

Wed and Thurs Morning 8:30 --- 11:00
Everyone Welcome

In Memorial

The following name has been added to

Grace (Gray) Primus

**Donated by Kathleen Kossowan
(sister)**

