

P & H Elevator Preservation Society

Fall 2023

Celebrating our Eighteenth Year

Issue #42

P & H
Elevator *Fall*
Supper Fundraiser

2:00 pm
Threshing
Wood Stove Baking
Old Time Laundry
Flour Making

4:00 - 6:00 pm
Supper to include
Beef on a Bun
Baked Potato
Variety of Salads
Dessert

Saturday,
October 14

Everyone
Welcome

By Donation

Anyone who would like to receive their newsletter via email, please send an email to stettlergrainelevator@gmail.com.

Check out our website, www.stettlergrainelevator.com, and follow us on Facebook!

➤ No Fundraiser in August

This summer, we did not hold our annual Harvest Supper Event at the end of August. This year, our big fundraiser will be in October instead! The Harvest Supper has always been a huge hit. We always enjoy hosting the community at the elevator and showing them what we do around here. Read more about our next fundraiser below.

➤ Fall Fundraiser: Harvest Supper

On October 14, please join us for our Harvest Supper! The event will start at 2:00 pm, kicking off with some entertainment including a threshing demonstration, baking on our wood burning stove, an old-time laundry demonstration, and flour making.

Then from 4:00-6:00 pm, supper will be served! The meal this year will include beef on a bun, baked potatoes, a variety of salads, and dessert.

We hope to see you there! This event is always exciting and it'll be a wonderful way to celebrate fall.

➤ Pancake Breakfast in June

Our annual Pancake Breakfast was held on Saturday, June 3rd. Our volunteers cooked and served pancakes, sausages, ham, and eggs and there were coffee and juice as refreshments. The meal was so tasty and our hardworking volunteers received lots of compliments!



Jeremy Smith and Brandi Page cooking up some delicious pancakes

Visitors also enjoyed a demonstration of our antique threshing machine, got to see our antique wringer washing machine in action, learned how flour is made with a stone grinding mill, and tasted fresh baked goods from our old wood burning stove.



The P&H Elevator would like to thank the community for its ongoing support of our fundraisers. We would also like to thank all of our volunteers! Our events wouldn't be possible without them. This year, 300+ people attended the breakfast!



➤ Summer Students

This year, the elevator's main summer student was Anne Kwon. Anne's family recently moved to Stettler and Anne is currently attending the Alberta University of the Arts in Calgary studying design. She is not quite sure what she wants to do in the future, but she is a great artist with a keen interest in fashion! Anne helped around the elevator giving tours, keeping the buildings maintained and clean, updating our inventory records, painting, and assisting with various projects. Thanks for all of your help, Anne!

Keirsten Docherty is also still helping out around the elevator through the summer student program and year-round. These days, she is mostly working on the Stettler History Book project, but she also helps out at events, runs the elevator's social media, and helps with newsletters.

➤ 120 Years of John Deere Celebration

This summer, the P&H Elevator Preservation Society partnered with the Stettler Museum and the Antique Tractor Club to bring an exciting event to Stettler: The John Deere 120 Expo. The 3-day long event ran from August 11th to August 13th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Stettler Museum. It featured over 100 antique tractors and pieces of farm equipment, displays, and live demos. We were celebrating 120 years of John Deere in the Stettler area!



Everyone involved put in hours of hard work to make this event a success. Our elevator volunteers helped with a variety of tasks. The Little Giant (our threshing machine) and the elevator engine were used to put on a threshing demonstration. Verna Rock and her many helpers provided an excellent concession. The concession offered breakfast, lunch, and all-day service. They even had ice cream floats!



Horse powered baler

➤ Tourism this Summer

It was another very slow summer this year, and unfortunately, tourism at the elevator was minimal.

Things just haven't picked up again yet and a rebound from COVID restrictions does not seem to be happening.

However, we remained open for tours and the complex was always maintained and ready for visitors. The Alberta Prairie Steam Train next door was fully up and running again this year, with steam and diesel runs to Warden and Big Valley. The elevator did get some modest tourist traffic on train days and our summer student Anne showed them around.

➤ School Tours

This year, we had a few groups come in for tours of the elevator to learn about the history and inner workings of grain elevators.

We had a large school group from Erskine School come in – with over 70 students! We also welcomed a group of mothers and young children and they came to explore the elevator.



Erskine School Tour

➤ Feed Shed Addition Progress

The feed shed addition is still coming along! Even though it's not quite finished yet, this summer our morning coffee groups used the new building for their gatherings. It was so nice for them to have a larger space!

The next step for the feed shed addition is finishing the kitchen. We hope to install the cabinets soon. Consider renting the space for your next event!

➤ **Golf Cart**

This summer, Bob Erickson greatly assisted the P&H Elevator Society by donating his time to improve our golf cart. He and his wife Phyllis donated and installed a new back seat on it. Thank you!

We use the golf cart to help transport tourists, so having it up and running is essential. For example, sometimes we take the golf cart over to Alberta Prairie to ask their tourists if they want to come tour the elevator while they're waiting for the train. We also use the golf cart at events, to transfer guests from their parked cars to the elevator. We even used the golf cart at the John Deere event at the museum this year. The extra seat will allow us to help more people at a time.



➤ **Thank you!**

The P&H Elevator Preservation Society has been blessed with many dedicated volunteers and generous donations. The support of our local community and our more distant patrons means the world to us. You are what keeps the elevator going! We don't know where we would be without the volunteers, donations, and visitors that help each year. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us!

➤ **Stettler History Book Progress**

Our history book volunteers all had busy summers, but the history book is still progressing. We are nearing the finish line! There is still a lot of work to do and our volunteers have put in countless hours. We plan to publish in the New Year.

If you would like to be notified when we start taking orders for the history book, please send an email to historybookstettler@gmail.com . This will also help us gauge how many books we should order!

➤ **Memberships**

The P&H Elevator wants to thank everyone who has bought a membership for 2023. Any additional memberships for 2023 and 2024 would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to purchase a membership, you can fill out the membership form below and send it to us with your dues. We would greatly appreciate your support!

In Memorium

The following names have been added to our memorial board.

Max C. Ginther
Donated by Donna Lea Ginther

Annual Membership

P&H Elevator Society
Box 1437, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0
Membership 2024
Annual - \$20, Lifetime - \$150

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