

P & H Elevator Preservation Society

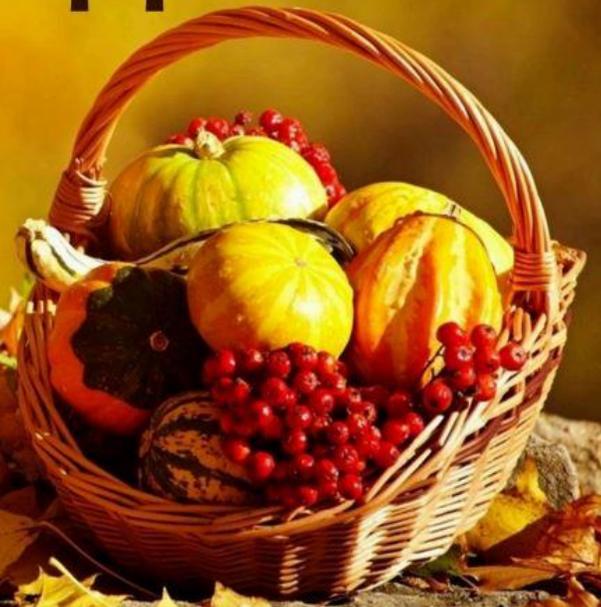
Summer 2021

Celebrating our Sixteenth Year

Issue #36

P&H Elevator Harvest Supper

Join us! August 28th
Activities and
Demonstrations 2-4 p.m.
Supper 4-6 p.m.



Everyone Welcome

Admission by Donation

*Help us celebrate 101
years of elevator history!*

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➤ The Elevator after the Pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic settles down and most restrictions have been lifted, the P&H Elevator is excited to open its doors again. 2020 was a rough year and we were not able to host many tourists or hold our annual events like the Harvest Supper. We want to thank everyone who helped us out in 2020 and early 2021. Your donations and support made a huge difference and we appreciate everything you've done for us.

Now, the museum is open to tourists on Fridays, Saturdays, and some other days. Once Alberta Prairie Railway Excursions begins offering train trips again on August 14, we hope to be open even more! Our weekly coffee stops have also restarted. They run on Wednesday and Thursday mornings and all are welcome.

➤ 2021 Harvest Supper

The date for our 2021 Harvest Supper has officially been set! It will be held on August 28, 2021. There will be activities and demonstrations from 2-4 pm, including a threshing demonstration, a flour-making demonstration, a wood cutting demonstration, and more. Supper will be from 4-6 pm. It will be a turkey dinner with all the fixings! Admission will be by donation. After a year of social distancing and event restrictions, we are so excited to see your friendly faces again.

➤ Steel Wheel Stampede Parade



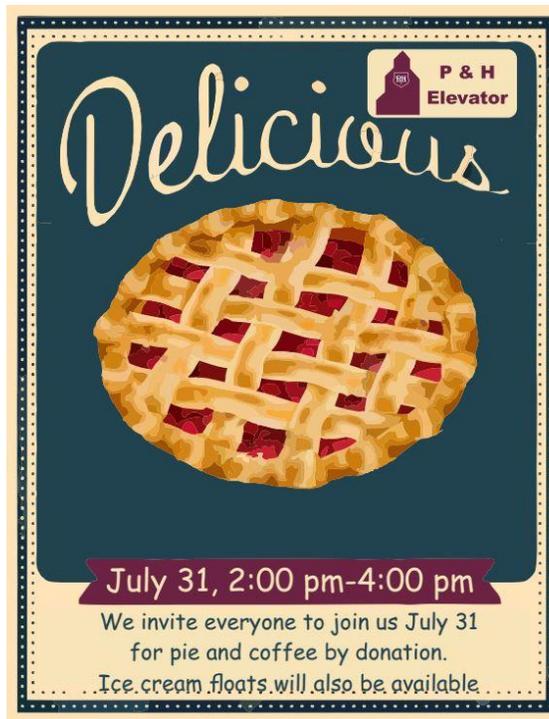
On July 17, our elevator volunteers took in the Steel Wheel Stampede parade. Our volunteer Dave McCourt drove his beautiful, newly restored pie

wagon "Henry" in the parade with a nice sign for the P&H Elevator. A few groups of tourists stopped by the elevator for tours, too! It was a great day.

➤ Mini Fundraisers

This year, we are also holding several smaller fundraising events. On June 19, 2021, we held a mini Father's Day fundraiser selling coffee and hot cinnamon buns from the wood stove. The fundraiser was an amazing success – we sold out of cinnamon buns!

We are also holding a second mini fundraiser on July 31, 2021. Stop by between 2 and 4 pm for some coffee, fresh pie, and even ice cream floats! We hope to see you there.



A big thank-you to all the volunteers who have helped out with our mini fundraisers. We couldn't do it without you, and we appreciate your hard work.

➤ Summer Students

This year, the elevator is lucky to have 2 summer students! Keirsten Docherty is joining us again for her 5th summer, and she also worked with us through the winter on the Stettler History Book project. Our new summer student is Keegan Baillon, a recent high school graduate who has lived in Texas for the past 2 years. Keegan plans to attend university in Ontario and he will major in

nuclear engineering. Both of the summer students will be working on the Stettler History Book along with their duties around the elevator. They are responsible for daily upkeep of the museum, helping with restoration projects and office work, and giving tours. Keegan and Keirsten would love to treat you to an excellent guided tour of the elevator complex. Stop by and learn something new about our history!

➤ Tool Display



Volunteer Herb Knowles has been busy at work creating a new display area in the Coal Shed. The display features various antique tools, scales, and more. Many of the items in the display were donated by Herb himself, along with some items from other generous donors. If you have any antique tools you'd like to donate, Herb would appreciate receiving them so he can complete his project.

➤ Crop Display

This year, volunteers Verna Rock and Tracy Robinson have put together a new outdoor exhibit. Now, visitors can see what crops like canola, flax, oats, and barley look like in a farmer's field.



➤ Project for 2021: Painting the Office

Our main project for 2021 is restoring the main office building's exterior. The office is in great need of a new coat of paint. Our summer students Keirsten and Keegan and our volunteers have been working hard to prep, prime, and paint the window frames, door frame, and front step. They look so much better already! Throughout the summer, we will also be painting the yellow outer walls of the office and the former outhouse/current storage shed.



Did you know that at one time, the entire elevator was the same yellow color as the current office? It's true! But when the elevator was first built in 1920, it was red like it is today. In the 1990's, P&H decided to rebrand their company and they repainted all of their elevators a shade of yellow they called "Harvest Gold." When we restored the elevator, we returned it to its original red color. We kept the office and former outhouse yellow to showcase that stage of our elevator's history. When we repaint again this year, we will keep the office and former outhouse yellow again.

➤ Fire and Heat Detection System

Unfortunately, the P&H Elevator complex recently suffered from an intentionally-set fire. The building that was targeted was the green Wheat Pool office building across the street from the main elevator complex. While the building had not yet been fully restored, this fire will make restoration efforts much more difficult.

To prevent future trouble with fire, Stan, volunteers, and our summer student Keegan have been hard at work installing a heat detection system and more security cameras in all our

buildings. The added security cameras are monitored 24 hours a day and allow us to see what's happening at the elevator from all angles. They ensure that any mischief at the elevator and in the surrounding area can be caught quickly. The heat detection system will alert us immediately if there is any fire on the premises and show us where the fire is. Hopefully this will prevent any more damage and troublemakers will stay away.



➤ **Feed Shed Addition Progress**

Over the winter and spring, volunteers at the elevator worked hard on the construction of our Feed Shed Addition. The basement, which hosts the Stettler History Book project, now has a washroom and many of the walls have been finished and painted. The furnace duct system has also been installed to keep our history book volunteers warm. There is still a lot of work to be done, but we sure have made a lot of progress!



➤ **Volunteers/Work Bees**

Saturday is our work bee day! On Saturdays and some other days throughout the week, volunteers meet at the elevator to assist with various projects – from restoration work to office tasks, general upkeep and cleaning, guiding tours, and more! If you're interested in becoming a volunteer, we'd love to have you. We can match activities to your interests. Every hour makes a difference! Volunteers are the soul of the elevator. We greatly appreciate the difference they make.

In Memorium

The following names have been added to our memorial board.

Vic Stuckey
 Donated by Nola Race Treherne

Sam and Agnes Martin
 Donated by Ross Martin

Ed Reiersen
 Donated by Ray and Linda Kneeland
 and Charles and Leanne Kneeland

Gordon McCallum
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