



# the CANORA CHRONICLE

*"Capturing history – Building community"*

## UPCOMING EVENTS CAMROSE HERITAGE STATION

### White Elephant Gift Shop

The gift shop at the Camrose Heritage Station will be open every Friday, 10 to 5 p.m. from Nov. 7 to Dec. 5.



December 6, 2014

### Annual Cookie Walk, Tea and Christmas White Elephant Sale

Within our beautiful seasonally decorated Tea Room or King George Room, enjoy one of our major fundraisers for the year. Our volunteers bake batches of cookies (including gluten free) and other festive baking including homemade Christmas carrot pudding and loaves. Enjoy tea with seasonal homemade desserts.



*Planning a Christmas work or private family party during the festive season?*

Contact the Camrose Station by email to [canadiannorthern@telus.net](mailto:canadiannorthern@telus.net) or our website at [www.canadiannorthern.ca](http://www.canadiannorthern.ca) for information on renting our Camrose site. Book early, dates are limited.

## *In Memoriam*

**Peter Michael Didrichsen ("Finnie"):** Our old friend, long time member and executive, and community volunteer Peter "Finnie" Didrichsen passed away this summer after a courageous battle with cancer. Peter was an enthusiastic volunteer and supporter of the Canadian Northern Society, and was actively engaged in virtually all of our projects over the years—including notably community outreach in Canora, Hanna, Viking, and elsewhere. Peter was "Mr. Tourism"—and always was working on plans and ideas to bring people to communities. He loved railway history, was a Second World War buff, and loved sports. He was a big fan of David Blyth Hanna, and found an autographed copy "Trains of Recollection" as a donation to the Society library. In fact, the shelves of the library contain many books donated by Peter. Peter will be remembered for his promotion of the Canadian Northern Society—encouraging memberships, donations, and raising funds with 50-50 draws and silent auctions at society functions. We will miss his contribution dearly.

Thank you to those, including our own Lorrie and Dean Tiegs, Leslie S. Kozma, Florence Johnston, Lori Pratt, S.I. Smith and family, Bruce and Glenys Smith, Les and Donna Langille who made memorial donations to the Canadian Northern Society in honour of Peter. Thank you to Peter's family, and his father Finn for choosing the Society as the beneficiary of these donations at Peter's service, and a special thanks to the Canadian Northern Society members and supporters who attended.

The Canadian Northern Society is deeply saddened by the passing of another one of its long-time members, **Mr. G.A. (Gus) Annas of Hanna**. Gus passed away after a lengthy illness in October. Gus was an ardent supporter of preserving railway history: he was a locomotive fireman and engineer throughout a 35 year career at CN, and then was active as a locomotive engineer on the Alberta Prairie Railway—running steam locomotive 41 up and down the old Canadian Northern Battle River Sub for many years. Gus was a regular visitor to Big Valley throughout his time at CN and at Alberta Prairie and developed friendships with many. Gus was a vocal supporter of the Canadian Northern Society's work in initially preserving the historic Canadian Northern railway station in Hanna, as well as the roundhouse. Our deepest sympathy to the Annas and Robinson families.

We would also like to express condolences to the Hanna family for the passing of **Peggy Hanna Griffiths** at the age of 97. Peggy was the last member of the Hanna family that knew her grandfather David Blyth Hanna (General Manager of the Canadian Northern) very well.

## CAMROSE NEWS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We have had a very busy summer and fall season full of wonderful events. The following is a list of our events and all the wonderful volunteers who have helped make the events so successful.

Annual Garden Tour and Victorian Luncheon was held July 12, 2014, and was a great success. Thank you to Robbie O'Riordan for her organizational skills with the garden tour and Victorian luncheon. Carol Pederson for the donation of tomatoes for the Victorian luncheon soup and to all the volunteers who baked, served and did clean up for the event.

The Tribute to Prairie Women was held on August 2 and was a great success with 55 people in attendance. Thank you to the women who prepared berry desserts (Sharon Ofrim, Carol Roy, Pat Edgerton Elizabeth, Carol Rawson) and cleaned up. Desserts were served from the Sparling Centre and stories told in the Gazebo.

Founders Day Festival was held August 16 and we were happy to see an increase in the number of people who attended this event from previous years. The Station Swing Band played war and swing-time tunes, which coincided so well with the Camrose Heritage Railway Station war theme for 2014. It was truly an intergenerational event with families bringing children to the Firebox Festival.

Thank You to:

- The Founders Day Committee for funding the Mirror Lake Train for the day
- To all the volunteers who helped in the tea room, kitchen and outside for the children's Special Olympics, games and crafts

The Saturday Dessert Theatre and Sunday Matinee were sold out for the play *Mary's Wedding* and sing-along. The World War I and II displays were very much enjoyed at the Bailey Theatre.

Our gratitude and thanks to the following:

- Sandra McLay for directing and Rebecca Hohnsbein and Brian Dumont for their great acting and the many volunteer hours put it to produce such a wonderful play.
- Marian Bennet for the wonderful tribute to *Animals at War* and photo presentation
- Michelle Peterson for playing the piano and leading the sing-along
- Carol Rawson, Ann Reitan, Dianna Nickel, Valorie Sims who sold tickets and assisted with serving

So much behind the scenes work is done throughout our summer season, all of which would not be possible without the help from our many volunteers. Thank you to the following:

- Sharon Ofrim who donation desserts and cookies

- Nickel donation of Saskatoon pies, homemade pickles and jellies
- Carol Roy for making black currant jam made from the station fruit trees
- Carol Rawson for donating raspberry jam, crabapple jelly, cleaning freezers and cupboards
- Robbie O'Riordan for making all the pie crusts and donating the ingredients, making of jelly for sale
- All the volunteer pie makers; Gladys Douglas, Ann Reitan, Ann Goddard, Carol Roy, Dorothy Lysons, and Carol Rawson
- Ed Kuzalik for dishwashing, Dorothy and Pat, for hosting
- Therese Mazure and her granddaughters for help with children and sale
- Gladys and Minota for selling at the White Elephant sale
- Ted and Carol Rawson for the donation carrots and pumpkins from their farm
- Carol Roy, Robbie O'Riordan, Dorothy Lyson, Carol Rawson for preparing the carrots for the freezer

Prairie Fun Days was held August 24 at the Meeting Creek Station. It was well attended with 35 from the bus tour in the morning and another 35 attended the Helen Fowlds Monologue. Our summer students gave excellent tours while dressed in 1940s attire. Thank you to: Rebecca Fleury, our summer student, for giving excellent informative tours, Sierra Martz who organized children's games and crafts, Karen Smith for the successful organization of Prairie Fun Days and help on the event day, Shawn and Bruce Smith for speeder rides and Cheryl Prestage, Donna Langelles, Gladys and Bill Douglas for pie and cookie sales throughout the day.

The Meeting Creek research and restoration of the grasslands project is ongoing. A grant to Community Initiatives has been sent for funding for this project.

Thank you to:

- Bernice Kadatz for assisting with the grasslands research and restoration plan and tasks
- Camrose Outdoor Club Members for identifying flora and fauna for the Meeting Creek Trails
- Mathew Francis and Kelaine Brand from Community Service Learning Program at Augustana are well into completing the first two Discovery Kits
- Bernice Kadatz, Karen Smith, Glenys and Bruce Smith for cleanup of the wire fence on October 8.

The Camrose Station Gardens and yard have been very beautiful this summer and much enjoyed by all who came to visit them. We were blessed to have a lot of rain this summer and reduce the amount of time needed to water the gardens. Thank you to all who assisted with the gardens, fall clean up and pruning of

large trees. Special thanks to Carol Rawson, Carol Roy, Sharon Ofrim, Dorothy Lysons, Robbie O’Riordan, Pat Edgerton, Shirley Peters, Marilee Ewan, Bruce Smith, and Therese Mazure for their time and efforts. Thanks to Brian Steiger who repaired and painted the two garden elevators at the north end of the track and applied a non-slip surface to the boardwalk leading to the platform and repaired the picnic tables. Also thanks to Donny Loewen who replaced the old dance floor and has painted the new one. Donny and Bruce Smith have started the utility fence that will hide the utility area on the east side of the dance floor. They hope to finish this project early November weather permitting.

World War displays were placed throughout the station this season. Thank you to Duane Riske for use of reference books and to Carol Rawson, Ya Ya Schafer, Barb MacDonald and the summer students for the preparation of these displays that were well received.

Two students from Canada World Youth are helping out with various projects at the station, three days a week for six weeks which started late October. We welcome Carl from Quebec and Aii from Indonesia to the society.

The station has applied for a grant to Alberta Promise for refurbished computers. If you know of anyone or an organization who would like to donate computers to the station please give us a call or email the station.

*A warm and friendly welcome goes out to the many new faces at the Camrose Railway Station.* Gina Freeborn is our new Station Coordinator who recently replaced Nadine Matheson. We would like to thank Nadine for all her help while she was with us, and wish her well in her future endeavours as she has moved away from the Camrose area.

Gina is excited to be starting at the Camrose Railway Station and helping with the many wonderful events and activities. She looks forward to meeting all the volunteers and everyone associated with the station and society. Previously Gina worked for many years at the Camrose Family Resource Centre as an Early Childhood Program Coordinator providing parenting support, information and referral to community organizations, facilitating playgroups, organizing community events, running the Volunteer Committee and lots of office work. This past year she was a supervisor at a local retail store where she really enjoyed working with the public and hopes to bring her knowledge to assist the society. Gina can be reached most days at the Camrose office every weekday morning except Wednesdays. *Welcome Gina!*

We also would like to welcome Cathie Bartlet, a retired journalist, who is our new Volunteer Coordinator for the society and Mae Ulrich who is working on organizing the White Elephant Gift Shop at the Camrose Station. We also welcome and thank two new volunteers who have helped over the season: Donny Loewen

and Brian Steiger.

Our fall cleaning bee for the entire station has started and will be finished by mid-November. Thank you to Carl and Aii (our capable hard working students), Bruce and Glenys Smith, Gladys Kupka, Sharon Ofrim, Ann Reitan, Carol Rawson, Carol Roy, Ya Ya Shafer, Gina Freeborn and 16 students from the entire Canada World Youth group who came to help. Carl is also reorganizing the library and will continue to work on this while he is helping at the station for six weeks.

On November 2 we held our Society Volunteer Appreciation dinner for all of our 2014 volunteers. Thank you to the following for making our evening a success: Donny and Shirley Loewen for the homemade sausage, Ed Kuzalak for suppling and making his famous potatoes, homemade sauerkraut made by the Ukrainian Church ladies and donated by Robbie O’Riordan, carrots supplied and cooked by Ted and Carol Rawson, homemade bread made by our student Aii and Glenys Smith, and Mae Ulrich for supplying her homemade pickles. Thank you to Robbie O’Riordan and the Friends of the Station for supplying all the wonderful desserts. Thank you also to Robbie O’Riordan and Cathie Bartlet for doing much of the cleaning after supper. *Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped this year at our three heritage sites.*



*Morley and Duane Riske on sax and piano.*



*Canada World Youth students, Aii and Carl, get a taste of Camrose life at our appreciation supper.*



*Glenys Smith, Barb McDonald and Carol Roy decked out in costume for the ‘hillbilly’ themed volunteer supper.*



Donny Loewen, Bruce Smith, Barb McDonald, Adam, Glenys, Liam and Karen Smith provide music for the 'hillbilly' sing-along.

On November 7 the Camrose Heritage Railway Station had a Linen and Lace Tea and White Elephant Sale. The gift shop will be open every Friday from 10 to 5 p.m. from November 7 to December 5 for the Christmas season. Find many unique gifts in our gift shop.

Upcoming events at the station include Val Simms directing the 2015 Readers Theatre of the Sir William Mackenzie Story in April. Dates and times for this production to be determined, visit [canadiannorthern.ca](http://canadiannorthern.ca) for further information in the new year.

### Several wonderful donations have been received at the station this season.

Thank you to:

- Elizabeth Bagden and Norm Taylor for donation of library books
- Mary Bombford of Victoria, BC, for the ring-bound biography of her father Lou Hamel Canadian Pacific Railway Telegraphy. Lou is a Second World War veteran and at one point worked in Camrose
- Bob Fitzgerald for the grease bins for the locomotives
- Toni Nelson for pinwheel crystal and glass platters
- Everyone who donated to the gift shop
- Busy Bee of Tofield for \$75 donation to the society for the presentation of 'Mary Fowlds Monologue' and 'Talk to the Animals' at the cultural days
- Vemy Cox of Armena, AB, for donation of a 12-piece china dinner set (Bernadotte Harmony) made in Czechoslovakia for station use
- Carl Leaman of Westport, USA, for donation of 48 paper archives
- Ryan and Darwin Park of Spruce Grove, AB, for their father's, Arlan (AL) Lee Park, Via uniform and paper articles that he has collected. Both Ryan and Darwin have worked for Canadian National and are willing to volunteer for bee days at the station.
- Don Heron of Calgary for the story of C. Leonard Knox who was an Alberta railway worker and Victoria Cross recipient.

~ Glenys Smith & Gina Freeborn



## ORGANIC MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM

The Camrose Heritage Railway Station is pleased to partner with Gaia College once again to offer the Organic Master Gardener certificate program. Gaia College was a private sector finalist in the B.C. Real Estate Foundation Land Awards. Real Community, Real Conservation, Real Change. 2014. Gaia College's organic land care programs are helping communities move beyond conventional landscaping toward a holistic paradigm that creates healthy environments, both above and below ground. We are proud to be one of Gaia College's partners and hope to have a class up and running in January of 2015.

The program will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. commencing January 20, 2015. The focus will be on classroom lectures, integrated practicums and volunteer hours. Students will learn practical and theoretical information on the following topics; botany, soil ecosystems, soil testing, soil fertility management, composting, teas and brews, water-wise gardening, permaculture, garden bed installation, pruning, landscape health, lawns, garden design and installation. Upon successful completion of all program requirements, graduates will be issued an Organic Master Gardener Certificate.

For more information visit [www.canadiannorthern.ca](http://www.canadiannorthern.ca) or to register contact the Camrose Heritage Railway Station or Eleanor White at:

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*At the close of our 2014 season, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members and volunteers for their dedication, time and support and to wish you a wonderful Christmas season. We look forward to working with you in 2015 as we continue to 'Capture History and Build Community.'*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Sincere thanks to Don Gillespie for donating his time and tractor in September to complete the gravel boundary around the Meeting Creek elevator. Don saved certain volunteers a lot of backache! Also thanks to the Alberta Prairie team for their help with events and upkeep at the Big Valley station this season.

Thank you to Richard Graydon for his significant contribution to the society this past summer. Rich organized and supervised our student at the Big Valley depot, and ensured that many maintenance items were taken care of. We greatly appreciate your volunteer time, travel, and effort, Rich.

Thank you to Kyle Toporchak of Hanna for his generous cash donation to the society.

We would like to welcome a new member, Darrel Babuk of Edmonton, to the society. Darrel is an architect from Edmonton working on the Hanna roundhouse project. His father was a station agent on the CPR, and Darrel grew up in stations at Grassy Lake and Vulcan, Alberta.

Thanks to L.S. Kozma for referring Darrel to join the Society.

Thank you to Lorrie and Dean Tiegs for the complete overhaul of our society website. Visit our newly designed site for information on rental bookings of the sites, educational programs, upcoming events, information relating to all three of our sites and much more. Same address at [www.canadiannorthern.ca](http://www.canadiannorthern.ca), new great look!

If you would like your copy of the *Chronicle* newsletter sent via email instead of the Royal Mail, please email [secretary@canadiannorthern.ca](mailto:secretary@canadiannorthern.ca) or [canadiannorthern@telus.net](mailto:canadiannorthern@telus.net) and let us know!



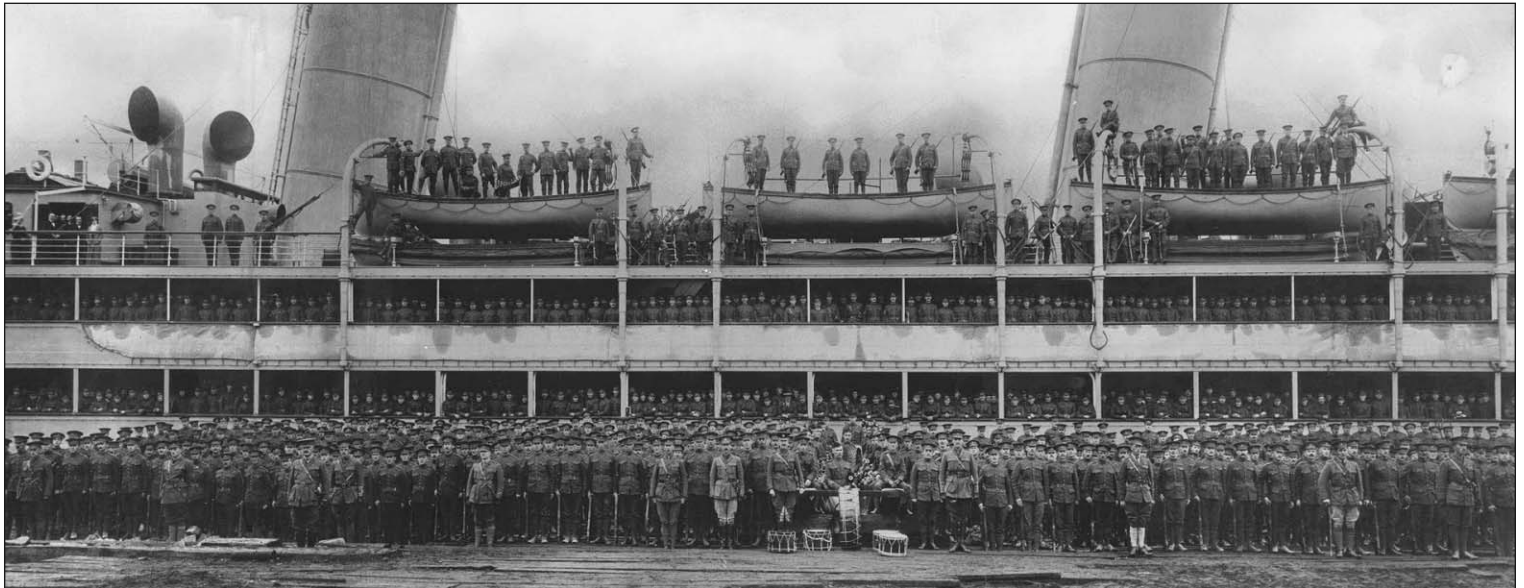
*Those who can, do.  
Those who can  
do more, volunteer.*

Letter to the Society:

*Dear Executive and Members; Thank you for the recognition you gave me at the Canadian Northern Society Annual Meeting. I appreciate the beautiful card made by Lorrie Tiegs and the gift certificate. Working with Bruce and Glenys Smith and other volunteers at the Camrose Railway station has been a joy for myself (and for Murray) for the past 15 years. We have developed wonderful friendships there and were given an opportunity to use our skills and talents during our retirement to help preserve history and provide a beautiful place for people to visit and hold events. "The Station" as Murray and I refer to it, was a place that Murray spent his happiest hours sitting on the platform watching the trains and working on building projects that he loved to do. I am grateful to the Society for building and maintaining this wonderful place for people such as us to enjoy.*

*Sincerely, Carol Roy.*

## CANADIAN NORTHERN'S ROYAL GEORGE BECOMES A TROOP SHIP



This photograph shows the RMS *Royal George* at Québec 100 years ago this fall. The Canadian Northern steamship, which before the war had served the Avonmouth-Québec route, was pressed into service as a troop ship for Canadian soldiers destined for England. On the wharf is Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, which boarded the *Royal George* on September 27, 1914, arriving at Portsmouth on October 16.

## GLENYS SMITH WINS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



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*Glenys Smith receives her achievement award from Fred Bradley and MLA Cal Dallas (right).*

Glenys Smith received the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation Outstanding Achievement Award in Red Deer on October 16. Ted and Carol Rawson, Dorothy Lysons, Elizabeth Bagdan, Robbie O'Riordan and Eleanor White travelled with Glenys and Bruce Smith to the ceremony held in the Black Knight Inn. A lavish reception was followed by a most informative program recognizing all recipients individually. Matthew Francis from Alberta Culture and Tourism introduced Glenys and listed some of her contributions and achievements in the preservation and presentation

of Alberta history in Camrose for over the past ten years. Glenys made a very gracious acceptance speech. Fred Bradley, Chair, Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and Cal Dallas, MLA for Red Deer - South presented her with a beautiful plaque. Ted Rawson took some memorable pictures of the event.

To celebrate in Camrose, the Friends of the Station held an informal tea on October 19. A big thank-you is extended to Peggy and Steve Shuman for their generous donation which made this day extra special. Beautiful harp music was provided by Lisa Cumming. Approximately 50 people attended bringing their congratulations and good wishes for Glenys's achievement. Mayor Mayer presented Glenys with a Certificate of Achievement from the city council. Eleanor White outlined the steps taken in the nomination process starting from a little newspaper article, to obtaining 33 letters of support through to submitting 125 published articles dated as far back to the year 2000 for evidence in print. Glenys made a

very moving speech thanking all of the community members both past and present for their achievements and contributions in making the station a vibrant, thriving destination of choice in Camrose.

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation's Heritage Awards are presented to recognize and celebrate the significant contributions of individuals, organizations, corporations, and municipalities to the protection, preservation and promotion of Alberta's heritage. This Outstanding Achievement Award presented to Glenys is an achievement for everyone for their support and efforts over the years. To everyone who helped make this a positive festive event; a sincere thank-you!

*~ Eleanor White*

*The society thanks Eleanor for the work in preparing this application and to all the individuals who wrote letters of support. This is indeed a celebration of achievement for Glenys and the Canadian Northern Society as a whole.*

## HANNA ROUNDHOUSE UPDATE

The Hanna Roundhouse Society (HRS) has been very busy this year. We cleaned out the offices remaining from the Twin 4 Auction Mart which was the last occupant of the roundhouse and started removing debris from the auction ring as well. We are still working in the building to prepare bays six and seven for a reconstruction of a theatre in this area where the auction ring was operated, using the existing pipe supports for new modern seating. This area is hoped to be used as a source of revenue to help fund restoration and repairs identified in our assessment report.

Our goal for 2015 is to host a CNR reunion of retired, semi-retired and employed CNR workers at the 1913 CNoR roundhouse. Tentatively plans are for next August in conjunction with Hanna's fall fair. More details to follow on this event in the new year.

If you would like to share ideas for this event, please contact Sandra Beaudoin by email to: Sandra.beaudoin1@gmail.com or by mail to: PO Box 1267, Hanna, AB T0J 1P0. We would love to see any old photos or maps as we continue to build on the history of the Canadian Northern Railway divisional point along the Goose Lake Line in Hanna, Alberta, with your help!

Thank you the Canadian Northern Society for the support and help throughout this year!

*~ Sandra Beaudoin*

## LAST SPIKE CENTENNIAL PLANS

Canadian Northern Society Vice President, Les Kozma, is pleased to report that plans are now well underway to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Canadian Northern Railway, which will occur in 2015. A committee has been struck of Canadian Northern Society members, as well as members of other like-minded organizations to plan an event that will likely take place in Kamloops in early summer 2015.

Look for further details on this event from a planned press release and announcement on January 23, 2015, 100 years to the day that the "last spike" was driven near Basque, BC, west of Kamloops. Further details will also be in upcoming *Chronicles* and on our website. We look forward to any volunteers who may be interested in participating in this celebration of a special time in Canadian history.

## STETTTLER'S "MALE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"



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The Canadian Northern Society is pleased to congratulate Mr. R.C. (Bob) Willis who recently received the honour of being named Stettler's "Male Citizen of the Year" (photo is of Bob and Kathleen at the awards ceremony on October 23 in Stettler).

Bob is a deserving recipient of this award, having volunteered in the community and with both the Canadian Northern and East Central Alberta Heritage Society for many, many years. While a self-described "background guy"—Bob is a driving force behind the long-time success of Alberta Prairie Railway and its significant contribution to the economic and cultural success of Stettler, Big Valley and all of east Central Alberta. Bob's continued work with the East Central Alberta Heritage Society—and in particular in our continued quest to develop a heritage corridor—has left a lasting legacy for generations.

In his acceptance speech, Bob credited the influence of his father, the late Roy Willis, long-time editor of the *Stettler Independent*, for teaching him that volunteering was

important to the overall community. In addition he acknowledged Don Gillespie and the leadership Don has shown throughout the years as a volunteer and indeed mentor for many. In addition to his citizenship award from the Chamber of Commerce, Bob was presented with a donation towards the East Central Alberta Heritage Society by the East Parkland Community Futures Group, where he has served as a long-time director.

The *Chronicle* would be remiss if it did not mention the support of Bob's wife, Kathleen, who also has been active in the "broader" community for years.

*Congratulations Bob!  
We all sincerely appreciate your efforts.*

## BIG VALLEY NEWS AND EVENTS

This summer has been busy and a lot of fun in Big Valley. We were able to hire a student this year, Jacob Wilson, who did a great job and completed a number of projects. Jake lives just south of Big Valley and spent the summer painting the bunkhouse, keeping the yard and station clean and working on various other projects. He's going to join the society shortly and has already been doing some volunteer work for us. It was a busy summer for the Village of Big Valley with their 100th anniversary celebrations which brought extra visitors to the station. Jake bought a heritage cowboy outfit and wore that for train arrivals and special events. *On behalf of the society, thank you, Jake, for all your work and volunteer efforts this past summer.*

We hosted a very successful networking event on October 25 in which many of the local heritage preservations groups got together to share ideas. We had representatives from our society, Big Valley Heritage Society, Rocky Mountain Rail Society, the architect for the Hanna Roundhouse group and East Central Alberta Heritage Society. We'll be having another networking meeting on April 18, 2015.

We've just started a major project with the assistance of Alberta Prairie Railway to tear down the two storage sheds north of the station and replace them with a new building. The old sheds had rotted to the point where they were becoming unsafe. This project should be completed by the end of November.

The Big Valley station meeting room also continues to be busy. It is booked by the Big Valley Historical Society monthly, with the local Métis association, Village of Big Valley and Dominion Rail Services also making use of the room. It's great to see the meeting room being put to use by the community.

~ Rich Graydon



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*Sharing Common Ground—local heritage preservation groups meet to share ideas in October in Big Valley.*



©R. Graydon

*Old sheds north of the station being torn down in October.*

# ALBERTA PRAIRIE'S PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

There were pumpkins, hot dogs, famous Big Valley fudge, drinks and treats as Alberta Prairie Railway held its first ever "Pumpkin Festival" on October 18—with four round-trip special train departures from Stettler to the "Pumpkin Patch"—a spot a few miles south of Warden. The weather was glorious, and the kids and families who attended loved it. AP supplied bags on board the train, and every single passenger, young and old, picked a pumpkin of their choice to take home.

At last count, APR handled 1398 people on the four trips! Volunteers from the community (P&H Elevator Society for example) came together and helped out aboard the train while several APR staff were dressed up at the site. Locomotive engineers were industry veterans Harry Home of Jasper on the 7438, and Red Robinson of Hanna on the 1118.

*What a great way to celebrate autumn in central Alberta.*



*Kelly Gillespie rocks the day as a scarecrow.*

*Drew Bracken shows off his Batman muscles.*



*Passengers boarding the train in Stettler.*



*Don Gillespie serves lunch to a family during the festival.*



*Adam and Liam Smith with friends Jarad and Nathan Bussee enjoy lunch together.*

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