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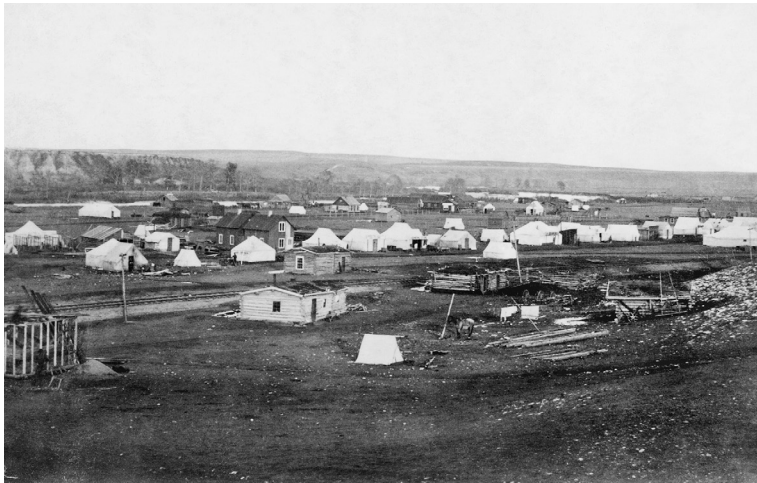
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Calgary's First Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving was celebrated at different times in the fall in different parts of Canada until November 6, 1879, when it became a national celebration. The day to give thanks was different every year and a newspaper notice



Calgary tent town east side of Elbow River, 1883
Glenbow Archives NA-1315-9

was needed prior to the chosen date. On October 26, 1883 a notice was put in *The Calgary Weekly Herald* newspaper informing the public that Thursday, November 8th, 1883 had been set apart as a national thanks-giving day. The newly formed town of Calgary, with over three hundred residents, was contemplating whether to celebrate the day or not as an excerpt in *The Calgary Weekly Herald*, November 9, 1883 reported.

"It was thought by some that Calgary, not having had any experience hitherto in celebrating Thanksgiving Day, would feel rather strange and awkward in doing the necessary justice to the occasion, but at the end of the day this view of the case was dispelled, and our thanksgiving ability fully established. In fact, so ably was the day observed, that strangers appeared to think that we had the experience of a pre-historic age, in our due observance of the occasion. The Calgary

mind is proverbial for a deep spirit of reflection, and this element of character having been brought into exercise, the Calgary citizen settled himself in a contemplative attitude to take a retrospective view of the past, and to profoundly meditate upon the present, that he might have a proper appreciation and understanding of the grounds on which he was to celebrate the day. Two phases of the case presented themselves to his mind, his grievances and his blessings. His thanksgiving spirit naturally got a little sluggish as he thought of the town site still being a thing of beautiful uncertainty, of the Elbow's foot bridge being washed away by the merciless torrent, of there being no representative in the Legislative Council, of the utterly supreme indifference shown to our crying wants by the Dominion Government, of the garden fields of the North West being swallowed up by ranche companies, of our being strangers to bountiful harvests, and of a thousand other abuses of which we are the victims. On the other hand, the spirit of thanksgiving went up in the rube as he generously thought of the bountiful harvests garnered into storehouses by his relations in the east, of the tidal wave of immigration that is prophesied to sweep over the North West, and the golden harvests that in the future are to garnered from our illimitable western fields, and of the numerous other blessings that are to be. After this dispassionate view of the case, he concluded that thanksgiving on his part was thoroughly warranted, and in the morning attended the Presbyterian Church, where a union thanksgiving service was held."

Thanksgiving Day continued to change yearly with the holiday celebrated as late as the 6th of December and as early as the 8th of October. The most popular day to observe the holiday was the third Monday in October because the fall weather in Canada was better for outdoor activities. After 1921, Remembrance Day was celebrated in November and Thanksgiving was typically observed on second Monday in October. On January 31, 1957 it became official. Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving Day on the second Monday in October. Today with the exception of the four Atlantic Provinces, Thanksgiving is an official statutory holiday in Canada.

Red Deer River District 1884

Excerpt from *The Red Deer District – A Descriptive Letter* by Rev. Leo Gaetz, written at the request of the Calgary District Agricultural Society



Red Deer River Settlement in Northwest Territories 1886 – Canada Archive PA-050804

A section of country taking its name from a river running through it is always of uncertain dimensions, but it will be sufficiently definite for the purposes of this letter to locate Red Deer district between the ninth and eleventh base lines, and extending from Range 20, west of the Fourth, on as far as the Fifth Initial Meridian. Whatever more might be legitimately included I have not yet traversed, and, writing as a bonafide settler of this country to the farmers of the Dominion and the general public, I am anxious to speak from personal observation and experience and the reliable testimony of settlers who have been longer in the country.

ASPECT OF THE COUNTRY

The country may be described in general terms as rolling prairie, dotted over with bluffs of spruce and poplar, interspersed with lakes and meadows, and intersected with numerous small creeks, giving the whole a particularly park-like appearance, which, in point of natural scenery, is beyond the possibility of exaggeration. I have seen the most beautiful spots of five of the eastern Provinces and in several of the States across our southern border, but I have never seen any section of country which in its natural state, could compare with this. Indeed, it is almost impossible for a stranger, looking off some commanding butte, to realize that the delightful prospect all around him is "in condition primeval". It would not seem difficult to persuade some Ripvanwinkle awakening suddenly among such surroundings than the buildings and fences had been mysteriously removed and that those beautiful bluffs in the distant landscape were the orchards and ornamental trees among which stately residences had once nestled, and that those smooth symmetrical slopes were the fruitful fields of a departed race of agricultural princes.

The Calgary Weekly Herald, September 17, 1884

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Saturday, December 01, 2018

at the

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Cocktails: 5:30 pm Dinner: 6:30 pm

Adults: \$30

Children 6-12: \$15 Under 6: free
Open to members and guests of all ages

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FALL 2018 SPEAKER SERIES

All events take place at 7 pm at the Pioneer Memorial Building, 3625 – 4 Street SW, Calgary. Free admission.

September 10, 2018

Uncovering the Stories of Southern Alberta

Fred Stenson, Acclaimed Writer



Fred Stenson was born in Pincher Creek, raised near Twin Butte and currently resides in Cochrane. His historical novels, *The Trade*, *Lightning* and *The Great Karoo*, simultaneously mythologize and demythologize the West. Fred Stenson writes fiction based on facts, most of them rooted in Southern Alberta history. Stenson will tell us how he draws the line between fact and fiction.

October 10, 2018

Calgary's Historic Union Cemetery

Harry M. Sanders, Historian



A virtual tour of Calgary's Historic Union Cemetery and the cast of characters buried there, presented by Harry M. Sanders, author of *Calgary's Historic Union Cemetery: A Walking Guide*. There are pillars of the community here like Cappy Smart, Louise Riley, William Roper Hull, Grant MacEwan and Thomas Edworthy, and there are those who were only passing through like Grace M. Inthout, Amelia Yeomans and Harry A. Cooper.

November 14, 2018

Indigenous People During World Wars.

Hal Eagletail, TsuuT'ina Nation



Hal Eagletail will tell his father's story of enlisting with the US army, and of leasing their land to contribute to the First World War. Eagletail is a member of the Northern Dene TsuuT'ina Nation located in the Treaty 7 area of Southern Alberta. He is a cultural consultant.



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Historical Photo Display

Our exhibit evolves every year because of the tremendous commitment, energy and involvement from our membership. Each year our exhibit tells a story about the impact that Southern Alberta pioneers had on the development of our province. Our organization is committed to preserving that history. Specifically, this year we featured sports and sports facilities in early Calgary and Southern Alberta. The Stampede Historical Committee featured the 50th Anniversary of the Young Canadians. We are always glad for the help from the Stampede Historical Committee. Once again we thank the amazing 83 SAPD volunteers and the 19 Stampede Historical Committee members for filling the 127 time spots for the eleven days (including Sneak-a-Peak). Several did multiple shifts and some filled in at the last moment.

The display started with our SAPD display committee selecting the 2018 feature. A big thank you to Susan Priel as she spent extensive time researching the text, etc. Thanks to Shelly McElroy, Kathie Pointen and Francie Hagedorn for your assistance. Susan's husband, John Hails, was a great backup for computer entry and preparing the photos for developing. Joan Hampaul managed most of the roster by filling the 127 time slots and preparing the letter that goes out to the volunteers with passes attached. A great big thank you to all for the time and energy spent to make the 18th display a success.

We received considerable support from the Calgary Stampede Western Showcase Committee in the form of display space, booth construction and take down and, of course, the gate passes they always provide. We appreciate the Remington Carriage Museum for, once again, bringing the stagecoach to our booth. It is always a great attraction for our visitors.

Photo Display Committee Chair – Dave Wake



Calgary Tigers playing rugby football with the Hamilton Tiger Cats at Hillhurst, Calgary, Alberta 1913 – NA-1744-8 On September 1913, a landmark event for football, the first East versus West sporting event.

Steve Foote
Independent Travel Consultant
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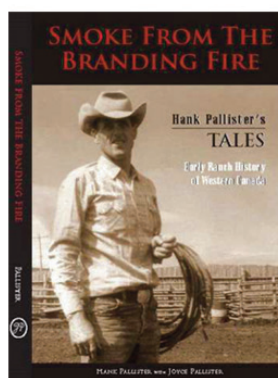
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PALLISTER PUBLICATIONS

Hank Pallister was raised on his father's ranch, at Turner Valley, Alberta, the son of a recognized pioneer family. He lived his early life surrounded by the old-time cowmen and a world of fascinating stories.

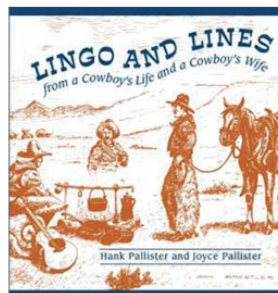
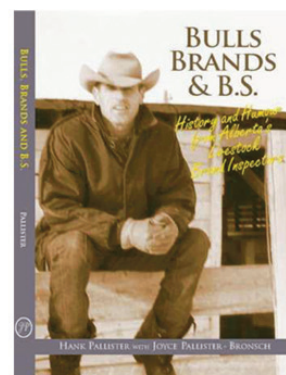


◀ SMOKE FROM THE BRANDING FIRE

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Story of the McKay Family – Fur Traders and Buffalo Hunters

When I first met my wife Rhonda McKay I boasted to her how I was a Southern Alberta Pioneer, my Great Great Grandfather John Gerow VanWart came to Calgary in 1882 and my Great Grandfathers R.J. Hutchings and JC Linton came to Calgary in 1884. To my amazement she did not seem overly impressed as she replied; “you know I think my ancestors came to Southern Alberta and Western Canada way before yours did”. I did some research and how right she was. This is the part of the story of Rhonda’s amazing forefathers. The story begins with John McKay leaving Scotland for Manitoba around 1790 to work for the Hudson’s Bay Company to his grandson Edward McKay settling in the Cypress Hills region around 1871.

The Hudson’s Bay Company (HBC) was incorporated by English royal charter in 1670 and became one of the world's largest landowners. They controlled the area of the Hudson Bay watershed, known as Rupert's Land to establish a fur trading company to meet the high demand for fur clothes and hats in Europe. The company controlled the fur trade in the region for over a century with it headquarters at York Factory on Hudson Bay in Manitoba until The North West Company (NWC) was formed in 1779. The two companies became long time rivals and their fierce competition required them to travel further west constantly exploring new regions to establish fur trading posts.

Although the two companies would merge in 1826, their competition created great opportunities for young men with a thirst for adventure. John McKay (1758-1810) along with his brother Donald (Mad) McKay became part of this endeavour when they arrived from Scotland around 1790 to work in the fur trade for the Hudson Bay Company. John was regarded as considerate, just and reliable, not always common attributes in the fur trade. He rose to the position of Factor (trader) for HBC and was one of the Trustees in the Lord Selkirk agreement with HBC. In 1792 his wife Mary Favel gave birth to John Richards McKay at Albany Factory, Manitoba.

Following in his father’s footsteps, John Richards joined the HBC in 1808 and worked with his father at Brandon House which was established in 1793 by his Uncle “Mad” McKay. He was eventually sent to the Qu’Appelle Valley in 1815 to reconstruct



HBC's Brandon House ca. 1810 located near North West Company's Forts

the Fort that was allegedly burned down by the rival North West Company servants. In 1816, John Richards married Harriet Ballenden, daughter of Chief Factor John Ballenden. They were married “according to the custom of the country”. The Cree and Saulteaux of the Upper Red River area referred to McKay as “Ma-ak-gy-gan-naise” or “The Bear Skin”, a symbol of respect. This name was handed down to his sons and grandsons. John and Harriet had eleven children.

Their fourth son named Edward McKay was born in 1824 at Red River, Manitoba, and like his forefathers, joined the HBC as an apprentice in the fur trade. He was fascinated by buffalo stories and left the service when he came “of age” (twenty-one) to become a buffalo hunter. A buffalo hunter required a good stock of dependable horses plus a good stock of carts and gear, and since the money Edward earned at the HBC mostly went to supporting his many siblings he had little savings. Much like modern shoppers, Edward, with a group of men, went down to Montana to buy horses and gear, as they were much cheaper there.

These buying trips were dangerous, because they were in the heart of Sioux country, and in fact, on one such trip his colleague was shot and killed by the Sioux. After about a year Edward returned to Manitoba bringing his fleet of horses with him, mostly travelling at night to avoid hostile natives. On the way he came across an expedition headed by a man named Mr. John (could have been Captain John Palliser when he was on a hunting expedition in 1847).

Upon his arrival back home in 1847 he married Caroline, daughter of Rev Thomas Cook. In 1858, after ten years of buffalo hunting Edward returned to the services of the HBC as his kids reached school age and he required steady employment. He was put in charge of Fort Pembina along the Red River where he made many fur trading trips down into Minnesota and the Dakotas. During this time they started a family. One of the sons, Samuel McKay, was born in 1852 in Winnipeg. In 1868, Edward again left HBC as his growing sons wanted to “go west to hunt buffalo”. The McKay family moved to Fort Qu’Appelle and three years later they moved further west to the Battle River area in the Cypress Hills where they established a ranch and a trading post.

This region in the west was becoming lawless mainly due to the whiskey traders and hide hunters from Montana. McKay regularly reported these illegal activities to the Dominion Government, but it wasn’t until the Cypress Hills Massacre on June 1, 1873 that the government paid heed. Soon after the newly formed NWMP marched west and established Fort Macleod in 1874.

The McKay family Southern Alberta history will be continued in future newsletters.

By John Hutchings

2018 Stampede Parade



End of the parade.

We had a great group again this year for our parade entry. Our honoured family was represented by three generations of R.G. Robinson, 1888, descendants. A special thanks goes to Jan Hawes, former board member and newsletter lady, for

inspiring her family to participate. Our honoured Pioneer Lady Bev Snell, and Gentleman David Ballard added both sparkle and dignity to our entry. I was delighted as always to meet new members who enjoyed their first experience with the Southern Alberta Pioneers and hope that they continue to participate in our other events. I thank-you all for your efforts in obtaining and wearing period dress. You looked fabulous! I was very impressed with the excellent behaviour, and spirit of our youngest participants. You were an amazing addition to our section and I hope you all got ice cream afterwards!! Again without the support of our drivers, outriders, swampers, and breakfast team we would have not have had the safe, and pleasant experience that we did. Everyone's enthusiasm was appreciated by the Stampede officials, and most importantly, the spectators!

Linda Chudey – Parade Coordinator



Jan Hawes, Mary Ellen Robinson, Heather Ramsey Conaboy, Rhonda Gervais, Mathew Conaboy, Jacob Conaboy, Dean Gervais and Dylan Gervais



Drewe Nelson, Dahlia Beauchamp, Pioneer Gent David Ballard, and Megan Ballard



Rory Wilson, Lyn Cadence, President Guy Cochrane and Pioneer Lady Bev Snell

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Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 pm

Free Program

The Military Museums
4520 Crowchild Trail SW

Coming Home: Surviving the Titanic

Norman Leach, Historian, Storyteller,
Author

Saturday, December 8, 11:00 am

TICKETS REQUIRED; 403-404-8717 or
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Danish Canadian Club
727- 11 Avenue SW

Was the 1918 – 19 Spanish Flu really “Spanish”? Christmas Luncheon

Trudy Cowan, Historical Site Developer
and Interpreter

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 pm

Free Program

The Military Museums
4520 Crowchild Trail SW

Alberta's Fossil Record: Natural History Through Deep Time

Ben Borkovic, Royal Tyrrell Paleontological
Technician

Tuesday, November 27, 7:00 pm

Free Program

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Laurie Sommerville, Filmmaker



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Pipes for All Occasions



Historic Calgary Week



Kathleen Rogers, Stefan Cielik and Marilyn Williams – Forging The Future

There was exceptional participation from the public for the morning events starting with the opening ceremonies of Historic Calgary Week. The first speaker Neil Brown, shared stories of his great grandfather in his speech, *The Shaws of Midnapore*. The next speaker Dale Portman's spoke of his career as a Park Warden in the Canadian Rockies with a photo display and stories. Many people made a day of it at the Memorial Building bringing their lunch enjoying the grounds and

the wonderful weather. Many stayed for the afternoon speakers. Patricia Cox spoke of her grandparents' William James Scott and Maria Patricia Gough, journey from Eastern Canada to Manitoba and finally Southern Alberta. The last speaker, Marilyn Williams, had an excellent crowd for her talk, *Forging the Future: Metal Workers in Calgary's Architectural History*. She gave an overview of metal workers building trade in early Calgary.

Our new projector, screen and sound system installed in May were used by most of the speakers making the experience enjoyable for everyone.



SAPD member Patricia Cox speaking using new projector and screen.

Gold Card Tea

We had a wonderful day for a well-attended tea. A special thank you to Bev Snell, Pioneer Lady and to David Ballard, Pioneer Gent for greeting everyone as they came into the building. Fifty-one Gold Card members and their guests attended. A total of ninety signed the guest book, some of those being the volunteers.

To the awesome crew who helped to make the tea such a success; we couldn't do it without your input. Those who helped with setup and clean-up, serving the tables, pouring tea and coffee, sandwiches, squares and cookie makers and the kitchen crew, THANK YOU. As usual there was great support from the SAPD board. Additional thanks to Maureen Peckham for taking care of registrations and Kerri Fipke for looking after corsages. Our roving photographer, Rhonda Clark, documented the event with great pictures.

Until next year...

Co-convenors – Karen Clark and Heather Van Hereweghe



SAPD's collection of tea cups on display.

President's Report

Here we are, and the end of summer is fast approaching. What a summer it has been!! The Pioneer Memorial Building and grounds have never looked so beautiful. There have been so many Facebook and Instagram posts showing off our beautiful property. We have much to be proud of.

There have been a number of events take place since our last newsletter. In May we started our Open House Tuesdays. We had a chef who prepared a number of great dishes, some were prepared from recipes found in the Pioneer Cookbook, My favourite is the fresh hot biscuits served with melted butter and jam. The response from the visitors who attended was very positive. We had a number of inquiries about membership and rentals. In late June we had the pleasure of the company of Hal Eagletail who joined us for lunch at the Memorial Building. Together we laid out a framework for a gathering of his people and ours. More news is yet to come. Stampede Week was a week to remember! What a parade! What a parade day! My wife, Lyn and I rode in a horsedrawn wagon with our Pioneer Lady Bev Snell and Rory Wilson, a descendant of Sam Livingston. Then there was the barbeque. We were served an amazing array of food including barbequed beef, baked potatoes and salads and fresh pies for desserts. Next was the Rotary House Tea. And, yes it rained again this year just like last year. It must be a tradition! To end the week we had our great Pancake Breakfast. There was a lot of preparation for this event. Firstly we ordered new griddles so that we did not have to beg and borrow as in the past. Next, we needed new carts to put under the griddles so we could move them around.

Now as summer is coming to an end we can look forward to fall events, starting with speaker's corner on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Open House Tuesdays will start again on September 11. We need volunteers to help organize, host, set up and take down. There has been a lot of interest shown by members of the neighbouring communities. Please contact Lyn Cadence at 403-465-2345 if you can help in any way.

We are looking forward to major renovations to the building, in the kitchen, the electrical and the HVAC system. This project is exciting as the work is overdue and we desperately need the electrical system expanded. The strategic plan is detailed and will see the building closed tentatively from the beginning of January to the end of March 2019. But, when it re-opens it will be in fantastic shape.

Remember, Round up 2020 is coming. We need you to help fill the ballroom. Come and we will have a great party.
President – Guy Cochrane

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Dave Wake 403-288-5455

97th Annual Roundup



Saturday, November 3th, 2018

Alberta Ballroom, Palliser Hotel

Cocktails 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

An evening to visit with family and friends and celebrate who we are!

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Early Bird Draw: tickets purchased by October 13th, 2018 (drawn at the AGM)

Upcoming Social Events

Saturday, September 22,
10:00 – 4:00 pm
Doors Open Calgary
(Historical Committee)

October 13, AGM & Luncheon
12:00 – 3:00 pm
Karen Clark (403-641-2106)

Saturday, October 27, 10:00 am
Christmas Decoration Set-up
Joan Hampaul (403-282-8515)

Saturday, November 03, 5:30 pm
Round Up Palliser Hotel
Guy Cochrane (403-243-9905)
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Saturday, December 01, 5:30 pm
Christmas Dinner
Jeff & Maureen Hill (403-225-2397)

SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS Annual General Meeting



Saturday, October 13, 2018 - AGM and Luncheon

12:00 to 3:00 PM

AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, Guy Cochrane

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 14, 2017**
- 2. Business arising from the minutes**
- 3. President's Report – Guy Cochrane**
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Janet Blair**
- 5. Membership Report – Maureen Peckham**
- 6. Committee Reports**
- 7. Election of Board of Directors for 2018/2019**
- 8. Introduction of the Incoming President**
- 9. Incoming President's Remarks**
- 10. Adjournment**

Southern Alberta Pioneers & Their Descendants Foundation Meeting to follow AGM to appoint Directors to Foundation Board.

Membership

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IN MEMORIAM

Frances Oleniuk, Brenda Simmonds & Arlene Stiles

NEW GOLD CARD MEMBERS

Sue Singleton, Dan McKinnon, Jean Pickett & Don Watson

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Patrick Murphy, Descendant of Patrick Doyle, Calgary 1886

Mary Stagg, Descendant of Thomas McNabb, Lethbridge, 1885

Rory Wilson, Descendant of Samuel & Jane Livingston, Calgary 1872

Hugh McQueen, Gordon McQueen & Joshua Kazakoff, Descendants of William Paterson, Calgary 1882

Gina Jordan, Descendant of Robert Burgess McNab, Ft MacLeod, 1883

Mary Robinson, Descendant of Richard G. Robinson, Calgary, 1888

WELCOME BACK

Dean Viste, Ruth Oldfield & Chris Nelson

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Maureen Peckham, Membership

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2018 Stampede Barbecue

We were blessed with a warm although somewhat breezy evening for this year's edition of the Stampede Barbecue. The turnout was excellent, surpassing that of recent years. Our members and guests were greeted by a team from the Calgary Stampede Promotion Committee who "branded" folks while the fiddler serenaded them. Russell Moore kept everyone entertained and ably performed his duties as Master of Ceremonies.

It was a pleasure to have Indian Princess Cieran Starlight, right, Stampede Queen Lindsay Lockwood and Princesses Jaden Holle and Jessica Wilson with Dahlia Beauchamp, far

right, join us at the barbeque. Dahlia is the niece of Board Member Megan

Ballard, she was one of many attendees that had the chance to meet the Stampede royalty and have photos taken with them.



The silent auction offered a variety of items to tempt bidders. Many thanks to these generous donors: Aspen Crossing Railway, Bellstar Resorts, Karen & Roy Clark, Etch-a-Memory, Sharon Hoiland, Harry Irving, Eileen McElroy & Warren Clayton, Val & Dexter Nelson, Sirocco Golf Club, Speargrass Golf Course, Village Brewery and Whitehawk Ranch. The giant traditional outdoor games were provided by the City of Calgary via our community liaison Amber Stewart.

The barbeque could not be staged without our volunteers. On behalf of the Board and membership of the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants, we extend our sincere appreciation and we valued all their assistance.

Ticket sales: Gwen Hanna; Friday tent set-up: Warren Clayton; Saturday morning set-up crew: Joan Hampaul, Frank & Francie Hagedorn, Maureen & Jeff Hill, Brian Rogers and Dave Wake; Saturday afternoon set-up crew: Megan Ballard, Kathy Clark, Roy Clark, Sharon Hoiland and Dexter Nelson; Master of Ceremonies: Russell Moore; Stampede Royalty Liaisons: Dave and Betty Wake; Silent Auction: Pamela Hilton, Kelsey Hipkin, Kathi Pointen and Betty Wake; Meal ticket collectors: Trish Chesterman and Iona Shaw; Beverage ticket sellers: Roy & Mary Burke, Lyn Cadence and Lisa Mackintosh; Pop/water service: Leanne & Wayne Bateman and Lana Jones; Bartenders: Roy Clark, Kathy Clark, Guy Cochrane and Troy Wason; and Bar runner: John Hutchings. Kudos to all who pitched in to help with the clean-up effort after the event.

Special thanks to our rental coordinator Gabrielle who secured several clients to sub-let the large dining tent during Stampede week. This revenue and the proceeds from the silent auction offset the considerable expense of tent rental and enabled us to realize a profit on the event.

Co-convenors – Dexter Nelson & Eileen McElroy



Jordyn Bernauer helped her grandmother Trish Chesterman collect tickets for meal.



Tom Hindle, grandson of Kathleen Roger, playing the giant connect four game.



Thanks to Duncan and Lois Kesslering and their efficient team. They served up a delicious meal.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast

Approximately 300 hungry SAPD members, family and friends, along with the general public were in attendance this year. This was double our attendance in 2017 and 2016. The increase was largely due to the tireless promotion and hard work by Guy Cochrane and Lyn Cadence. They dropped 300 flyers at homes in the surrounding communities, knocked on doors, listed our event on the Stampede Pancake Breakfast website, and put the word out on social media! The breakfast was also advertised at other SAPD public events such as Jane's Walk and Open House Tuesdays. The huge turnout kept all the volunteers scrambling (not a pun...we didn't serve eggs) with cooking, serving, replenishing supplies, making coffee, and showing our guests the famous SAPD hospitality. Guy now has enough AirMiles to fly to

Jamaica after four trips to Safeway for extra food!



Rob Lennard with guest vocalist Steve Foote



Pioneer Gent David Ballard and Pioneer Lady, Bev Snell

Pioneer Lady Bev Snell and Pioneer Gent David Ballard were on hand to greet the guests. They are both great ambassadors for the SAPD. Rob Lennard provided musical entertainment again this year along with a guest vocalist. Francie Hagedorn brought along her copper kettle of pioneer artifacts and Sandy Pedlar had children's games set up. All three activities were a hit with kids and adults alike.

Many of the general public who attended took advantage of the open building and had a good look at our history, photos, and talked with members. I believe we had four new members sign up

and there were several enquiries about rentals. Thanks to all our members for their enthusiasm and knowledge sharing. We, the SAPD, received many, many compliments on our breakfast, our building and our members' hospitality. It was a very beneficial event in building positive relationships with our neighbours and the public.



Frank Hagedorn and Herm Thielen cooking on SAPD's new grills.

And last but not least, a huge thank you to all the volunteers for making this a successful event. In no particular order John and Rhonda Hutchings, Frank and Francie Hagedorn, Bill and Edie Morlidge, Pamela Hilton, Del Huber, Guy Cochrane, Geoff Hill, Robin Arthurs, Dave Wake, Herm Thielen, Gabrielle Leah, Joan Hampaul, Eileen McElroy, Maureen Hill, Ken Thompson (who took the initiative to serve juice to those waiting in line for pancakes), Bev Snell, David Ballard, Kathleen Rogers. I apologize if I have missed anyone. Thanks to the donations from the public and members we made a small profit.

Convenor – Steve Foote

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Annual Pioneer Tea at the Rotary House

Hello everyone. Each of you helped make the Pioneer Tea at Rotary House a great success by volunteering homemade baked goods, your sand-wich making skills, or your kitchen and serving expertise. Some of you volunteered for all three! Sharon and I would like to thank each one of you for your contributions, as well as Guy Cochrane for his early morning help aiding the delivery of the food to the grounds, and Mary Ellen Goslin for her delightful entertainment.

A great time was had by all, despite the moody weather. Over 100 people were in attendance, and many people seemed to make new connections, as well as visiting with old friends.

The Pioneer Tea during Stampede is a Southern Alberta Pioneers tradition that stretches back well over 100 years. We appreciate your dedication and efforts that allow the Southern Alberta Pioneers to continue that treasured legacy. It couldn't be done without people like you. Once again, thank you for all your hard work.

Co-convenors - Sharon Hoiland and Megan Ballard



Guest enjoying the Pioneer Tea at the Rotary House.

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Newsletter

The newsletter is printed in January, May and September. Interested in submitting a story or photos for the newsletter? Call Susan Priel at 403-289-6372 or email spriel@shaw.ca.

Historical Committee Meeting

Regular weekly meetings are on Mondays, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. On the rare occasion a meeting may be cancelled if the hall is booked for another function. Please call Dave Wake at 403-288-5545.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Peggy Barr at 403-246-2843, of any illness or death in your family, or if anyone has need of a hospital visit.

Board Meetings

1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm (except July & August). All members are welcome.

Historical Records Committee

Submit family histories to Francie Hagedorn, 403-243-3861
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