



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS

AND THEIR DESCENDANTS NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Stampede 2007 is in the history books and, as expected, lived up to its reputation by being bigger and better this year.

Our Stampede functions and participation seemed to meet with everyone's approval. Things got under way with a breakfast at the Rotary House, then on to the Parade in buggies and wagons for one of the nicest mornings ever for Parade day.

Saturday's BBQ at the Memorial Building was a complete sellout and, thanks to Laurie Jacques and the downtown Rotary Club, we were treated to an excellent roast beef meal.

The Tuesday tea at Rotary House is always a great opportunity for members and friends to rest and socialize. Thanks to Moyra Ferguson and all the helpers, it was well attended with excellent food.

On the last Saturday of Stampede

a pancake and sausage breakfast was held at the Memorial Building. This was organized and hosted by Danny Copithorne and all his helpers; great morning and great food.

I would also like to congratulate Dave and Bud on their choice of pictures they put together for the display at the Roundup Centre. This a great way to promote our organization, judging from all the comments received.

Our mandate as active members is to encourage our younger people to take an active part in pursuing and preserving our Alberta History.

My year as your president is starting to wind down so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership and the board for the great memories and wonderful experience of being your president.

Thanks all.

Bob Brewster



Pioneer Logo

After a visit with a loved one it becomes difficult to say goodbye, for most of us. Saying goodbye for the last time is an emotional time for all of us.

You may give a lasting tribute to your descendant of a Pioneer family by inserting the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants Society's logo into your loved one's obituary.

The logo is a copyrighted feature of the Pioneers Society.

Our logo is available at the Calgary Herald and the Sun newspapers.

The cost to insert our logo is included in the column inch charge for your loved one's obituary.

- Bill Murphy

Stampede Parade 2007

Thank you to all those who participated in the 2007 Stampede Parade entry for the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants. It was a beautiful day for an open-air ride in the city and everyone seemed to have a great time. We especially appreciated the efforts of our members with their costuming as it added

to our look of authenticity. A special thank you goes out to all those wonderful drivers and out-riders. Without them we wouldn't be able to have this type of entry. Look for the notice in the January Newsletter if you are interested in next year's parade.

- Linda Chudey, Parade Coordinator

ANNUAL ROUND-UP
Saturday, November 3, 2007
See Page 7 for invitation



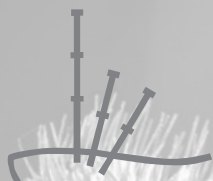
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Membership Report

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2007.

Our fiscal year is October 1, 2007
to September 30, 2008.

The Newsletter is available for
reading at www.pioneersalberta.org.
If you wish to view and print the
newsletters on the website, and
stop receiving a paper copy by
Canada Post, please notify me at
sap.membership@shaw.ca.

In Memoriam:

Gerald Webber, Jeanne Rod-
bourne, Murray Jackson & Jacque-
line Robinson.

Welcome to New Gold Card Members:

William Dagleish, Thelma McNeill,
Roy Munro & Helen Johnson.

Welcome to New Members:

Susan Peacock, descendant of
Adam Baptie, Calgary, 1888.

William Nelson, descendant of
James I. Brewster, Morley, 1879.

James McDonald, descendant of
Jane Bernard, Calgary, 1889.

Katherine Granson, descendant
of William J. Ryan, Fort Macleod,
1883.

Eileen McElroy, descendant of
George M. McElroy, Calgary, 1890.

Welcome to New Associate Member:

Barbara Nelson

Please call 271-5483 or e-mail
sap.membership@shaw.ca with
any address or phone changes.

– Maureen Peckham
Membership Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

MEMBERSHIP FOR OCT/2007 TO SEPT 30/2008 IS DUE OCTOBER 1, 2007

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Stampede Display Future

I sincerely believe it would be a great loss to the Southern Alberta Pioneers and Their Descendants should the Stampede display have to be abandoned due to the lack of year-round support from our membership. Dave and I can attest to the fact that a year-round vigilance is required to plan and create new displays and to organize the resources in people plus material and to maintain the contacts required to make the annual show come to fruition.

This Stampede twosome of David Wake and I would very much appreciate and whole-heartedly welcome the addition of two or three new

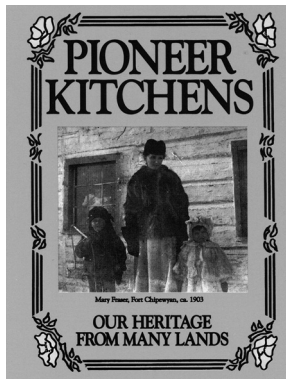
"full time members" to our committee. For example, it would take a load off Dave's shoulders if someone would assume the position of canvassing members for the volunteers required to man the booth during Stampede week.

Perhaps some member out there

may wish to plan a theme for next year's display. Perhaps learn the mysteries of working with Adobe Photo Deluxe to make their plans work out. I am not sure just how much longer I may be able to carry on as the sole provider of this expertise.

– Bud Vine

Cookbook Makes a Great Gift



Looking for an inexpensive, good quality gift for a bridal shower, birthday, anniversary or Christmas? Our cookbook, *Our Heritage From Many Lands*, is ideal. The use of herbs and spices is becoming more popular so the section on their history and uses is a great addition to the book. Call Fern at 278-2793.

Annual Christmas Dinner and Party

Saturday, December 1, 2007
at the
Pioneer Memorial Building
Ticket Info: Pat Rodriguez 279-6435



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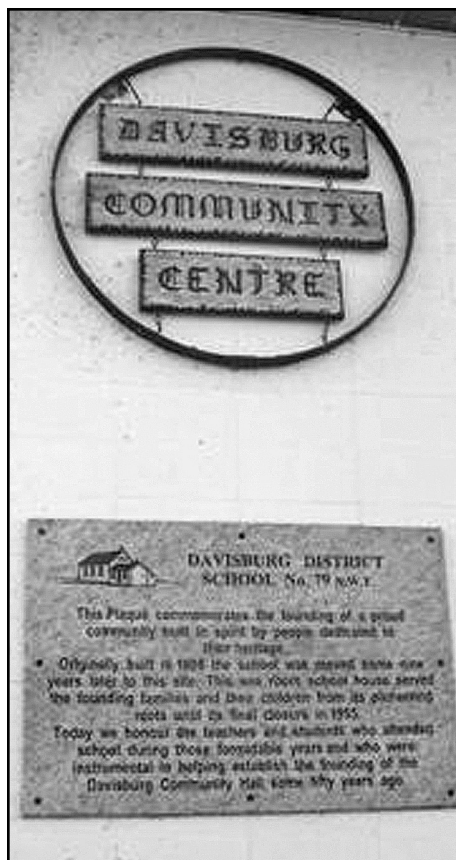
Two New Books

The Davisburg area is one of the oldest communities in the province. It had a Post Office long before DeWinton, Okotoks and High River. The first Post Office opened in 1888 with T.H. Andrews as the Postmaster, followed in 1896 by John Nash, followed by M. Stewart. C.K.K. Patterson was the final Post Master when the office was closed in 1916.

The area, originally called Glenbeg after the Begg family that lived in the "Glen", was changed in 1887 to Davis Burg after Donald Watson Davis, the first member of the Canadian House of Commons from Macleod (N.W.T.), 1887-1895.

Davisburg School District was #79 in the North West Territories. The first school, built in 1888, was located on NE 1/4 29-21-28-W4 and later moved to the NE 1/4 30-21-28-W4 in 1897. In 1908 it was moved again. A new school was built; the original school was then used as a stable. In 1913 a teacherage was built and in 1914 it was attached to the school. Later this addition was used as a kitchen. The school served the families in the Davisburg district from 1888 until its final closure in 1955.

To commemorate the history of the school district and of a proud community built in the spirit by people dedicated to their heritage, a plaque designed by Paul Kalnassy and engraved by Anton Perzinger was unveiled. An image of the one-room rural school house is situated in the upper left hand corner of the plaque, which is hung on the outside of what is now the Davisburg Community Hall.



"Pioneer Families of Southern Alberta"

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Stampede Exhibit 2007



A big thank you to all volunteers who helped host another successful exhibit in the Roundup Centre this year. Ninety time slots were manned during the 11 days (includes Sneak-a-Peak on Thursday evening) by 82 members of our organization. This event requires the largest number of volunteers of any event we sponsor during the year and we really appreciate your commitment.

We, as in previous years, had the support of the Remington Carriage Museum. Although the unit was switched at the last minute they did provide a similar Landau to the one we planned for. Many people mounted the carriage to have their picture taken and this wouldn't have been allowed in the original Landau. Things have a way of working out.

Thanks goes out to the Stampede Board for providing an excellent booth space and location and also thanks to the Stampede staff for their assistance.

We appreciated the help of Phil Godlonton, Ken Thompson, Wally Madill and Bill Murphy in setting up the booth prior to the Stampede and for the take-down.

This year's winner of the dinner for two and tickets to the Evening Performance hosted by Fran and Danny Copithorne was Virginia Holmes...congratulations Virginia.

A list of volunteers follows:

Bill and Dorothy Holmes, Glen and Corinne Godlonton, Joan and Clarence Davis, Jim Eagleson, Hilda Onions, Joe and Moyra Ferguson, Hugh and Loreen Hamilton, Lionel Singleton, Kathleen Rogers, Mary Lynas, Audrey Rice, Marian and Bill Benner, David Ballard, Sandy and Ryan Pedlar, Pamela Hilton and Del Huber, Jim Colvin, Bill and Eleanor Murphy, Wally and Anita

Madill, Pat and Ray Chudey, Patricia and Peter Cox, Jean and Glenn Chugg, Charlene Lyndon and Natasha Pashak, Helen White, Shirley Siddon, Gail and Sandy Dean, Peggy Barr, Beryl Sibbald, Gwen and Art Hanna, Herm Thielen and Patti Lemp, Linda and Laurie Jacques, Iyla and Bob Brewster, Kerri and Don Fipke, Carolyn and Lloyd Hamilton, Carrolle and Frank Duffin, Marina and Leroy Field, Ed Hamilton, Kathy Babiuk, Terri and Ken Thompson, Joan and John Hutchings, Alice Schwieger, Francie Hagedorn, Lou MacGregor, Michael Stewart, Pat Rodriguez, Virginia Holmes, Barbara Kwasny, Nadine and Phil Godlonton, Bev and Art Snell, Karen and Rhonda and Kathy Clark, Betty Wake and Carla Begalke.

Thanks everyone for your tremendous support!

– Dave Wake & Bud Vine
Coordinators 2007 Stampede Exhibit



SOUTHERN ALBERTA PIONEERS & THEIR DESCENDANTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

LUNCHEON AT 12 NOON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT 1:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: PRESIDENT, BOB BREWSTER

AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held October 14, 2006*
- 2. Business arising from the minutes*
- 3. President's Report – Bob Brewster*
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Joe Ferguson
Appointment of Auditor*
- 5. Membership Report – Maureen Peckham*
- 6. Committee Reports*
- 7. Election of Board of Directors for 2008*
- 8. Other New Business*
- 9. Introduction of the Incoming President*
- 10. Incoming President's Remarks*
- 11. Adjournment*

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



87th ANNUAL ROUND-UP

Saturday, November 3, 2007
Crystal Ballroom, Palliser Hotel

Cocktails 5:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

**“ROBBIE ROBINSON, COWBOY POET
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EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 13 – Annual General Meeting & Luncheon, 12:00-3:00pm. Convener: Kerri Fipke, 271-9581.

Saturday, Nov. 3 – Round-Up Dinner @ Palliser Hotel, 6:00pm. Conveners: Danny & Fran Copithorne, 271-1972.

Saturday, Dec. 1 – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm. Convener Needed.

January 2008 – Family Games/Pot Luck.

February 2008 – Wine Tasting.

February 2008 – Games/Pot Luck.

Note: Games / potluck events; potluck dinner starts at @ 5:00pm.

Contact Bob Brewster or Moyra Ferguson if you can fill any of the "Convener Needed" functions.

Pioneer families wishing to ride in the 2008 Calgary Stampede Parade contact Linda Chudey at 225-0698. Book early – costuming assistance is available.

THE NOTICE BOARD

Historical Committee

Please submit Family Histories to be entered in our archives. We would like to feature a family history for each newsletter publication. Contact Pat Cox, 252-4220.

Deadline

Deadline for newsletter copy and photos to be submitted in writing at monthly Board Meetings or left at SAP office. Newsletter printed January, May and September.

Historical Committee

Resumes regular weekly meetings on Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Jim Mackie, 228-4046.

Sick and Visiting

Please notify Alice Schwieger (287-0995) 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 7:00 p.m. (except July). Members welcome.

Card Night

3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (except July, August and December). Everyone is invited, members and friends. \$2.00 per person. Contact Fern Dorsch at 278-2793.

Advertising

To place an ad in this publication, please call Beryl Sibbald, 932-5584. Deadline to place a classified ad – SAP Board meeting prior to publication.

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