

THE WHEATLAND ROUNDUP

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PRAIRIE TRAIN HEIST

Around here, summer is the time our charming town comes to life. The familiar streets become populated and local shops begin to brighten with flowers after the dull winter and brisk spring seasons. It's around this time each year that Little Big Town shines and welcomes newcomers to enjoy the peaceful prairies that surround the town.

"I am always mighty grateful for our slow winters! They give us the time to rest and plan which allows me to do a better job as mayor of this fine town! As y'all know, a lot of work has gone into this town since the beginning of the year, and within the next few weeks, all of you folks will be able to enjoy the new local stores and tourist attractions! Stay tuned for more updates posted at the town hall!" Mayor Calloway announced to the town's people gathered for the first excursion of the season

Unfortunately, the mayor isn't the only one who benefited from the winter months.



The Blackjack gang has conveniently returned to Little Big Town in time for excursions. It has only been a month since the Wheatland Express has begun their excursion season and there have already been two train heists. Wheatland workers, tourists and locals have been robbed and, collectively, the gang has stolen \$1,458.65!

"I've lived here my whole life and those blackjack hooligans can't scare me none! I will continue to board the Wheatland Express and trust that our town's sheriff department will handle the situation as they see fit." Says a local farmer who is a regular on the train.

"Don't send a man to do a women's job! That's what I always say and will continue to say during these times! It's clear we have been needin' some change to this town for quite some time. I'm hoping the kind people of the town will come to their senses and vote for me in this year's election! We have all seen a man in the mayor's chair for quite some time and look where that has gotten us. It's time for change. It's time for Taffy!" Taffeta Briggs states when asked what she thinks of the crime this town experiences every summer.

With what June has brought the town so far, it seems like the summer is going to bring a lot of excitement and entertainment.

The candidates for this year's election for mayor are Mayor Quincy Calloway, Maximillian Wheatland, George Davies and Taffeta Briggs. Don't forget to vote!

NOBLE NOTATION

FIT FOR A KING

Written by Bill Noble

This summer, as the British Commonwealth celebrates the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen, Elizabeth II, our news media is providing coverage of the events including visits by members of the royal family to Canada. It is interesting to look back at another summer, 83 years ago, when an earlier regal visit caused huge excitement right across the country. It was the late summer of 1939. King George VI and his Queen, Elizabeth, the parents of our current Queen journeyed to Canada by ocean liner and, landing in Quebec City, traveled across Canada to Victoria and back by train.

The westbound leg of the journey used the Canadian Pacific main line and was pulled by CPR steam power. The return journey travelled over the Canadian National main line behind CNR steam. They then traveled south to Washington, D.C. and New York City before returning to Canada to visit the Maritimes and Newfoundland, not yet a Canadian province. At every stop, huge crowds came out to line parade routes, attend public events or just to wave to the royal train as it passed through their small-town station. It was said that the population of several towns and cities doubled with the influx of the crowds.

The 1939 Royal Tour was important for several reasons. It was the first time that the reigning monarch had visited North America. Earlier royal visits had been made by members of the royal family



and heirs to the throne, but this was The King. The visit was seen as an important recognition of a more independent Canada. The 1936 Treaty of Westminster had granted Canada an increasing measure of self-government. And, on a much more ominous note, by the summer of 1939, relations with Nazi Germany were deteriorating and the possibility of war loomed. The Royal Tour was seen as an important tool to strengthen bonds of unity within the Empire and highlight the vital friendship with the United States. It was a big deal!

The royal party arrived in Quebec City on board Canadian Pacific's liner RMS (Royal Mail Steamer) Empress of Australia. After a two-day visit in Quebec, the King and Queen and their party, which included Canadian Prime Minister W.L. MacKenzie King and several government ministers and officials, boarded the Royal Train which was to be their home base for a month. As a minor side note, the train crew included a specially selected barber and hairdresser.

The royal train was actually two trains - the train that carried the King and Queen and a "pilot train" that carried members of the media and support staff and

ran 20 minutes ahead of the royal couple. Canada's two main railways contributed equally to the rolling stock for the two trains and no special cars were built. All cars were in service sleeping, dining and baggage cars pulled from regular service and "done up" (paint, carpeting and trim) for the event. While the pilot train's cars remained in their in-service paint schemes, the twelve cars of the actual royal train were given a special royal blue paint job with a polished aluminum strip that framed the windows of the entire train. The steam locomotives that pulled the royals were painted blue and silver and were given, in addition, royal coats of arms and a cast replica of the King's crown on their running boards. Figure 1 shows the train on Canadian National rails behind CNR 6400, one of CN's newest streamlined Northern class passenger engines. Canadian National used a total of six locomotives of various types for various portions of their eastbound journey.

Canadian Pacific, on the other hand, used a single locomotive for all their royal train duties. Figure 2 shows the train behind CPR 2850, the first member of CPR's new semi-streamlined Hudson class passenger power.

The decision to rely on a single engine was brave and demonstrated careful planning, world class servicing and maintenance and supreme confidence in the engine's reliability. The King, a railway enthusiast, was impressed by the performance and subsequently granted permission for Canadian Pacific to mount crowns on all members of the engine class and designate them Royal Hudson - the only instance of "Royal" status being



Figure 1: 1939 Royal Train on CNR tracks behind passenger locomotive Number 6400 Image Government of Canada



Figure 2: 1939 Royal Train on CPR tracks behind passenger locomotive Number 2850 Photo Department of Trade and Commerce

granted outside of England. All forty-five members of the class carried this honor for the rest of their service lives. Figure 3 is a close-up of one of the

crowns while Figure 4 is a color profile drawing of 2850 in its Royal Train color scheme.



Figure 3: Painted cast brass crowns as mounted on the running boards of CPR "Royal Hudson" passenger locomotives. Photo Exporail

The tour worked its way across the continent, following a tightly scheduled routine. At larger centers (Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Banff) the royal couple left the train to stay overnight in hotel suites or government residences. In smaller cities, the royal couple walked among the crowds or were driven in their car - a specially built McLaughlin-Buick convertible that

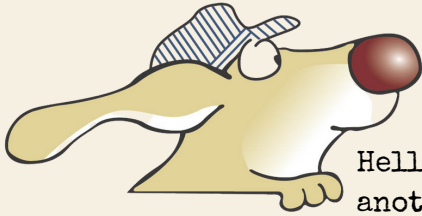
travelled with them in a specially equipped baggage car on the pilot train. Each stop was a carefully choreographed succession of receptions, parades, dinners, balls and guards of honor. The couple had extensive wardrobes and changed clothes several times a day. The King wore elegant suits, formal evening

attire or uniform - it was very important that he was in the correct uniform to review the guard of honor that greeted him. Elizabeth, who had a well-deserved reputation for her sense of style, wore a series of elegant outfits, including (foreshadowing our current Queen) stylish, signature hats. Even if no stop was planned at smaller, remote communities, the train would slow, and the couple would step out onto the observation platform on the rear of their car to wave to the large crowds on country station platforms. The engine crew had a button that rang a signal in the royal car to alert staff of awaiting crowds.

After crossing (and recrossing) Canada, the tour descended into the United States with visits to Washington, D.C., New York City, the New York World's Fair and a relaxing day at President Franklin Roosevelt's country estate at Hyde Park on the Hudson River - where guests were treated to a picnic of hot dogs and smoked turkey sandwiches. The train re-entered Canada and journeyed through the Maritimes and Newfoundland. The visit ended as it had begun - on a Canadian Pacific ocean liner. The King and Queen left Halifax on June 17th aboard RMS Empress of Britain, escorted by ships of the Royal Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy. The massive job was done. 75 days later, World War Two began.



Figure 4: CPR locomotive Number 2850 in its Royal Train color scheme. Photo Rapido Models



SPIKES SAFETY SCOOP

Hello boys and girl! It's me, Spike the safety dog, here to give you another lesson on railway safety! School is out and it is time for summer fun! There are so many fun things to do during summer break it's hard to fit everything into two months! My favorite summer activities are swimming, hiking, biking and I can't forget, going on train rides aboard the Wheatland Express! As you all know by now, I am ALL about safety during any activity, alone or with my pals! It's easy to get distracted while you are with your friends which is why it's so important to make sure you are always aware of your surroundings, especially if you are around railway tracks. Trains can come at any time and from any direction so never play on or around railway tracks! Did you know that trains are wider than the tracks? Trains extend 1 or more meters wider than the track on either side. That's why you need to always stand at least 5 meters away from the tracks if you are crossing. And we can't forget my #1 rule: STOP, LOOK & LISTEN! With these safety tips, you are set to begin your summer fun! I can't wait to talk to you all again next month! Have a safe summer!



-Spike the safety dog



Help
Spike
Colour
his sign!

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Name: Makena Poier

Born: Saskatoon, SK

Currently Reside: Saskatoon, SK

Work History: Makena worked in the fast food industry for three years before working at the farm

Favorite Movie: Hereditary

Favorite Sport: Horseback Riding

Favorite Wheatland Railcar: Diner Car

Did you know: Makena has been riding and working with horses since she was 10 years old!



OPERATIONS UPDATE



Wheatland Express Safety Train

Wow, what a month it has been!

We had a group of 196 students from Wakaw school, that were grades 1-8, who came out and joined us for a safety train presentation on June 16th. We also had 20 students, grades 1-3, from Middle Lake school who came out for the safety train presentations. We have now started attending rodeos and other activities that towns put on to help more people learn about railway safety!



Wheatland Charities Inc.

We have begun a summer of Safety train and Wheatland charities visits to several community events. The idea is to promote railway safety while raising funds for a local charity or group!

St louis Rodeo

May 28th and 29th - \$300.00 to the rodeo

Sandhills Rodeo

June 11th and 12th - \$1,000 to the rodeo

Leader Fair days

June 17th - \$1,000 to the town of Leader for a walking path

WCSLA golf Tournament

June 28th - Approved

Suma Golf Tournament

July 8th - Approved

Cudworth Fair Days

July 8th - Applied



Weatland Express Excursion Train

June was a busy month for us at Wheatland Express. Our much anticipated Johnny Cash Tribute and Dinner Show on June 4 was a huge success! Our valued customers had an amazing experience along with some mouth-watering buffet-styled food. Positive feedback from our customers had us in a happy place. Our Great Prairie Train Heist on June 11 and 19, Murder Mystery on June 12 and our Family Summer Express also had a huge turnout and a great time was had by all.

We continue to develop more exciting projects for our valued customers to enjoy in the Town of Wakaw. We also partnered with Inviting Homes in Cudworth and each week our customers fill out ballot sheets to enter for a beautiful basket which customers do enjoy. Can't wait to see what July brings! ALL ABOARD!



Wheatland Express Learning Centre

We have been super busy working on the baggage car to get it finished for everyone to enjoy. We recently have had our displays out for kids to use while learning about train safety! We are super excited to be done with this project and to share it with you all!



Great Sandhills Railway

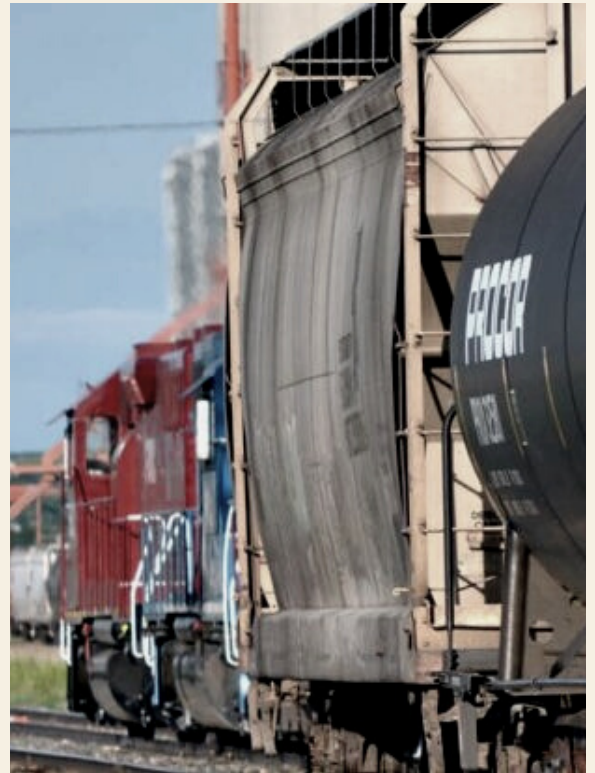
We will be filing our claim in small claims court against CN Rail this week over an incident at Totske last December.

Repairs were made at considerable expense to GSR for damage done by CN rail . A loss in this case will have serious impact on the line. Let's hope it turns in our favor!

We have completed installing rail ties and will begin with the tamper for 7 days of surfacing .

We have several locomotive issues to overcome in the summer months. Both locomotives require batteries and traction motors.

Work on little big town continues at a slow rate as we continue to confirm what is acceptable and what is not in its construction. Regardless of what is done it looks outstanding and should be well received when it finally officially opens



Western Canadian Railway Hall of Fame

Railway Employees have been a integral part of the building of Canada. The dedication that many displayed over the last 100 plus years has helped make Canada what it is today. We want to recognize those that committed their time and effort to the railway industry. You can nominate your mom, dad, grandmother, grandfather or even your mother-in-law. Entry forms will be available to briefly describe the nominees service and special notations of community service or Railway firsts.

The winners will be awarded annually with their plaque honoring their selection being on display in the newly refurbished railway learning and history centre car. The nominee or the nominees designate along with the person nominating will be awarded two tickets to a supper show and ride on the Wheatland Express!



Four Categories-

Operations: Train Crews, Dispatchers, Train Masters, Yardmasters, Superintendents

Maintenance: Track Maintenance, Car Repair Maintenance, Signal Maintenance

Builder: A person involved in non operating activities

Historical: A person that participated in any railway activity that no longer exists.

Entry Deadline August 31st 2022

Open to all Railway employees past and present

STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH

HOW TIMBIT SEE'S IT

Neigh there. I'm Timbit, a reporter for the Wheatland Round-Up. My job is to keep the folks of Little Big Town updated to the goings-on on all things four-legged. There has been a frisky addition to the farm this month! He may be small, but that doesn't stop him from getting in to trouble! Let's go officially meet our new friend!

Hello, little guy! I'm Timbit! What's your name?

"My name is Clooney! I was named after a Grand Prix jumping horse just like my new buddy Milton was!"

A themed name and you're orange; you fit in great around here! You look just like Milton when he was a youngster!

"That's what everyone has been telling me! I love Milton SO much. We always eat breakfast together and sometimes, if I'm lucky, he comes into our cat room to take afternoon naps with me!"

That's good to hear! Do you two play a lot during the day?

"I try to play with him but I think he has gotten too old to play with me. He likes hunting for mice, exploring and taking naps. I have too much energy for his liking. I like to run around the barn and climb up the stalls and even climb up the girls' legs while they are doing chores. I don't think the girls like that very much cause my claws hurt their legs but it's so much fun I can't stop!"

Do you only play in the barn?

"Mostly... I do play in the trees and hay outside of the barn but unless I am with one of the girls, I try to not wonder far. I'm small so I'm afraid that a horse will step on me! I need to work on that. Sometimes I don't pay attention or forget how big horses are and walk right under them! I think I give the girls a heart attack every time I do that!"

It sounds like you are really enjoying it here, Clooney!

"Yes sir, Timbit, I am! I may be a bit hyper at times but I love all the cuddles I get, sometimes from Milton but ,mostly from all the people that come to the farm! And once I grow up, I will have so much to explore. Next thing to learn here is how to go moussing just like Milton!"

Did you know that we have
8722 kilometers of train
track in Saskatchewan!?



2022 WHEATLAND EXPRESS SCHEDULE



JUNE

04- Johnny Cash Dinner Show
11- Prairie Train Heist
12- Murder Mystery
19- Prairie Train Heist
26- Family Summer Express

JULY

10- Prairie Train Heist
16- Eagles Salute Excursion & Dinner Show
17- Murder Mystery
24- Family Summer Express
31- Prairie Train Heist

AUGUST

13- Shania Twain Tribute Dinner Show
14- Murder Mystery
21- Murder Mystery
28- Prairie Train Heist

SEPTEMBER

10- Prairie Train Heist
17- Prairie Train Heist

OCTOBER

28- Halloween Ghost Train
29- Halloween Ghost Train
30- Halloween Ghost Train

DECEMBER

03- Christmas Express
10- Christmas Express
17- Christmas Express



STAY TUNED FOR ADDED DATES, TOURS
AND TRAVEL OFFERS!

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