

Great Times in Grenfell

On October 2, the Town of Grenfell played host to the third stop on the SaskEnergy 2010 Home Energy Efficiency Project (HEEP) road tour. Grenfell also received a \$5,000 SaskEnergy grant - the second of five to be awarded to rural communities in 2010.

Grenfell residents took a very innovative approach to their HEEP Project Day, with some distinct differences from the two previous 2010 stops in Quill Lake and Moose Jaw.



The Grenfell "G" welcomes visitors from Highway 1.

Grenfell's atmosphere of "community helping" stemmed from the fact that the volunteers were the homeowners themselves - the ones who were benefiting from the energy efficiency upgrades. In keeping with the spirit of the day, these generous folks elected to do the hands-on work, not only for themselves but also for any family, friends or neighbours who needed assistance. A total of 89 homes in Grenfell will receive upgrades, thanks to the HEEP initiative.

To start the day, the 54 Grenfell volunteers were treated to a wonderful potluck breakfast, organized by the local figure skating club. The meal was followed by a "Town Hall Meeting" where everyone was trained on proper product installation techniques to ensure that they would be able to successfully make the energy efficiency upgrades when they returned home.



Volunteers in the Community Hall ready to be trained.

Following the training, the \$5,000 cheque was presented, in support of a project to repaint the exterior of the Grenfell Community Hall. The SaskEnergy grant will cover half the cost of the project, allowing it to be completed in time for Grenfell's 2011 centennial celebrations.

The day ended on a delicious note, with a SaskEnergy-supplied natural gas barbeque playing a key role in the Grenfell Beautification Committee fundraiser. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers and hot dogs, while raising even more money for the Community Hall project.



A great shot of all the volunteers on project day.

Danean Schutz, Recreation & Economic Development Manager summarized the project day, saying: "I don't think anyone expected the turnout that we had, especially in the middle of harvest. All in all, this was a great project and we did not expect to be receiving this much free product. I would like to extend many, many thanks to SaskEnergy and their partners."