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# ***HIGH BALL***

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## **Spring Work Days**

The first Saturday in April was cold and rainy. The second Saturday was sunny and reached 60. Pat Kinney, Tom Stuck, Jim Long, Steve Morris, Chris Morris, John Gagen and Louis Globenski opened the depot and rolled out some trains. They did a brisk business during the Easter Egg Hunt.

Meanwhile back at the ranch clean up around the railroad had started Friday and continued through Saturday with clean up of a fallen tree limb. Along the railroad tie replacement continued along the outer loop.



Clean up of a limb the fell during the late winter ice storm.



The Never Ending Story railroad edition, tie replacement.

### **Key Projects for 2023**

Projects that for sure need to be done this year:

- Set up the ballast hopper. We need to get stone delivered to work on tamping the track.
- Finish siding the old pavilion and install the doors and track and switches leading into the building. The top course on the walls will be translucent panels for lighting. End walls need to be framed for doors. Give Rod Pitman a call if you would like to help.
- Erect the new pavilion and install the roof. Materials are at the track. The location needs to get staked out so work can start,
- Tie replacement. The perpetual task. Ted Hentchel has been working on the south curve replacing ties and I am sure would welcome some help there. Work has started on the outer loop going north past the yard need some attention too.

## **Safety**

From the Safety and Operating Rules. *Train crews operating on the railroad will be required to carry an FRS radio that they are able to hear and understand while the train is in operation. Please be brief and speak clearly when talking on the radios.*

This allows the engineer to be alerted to a misbehaving passenger. Please be sure to carry an FRS radio. A clear channel will be identified on run days and the channel posted at the depot.

## **2023 Run Day Schedule**

May 6-7, 20-21, 27-28

June 3, 10-11

July 1-2, 29-30

August 19-20

September 2-3, 16-17

October 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29

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