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Last year we celebrated the 50th Annual Show with “Generations of Farming.” This year, we continue that story as we hear from some of the younger generations.

These are generations that continue to come to the annual show and they continue to maintain their family tractors. Generations of farming is not only about the tractors and machinery that have been used in farming across the years. It is also about those families who have handed down the tradition of farming, and the tradition of the Threshermen’s Show to their children. This is the true legacy of the Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Show. It’s also a place where grandparents, parents and children can share the old-time farming, tell stories and make new memories that will in turn be passed down to future generations.

Some may think mergers and acquisitions happen mostly on Wall Street, but they happen here in the Midwest, too. We have noticed it this year, more so than any year since doing the Show Guide since 2009, banks and other ag-related businesses have changed their names or ownership. We also noticed several of our advertiser contacts chose retirement over the last year. We will miss our annual conversations and brief encounters that connected us over the years. But as always, we appreciate those businesses who continue to support the annual show with their support of this publication.

Thank you to all those who keep the stories alive, the machinery running, and to all who have worked hard on this year’s events. As you enjoy the show, please take a moment to share your appreciation to the many volunteers who have given of their time and talents to put on such a great event.

I offer my thanks to those who have shared their time, their talents and of course, their stories.

See you at the show.

Connie J Reinert

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Continuing Traditions while adding new Activities for the 51st

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association invites you to the 51st annual show. The Association welcomes the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors for their summer show.

Visitors and exhibitors will find many of the traditional hands-on activities during the three day show. A few of the new activities done last year will also return.

The Sweet Corn Feed and Greased Pig Contest will take place Friday night and Tractor Games will take place in the west field. These are both activities that started during the 50th Show.

The sixth annual Wagon Train is being organized to start several days before the show with an arrival planned for Thursday afternoon, the day before the show opens.

The Threshermen's Tractor Ride will leave the grounds at 1:30 p.m. Thursday. The ride is open to all makes of tractors.

Be sure to stop in at Freedom Hall to check out the new displays and memorabilia that have been organized by members of area service organizations.

The Civil War reenactment group, Army of the Southwest, will be demonstrating life in the period of the Civil War. Stop by to visit with them at the south end of the grounds.

The Farmhouse will have many displays to remind you what life was like in the heart of the home in the early to mid-1900s. The Flower Power Contest continues, and there is a

great line-up of musical entertainment under the shelter.

Minneapolis-Moline exhibitors will be showing what they can do on the tractor pull track with a fun pull Friday evening starting at 6 p.m. The antique tractor pull will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Field demonstrations will include corn shelling, combining, baling, discing, raking and threshing—demonstrations done with both tractors and horses. The popular One Year of Farming will be held daily at 1:30 p.m.

Regularly scheduled exhibits include a toy show, carpenter shop, wood carvers, a heritage doll show, petting barn, arts and crafts, vintage military vehicles, antique cars and trucks, Ridge Runners, blacksmith shop, broom factory, flour mill, saw mill, school house, farm house, Svenska Stuga, and many horse activities.

Kids can enjoy driving garden tractors both Friday and Saturday or they can try the pedal pull Saturday morning.

All events are weather-permitting and may change. Please listen to announcements during the show.

The 51st show officially begins with Opening Ceremonies at 9 a.m. Friday. Admission for those 12 years and older is \$10 per day. A three-day pass can be purchased for \$20. Children 11 and under are admitted free.

A complete schedule of events and show grounds map can be found on page 20-21.

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Minneapolis-Moline Collectors Return for Summer Show

The Minneapolis-Moline Collectors return to the Threshermen and Collectors Show, having last held their annual show here during 2012. There were 226 registered M-M exhibits for that event.

According to the mission statement for the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors, Inc., MMCI exists for the preservation and enjoyment of the products of Minneapolis-Moline, its predecessors and related companies, for the exchange of information concerning the same, and for the education of the public as to the historical nature and role of such products. The organization was chartered in 1987.

Benefits of becoming a member are: scholastic scholarships; preservation grants; educational projects; website with club events, information and photos; ability to introduce the younger generation to M-M products and history; a summer and winter show; an auction during the winter show and the ability to exchange knowledge and skills with others of similar interest.

The MMCI has established two historical preservation grants. The Preservation Grant was established to encourage the preservation and documentation of Minneapolis-



Moline and predecessor companies so historical information is not lost to future generations by the passing of time.

The purpose is to especially encourage and educate the younger generation, but it is not limited by any age. The grant awards up to \$1,000 for application proposals that meet the guidelines.

The Oral Histories Grant expands this mission by encouraging production of oral and video interviews of persons with relevant, historical information of M-M companies and their products.

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Jackson Virgil – a City Kid with a Heart for the Farm

For a farm kid at heart, living in the city isn't so bad when you have grandparents that live on the farm. Jackson Virgil, now 17, lives in Des Moines with his parents, Josh and Kate, and two sisters. Over the years he has spent as much time as possible at the home of his grandparents, Chuck and Shirley Virgil, who live near Sutherland.

That means he has also spent many years at the Threshermen's Show, being a right-hand to his grandpa.

In 2012, when his dad volunteered to help organize the Minneapolis-Moline feature event, he was right there helping out and enjoying every minute of it.

Jackson says he likes the freedom that comes with being on the farm. "There is freedom to do what you want. You can get your hands dirty," he said. "I also think you learn more on the farm. If something breaks, you can work on it and save money. I would work on the old Moline tractors and I fell in love with working on them."

When he was younger, he would visit his grandparents at least once a month or spend time during summer vacation. Now that he is working full-time, those precious trips are limited.

Jackson works for VanWalt Implement in Indianola. "As an intern, I have done a bit of repair and I wash equipment. Today, I went and worked on a round bailer and a skid steer, working under a master technician."

He will finish his senior year after the first quarter in the fall so he is prepared to attend the John Deere ag technician program in January.

"The program with John Deere is good and will take 22 months."



Jackson, age 7, at the 2012 event, enjoying a ride on the rails with his grandpa Chuck Virgil.

The VanWalt Implement Company pays 100% of his tuition and pays for his tools. After school he plans to relocate to Indianola or to a location further south in Iowa.

For Jackson, there are many things to like about the Threshermen's Show.

"Oh, I really like the antique demonstrations and seeing all the other tractors that people bring. And the tractor pull is pretty sweet. Just the environment. You can shell corn and walk ten feet and watch threshing. And homemade ice cream, oh yea!"

Jackson has gotten some good advice from his grandparents. "You gotta have a job that you like to be happy – that is absolutely true," he said. "We have similar ideas of what we want to do when we work on the tractors. I have been able

to paint a few tractors with grandpa. We just get along really well."

As for this year's show, he says they will bring the M-M 302, since it is their favorite and the U since two people can fit on it. "We will have to see how many trips grandpa wants to do," laughed Jackson.

"Long-term with M-M tractors, I will probably buy one. I will need something to keep me busy. I will probably buy a newer one, a 302 that doesn't run, and make it look like grandpa's."

"I recommend restoring old tractors because you are going to learn a lot. "You will be confident in the ability to fix things, they look cool and when you drive them, they look cool. Plus, it is rewarding as you really achieved something."

Jackson is looking forward to spending time with his grandpa once again during the Threshermen's Show.

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Braden Jackson plans to Exhibit his family Twin City this year

Braden Jackson is proud to own a 1927 Twin City KEA. It was first purchased by his great-grandfather and had been in his mother's family ever since.

Braden Jackson, age 13, is the son of Brian and Jill of Alta. His grandpa, Don Jackson, lives just south of Storm Lake where the Twin City tractor is kept.

"We put a new front end in, new tires, new front wheels, had the mag worked on, cleaned the gas tank. Just little things," said Braden.

"It had been completely overhauled before his great-grandpa passed away. Then it sat for awhile. When it was given to Braden, it was stuck and we had a time getting it going," said Don. "Now it starts and runs excellent."

"We go to the show in Albert City a lot and I like to see the old tractors that people had to use," said Braden. "We have taken this tractor five years and I have been to the show before that."

Don has several older tractors including models from John Deere, IH and Massey. He has brought several to the show as well. He also owns his dad's last tractor, an Allis-Chalmers WD and a 35 Ferguson that was his wife, Phyllis' dad's tractor. "It's important for me to have and maintain this tractor



Don Jackson and his grandson, Braden, talk shop next to a Massey-Harris tractor.

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Braden Jackson, age 13, with his Twin City KEA at his grandpa's farm and in the Threshermen's Parade at the 2021 Show.

since it has been in the family, and it should stay in the family," said Braden.

Don added, "It is part of the legacy of the family and something to carry on."

Braden made a guess that back in 1927 when his tractor was new, that they probably had 50 to 100 acres to farm.

"I read an article the other day," said Don. "A guy could farm 80 acres and it took 10 days to plant. Now it can be done in a couple hours."

The Twin City was used on the farm for plowing and most likely did anything that was previously done by horse power.

Now, Braden's family farms with John Deere and he enjoys using equipment that is much newer.

"Many years ago, his grandpa had that tractor at the show and ran it in the tractor pull," Don added.

Braden attends school at Newell-Fonda where PE is his favorite class. He has two sisters, one older and one younger. His older sister drove the tractor for a couple of years at the Albert City show.

He helps out on the farm and has learned to help plant beans using the GPS tractors. Don retired from farming a few years ago with his son Brian running the operation. Don's wife Phyllis is also retired, having worked several years for the *Storm Lake Times*.

"I am getting more confident at working with our cattle. We have a cow-calf operation," said Braden. He plans to work on the family farm after school.

For now, he enjoys working on tractors on his grandpa's farm. They recently tore down a Massey Harris 44 and Braden found it interesting to see how the tractors are built.

Braden thinks it is important for people to come to the



show. "GPS takes over everything now. People should learn what people had to do and what people had to struggle with," he said. "I like to see the field work to see how it compares to today."

Be sure to stop by and check out this Twin City and catch Braden driving it in the daily parade.

Twin City was manufactured by the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company. Three businessmen from the Twin Cities area started the company in 1902. The tractors were produced from 1913 until after 1928.

The company branched out, producing tractors for the Bull Company, engines for Case and Reeves and Company and working on locomotives for the U.S. Government.

In 1928, Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company, Moline Implement Company, and the Minneapolis Threshing Machine Company merged to create an operation with a full line of tractors and implements.



A bird's eye view of the International Harvester exhibit space during the show in 2021. The event included 280 IH-related exhibits. Overall, there was a grand total of 832 registered exhibits, including 100 antique autos and trucks, 44 yard & garden tractors, and 25 military exhibits.

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Field Demonstrations are an Annual Highlight of Show

The annual show at Albert City is well-known for its hands-on and live field demonstrations. These activities offer collectors a chance to get out and use their equipment in the field and to demonstrate what farming was like in earlier years.

One of the main events held for nearly ten years has been the One Year of Farming Demonstration which takes spectators through the operations of a typical farm through the year. This year the event will feature the Minneapolis-Moline line of tractors and machinery.

Demonstrations will include plowing, discing, seeding, planting, cultivating, combining, baling and chopping. The tasks are typically done with the feature line of tractors and implements as much as possible. And, horses may also get in on the demonstration. This event will take place at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Other field activities include threshing with steam power, plowing, cultivating, corn shelling, corn picking, combining, and baling.

Horse-drawn implements are used for discing, cultivating, binding, threshing and well-drilling.

Spectators can enjoy the view from bleacher seating while an announcer explains the activities.

Top right photo: Charlie Widlund, Palmer, and Terry Applegate, Gilmore City, cultivating cross-check corn during the 2021 show.



Second right photo: Derek Hanson of Ruthven plowing with his 1935 W-30 McCormick-Deering Wheatland tractor.



Bottom right photo: Ted Schulte of Sac City plowing with his 1926 McCormick-Deering 15-30.



Below: Duane Madson of Albert City, binding wheat.



Watch for M-M 604 and Wheatland Plowing Disc exhibited by Lloyd Rave

Lloyd Rave of Dell Rapids, South Dakota is pleased that he can pick out his M-M backhoe from the 2012 show panoramic photo of the feature display.

He is looking forward to this year's show. He plans to bring a M-M 604 with a Wheatland plowing disc. And, with the help of a friend getting a wide-load permit, he may bring a 1959 Customatic 570.

"I grew up with M-M. I had a cabinet shop and I would build cupboards and furniture. After so many years of smelling saw dust, I had to have something else to do," he said. "So, I started collecting machinery in 1991."

Lloyd says he looks at a piece of equipment and wonders why it quit running. "The challenge is to restore it or at least bring it back so it is running. The newer machinery with all the new technology and computers is not as easy to work on.

"All the tractors I have purchased have had stuck engines. I would get the heads bored out and buy new parts and put them back together.

"I am 78 years old and now lifting parts is not so easy. My last project was a combine. I had two to make one. I picked it up in 2011 and I worked on it for ten years off and on, and did a couple tractors in between as well."



Lloyd's M-M backhoe on exhibit during the 2012 show.

Lloyd has about 22 tractors. He graduated from college and worked in a VA hospital in Michigan for seven years. He returned to South Dakota in 1974 and started farming. In 2015, he quit farming and started wood-working and he says, work is the only thing he knows how to do.

For over three years, he has served as the secretary of the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors. "I really encourage people to join the Club. A lot of good information is shared in the *Corresponder* and the group works hard to put on good shows and educate others about the history of Minneapolis-Moline.

"It is important to keep this history alive. You learn a lot by being a collector and restoring equipment. You learn what it took to make the older equipment work and the engineering that went behind it."

He tries to attend the M-M shows and any local shows although he says it is getting a little more difficult to do.

"I just don't have the physical strength. The most fun is the people that you meet. And you learn things from the people. I have met a lot of great people over the years doing this."



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From the 2012 Minneapolis-Moline feature, top photo is Tony Thompson with his restored 1928 Twin City 27-44 Road King. Above photo is the M-M corn sheller owned by the Sixta family, mounted on a 1941 Ford chassis. Above right photo, this R-Cab joins the scene with the Threshermen Trolley being pulled by a M-M G1000. It is owned by the Mohr family of Vail, Iowa.



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Worth the visit: Buena Vista County Freedom Rock in Albert City

The Buena Vista County Freedom Rock is located in downtown Albert City and for anyone visiting the area, it is definitely worth making a visit.

As a way to thank service men and women, Ray “Bubba” Sorenson put his artistic talents to work painting a Freedom Rock in every Iowa county. His main goal was to honor those who have served this country.

Painted on the broad side of the rock facing the street is “Rosie The Riveter.” Ed Sundholm owned a dairy farm two miles west of Albert City. In 1924, he was also busy starting Superior Manufacturing where he designed and patented grease guns along with other products.

As the U.S. went into WWII, young men enlisted by the tens of thousands. To support their sons, brothers and husbands, and to help keep the country running smoothly, women across the country joined the labor force. Ed Sundholm diverted his manufacturing company from grease guns to 20-mm shell casings, shell primers and bomb parts. Local women joined in helping to push his work force to 300.

On the opposite side is Edmund Bristol Gregory, a Storm Lake native. Gregory graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and rose to the office of Quartermaster General during WWII. He was responsible for development, procurement,



and distribution of billions of dollars worth of supplies and equipment as well as training thousands of quartermaster soldiers and civilian personnel.

Bubba, in keeping with his own tradition, draped a flag over the top of the rock. A bald eagle faces the street.

For fun, Bubba often hides the names or initials of his wife, Maria and children, Independence and Michael in the paintings.

Notice the ten rock seats that surround the rock, each representing a town in Buena Vista County.

Albert City Welcomes You for Shopping and Cruise-in Car Show



Anyone wishing to take a short break from the action on the show grounds is invited to visit Albert City for shopping, a car show and food!

There will be a fun afternoon and evening of activities, Thursday, Aug. 11 sponsored by the Albert City Chamber of Commerce.

Enjoy shopping at the downtown stores for antiques, gifts, hand-crafted items, wine and home decor.

In the evening, classic and vintage cars will be on display on Main Street and food will be available.



Located just north of downtown in Albert City visitors will find the Albert City Museum. The complex includes six buildings with about every type of historical artifact on display. The Museum was chartered in 1974 and opened for business on July 4, 1976 with just the house. It was one of the first homes built in town. Visitors can walk through the house and see it as it would have appeared over 100 years ago. The Depot building was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Other buildings to enjoy include the Heritage House, Anderson Mercantile, Country School, and Freight Room that holds a rare collection of restored cars.

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Each toy tractor will include a serial number. The #10 tractor is being donated by Le Mars Toy Store and will be included as a prize in the large tractor raffle, so with the purchase of a ticket for that raffle, buyers are automatically included for a chance to win this toy tractor.

One hundred tractors are available, and anyone who purchased a toy previously has the first option to buy the same number this year. Those not purchased will be available for the general public.

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A large oak was planted as the Founder's Tree. Visitors were asked to help "plant" the tree for a special memory.



Items in the capsules were from 1989 and included the program, plaque and buttons.

At right, the Parade Marshals were the families of Karl Lind (top) and Keith Sundblad.



Jon Bellows Continues on with the Family Tradition

For Jon Bellows of Pocahontas, exhibiting the family's 1946 Minneapolis GTA is a way to honor the family. He is the fifth generation to get his hands on the tractor. It was purchased new by his great-grandfather.

His grandparents, VernaBelle and Carl Bellows were recognized as the Feature Parade Marshals in 2012. Their family rode in a wagon pulled by the GTA.

In the 60's and 70's, the tractor ran the corn dryer. Jon's father Bob, helped with that and then went to work with the Fonda elevator. His mom, Janet, helped her father-in-law, Carl run the farrowing house.

Jon has two sisters and they all grew up with grandma and grandpa taking them to the Threshermen's.

"If this Minneapolis ever missed a show, it would have only been the first one," said Jon. "It would have first been taken to the show by Farley and Luella Bellows.

"It would be dad's great-grandpa (Orson Floyd Bellows) who built the cab for that tractor. My aunt Nancy got grandma Luella's diary out. There was a mess up at the rail yard when it came in. They ordered it with a PTO shaft and rubber tires. But what arrived was one with steel wheels and a PTO shaft and one with rubber tires. So they had to switch tires



The 1946 Minneapolis GTA during the 2012 parade.

around before they could drive it home.

"According to the diary, Carl drove it home. Orson Floyd Bellows built the cab in one day. From the day they brought it home, to the day it had the cab, was just one day. In the diary, it read they needed it done for corn shelling."

The diary states, "Feb. 26, 1946, the Minneapolis was purchased for \$2,231.25. Feb. 27, went to grandma's for dinner. Carl drove tractor home after school. Traded in the TD for it. March 27, finished shelling with the tractor."

Bob added, "They pulled houses around with the TD. The Bellows had always been into custom work including moving houses, threshing and corn shelling."

Jon exhibits the tractor at the show now and his son, Brody, age 13 now enjoys driving the tractor.

Jon and his wife, Lynn, own and operate Jonny B's Pub & Grill in Pocahontas while Jon also farms and drives truck.

Carl and VernaBelle volunteered at the annual show as far back as 1981 after his dad started going to the show. Carl helped line up tractors, ran the saw mill and helped with threshing. VernaBelle enjoyed working in the country school house.

Grandpas are great for teaching lessons.

"When grandpa says it's time for church, it is time for church," said Jon. "I told grandpa that we needed to go drive the old tractors. He said they would be fine until after church. I said we needed to go drive tractors. He said, we are going to church and he was right.

"Me and grandpa hung out a lot. There was a time then that I would spend at church with grandma when she was the secretary. Grandpa taught me a lot about maintenance, how to shingle, just lots of stuff."

"My cousin, Shawn Frederiksen is there every year and he is very passionate. He runs steam engines. Grandpa had two Minnies and Shawn has the other one and is hoping to have it ready for the show this year.



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Jon Bellows with his mother, Janet.

"I enjoyed when grandpa and I would go out and plow. Grandpa would get worried about hurting the old tractor, but I really enjoyed it. Grandma and grandpa had been going so many years. I think I maybe only missed one or two shows because of work. Now I take off work starting Wednesday, and don't come back until Monday or Tuesday. Our family goes to the Threshermen's more than we get together for Christmas," said Jon.

Janet added, "My daughter will come, and my sister will come from Colorado. We think it is a big deal. Gary and David



The family of Carl and VernaBelle Bellows in 2012.

Balder are my cousins. We have a lot of family at the show.

"This year we are all really excited. My daughter Karla's grandson will attend for the first time." Wesley Gibson is the son of Haley Gibson and grandson of Karla Weiss.

The Bellows family enjoys a proud tradition of not only having the same tractor in the family, but having generations of family involved with the Threshermen's Show.

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Volunteers Karen and Denny Feeley named Threshermen Parade Marshals

Denny and Karen Feeley have nearly 30 years of experience as volunteers at the Threshermen's Show and this year they are being recognized as the Threshermen Parade Marshals.

After moving to town in 1992, Denny first volunteered to run the sound for entertainment back in 1993. "I had lots of experience in sound. I had managed a show lounge and did sound for them. I also did the sound for our church."

He retired from his volunteer position in 2021.

"It was more or less sitting there most of the day, because it was one hour after the next. I enjoyed visiting with the people. For the first three years, the entertainment was under the tent. The first couple of years, we had Shannon Brown and she drew a lot of people. I really enjoyed it."

Karen added, "The thing I think about is, it gives people a place to sit in the shade and take a break and still enjoy having something going on."

According to Denny, guests enjoyed the clogging done in the early years and thinks the entertainment over the last five years has been very good.

For work, Denny spent 40 years as a salesman, then worked five years doing maintenance at the care center in town. Now he is involved more in the Legion and currently serves as the chaplain.

Karen's first year as a volunteer at the show was in 1994. "They had called and asked me to work on the food line. The next year, Mary Lind asked if I would cashier. Then I just started spending more and more time there. All of a sudden, I was named to the food board."

In 2010, she became secretary for the board of directors, a position she held until the end of last year.

Now, the house is a bit more quiet without the phone ringing through the Threshermen's phone line.

"I think part of what I enjoy is the people," she said. "There are those I only get to see once a year. I also like the atmosphere there. I grew up on a farm and I like going back to an earlier time."

"This year I am looking forward to working in the registra-



tion building. I love the people there and I enjoy working with them."

The Feeleys house will get even more quiet this fall. Their daughters Alyssa and Sara will both be in college. Sara will start at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville while Alyssa will continue to attend Northwestern College in Orange City.

They grew up at the Threshermen's Show as their parents worked as volunteers and when they were old enough, they too, took on various jobs before and during the show.

"Both girls were helping in the lunch stand at an early age. I would take books and crayons along and they would be able to come in and take a break in the back room during the show. Alyssa loved working in the food line when she was old enough. She would work several shifts during the course of a weekend! Sara loved going to the barn and petting the animals. She could have spent the entire day down there, and sometimes did!

"Alyssa remembers hearing her name called over the loud-speaker several times. If I couldn't find them, I just ran to the Gas Station and had them paged. Usually to their embarrassment!

"I learned a lot over the years and I did enjoy visiting with the people when they called.

"We just feel honored to be recognized as the Parade Marshals," said Karen. "There are so many others who are deserving of this recognition. It will be fun and we will enjoy it."

"It takes a lot of volunteers and without them we couldn't have a show. It is a good way to serve community and it promotes something that is wholesome and family-oriented."

Karen enjoys being a volunteer and also spends time helping the Chamber and spent many years as a 4H leader. She also works as the secretary at the Free Church in Albert City.

Watch for the Feeley family each day during the afternoon parade at 4:30 p.m.



Karen Feeley stirring up food in the Threshermen Food Stand.

With a Passion for Minneapolis-Moline, Virgils are Feature Parade Marshals

Chuck and Shirley Virgil have a passion for Minneapolis-Moline and over the years have been volunteers at the Threshermen's Show. This year, they were named by the Board of Directors as the Feature Parade Marshals.

Collecting is a family hobby that involves Chuck's brothers and he gets help from his grandson, Jackson, who now plans to go into the field as an ag technician.

Ahead of the Minneapolis-Moline feature in 2012 they listed off their line of equipment: a 302, Twin City J, two U's, Big Mo 400 and 500, 445 wide and narrow front end, 602, Z, ZB with a planter along with a variety of lawn tractors. Since then, Chuck says they have rescued a 670 with snowblower and cab and also picked up some lawn mowers.

Chuck and Shirley enjoy living the farm life near Sutherland, Iowa. Their life's work was in the dental equipment business where they served dentists in a 200-mile radius. After selling the business, they bought the farm from family.

Chuck is a former board member for the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors. He served on the Threshermen's Board for one year, started and spearheaded the kid's garden tractor driving activity, and has spent years helping at the corn sheller during the show.

This year, he is looking forward to a slower pace.

"We are looking forward to just enjoying the show this year, and not being as involved as in the past," he said.

"This will be Jackson's last show as a kid. We have had our grandkids to the show all their lives, so we look forward to making more memories with them."

Jackson is 17 and granddaughters Kassidy and Eli are 15 and 11, respectively. The girls don't find quite the interest in the old-time farming as their brother, but each have found activities to enjoy while there.

"The corn sheller is over a century old," said Chuck. "It is important for people to understand the quality of the machinery that was built at that time given the level of technology that was available."

"I enjoy the entertainment, and the atmosphere of family," said Shirley. "And the corn sheller. I can remember that growing up, so it brings back memories."

The Virgil's plan to exhibit at least five tractors for the 2022 show including the ZB, 302, Big Mo 400, K and U.

Look for the Virgils and their family as they lead off the Feature Parade each morning at 10:30 a.m.



Shown with their M-M line of tractors, Chuck and Shirley Virgil.



Pictured in 2012, Chuck and Shirley Virgil with their grandchildren, Kassidy, age 5 and Jackson, age 7.

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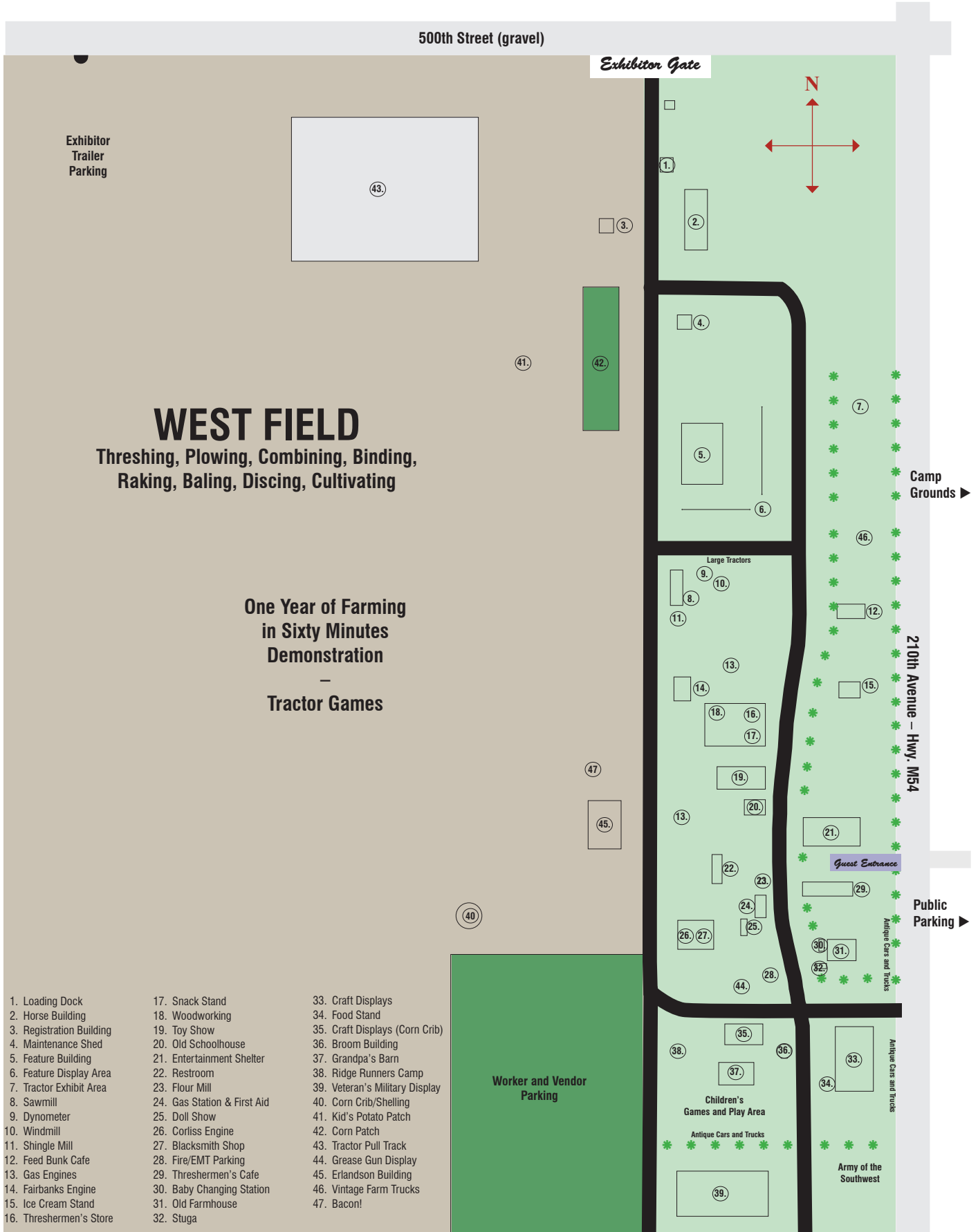
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Rich Otto will Exhibit Unique Propane M-M Tractors

Rich Otto of Buffalo, Minn. is making plans to exhibit as part of the Minneapolis-Moline feature in Albert City. He remembers bringing his G708 to the show in 2012 and it is one of the tractors on this year's souvenir button.

For 2022, he plans to bring a 708, 707 and 704, all propane tractors.

"When Minneapolis-Moline started building tractors, there were always less propane ones than there were diesels," said Rich.

"The propane tractors were big in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. At one point in time, they almost gave propane away, it was very inexpensive. It was pretty much a gasoline motor, but to make the propane usable they put a regulator on the side, and they were used a lot in the southern states where propane was abundant."

Currently he uses propane M-M 900 series tractors for his custom hay operation.

"Wherever we can, we use propane. It was not common around our area. When people see it they wonder about that funny-looking round tank."

Rich and his son-in-law have a collection of about 50 trac-

tors. They have all the 70 series, each in propane and diesel. And, they have 15 to 20 front-wheel assist tractors.

"This is a rewarding hobby. Our 70 series tractors are all painted up with new tires and we don't use them. It is very expensive to fix them as there are no parts available. When we restored them we had to search for parts.

"My dad farmed with M-M and I really didn't have anything to do with them for years. Then I saw a 704, I bought that and from there it went crazy.

"My son-in-law and I work on them and we keep most of them stored in his shed. He is a super mechanic, he is not afraid to split the tractor, fix the torq, or rebuild the motors. If it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have as many. He usually comes along with us to the shows."

Most of the Otto collection is in the '60s and newer.



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Rich Otto exhibited his Minneapolis-Moline G708 tractor at Albert City in 2012 and spent time with it pulling the people mover.

"We have a '47 and a couple made in the '50s but most of our stuff is up in the 100-horse range.

"We have a lot of different front-wheel assist models, including a 900 front-wheel assist that they only made a couple hundred of."

Rich's wife enjoys going to the shows. He says they have attended the M-M shows for years and years and his wife loves to go to visit with everyone. "She says, 'That's the only vacation you ever take me on,'" laughed Rich.

The couple typically attends both the winter and summer shows hosted by M-M and he says he learns something new from everyone they visit with.

"My favorite thing is the people. We have gone to so many shows and we know so many of the people. We like to visit. We can look at tractors and we enjoy the banquet."



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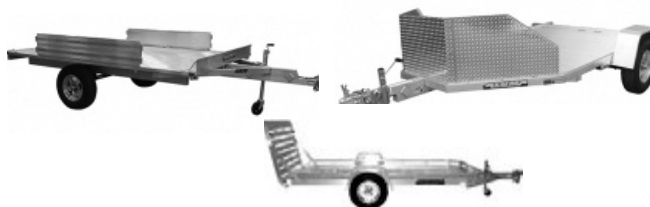


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Sam Aronson: Retired but Still Volunteering in the Community

Sam Aronson grew up on a farm near town and moved to Albert City with his folks as a junior in school. He has worked and volunteered in the community most of his life.

He graduated from Albert City in 1966 and was drafted into the army where he had basic training and advanced clerk training at Fort Bliss, Tex. In 1967, he left for VietNam where he spent a year and arrived home the day the Tet Offensive was breaking out in 1968. He finished his duty at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

“As a clerk, I was in an office with 19 personnel. Fifteen of them were officers above the grade of captain,” he said. “At the time, the officers would go out and inspect bridges that were under construction, for example. They would come back with hand-written notes and it was my job to type the report so it could then be submitted to the general. I was in Saigon every day but one when I went out to see the Bob Hope Show.

“When I came back to Albert City, I worked for the Albert City Mill-Golden Sun Feeds where I was a truck driver until they changed to a semi-trailer. Then my brother took over. I heard about Webb-Dickens Telephone needing someone to locate cable so I got that job. As rural water was getting installed, I would locate cable and help them get the rural water in without damaging cables. I worked there about 30 years and retired when I was 65.”

Sam currently serves as the Commander of American Legion Post 299 in Albert City, a position he has had for five years. The Legion has 45 members and like many organizations struggles to keep members active within the organization.

Sam is one of the many veterans who volunteer at Freedom Hall located at the Threshermen’s show grounds.

“We have people who have visited who say there is no better display of military history than what is at Freedom Hall,” said Sam.

“I am not a mechanic, but it is really interesting to me that all of the military vehicles that are in the building are all in running order. We have one vehicle that we take out for area parades.

“It is important to maintain these items. It tells a lot about our military history. When we read our role of service members, we have one Civil War service member. Then it goes to WWI and WWII. Most of those people are senior enough for me to just barely know. And, they were able to come back, but there were some that did not. Now, we get down to the Korean War and VietNam War era in the list. It’s people I know and their classmates. So, to me, on Memorial Day when we read that list of veterans from our area, it gives a lump in my throat to think about those people. Freedom Hall brings that a little bit closer.

“When I was working at the phone company, I got my license to officiate at basketball and baseball, but I didn’t use it often. Instead, I found it would be more valuable to offer



Visitors to the Albert City Library can see some of the match stick displays built by Sam.



Sam Aronson (second from left) carries the American Flag in last year’s Threshermen’s Parade. He is often found at Freedom Hall during the three-day show.

training to kids as a coach.” From 1988 to about 2002, Sam spent many years in Albert City coaching youth baseball and has many a story to share.

Sam helps at the local library as the third assistant and fills in when needed. There he also shares work from one of his hobbies – matchstick displays – but says he is losing patience for the activity. He is the landlord for five mating pairs of purple martins and enjoyed having 17 kids visit his yard for a library program recently.

Sam invites show guests to enjoy time at Freedom Hall, and he emphasizes that the work done there is done by volunteers of all the service organizations in the county, not just Albert City. Freedom Hall is also open to the public Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Freedom Hall Honors Members of Service with Military Displays

Volunteers from the area service organizations work throughout the year to update and expand on the various military displays at Freedom Hall.

Stop and see the 944 Cushman Model 53 Airborne Scooter with a 1944 M-3A4 General Purpose Utility Hand Cart. In the later stages of World War II in Europe, Allied paratroopers used these scooters to maintain contact between units, increase their mobility and haul small loads.

Freedom Hall opened in 2014 and was designed to honor all members of service, both past and present. The 64' x 128' building and all related items were made possible thanks to generous donors and volunteers who have covered all expenses.

In 2015, volunteers added more display space and a collection of military patches. That year they featured items from WWI.

In 2016, the display case for the Navy Target Kite was purchased along with two additional display cases. Volunteers created a flag display along the road for show days. The flags, poles and materials were purchased with funds from the Sundholm Foundation.

Other displays that visitors will want to see include a replica of a 16-inch projectile that would have been shot from a USS battleship, the "super-heavy" 2,700 pound APC (Armor Piercing, Capped) Mark 8 shell. Large caliber guns were designed to fire two different 16 inch shells: an armor piercing round for anti-ship and anti-structure work, and a high explosive round designed for use against unarmored targets and shore bombardment.

Check out the Clinometer on display. Clinometers are used for measuring list of a ship on still water and the roll in rough water. The angle of list is the degree to which a ship leans or tilts to either port or starboard. The vessel is stable, but the distribution of weight aboard (often caused by uneven loading or flooding) causes it to heel to one side.

Also on display are a 5-inch projectile, Zippo Lighters, a battle lantern, Navy dress uniforms and teak wood from the Battleship USS New Jersey.



There are over 24 vintage military vehicles in the building. Other displays include uniforms, photos, weapons, and other memorabilia. Each includes a detailed explanation of who manufactured it, the features, use and costs.

Veterans take turns staffing the building in an effort to answer questions. Freedom Hall is also open Memorial Day, Labor Day and other times by appointment. For additional information, contact Garland Otto at 712-843-5761, Woody Wenell at 712-843-5328 or Ron White at 712-289-2251.




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With a PhD, McNeill enjoys the Contrast of M-M Restoration Projects

Michael McNeill started Ag Advisors, Ltd. in 1983 in Algona. His company does contracted research with farmer-growers, researchers and others on how to improve farming systems.

He works on about 160,000 acres, mostly in the Midwest, but has also worked with farms in Florida, Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay.

"The newest thing we are working with is organic production. Six years ago in Kossuth/Palo Alto Counties had about 2,200 acres in organic production," he explained. "This spring, we planted close to 100,000 acres in the same area.

"We spend quite a bit of time teaching people how to better transition into organic production. We help them understand what that does for their soil, their own health and the health of those who consume their products.

"The climate for doing this is much better than it ever has been. I think Covid 19 was a wake up call that our general level of health is not as high as it needs to be. We are next to the lowest nation in the world for infant death – that is pathetic. Our elderly are struggling nutritionally. We have developed food deserts in rural areas and in inner-city areas that are a major problem. So working to overcome those, not only with organic, but with nutrient-dense organic food products is important."

On this day, Michael was on a conference call discussing grant opportunities to analyze the food that is being produced and the impact it has on human health. The meeting participants included PhD-MDs from Harvard and Baylor and PhD agronomists.

"These are the top in the nation and we are getting together to work on a grant," said Michael. "It is a unique situation when you get a farmer and a PhD-MD together. This is extremely important work nationally and will probably go global. I am excited about the potential."

Michael claims he has spent a lifetime learning and earning his science degrees. "I got my PhD from Iowa State University. I have a BS degree in soils and soil fertility; a masters in plant physiology; a PhD in quantitative genetics; and a minor in plant pathology.

"I spent 12 years in the military, with about three of those at Fort Detrick which is a biological warfare center. I learned a lot there about plant nutrition and how it impacts plant disease. Our job there was to protect our crops from biological attack. What I learned there I have taken to the field to improve the quality of soils, which improves plant health, which then improves the health of the animals and humans that eat those plants. That was my training and background and how I have put it to practice."

He has been married for 55 years and has three daughters who make him extremely proud. One is an MD pediatrician; one is director of marketing for Principal and the third is a professor at ISU and previously an instructor at Harvard



Medical School. She is now working on the impact of nutrition on heart disease, Alzheimers' and dementia.

So, just how does a scientist turn up as an old tractor enthusiast?

"Us as scientists, we have to have a hobby, something to change gears," he said.

"I was born and raised on farm and we farmed up until a couple years ago. As a result, when I started college I needed a job in the summer. I started working for a M-M dealer (Buscher Bros. in Algona). I learned a lot about M machinery and tractors and developed a fondness for them. Later in life when I was looking for a hobby, I started working on old M-M tractors.

"I have had a lot of fun with it. I have met lots of friends who have now developed the same addiction. We like to go to shows together and go on tractor rides with our tractors.

"It is still ag related, but it is mechanical. It is different than science. It is hands-on machinery where you make things work. My wife is an antique dealer. She owns Antique Home Store in Algona, so we both like fixing up heritage things."

Michael wasn't quite sure which of his tractors would make the trip to Albert City in August. Possibilities include a 335 Minneapolis and a G1000 Vista.

"I may take a 445 Minneapolis military, which is very unusual and rare. It was built for the Korean War and was used on bases to move things around. It is very unique. It weighs 8,200 lbs. compared to a typical 445 which weighs about 4,000 lbs. It has a slightly bigger engine and runs on a 24-volt system rather than 12."

In previous years at Albert City he has exhibited his unusual Z Diesel. "I tried to research it, I think they have taken a diesel motor from a JetStar or a 445 and put into a Z. But it fits perfect, it looks exactly like it was a factory job. It is a unique tractor."

He also owns a Big Mo 500 backhoe with industrial loader which is somewhat unique that may find its way to the show.

When it comes to his collection, he has more than just



Michael McNeill with his 1958 4 Star Diesel tractor at the M-M show in Forest City in 2021.

Minneapolis. He has an International T20 crawler, several Massey-Harris tractors, an AR Wheatland and a couple of John Deere tractors. His two unstyled B John Deere tractors are rare as they have consecutive serial numbers. He enjoys doing complete restoration of his tractor finds, except for the painting.

He shares advice for anyone getting started in collecting.
 “Find something that is unique, a little out of the ordinary,

so you have something to talk about. Study it and thoroughly know the history. The big part of exhibiting is talking to the people who come by. You get more involvement that way.”

Michael has been going to the show in Albert City for about 40 years. He enjoys the relaxed atmosphere and meets friends from Michigan who typically stay at the campground.

“The thing I like the most is the relaxed atmosphere and the hands-on environment where you can see machines working, you can talk to the people who have brought the equipment. It is hands-on compared to other shows. For example, I have never worked or been around a steam engine. So, I talked to one of the people running an engine and he took me through the whole process and I got to drive it in the parade. Where else do you get to do that? I wanted to see the technology and how it was designed. They were brilliant. They didn’t have the tools and equipment we have today and they did amazing things.

“I enjoy the old gas engine displays. One of my favorites is to stop by the homemade ice cream. There is something there for everyone. If you want to watch threshing, or corn shelling, watch the cultivators – just watching the things work is probably the biggest draw for me and for many of my friends.”

For 2022, he is looking forward to seeing friends at the show. “One of my best memories of going to the show is the year I had my GB diesel with big fenders there and my father, at age 100, rode on the tractor with me. That is a very special memory for me.”

Special memories. Indeed that is what the annual show is all about.

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The annual Threshermen's Tractor Ride will leave the show grounds Thursday, Aug. 11 at 1:30 p.m. The ride is open to all makes, ages and models of tractors (and riders). This is the tenth year for the ride, which has brought as many as 50 participants.

Enjoy lunch from the Threshermen's Cafe before heading out on the ride.

The tractor ride will head to Albert City for a visit at the Albert City Historical Museum, which is a large six-building complex.

Next, riders will head to L M & O Railroad Museum in Marathon. The museum features a depot from Pochantas that is fully outfitted including the tools, ticketing and passenger areas. There is 1,000 feet of train track with working lights and switches. Visitors can actually take a ride around the track.

The museum includes an all-wood executive car from the 1880s and much memorabilia from Marathon including an original ice house and shoe shop.

Participants can enjoy some Threshermen's homemade ice cream at the end of the ride which should return to the grounds by 4 p.m.



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It was ten years ago when Randy Koenig first planned the Kid's Potato Patch. Over the years, it has become a favorite attraction for kids and adults. Come out each day at 2 p.m. and watch the team of horses pull the potato digger through the patch followed by all of the kids picking up their potatoes. (Inset photo: Randy Koenig during the first event done at the south end of the grounds.)

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Gathering of the Orange on deck for 2022 Threshermen's Show

The Threshermen welcome the Gathering of the Orange for the 2023 Show. The show will feature all things related to the Allis-Chalmers line of tractors and machinery. Gathering of the Orange was last at Albert City in 2010.

The feature A-C tractors will be the WD-45, celebrating its 70th anniversary and the 7000 Series, celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The Gathering of the Orange is held twice each year in various parts of the United States and Canada, generally as part of an established antique tractor event. Gathering of the Orange began in 1983 when a group of Allis-Chalmers collectors met in Freeport, Illinois, to show off their orange line. In the years to come, their enthusiasm only grew, and the first GOTO was held in 1988. The Gathering of the Orange marked its 35th anniversary in 2018.

Each GOTO is unique, whether it's the locale or a special feature, whether it's field demonstrations, tractor teardowns, history walks or mechanical presentations.

The name Gathering of the Orange is owned by David



and Heidi Clausen who publish *Old Allis News*. Both are part of their overall business, Landhandler Enterprises, Inc. located in Clayton, Wisc.

Clausens have had a long involvement with A-C and publishing. Dave grew up around A-C tractors and has been a collector for many years, serving a couple years on the board of the Upper Midwest A-C Collectors Club.

In addition to the Albert City Show in 2023, the Gathering of the Orange will also be held in Madrid, New York June 9-11.

For more information on GOTO or to subscribe to *Old Allis News*, please contact Dave and Heidi at (715) 268-4632 or oldallisnews@amerytel.net, or mail any correspondence to: *Old Allis News*, 471 70th Ave., Clayton, WI 54004. A one-year subscription to *Old Allis News* is \$28.

For 2024, the Association will feature John Deere and host the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors.

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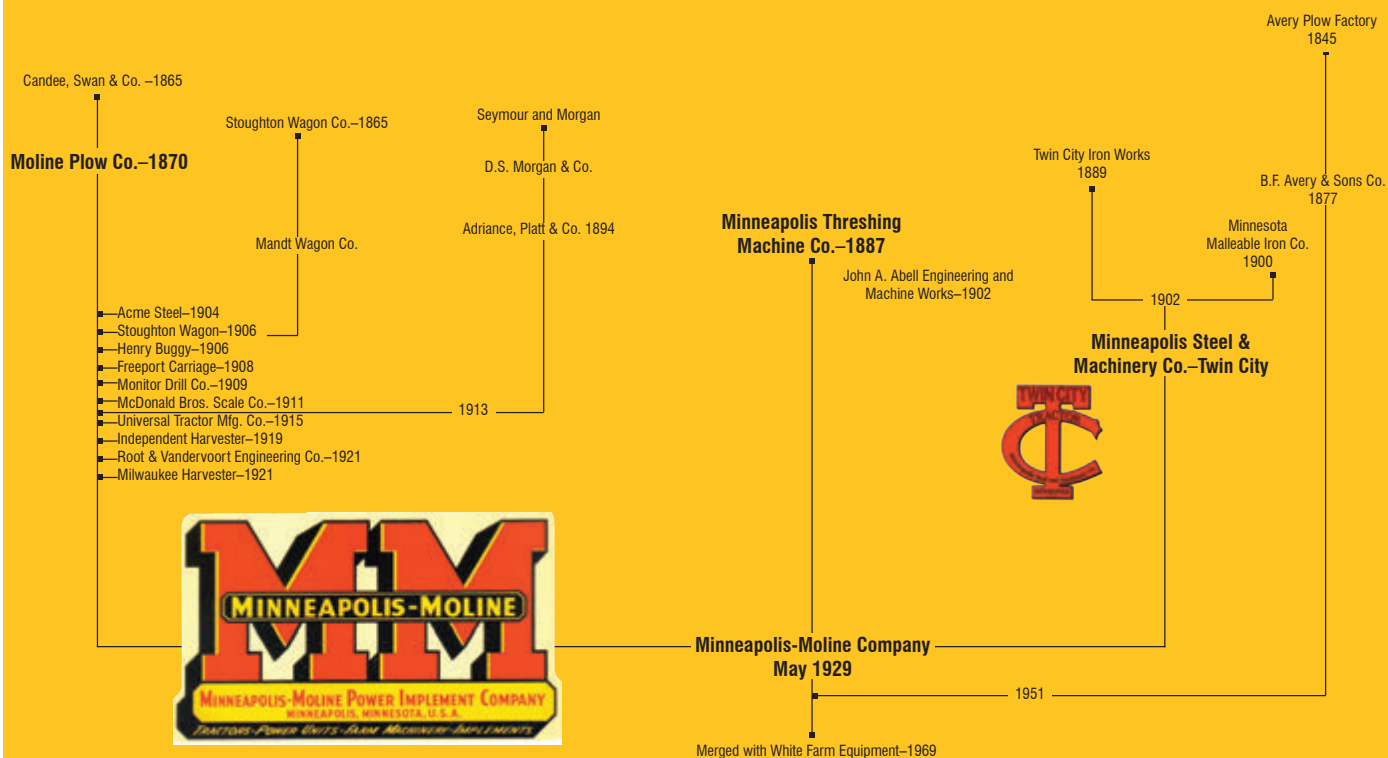
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Pie Baking Challenge in seventh year

Now in its seventh year, "Bring Your Pie to Church" will take place again this year.

Contestants should bring a double-crust pie on Sunday morning to the Cafe. Winners of both contests will be announced at the conclusion of the church service. Prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25.



Visit the Albert City Historical Museum while in town

The Albert City Historical Museum is located at 212 North Second Street and features six buildings packed with historical items from the Albert City area.

During Threshermen's weekend, the museum is open Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Regular hours are Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. during the summer. Or make an appointment to visit anytime by calling, 712-843-5858 or 712-843-5684. Admission for adults is \$5.

Catch a ride on a trolley



In an effort to make sure all guests can get around comfortably to the many activities on the grounds, the Threshermen provide trolleys to carry passengers around the grounds and to the field.

Personal transportation policy

Anyone wishing to use their own golf cart on the show grounds must register it at the Gas Station and provide a valid handicap driving permit and a certificate of proof of recreational-use insurance. Only personal transportation vehicles with a steering wheel are allowed on the grounds and all must be registered. A handicap driving permit and certificate of proof of recreational-use insurance is required for those as well.

Flower Power Contest adds color to the grounds



Flower enthusiasts are invited to participate in the seventh annual "Flower Power" contest. This fun event started in an effort to add some colorful flower arrangements to the show grounds.

The contest is open to anyone and will award prizes in three age brackets and two categories. Age brackets are: youth, age 12 and under; teens, age 13 to 18 and adults, those over 18. The two categories will be for planters in a 5-gallon bucket and those in a planter of any choice.

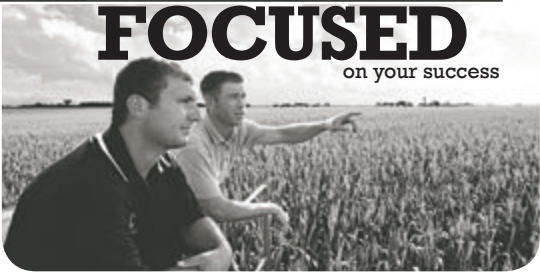
Director Gary Sundblad explains, "There has always been a great group of volunteers who have planted and maintained the perennials and annual flower beds at the site. We want to continue that and enhance it if we can. This is a fun way to get more people involved."

To participate in the contest, entries need to be brought to the Old Farm House and registered Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning the week of the show. The judging will take place Thursday afternoon and then all entries will be displayed around the grounds. Participants can then take their entries home at the conclusion of the show.

"We have had some beautiful entries in past years. This is a way for us to add some color around the grounds while inviting others to share their talents," said Gary.




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Tractor Games return for 2022



Slowest tractor, red light-green light – those were just a couple of the tractor games played during the show in 2021. Come out to the field each day at 12:30 p.m. and bring your tractor to be part of the fun. Spectators are invited to cheer on their favorite driver!



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Army of the Southwest will bring Civil War Era to life

The Army of the Southwest will return with an encampment that demonstrates the period of the 1860s. The Army of the Southwest is a group of Iowa Civil War Reenactors dedicated to educating people of all ages about the Civil War. They do this through reenactments, school programs and historical events.

The non-profit organization includes over 40 members from throughout Southwest Iowa. The unit consists of Confederate and Union infantry, artillery and cavalry. In addition, there is a strong group of period civilians.

Dennis Williams has been with the group since 2003 and is responsible for helping to organize locations and activities.

Dennis expects to fire cannons again this year. They will be fired at 9 a.m. Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday, or just after the church service. This year they will also be available to fire throughout the day if people would like to participate in the demonstration. The cannons will shoot five-pound blanks.

While at the show, the members are dressed and living in the period the entire time. "We don't just do a performance," said Dennis. "We actually mirror the lifestyle of the 1860s."

We recreate camp life by living in period tents and when time allows, we prepare food over a campfire and eat as the



soldiers did during the war."

Visitors can expect to see arms, photos, diagrams and drawings at the encampment. "There will be a wealth of information," said Dennis. "We like to visit with people and answer their questions. The members do a lot of research and are very knowledgeable."

Members will arrive on Thursday and Friday. The encampment will be located at the southeast end of the show grounds.



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Get your Tickets for the 2022 Raffle

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors are holding a tractor raffle again this year as a fundraiser.

The tractor raffle will be for a Minneapolis-Moline Z tractor. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and can be purchased from board members or during the show. Look for the raffle display in the feature area.

A second prize will be for the #10 Minneapolis-Moline toy tractor.

The drawing for all raffle items will be at 4 p.m. Sunday before the Threshermen parade and you need not be present to win.



At right, is Bob Neppi of Spencer, winner of the 2021 Farmall 450 tractor.



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The entertainment line-up includes:



Malek's Fisherman Band will perform Friday at 11:30 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

Malek's Fishermen Band is one of the finest polka bands in the Midwest and continue the great tradition of dance music excellence started by Syl Malek in the 1930's with Malek Bros. Accordion Band.

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Nebraska, and Wisconsin region. Over the years, they have recorded many albums, and can be found at dance halls, polkafests, and parties in this four state region.

Sentimental Swing with Tom Steinkoenig of Laurens will perform Friday starting at 12:45 p.m. and again at 3:15 p.m. Enjoy the music of the Big Band era as you listen to this orchestra that started in 2000 and played regularly at the Surf Ballroom



in Clear Lake and the Laramar Ballroom in Fort Dodge.



Paper Moon will perform at 12 noon Saturday. This group performs Jazz/Standards/Americana with Mike Monahan on guitar and Tim Schumacher on bass.

Tony Hogrefe and Friends perform at 2:15 Saturday. He will play acoustic guitar. His grandfather was Emil Hogrefe who passed away in 1994 but was part of the entertainment at the show in the earlier years. Then, Tony and his family would join Emil on the stage. Tony lives in Wall Lake with his family and is a long-time volunteer during the show.

The Albert City Community Band will perform starting at 12 noon Sunday.

Jive for Five, a brass quintet will play at 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

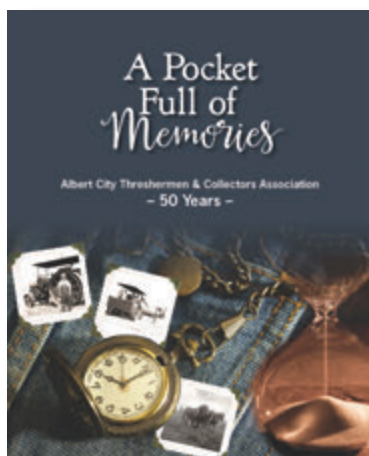


Glenn Henriksen will play assorted piano at 3 p.m. Sunday. Glenn is an accomplished, versatile pianist and organist. He began piano lessons at age seven, and continued through high school. At age thirteen he became the organist at his hometown church. Glenn attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and

received further musical instruction. He has played for a wide variety of events, including solo piano and organ concerts, church services, weddings, funerals, receptions and other social activities. Glenn's repertoire includes classical, ragtime, blues and jazz, standards, pop and rock, country, Latin, gospel, and sacred. Glenn is also a seasoned accompanist, providing services to many vocalists and instrumentalists. He is a member of the variety rock band Galaxy. Glenn's lifetime experience in many musical genres has enabled him to develop a unique musical style, resulting in one-of-a-kind improvised arrangements. Glenn resides in Spirit Lake and Armstrong, Iowa.

A Pocket Full of Memories: A 50-year History of the Albert City Threshermen & Collectors

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Enjoy the Sweet Corn Feed and Greased Pig Contest set for Friday

The Sweet Corn Feed and Greased Pig Contest were held during the 50th annual show and their success means both events will be back for 2022. Both events take place Friday, Aug. 12.

The Sweet Corn Feed will be held at the Feed Bunk from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sweet corn and burgers will be available.

The Greased Pig Contest will start at 7 p.m. There will be four age groups, age 5-8, age 9-12, age 13-17 (2-person team) and over age 18 (2-person team). Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd places in all groups. Advance registration is required and can be done by visiting www.albertcitythreshermen.com.



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Meet the Threshermen & Collectors Board

Karl Lind

Is a co-founder. Works primarily with military, antique tractors, vehicles and field events. Enjoys bringing memories of the past to the present.



Gary Sundblad

serves as the Board President and has served on the board 12 years. He oversees promotions, website, flowers, registration, store, entertainment, building/grounds, and upcoming features.



Mike Rebhuhn

Has served on the board since 2006. He oversees trolleys, fuel, games, buildings & grounds, parking, sanitation, garden tractors, camping, sound and parades.



Mike Sangwin

Is serving his 12th year. He oversees the farm house, mechanics, hay sales, ear corn, scale-size equipment, diesel engine, tractor raffle, and insurance.



Norm Hanson

Is serving his eighth year on the board. He oversees crop ground, craft/toy show, threshing, signs, parade, mechanics, Erlandson building, gas station, feature bld/vendors and radios.



Branden Otto

Is serving his fourth year on the board. He oversees security, parade, big tractors/steam, Freedom Hall, antique cars, small gas engines, dynameter, flour mill, golf carts, insurance and tractor ride.



Angie Smith

Is serving her third year. She oversees Grandpa's Barn, tractor pull, Svenska Stuga, insurance, first aid, and the food board.



Randy Koenig

Is serving his third year. He oversees the Army of the SW, horses, sanitation, school house, saw mill, shingle mill, tree maintenance, showers, and potato patch.



Brice Wenell

Is in his first year of board service. He oversees the blacksmith shop, broom building, carpenter shop, crops, feature areas, field activities and tree planting.



Ben Pullen

Is serving his first year on the board. He works with the Corliss, parade, Ridge Runners and straw sales.



Emily Bonin

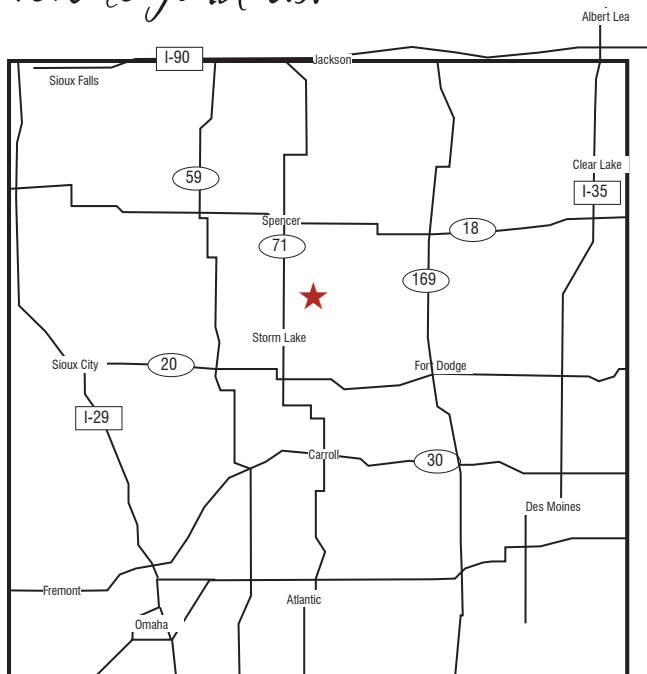
Serves as executive secretary and is in her first year of doing so. Welcome Emily!



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In 2016, an Associate Board was established. The members of this board have voice and no vote and have contributed greatly with work before, during and after the show. Current members are David Glienke, Keith Moe.

Become a Member:

If you are a current member of the association and already have a 2022 membership card, please present that at the gate to gain free admittance to the show. Membership monies received at the Registration Office during the 2022 show will be applied to the 2023 year.

Membership amounts are \$25 for a single and \$35 for a couple. This is a great value if you plan to attend the show every day! Members are invited to the annual meeting the first Saturday in December where a delicious catered meal is served before the business meeting.

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