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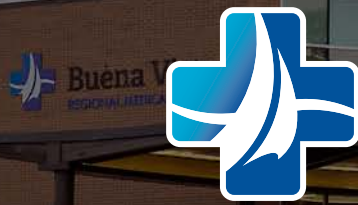
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There is heartache in the heartland. As this issue of the Show Guide gets put together, many people in our area are suffering from the devastation caused by the flooding just a few short weeks ago. Like many others, members of the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors have been hit and as hard as they have worked on planning the show feature, it will likely continue to be a difficult time. We can hope and pray that this year's show will provide a small piece of comfort in spending time with friends and family and holding on to a small piece of tradition. To those who have lost so much and are working to put their lives in order, we pray for a healing heart.

In this space ten years ago, I shared a photo of my young nephew. I share it here again along with a photo of the rest of my favorite John Deere family.



There's AJ, now 11 years old with his brother, Luke age 9; their parents Brian and Abby Tucker and their grandpa, the late Merle Grey. The boys had just gotten this John Deere B from their grandpa on his 85th birthday. They'll bring it to exhibit at the show again this year.

Thanks to exhibitors like them who make this show what it is, 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.

As always, we appreciate those businesses who continue to contribute to the annual show with their support of this publication.

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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Threshermen are Ready to Welcome John Deere Enthusiasts

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association invites you to the 53rd annual show. The Association welcomes John Deere enthusiasts who will be bringing all models of tractors, implements, and other items.

Visitors and exhibitors will find many of the traditional hands-on activities during the three-day show.

The Sweet Corn Feed and Greased Pig Contest will take place Friday night and Tractor Games will take place in the west field each day.

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 veteran's 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 of family life in the early to mid-1900s. There is a great line-up of musical entertainment under the shelter.

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

Enjoy an evening of food and friendship at the Friday evening Get Together being held at the Marathon Community Center. Social hour is at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m.

Field demonstrations will include corn shelling, combining, baling, discing, raking and threshing—demonstrations done with both tractors and horses. A Year of Farming demonstration will be held daily at 1:30 p.m. using John Deere New Generation machinery.

Regularly scheduled exhibits include a toy show, carpenter shop, Grandpa's barn, craft vendors, 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. There are old-fashioned games for kids each afternoon and of course the potato patch event is each afternoon.

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

The 53rd 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 pages 20-21.



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Northwest Iowa Classic Tractors Spearheading Feature Exhibits

Visitors can expect to see a sea of green as the Northwest Iowa Classic Tractor Collectors take over the feature area and organize the many makes and models of John Deere. The Club will also be doing A Year of Farming demonstration each day. The demonstration will use New Generation tractors and implements to demonstrate the typical tasks done annually on the farm.

Plan to enjoy the entire line of John Deere history with some of the earliest tractor models including the Waterloo Boy and early unstyled and styled tractors. Exhibits will show the advancement of John Deere through New Generation and Generation II tractor models and implements.

There will be a large vendor area for those specializing in John Deere parts, products and other merchandise.

The Club celebrates its 33rd year (originally the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club) and has a membership of around 125 tractor collectors from all around Iowa.

The Northwest Iowa Classic Tractor Club organizes spring and summer tractor displays at the mall in Spencer and they organize the antique tractor exhibits for the Clay County Fair. The club meets monthly and provides scholarships and supports member communities by participating in parades.

The last time John Deere was a feature at Albert City, there were 350 registered exhibits.

For more information about the group, contact Bob at 712-221-9211.



The Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club John Deere feature in 2014.

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Highlight of Rens Collection is a Rare 1924 John Deere D

Jake Rens is celebrating his 80th birthday and the 100th anniversary of his 1924 John Deere D. Along with a slate of other rare tractors, he plans to bring the D for exhibit during this year's show. He owns two D models, one restored and one original both Exhibit A models.

Jake grew up near Orange City, Iowa with his family using John Deere on the farm. But, it wasn't until he lived in Oregon with his new bride, Sharon, that he started collecting tractors about 50 years ago. Like many collectors, he said once he bought his first one, it snowballed from there.

Jake was drafted into the service and served with the military police in Korea during the Vietnam War. When he returned, he packed up his belongings and hit the road for Oregon where a sister lived. He met Sharon in Portland and they were married. Jake worked as a corrections officer and Sharon worked as a registered nurse for 50 years. They raised two sons there, one now lives in Montana and one lives near Orange City. Both boys graduated from Dordt College in Sioux Center.

When Jake and Sharon moved to their acreage near Orange City, he hauled 35 tractors from Oregon. His collection has continued to grow.

The original 1924 D came off the line April 5, 1924 and was shipped through the Portland, Oregon branch to a town near Seattle. This model boasts a 26-inch spoke flywheel. Jake says a tractor like this would have been used in the west at a sawmill.

Jake and Sharon hosted an open house in July to share their collection of about 50 unstyled John Deere tractors. Their sons, grandchildren and family came to help prepare for the event and to make sure every tractor was running. Orchard tractors were in the lineup along with high crops and wide-treads that are not common in the Midwest.

The best part of this hobby for Jake is getting the tractors to run. "I like to have the tractors running good," said Jake.



Jake and Sharon Rens take a break on their acreage amongst a huge display of John Deere tractors.

"They don't necessarily have to look so good. I think they are more productive in my mind if they are running good."

On the original D, Jake did repair work on the magneto and carburetor. The fenders were torn off when they were tangled working in the woods, so he added those and he replaced seven missing lugs.

For many years, Sharon walked side-by-side with Jake as they visited various tractor shows. They have attended the show at Albert City for many years and visitors may remember meeting Sharon demonstrating her spinning wheel in the craft building. "I remember visiting with one couple while I was spinning and I said, 'you know, it's cheaper than a shrink, it's very relaxing for me.' They turned to each other and started to laugh. They were both shrinks!"

When you see Jake and Sharon at this year's show, thank them for sharing their talents and treasures at the show and then ask to hear the story of who takes credit for finding the John Deere D.



An original and a restored John Deere model D, both Exhibit A models. Jake enjoys the fact that these two have consecutive numbers.



Although most of the trademark green paint is gone from this original D tractor, the silk-screened brand remains.



Part of this line includes John Deere General Purpose models.



A Lindeman crawler at the far end of the line of unstyled John Deere tractors.



An orchard tractor from Oregon joins the line-up of John Deere tractors at the Rens farm.

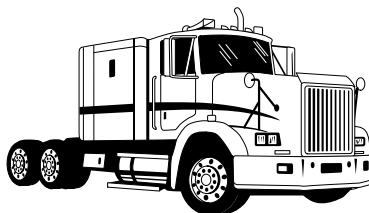


This model D still has a radiator curtain. According to Jake, these models were made to start on gas and later run on a low-cost fuel like kerosene. The curtain was pulled to bring the temperature to 200 degrees. At the time, gas was 12 cents a gallon while kerosene was only 8 cents.



One of two early John Deere industrial models that Jake owns, this one is from 1939.

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Lundells Plan to Share Their Generation II Tractors at 2024 Show

A good portion of the Generation II lineup at the 2024 Show will be made up of tractors coming from the Kiron, Iowa area. The tractors belong to the Lundell family, including Jim and his sons Brad and Brian.

"I have been collecting for about 50 years," said Jim. "So I could probably write a book." He goes on to tell about a variety of John Deere dealership signs he has gathered up along with signs for many other brands, all displayed neatly in the shop at his son Brad's farm.

Jim came back to this area to work with his dad on the farm but has now pretty much retired from farm life while his sons have taken the helm on the farm operation. Jim stays busy with his tractor museum in Kiron. The old Case dealership has been turned into a replication of three different tractor dealerships including Case, IH and John Deere.

Over at son Brian's, Jim spends time with a variety of collectible and unique items kept in the shop.

His son Brad has been making plans for the Threshermen's Show for some time. He believes the tractors collectors are seeking now are those in the Generation II line of John Deere models. "I think those in their upper 30s to maybe age 50 are attracted to these tractors because that is what they grew up with on the farm. There is a lot of interest in buying this line of tractors and I think they will be a popular exhibit at the show."

Generation II tractors hit the market in 1972 featur-

ing new innovations in styling including the Sound-Gard body. The design improved visibility and had a 4-post structure to protect the operator. The 4030 was the smallest of the series.

"At the time these came out, it was a revolutionary new cab," said Brad. "It was configured with air conditioning and heat, it sat on rubber isolated bushings and had padded foam. It was meant to deaden the sound and keep it warm or cool for the operator."

Brad and his family will bring a good mix of tractors including: John Deere 4455 that was built in Mexico; a 4430 open station quad range; 4230 gas with syncro-range transmission, (one of 27 made); a 4255; a 4230 high crop power shift, all original; a 4230 power shift narrow front; and a 4230 low-profile (only 90 built). "We have a 4630 open station power shift which is a hard one to find, so we will probably bring that one," added Brad.

Twelve-year-old Jacob is walking in his dad's footsteps. He likes to work on the tractors and also has fun using them on the pulling track.

"He started pulling last year and he is just gung-ho about tractor pulling. He has two good friends that also started last year. You know the saying, if you buy enough tractor parts, you won't have any money for drugs. It's a good hobby for the kids.

"The dad of one of his friends and I started pulling back 30 years ago. We started with a 4430 farm tractor and then a 4440. Then it grew to where we built a tractor strictly for pulling. Now Jacob and his friend each have a tractor. Jacob's is a 4255 and his friend has a 4055."

When it comes to tractor pulling it is a family hobby. Brad and his wife, Sarah have four kids, Jonathan, Ally, Jacob and Jett. In 2023, Brad became a three-time tractor pull winner at the Iowa State Fair.

Brad is looking forward to the Threshermen's Show with hopes to meet some of the people he has talked to online. "I think it will be a good show and I look forward to putting a face with a name."



Jim Lundell sports a shirt from the 1993 John Deere feature at Albert City. Jim says he's lucky to have kids that are interested in the hobby of tractor collecting.



A little work being done on a Lundell pulling tractor.



Brad Lundell with his wife, Sarah, sons Jacob and Jett stand with a few of their open station John Deere tractors that will be exhibited at the 2024 Threshermen's Show near Albert City.

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Over 352 Allis-Chalmers exhibits hit the show grounds for the 2023 show. Organizers of the Gathering of the Orange were Charlie and Mavis Widlund and their family who planned for about four years for the special event. Featured tractors were the WD-45 for its 50th anniversary that brought in over 92 exhibits. Also highlighted was the 7000-Series tractor celebrating its 50th anniversary. There were 899 total exhibits registered. This included 45 garden tractors, 69 implements, 91 antique autos, 11 antique trucks, 17 horses, 8 large gas/kerosene tractors, 35 stationary engines, 21 military exhibits, 20 crafters, plus a wide variety of toy and doll show displays, and many vendors selling toys and farm related items. Registered at the campground this year were 79 camping units.

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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 12 years has been the A Year of Farming Demonstration which takes spectators through the operations of a typical farm through the year. This year the event will feature the John Deere New Generation 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.

Planned for this year is a hay demonstration. Board member Brice Wenell says they plan to demonstrate cutting, raking and baling of the crop will be found in the west field.

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

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

In 2014, the John Deere crew enjoyed demonstrating the field operations done annually on the farm.

Combining



Baling with square baler



Cultivating



Plowing



Planting



Harrowing



The Zabka Family is all About the Green John Deere

Phil Zabka was 12 years old when he got his first tractor. He restored it as a 4-H project and he still owns it. But, it was his dad, Robert that first started collecting John Deere tractors in 1983.

"He had a 70 and a 720 and then an R," explained Phil. "Then my brother and I got into it naturally working on his tractors. My brother Tony likes to show tractors, but doesn't really like working on them.

"I bought my second tractor when I was 16 or 17. I took out a loan for it and got a job to pay for it. It just snowballed from there. The third tractor I bought was an unstyled G. Then my wife wanted to buy an R and that was followed by a 620."

Phil and his wife Jenny live near Whitemore, Iowa and have three children, Emma, Jake, and Tommy. Jake's girlfriend Reagan Nicholson is considered part of the family and she made her first visit to the Threshermen's show last year.

All of the family members take part in the collecting hobby and each claim various models of tractors.

Jake was in third grade and wanted to restore an old parts tractor that sat in a grove. "There was literally half a tractor there," said Phil. "So we ended up making an A that has virtually every year of parts in it."

Tommy claims the unstyled B John Deere. It is the last B sold from the John Deere dealership in West Bend where Phil now works. "The tractor is all original and Tommy is only the second owner of it."

Emma worked on restoring her lawnmower including rebuilding the transmission. They have a set of mowers from the 60 to a 70, 110, 112, 120 and a 140.

For Jake, working with his dad on the tractors is what he has always enjoyed. "I think its a unique hobby to restore and fix these up. It is rewarding to see what you start with and then what you finish with, like my A for example. It was half a tractor sitting in the grove and then we fixed it up and made it a one-of-a-kind tractor. I painted it last year before I graduated. Seeing the finished tractor is what is the best thing about it."

Tommy prefers to take the tractors apart and not necessarily put them together. When the Zabkas hit the pulling track, he is part of the pit crew. "He is our original guy, I guess you could say," added Phil.

Jenny said she got into the tractors after she married Phil. She became a strong competitor on the pulling track. At one time the couple was going to tractor pulls about every weekend. The Zabka family members are regulars at the antique tractor pull at the Albert City show. They also like to use their tractors out in the field plowing.

Jake's girlfriend Reagan is a town girl and spending time on tractors is something different for her. She likes the change of pace and has enjoyed learning to drive them even after one blew up when she was driving it to town.

Phil was about six years old when he first went to the Threshermen's Show. All three kids have grown up at the show where they camp out each year.

"We look at going to the show as our vacation," said Jenny. "Everyone else goes away on summer vacations, but we have the Threshermen's and I am not disappointed at all. It's our chance to camp. We usually go down on Thursday. There is something for all of us there."

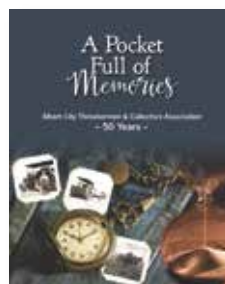
Jenny takes time off from her work at Pharmacist Mutual



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Above: Phil and Jenny Zabka with Tommy, Emma, Jacob and Reagan. At right, Tommy on his original B, Phil on the A, Jenny on the G, Reagan and Jacob on the AR and Emma on the 60 lawn tractor.

in Algona and Phil takes time off from being a service manager at K.C. Nielsen.

Jenny volunteers during the Saturday tractor pull helping to keep records. Next year, they expect to get more involved with the show by volunteering to set fences and posts for the show.

“People ask me why I don’t get something like a 4020, but that relates too much to what I do at work,” Phil said.

Jake said, “Before we buy a tractor, we make sure that the others we have are running good because we don’t want to have a bunch of tractors just sitting in the shed that don’t run.”

The extended Zabka family will make a few trips hauling their John Deere equipment to the show as they expect to bring a variety of styled and unstyled tractors.



Robert–

1965 3020 D and 1956 520 with 812 mounted plow

Phil and Jenny–

1955 70 Diesel, 1953 R Diesel, 1951 G, 1950 A, 1937 G, 55 Plow, 44 Plow

Emma–

1966 60, 1956 620 with 45 loader

Jacob–

1952 AR, 1937 Unstyled A

Tommy–

1952 B, 1936 Unstyled B

Tony–

1949 B



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Enjoy shopping at the downtown stores for antiques, gifts, hand-crafted items, home decor. Take a break for a warm or iced beverage or slip into the air-conditioned library for a break from the action.



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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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 checking it out.

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.

Enjoy the Threshermen's Tractor Ride Thursday

The annual Threshermen's Tractor Ride will leave the show grounds Thursday, Aug. 8 at 1:30 p.m. The ride is open to all makes, ages and models of tractors (and riders). This is the 11th 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 Pocahtonas 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 will get a coupon to enjoy some Threshermen's homemade ice cream during the show. The ride is typically back to the grounds at about 4 p.m.



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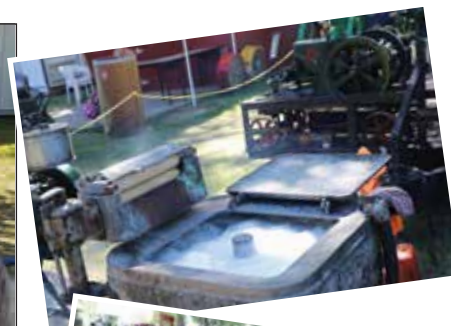
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Dave Steinbeck Plans to Exhibit Line of New Generation John Deere

This year's feature John Deere tractors is a perfect fit for Dave Steinbeck of Spencer, Iowa. Dave plans to exhibit 10 tractors as part of the highlighted New Generation exhibits.

It has been nearly 24 years since he started his collection when he bought a 2330 John Deere. Once he started, he hasn't been able to quit. He has nearly a complete line of New Generation tractors missing only a 4000 model.

"Jason Huisenga had many of these models and after seeing them, I decided I would like to collect them," he said.

Dave's line of tractors have all been restored and span the years from 1961 to 1973. It is hard for him to pick a favorite, but for tractor rides he would take the 4020.

He learned after purchasing a tractor from Michigan, to not purchase a tractor sight unseen. That Michigan tractor needed a complete overhaul after arriving at his shop. "I should have bought a plane ticket," said Dave. "Had I seen it, I would have left it in Michigan. We ended up with too much money in that tractor."

Dave likes to add a canopy to his tractors so he can get out of the sun and enjoy the breeze blowing through.

In 2010, Dave joined the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club which is now the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors. He has served on their board of directors for ten years. He enjoys working with the members and is looking forward to this year's John Deere feature. Club members have fun going on tractor rides together and sharing the work on each other's tractor projects.

He plans to have enough helpers to drive all ten of his tractors with implements down to the show grounds, a round trip of about 70 miles per tractor.

"I am a couple short from having an implement for every tractor," he laughed. "I am looking forward to the show this year. I remember the John Deere show in 2014 and we had a good time."

His daughter Amy, owns one of the tractors that will be on exhibit. She works for Farm Bureau and is a regular helper during the Kid's Pedal Pull at the show.

"I try to buy tractors that don't need mechanical work done. If it needs body work or other repairs, I get the parts, sheet metal or other items and have them painted and I put them back together. For example, the 4010 has new sheet

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Dave Steinbeck of Spencer maintains keeps his line of John Deere tractors well-maintained and fully restored.

metal on every bit of it. But I bought it because the guy had just done a complete overhaul on it and it had good tires yet.”

Most of his tractors and implements are now for show only although his 4430 had a chance to do some discing for a neighbor.

Many farmers keep these size of tractors on the farm with a loader and to do smaller tasks on the farm.



This rotary hoe will be heading to the 2024 John Deere feature.



Nine of the ten New Generation John Deere tractors Dave will exhibit at the show.

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Volunteers Bob and Mavis Loving named Threshermen Parade Marshals

As a board secretary, Bob Loving mastered the task of organizing and maintaining records for the Albert City Threshermen. He served on the first board from 1975 to 1983 as treasurer. He also served on the board from 2002 to 2012 when he was elected secretary. During those years he took notes and filled binders with minutes, programs, posters and other items for the board, believing a well maintained and documented history was important.

Bob's first interest in the show came when the event was held during the town's Diamond Jubilee. In the early years he helped in the blacksmith shop. The big Fairbanks-Morse engine was acquired in 1984 and he helped get it set up and running in 1988 and ran it every show after that, helping to train other volunteers in recent years.

"It was fun being on the board and working with board members to get things done for the show," said Bob. "I don't think we have ever missed a show."

Bob even got his dad to volunteer and Jerome Loving served on the board from 1985 to 1990 and served as board chair for one term. Jerome and Norma Loving were recognized as Parade Marshals in 1997.

Mavis has worked for many years in the food stands and also worked in the ice cream stand. On Sunday she plays with the Albert City Community Band for their appearance on the entertainment stage. "I like to cut pies along with Vivian Sundblad," she said.

The Loving family works in the Carpenter Shop along with the Carpenter family of Emmetsburg. "We both had our babies at the same time and our families grew up together. It's like a big family reunion. Our kids have always enjoyed it and always got involved doing different jobs. Now we are starting to bring our grandkids."



Bob and Mavis Loving will serve as Parade Marshals for the 2024 Threshermen's Parade.

The Loving daughters are: Kari Loving who lives at Albert City; Karmen and her husband, Josh Stewart with children, Emmie and Theo who live in Chatham, Ill.; and Laurie and her husband, Derek Andrews with children, Naomi and Ella who live near Jewell, Iowa.

"We have enjoyed the show with our kids and now we get to relive it with our grandkids," said Mavis.

The Lovings have many fun memories of the years at the show. For Bob, things like pulling cars out of a rain-soaked parking lot (while his mother fell in the water noted Mavis) and working with others to tear down the Fairbanks motor, haul it back and get it up and running come to mind.

"When I got on the board, I didn't really have any collectible things. I decided to start with a Model T make-a-tractor." As a kid, Bob's family farmed with Ford and that led him to starting a collection of Ford tractors. He has also worked to get the implements to go with his tractors and says the Dearborn models can be a little more difficult to find.

"The show has so much to do," said Mavis. "There is shopping for crafts, there's ice cream, brooms, Grandpa's Barn. My mom always loved going to the show and for many years we baked 14 pies for the cafe. We enjoyed taking our kids to the show because it was a safe place for them to be on their own. They all learned different jobs when they were here.

"Bob's mom used to have a meal prepared for the family at the end of the show day. Now we enjoy going to the sweet corn feed as a family. It gives us a chance to relax."

The Lovings say it is an honor to be recognized as the Parade Marshals and they are looking forward to participating in the afternoon parades.



Bob Loving of Albert City and his daughters, Karmen and Laurie, have been regulars in the Carpenter Shop. Here Bob is running a lathe at the 2013 show.

Northwest Iowa Classic Tractor Club to Serve as Feature Parade Marshals

It was just a short decade ago when the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club organized the John Deere feature at the 2014 Threshermen's Show. It was then, that many of them knew they would do it all again in ten years.

Since then, the club changed to the Northwest Iowa Classic Tractors and membership has grown to include collectors of all makes and models. Some things haven't changed over the years – good spirit, friendships and camaraderie. For over four years the board of directors has worked on plans to organize another strong feature for the 2024 show. With their leadership, commitment and dedication along with the many devoted John Deere collectors, this is sure to be a fun-filled event.

Board President Bob Neppel lives west of Spencer. He has been in the club and served as an officer for 24 years. His collection includes: a John Deere 40-50-60-70, MT, 420 C, 420 Industrial. A special tractor is a 3020 that his dad bought new and Bob found it on an auction. His most unique piece is a 10A Hammill.

Dean Lundgren of Estherville has been in the club for ten years and has served as the secretary for five years. His favorite color is red, and he has an IH 80C, H, C, B, SMTA, Cub and a '57 IH pickup. Leaning to green he owns an LA and B and an Oliver 70 and 1650. His most unique piece is an IH 460 with a low serial number. He enjoys a chance to talk to other collectors and likes using his tractors at the show in Albert City.

Kenny Gonnerman of Spencer serves as the club treasurer and he and his wife Jo produce the monthly newsletter. He has been in the club and served as an officer for 24 years. He says he collects anything that is John Deere green. His most unique piece is a 1946 John Deere GM with a 1942 Model 26 rear-end manure spreader. He likes the hobby for the people and the tractor rides.

John Metcalf lives in Spencer. He has also been in the club 24 years and has served on the board for over 10 years. He owns a John Deere 2520, 3020, and 4000. His favorite part about the hobby is the people.

Brent Meyer of Alta has been in the club since 2008 and has served on the board for six years. He collects John Deere 2-cylinders, New Generation and Generation II tractors. His most unique tractors are an original 1979 4240 open station and a 1978 4440 4-post tractor. He enjoys the hobby because it gives him a chance to meet new people with similar interests.

Dave Steinbeck of Spencer has been in the club for 14 years and served on the board for ten years. He collects John Deere New Generation tractors and also found room for an IH. He enjoys keeping busy as a collector and a member of the club.

Dave Goosen of Paullina has been in the club 12 years and served as a board member for seven. He collects John Deere 2-cylinder and New Generation tractors. His most unique tractors are a John Deere 80 standard and a John Deere 7520



The Board of Directors of the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors are John Metcalf, Dave Steinbeck, Bob Neppel, Dave Goosen, Dean Lundgren, Brent Meyer, Denny Mars, and Kenny Gonnerman. Absent from photo are Jason Huisenga and Lee Meyer.

4-wheel drive. He likes collecting different implements, meeting new people and working on tractors to get them running again.

Dennis Mars of Primghar has been in the club for six years and has served on the board for four years. He likes collecting John Deere 2-cylinder and 10-series tractors.

His most unique piece is a 1967 John Deere 55 combine. He enjoys the hobby that lets him have fun with tractors.

Also on the board are Jason Huisenga who serves as vice-president and Lee Meyer who serves as historian. Roland Taylor who served on the board for many years is named an Honorary Director.

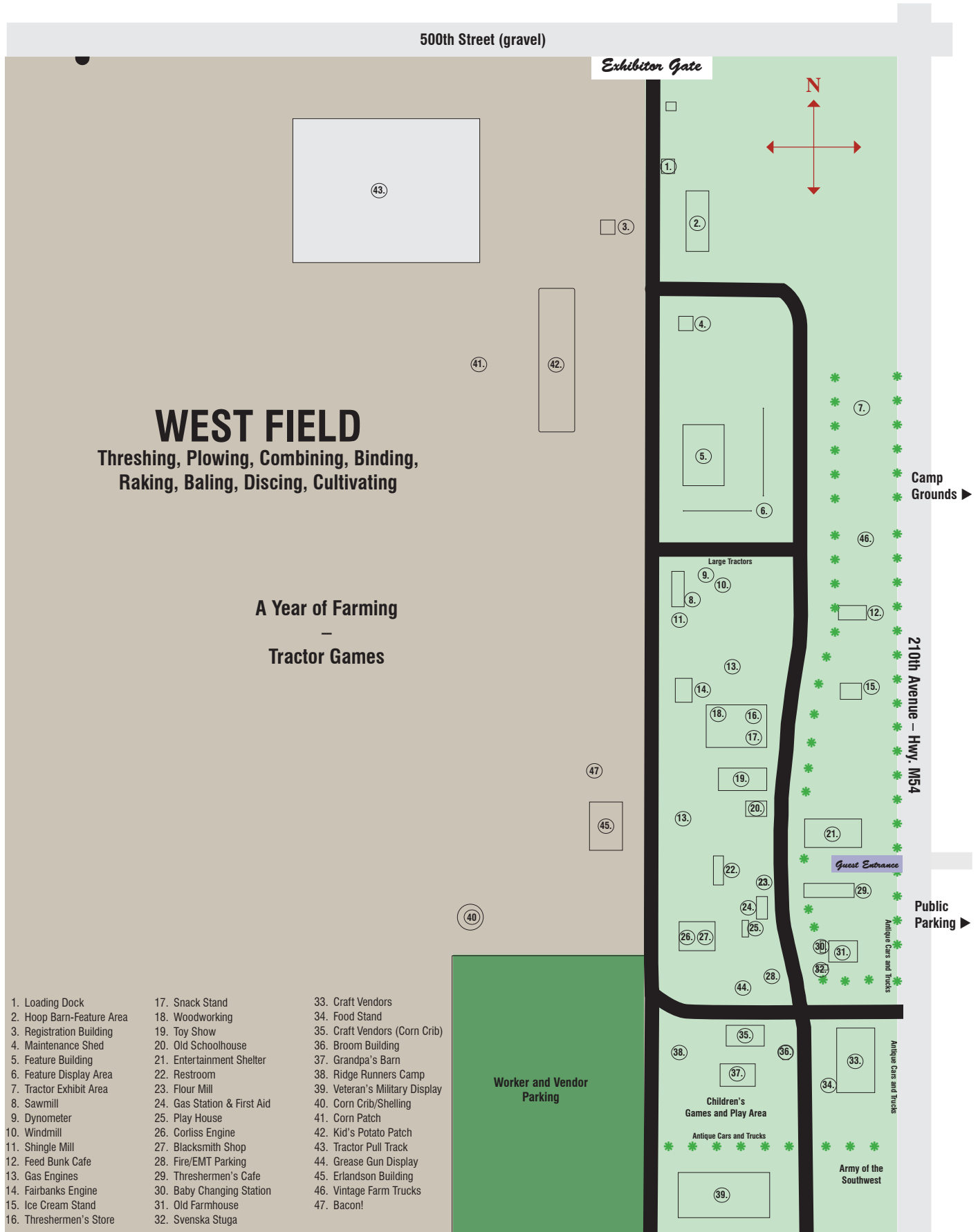
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April Vass Looks Forward to Another Year on the John Deere B

April Vass has been coming to the Threshermen's Show since she was just a kid. She was born in 1975, so she says the memories of those early years flood back as she recalls coming with her parents and grandparents. As she got older, she attended with her dad and grandpa, Paul Schulte.

"My grandpa had a Hart-Parr 28-50 and my dad took a McCormick 15-30 and was part of the plowing contest," she said. "My grandpa would give him pointers on plowing."

The tradition continued with her dad giving her pointers on plowing with a 1937 John Deere B. Ted Schulte, from Sac City, has attended the show every year since 1975.

"As a kid, I would ride on his McCormick-Deering when he was plowing. I remember when I was in college and I had my wisdom teeth out on Thursday and I was there that Saturday riding on a tractor with dad plowing.

"At some point, I wanted to learn to plow, but I couldn't with the McCormick-Deering because I couldn't reach the plow and the seat didn't adjust. So, we started plowing with the John Deere because I could manage it by myself."

Now, April is an aircraft dispatcher for Delta living in Atlanta, Georgia. She has been a dispatcher for about 22 years



April Vass and her dad, Ted Schulte can be seen each year plowing with the John Deere B.

and that job may be one of the reasons she looks forward to taking an annual vacation to attend the Threshermen's Show.

"It's nice being back in Iowa that time of year with sweet corn and along with my sister and nieces, we all get together. I have good family memories of that time of year.

"I like the old tractors at the show. I like old antique and old rusty stuff. As a kid we could go to the farm on the week-ends and I grew up seeing them all tinker with old stuff and just thought the old tractors were cool.

"The show gives us a chance to spend time on a farm. And I get to hear more stories and spend time with my dad and I get to know him better."

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April Vass grew up coming to the show with her dad, Ted Schulte and family. Here she is pulling one of their McCormick-Deering plows with the 1937 John Deere B in a 2017 parade.

April, her sisters, nieces and her mom, Linda, spend an afternoon visiting the craft areas, Ridge Runners and tractors. The family enjoys Grandpa's Barn and the toy show. By afternoon, it is time to take the John Deere B to the field for plowing.

For the 2024 show, April is looking forward to seeing the different tractors that will be on exhibit and learn how they were used.

When it comes to plowing, she remembers the lessons she has learned. "My dad and my grandfather took great pride in the job they did in plowing and I see that as an art form. And, I have learned an understanding of the history of what they were doing and why there were doing it that way – covering the trash, plowing a straight line and really taking pride in the job you are doing no matter what that job is. They plowed and tried to do it as it was supposed to be done."

And for a lesson out of the field, the best thing she has learned from her dad, "Be like a duck – let it roll off your back."



April has learned many plowing lessons from her dad, Ted Schulte. During the show in 1990, a state antique plowing contest was held at the show with 14 contestants. First place went to Jack Law from Pierson. Second place went to Harlan Roorda of Prairie City and third place went to Ted Schulte of Sac City.

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Annual Quilts of Valor Presentation Recognizes Area Veterans

For seven years, volunteers have presented Quilts of Valor during the Threshermen's Show. Sandra Otto is a quilter and organizer of the annual event.

"The mission of Quilts of Valor is to honor our service members and veterans who have been touched by war with Quilts of Valor, and we feel all service personnel have been touched by war," she explained.

It is a national organization founded in 2003 by "Blue Star" mom Catherine Roberts literally with a dream. Catherine's son Nate was deployed in Iraq. She said she was "ten seconds away from panic" twenty-four hours a day.

She had a dream as vivid as real life. In her words she said, "I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The overall feeling was one of utter despair. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing."

Since then, over 354,712 Quilts of Valor have been awarded in the United States, and in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan.

A quilt has multiple layers. The top of the quilt with its many colors, shapes, and fabrics, represents the communities and the many individuals we are. The batting, the filler, is the center of the quilt, its warmth. It represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace, and healing to the individual who receives it. The backing is the strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, our communities, and our nation. Each stitch that holds the layers together represents love, gratitude, and sometimes the tears of the maker.

Sandra tells the veterans, "On each quilt is a label that tells a little about it. As of today, the story of this quilt becomes your story. We hope you will keep this quilt with you, use it and be comforted by it, as a reminder that there are thousands of women and men across these lands that are forever in your debt.

"Though we may never know the depth of your sacrifice to protect and defend the United States of America, as an expression of gratitude from a grateful nation, we are humbled to be awarding you a Quilt of Valor."

At the presentation in 2023, three veterans were honored:

Robert Messeck of Storm Lake was drafted into the United States military January 3, 1952. He was waiting for his boot camp physical at the base in Omaha, when some Marines came in the room. Apparently they needed some men to become one of "The Few, The Proud." After boot camp in San Diego, CA. he was sent to Camp Lejeune, NC to culinary school where he trained as a baker. He spent his service time in Cherry Point, NC and was also attached to a Marine Fighter Squadron and made two deployments. He



Brad Raveling, Robert Messeck and Marvin Peterson with Sandra Otto during the 2023 presentation.

was honorably discharged January 4, 1954 after attaining the rank of Specialist 4th Class, turning down the opportunity for advancement because he had prime "Iowa farm land waiting for him at home."

Bradford (Brad) Raveling of Storm Lake was inducted in the United States Army October 1, 1963. His boot camp training was in Fort Leonard Wood, MO. From there he was sent to Fort Carson, CO, for training as part of the Red Diamonds. The Red Diamonds were an infantry group responsible for defending the Korean Demilitarized Zone. He patrolled on the DMZ between North and South Korea, for approximately a year, carrying both an automatic rifle and a .45. He returned to the Army Personnel Center in Oakland, CA where he was honorably discharged August 4, 1965 after attaining the rank of Specialist 4th Class. While in service he was awarded a Marksman and Expert Marksman Medals.

Marvin Peterson of Truesdale joined the United States Army February 3, 1960. He went to boot camp at Fort Ord, Monterey, CA, and from there to Signal School in Augusta, GA. He was stationed with the US Army Corps of Engineers, spending 18 months in France as a Heavy Vehicle Driver. He returned to Fort Hamilton, New York, where he was honorably discharged March 28, 1962 as Specialist 4th Class. While in the service he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

A Quilts of Valor presentation will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 during the 2024 Show.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 pur-



chased 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.

Veterans take turns staffing the building in an effort to answer questions. Freedom Hall is also open Memorial Day, Veterans 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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In the old Mellow Dent Seed company warehouse, Brent and Scott Meyer store several pieces of their John Deere tractor collection. They plan to exhibit many of them during the 2024 show with the earliest piece being a 1950 Triumph flare-box wagon. The newest is a 1989 2810 variable width 4-bottom plow. In between years are also represented with tractors and implements including a 1955 Model 18 1-row corn picker.

Another tractor headed to the show is a 1979 4240 open station that has all original paint except for on the wheels.



John Deere 1959 models are 530, 630 and 730.

"There aren't a lot of them around that are open station," said Brent. "So it is a little more rare."

Their 4440, "JD1" will take a break from being used on the farm this summer to exhibit during the show. This is the tractor they use for pulling.

As part of the Western Iowa Tractor Pullers, they are also kept busy on the track. Their 4440 was named the 2023 Tractor of the Year by the association and they earned four 1st place class points in 2023.

Representing the two-cylinder line, they will have a 1959 530, 1959 630 and a 1959 730.

"Dad started us with what he started with and that was the two-cylinders. We aren't going to play favorites," said Brent. The boys were raised on an all John Deere farm. They admit to having one International Farmall that belonged to their grandpa, but everything else they had was John Deere.

Both Brent and Scott worked at the Mellow Dent Seed warehouse during high school. Brent worked 10 years full time before going into farming and trucking. Scott worked at the seed company through high school then went to college as a John Deere mechanic. He is now the shop foreman at C&B in Storm Lake.

The Meyers also keep their eyes open for John Deere signs or other memorabilia that they can add to their collection.

Brent has been a part of the Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors since 2010 and he will be one of the members working hard to make this a great John Deere feature year.



This 1972 4320 is also expected to head to the 2024 Threshermen's Show.



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There will be two categories: buckets and other containers. Buckets do not need to be 5-gallon buckets. Age divisions are 8 and under, ages 9-12, ages 13-18, and 18 and over. If you have any questions, please call or text Denise Huskamp at 712-730-0857.

Saturday morning is the Cinnamon Roll contest. Dust off your recipe books, bake up your best cinnamon rolls, and bring at least three cinnamon rolls to the main lunch stand by 9 a.m. for judging. Prizes this year are sponsored by United Bank of Iowa: \$500 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place.

Sunday is the Bring Your Pie to Church contest. Bring your homemade double-crust pie to the main lunch stand by 9 a.m. for judging. Fareway is sponsoring the contest this year, and will be providing \$500, \$50 and \$25 in grocery cards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Pies will be judged and the winner announced at the end of the church service.



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Whitney Stith of Kentucky to Exhibit Rare John Deere C

Whitney Stith of Union, Kentucky is eager to exhibit his rare 1928 John Deere C. It boasts a serial number of 200113 and is the second oldest Model C known to exist.

“The Model C has a significant place in John Deere’s history as it is the precursor to the Model GP-series and was the first tractor equipped with power-mounted equipment,” he explained.

He had the opportunity to own what he believes is the most coveted and significant piece of John Deere history and now he enjoys taking it out to share with others.

This tractor is one of just 92 produced and one of 16 thought to have survived. Whitney purchased the tractor in 2019 from Dr. Robert Craig of Pennsylvania where it had sat for 30 years. He restored the tractor and tried to keep it as original as possible to match how it would have been from the factory floor. The tractor has optional radiator guard, wheel scrapers both front and rear and a rare early PTO assembly C314R of which there are only three known to exist.

He provided the history of the Model C.

The Model C was called a row crop tractor because it was made to straddle the rows with a higher stance. It was a



The 1928 John Deere C owned by Whitney Stith of Union, Kentucky will be one of the rare exhibits to be seen during the 2024 Threshermen & Collectors Show.

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smaller version of the Model D with a four-wheel design. The Model C served as a building platform for all future John Deere row crop tractors. It helped engineers to learn about what was actually needed out in the fields, in a fast-changing environment of farming. The Model C was the most modern tractor to be produced thus far in the tractor industry. It had four power outlets, drawbar, pulley, front and rear PTO and mechanical power lift. The Model C was only made for two years, 1927 to April 1928. In its design, it was a three-row tractor that would straddle one row and another row on either side of the wheels. John Deere made a three-row corn planter that mounted onto the back of the tractor and a three-row cultivator.

Production of the John Deere C

1926: Experimental work began on the Model C. Five tractors were built.

1927: 24 more models were tried.

August 1927: First production run began with serial number 200001 and ending with 200110. A total of 76 tractors were built. The steering box was relocated to the center of the tractor and the steering shaft was run through the main case and located underneath the tractor, improving both appearance and performance. Changes to the engine included a revised governor, better oiling and more performance.

Spring 1928: Second production series began with serial number 200111 through 200202. Many were rebuilds but about half were newly built.

Fall 1928: Full production begins but the new and improved Model C was not given the C designation. Instead, the name was changed to GP which meant General Purpose.

In 1927, 32 Model C tractors were built. In 1928, 101 Model C tractors were built. All of the 1927 tractors and 9 from 1928 were recalled. 92 units were completed in March and April 1928, many by updating the earlier tractors all of which were for demonstrating and testing. In August 1928, four months after the Model C was discontinued, the Model GP was introduced.

Whitney grew up on a family cattle and tobacco farm. He and his father started collecting when Whitney was about 16. He now owns a Waterloo Boy, Spoker D, unstyled A, BW, 330V, 730 LP high crop and several GPs with correct era mounted implements and says his assortment of GP tractors are his favorite.



The 1928 John Deere C is thought to be the second oldest Model C known to exist.

He and his wife, Gina have a daughter, Carly. He says he is looking forward to attending the Threshermen's Show to meet the people who have worked tirelessly to make this more than it could have ever been. "The folks in this business are the best on earth," he said.



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2024 Show Feature Brings Back International Case Collector Clubs

For the second time, the two international Case collector clubs will join together for their summer shows.

The **International J. I. Case Heritage Foundation, Inc.**, is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of North Dakota. The Foundation serves an international membership, drawing primarily from North America where Case and associated enterprises and people have enjoyed a significant role in the evolution of the continent's agricultural and industrial heritage. Learn more at caseheritage.org.

The **J.I. Case Collectors' Association** was founded in 1985 by a group of people in the Midwest who were interested in preserving the agricultural heritage of the J.I. Case Company. Since its founding the J.I. Case Collectors' Assn. has become an international organization, with a large following in the U.S., but also a number of members in England, Australia and Canada. The organization hosts two conventions each year. Learn more at: jicasecollector.com

The last time J.I. Case was featured here was in 2017 with 462 registered exhibits. Upcoming features include an Old Power Round-up with Wheat Run in 2026 and the National Rumely Collectors Show in 2027.

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Collectible Toy Tractor Available for Purchase

This is the tenth year for the Threshermen collectible toy tractor sale. This year's tractor is a John Deere 4010 narrow-front with loader, 1/16 scale die cast.

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.

Tractors sell for \$165 (includes shipping) and can be pre-ordered by calling the Le Mars Toy Store at 712-546-4305. They will be for sale at the show from the Le Mars Toy Store trailer located in the Toy Vendor area.



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Golf cart/UTV policy

Golf carts are available to rent during the show. Reservations must be made by calling Northland Auto & Marine at 712-852-3232.

Anyone wishing to use their own golf cart or side-by-side on the show grounds must purchase a permit and adhere to the rules set in place by the Albert City Threshermen Board of Directors.

Permit cost is \$100 for the weekend or \$50 for the day.

Handicap permit is \$25 for the weekend or \$10/day, (must provide matching valid handicap driving permit & photo ID).

Permits must be purchased from the Registration building located on the north end of the showgrounds or in the parking lot located east of the showgrounds. Or, purchase your permit online ahead of time by clicking on the Merchandise tab. Only cash or check will be accepted at the showgrounds for the permits.

Rules:

- Operators must be 18+ and have a valid driver's license.
- Proof of insurance is required.
- Speed limit is 5 mph.
- Golf carts or side-by-side vehicles may not be used to enter into buildings.
- May not transport more individuals than the number of seats available.
- No ATVs or 4-wheelers allowed.

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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.

On-site camping available

Primitive campsites are available on the show grounds for \$10 a night and reservations may be made before the show by filling out a Primitive Camping Registration Form. (No camping is allowed in the main parking area.) Camping at these sites is available beginning on Saturday, August 3, 2024 until Monday, August 12, 2024. You must pay for every night your camper is parked at the campsite. If you have a generator, you will need to park along the north fence. Generators must be off by 10 p.m. - this will be strictly enforced. If you have a medical reason that requires you to keep your generator/inverter running, we ask you to park towards the east of the campgrounds.

Our electrical campsites are full for the 2024 show. If you'd like to be on the waiting list in case of a cancellation, please email us at acthreshermen@gmail.com. Camping at these sites is available beginning on Sat., August 3 until Monday, August 12. It is a \$200 flat fee to camp at the electrical sites (no matter how many of these nights you stay).

Please see the Campground Host upon arriving. Campground Rules are available online, as well as at the campground. For more information, please call the show office at 712-843-2076.

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.

Horsing Around

Teamsters at Work



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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.

Like most things on the show grounds, the encampment provides a chance for hands-on activities and close-up demonstrations. The group also does small re-enactments on Saturday and Sunday.

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 is located at the southeast end of the show grounds and the area is open with displays throughout the day.



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

The Sweet Corn Feed and Greased Pig Contest will return for the third year. Both events take place Friday, Aug. 9.

The Sweet Corn Feed will be held at the Feed Bunk from 5 to 6:30 p.m. All-you-can-eat sweet corn with hamburgers and drinks available for purchase.

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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Volunteer Sabrina Booth worked hard to bring in a variety of entertainment and unique talent to the 53rd annual show.

The entertainment will include big band, acoustic, jazz, gospel, rock and piano all performing under the entertainment shelter.

The entertainment line-up includes:



Folk Mountain Gospel will perform Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their music is a blend of "mountain" style and folk style gospel. They play traditional and Biblical instruments such as the Bowed Psaltery, Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Zither, Guitar, and Harmonica. They also sing the good old

hymns of faith, more recent gospel songs and some songs that their family has written related to family values, the grace of Jesus, and the love of God.

The Gaylin Sudik Orchestra will entertain from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday. The group's repertoire



includes a variety of styles including swing, fox trots, ballads, Latin, waltzes and polkas.



South 71 returns to the Threshermen's Stage and will perform Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They are an acoustic trio with second to none vocals and expert guitar and flute playing country, rock, folk and original music.

The Jacob Austin Band includes Jacob, his father and mother and they play all over the United States. They play traditional country, ballads, gospel music, oldies and show tunes as well as original material. They will perform from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday.



Paper Moon will perform Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and again following the parade until 6:30 p.m. This group performs Jazz/Standards/Americana with Mike Monnahan on guitar and Tim Schumacher on bass.



Sunday entertainment starts at 12 noon with the **Albert City Community Band**.

Folk Mountain Gospel will return to entertain from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday followed by **Frank Tuma** from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

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A second prize will be for the #10 John Deere toy tractor.

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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 14 years. He oversees promotions, website, flowers, registration, store, entertainment, building/grounds, hay sales and upcoming features.



Branden Otto

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



Angie Smith

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



Randy Koenig

Is serving his fifth 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 third year of board service. He oversees the blacksmith shop, broom building, carpenter shop, crops, feature bld/vendors/ swap meet, kids games, and field activities.



Ben Pullen

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



Don Jackson

Is serving his second year. He oversees the mechanics, ear corn/shelling, scale-size equipment, diesel engine, tractor raffle, area parades.



Loren Booth

In his first term, he oversees craft/toy/ other vendors, Gas Station, mechanics, parade, playhouse, radios, signs.



Grant Stein

Is serving his first year. He oversees steam and prairie tractors, crop ground, building & grounds, camping, fuel, garden tractors, threshing, tickets/parking, trolleys.



Emily Bonin

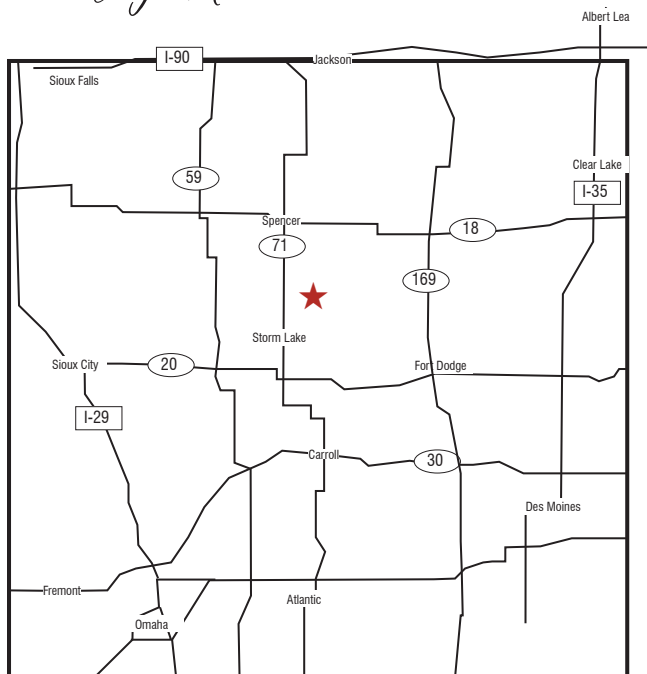
Serves as executive secretary and is in her third year of doing so.



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Become a Member:

If you are a current member of the association and already have a 2024 membership card, please present that at the gate to gain free admittance to the show. Membership monies received at the Registration Office during the 2024 show will be applied to the 2025 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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