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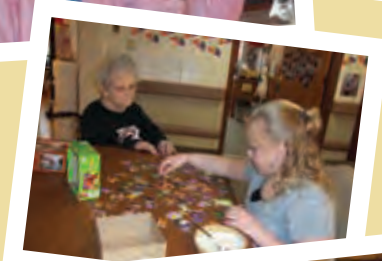
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This is the sixth year I have had the opportunity to publish the annual show guide. Each year I say about the show, *it just can't get any better.*

Once again, I have to say, *it just can't get any better!*

The show ground is going to be jam-packed with folks who are over-the-top passionate about their hobbies and past times. From the north end of the grounds where pullers will hit the track in a sanctioned antique tractor pull, to the south end where members of the Army of the Southwest will spend the weekend living in the 1860s—visitors are sure to find something of interest.

The potato patch awaits the hundreds of kids who are eager to dig in the dirt, the Feature area will be blanketed in red, and the field workers are covering every detail to recreate farming traditions of many years ago.

It couldn't happen without those who are passionate about what they do and are willing to share their time and talents. For most of them, it is in the spirit of sharing and working together where they find their reward.

You'll want to spend all three days at the show so that you can take it all in! Enjoy some ice cream, have some fun, and take a minute to thank an exhibitor or volunteer.

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

See you at the show.

Connie J Reinert

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43rd Annual Collectors Show is packed with activities

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association welcomes the state IH Collectors #5 for their summer show. Exhibitors will come from all over the Midwest to exhibit and demonstrate a large selection of International Harvester equipment.

Visitors will want to look for a few new events and exhibits. One is the Civil War reenactment group, Army of the Southwest. They will spend Saturday and Sunday demonstrating life in the period of the Civil War. Cannons and arms will be fired once each day from their camp on the southeast end of the grounds.

Check out the "Flower Power" entries displayed on the grounds. This is a new activity this year with prizes awarded for best display.

New this year out in the field is the "One year of farming in 60 minutes, (more or less)." Watch as an entire year of farming activities are performed in about one hour.

A popular event from last year returns—the Threshermen's Tractor Ride on Thursday. At 1:30 p.m., the ride will leave the grounds for stops at the Albert City Museum and the Railroad Museum in Marathon. The afternoon ride is open to all makes of tractors and includes a break with homemade ice cream.

The talent show returns for a second year. The event will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday and features three age groups who

will compete for cash prizes.

Children will enjoy the potato patch on the south end of the grounds. Each afternoon, they can run out and gather up fresh potatoes to take home.

Bring your antiques or just enjoy watching during the Antique Appraisal Fair. The event will be held in the entertainment shelter on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

There will be two tractor pulls. The Friday Night Fun Pull features IH tractors and begins at 6 p.m. The sanctioned Antique Amateur Pull will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Field demonstrations will include corn shelling, combining, baling, disking, raking and threshing.

Regularly scheduled exhibits include a toy show, wood shop, wood carvers, a heritage doll show, quilt display, 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 horse activities.

The 43rd show will have an opening ceremony at 9 a.m. on Friday. Admission for those 12 years and older is \$7 per day or a three-day pass can be purchased for \$15. Children 11 and under are admitted free.

A complete schedule of events can be found on page 24-25.

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Army of the Southwest will bring the Civil War era to life

Just imagine—your family is enjoying homemade ice cream while walking the show grounds, when suddenly, right there before you, a skirmish between Confederate and Union soldiers breaks out.

It could happen at this year's show as the Army of the Southwest will make camp and step back into life of the 1860s. The Army of the Southwest is a group of Iowa Civil War Reenactors who are 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 he is responsible for helping to organize locations and activities for the group.

"One of the fellows got me roped into it," he said. "We worked at the John Deere plant in Ankeny and he brought in a set of plans for a cannon he was building. He and I would hash it over on break. He invited me to a reenactment that year in Fort Dodge and we kind of liked it. The next summer we went to Mason City and back to Fort Dodge. After that, we decided we were hooked. We started getting our costumes and getting set up with the group. We just kept getting deeper and deeper."

Dennis has five different soldier uniforms, from a first lieutenant to a commanding officer. His wife has about 25 dresses. He started building his own cannon in 2003 and in 2006 it was christened into action.

"We will have at least two or three cannons at the Albert City show. We will have a Cohorn mortar which are much more quite. The cannons will shoot five-pound blanks.

"We expect to have 30 to 40 of our members in attendance. We'll set up probably 14 tents and will be living in the period the entire time. We don't just do a performance. 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 many photos, diagrams, and drawings at the encampment. "There will be a wealth of information, it will be hard to take it all in, said Dennis. "I guarantee it. It is a whole new experience. We like to visit with people and answer their questions. The members do a lot of research and are very knowledgeable."

The members will arrive on Friday and it will take most of the day to set up and prepare their camp. After that, they will spend Saturday and Sunday in the vintage era.

The encampment will be located at the southeast end of the show grounds. The plan is to shoot the cannons and other arms at 9 a.m. on Saturday and again at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Other activities at the campsite will be artillery drills; a fash-



A group from Army of the Southwest at an event in Knoxville.



Reenactors portraying Confederate soldiers.



Reenactors portraying Union soldiers.

ion show and a demonstration of how uniforms were washed and ironed.

Other scenarios will be carried out around the show grounds to demonstrate action between the Confederate and Union soldiers and their families. "We don't memorize a script. We figure out what might happen, but then, we are on our own and it is improv. We will be like monkeys in cages for all to see."

“One Year of Farming” slated as new field demonstration



As the afternoon temperatures heat up, so does the action in the west field as shown in this photo from 2012.

The Albert City Threshermen Show has a reputation as a working show with plenty of time and space for getting farm equipment from days past out into the action.

This year will include the traditional threshing and other field activities along with a new event that has been developed.

“One Year of Farming in 60 Minutes, (more or less),” will be demonstrated each day at 11 a.m. or immediately after the feature parade.

According to Director Duane Madson, the plan for the demonstration is to show visitors all of the activities that go into a

year of farming, but demonstrate it in about one hour.

“We will start with harvesting wheat with a binder and combines. That will be followed by baling, raking, plowing, disking and spring-toothing. Then, there will be seeding with an end-gate seeder, planting corn and dragging.

“We hope to do most of this work using Farmall equipment, but we may need to work in others as well,” explained Duane.

Lynn Wenell and others will be helping to line up this demonstration which will take place in the west field. Listen for specific announcements during the show as demonstration times may change based on field conditions and other events.

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Kanten family enjoys love of IH

The love of International Harvester is a family affair for Dave and Joyce Kanten of rural Fulda, Minnesota. Their pair of Farmall tractors are their pride and joy. Dave has a 1951 Farmall H and Joyce has a 1938 Farmall F-20.

Not every girl dreams of owning their own tractor and Joyce was no exception. "It was a birthday gift from Dave," she mused. When asked if she had wanted the tractor she exclaimed, "No way!" but the gift has come to mean a great deal to her. Dave is skilled at bringing tractors back to life. When he brought the gift home to her, it had been sitting in a grove near Wilmont for years and wasn't running. Dave got it running, sandblasted it down to the metal and repainted it complete with all the decals.

That birthday was back in 1995. Since then Joyce and Dave have become very active in the various IH clubs locally and nationally. Their tractors have graced the local Wood Duck parade in Fulda and have traveled as far as Nashville, Tennessee for a national Red Power Round-Up. Most recently they were at the Prairie Reapers Power Reunion on the 4th of July at the Pioneer Village in Worthington, Minn.

Of course, the two Farmall tractors are not the only ones in the Kanten's collection. Dave grew up on a farm near Milan, Minnesota, and his dad ran the H and the F-20, so they were the natural gateway tractors for Dave. He bought the H back



Joyce and Dave Kanten with their Farmalls.

in 1991 and has enjoyed the hobby ever since. He uses his 656 Hydro for baling on the farm. When he first bought the Hydro, it wasn't working right either, but true to form, Dave was able to get it purring like a kitten. With Dave's skill as a mechanic and a body man, he is able to fashion most of what he needs for their machines.

The rest of the family doesn't want to be left out of the trac-

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tor fun. Grandson Brannon received a 1948 Allis-Chalmers G from grandpa and grandma a couple of years ago. His sister, Olivia prefers her true red tractors, though. Grandpa Dave is working on refinishing an IH 1948-B for her. It will have two seats and two steering wheels and will drive from the right hand side. Olivia is proud to show off her tractor. You will even find the Kanten home done in IH colors.

Not only do the Kanten's love their IH machines, but they also enjoy the camaraderie of the clubs. Dave is the Treasurer for Minnesota Chapter 15 of the IH Collectors' Club and both Dave and Joyce were integral in pulling off the national show in Albert Lea, Minn. a few years ago. After the hard work with the Albert Lea show, the Kanten's have been content to visit shows and show their tractors in local festivals and parades. They are looking forward to visiting the Albert City show for the first time, and of course, already planning for the IH National Show in Huron next summer.

When asked if he had any IH memorabilia Dave humbly responded, "Not really." Joyce laughed and said, "Come on in and see!" Indeed Dave has a handsome collection of toys and other memorabilia. One very unique pair of items in his collection are prints made from the old glass slides that used to be the ads during the previews at movie theatres. This pair came from a theatre in Southeastern Minnesota.

The Kanten's have a great love of family and of their tractors. They joyfully share that love with others. As two kids who grew up on farms, they have now come full circle back to the country and back to their IH tractors.



Pictured above are the Kanten grandchildren, Brannon and Olivia.

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The IH Collectors of Iowa #5 is one of 37 chapters in a worldwide network. As a state chapter they bring the collecting and preserving IH related products and history to the local level.

While they are involved in collecting and preserving history related to a company that played an important role in the development of rural America, they strive to do so in a way that brings as much pleasure and enjoyment as possible to the participants.

The club's mission statement is: "We are a very active and growing group of people that enjoy collecting and restoring International Harvester or Farmall Machinery or related items.

We believe in preserving the history of the International Harvester Company, which was headquartered in Chicago during the twentieth century.

We strive to support the International Harvester Archives located at the Wisconsin Historical Society, University of Wisconsin which holds a vast collection of the company."

The club meets at least four times per year at different locations. The current president is Joe Neville, of Williamsburg.



State dues are only \$10 and national dues are set at \$15. More information can be obtained by visiting their website at www.ihccia.net.

The annual meeting and banquet will be held Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Marathon Community Center. The meal is at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting. Cost is \$10 per person and can be paid at the door. Reservations can be made to Bobbie or Denny Hammer at 641-792-0116.

Other upcoming events include:

Sept. 28-29: Froelich Foundation Museum featuring IH tractors at their fall show.

Nov. 2: Club meeting at Heartland Acres Museum, Independence.

Feb. 27-March 1, 2014: National IH Winter convention in Michigan City, Ind.

June 26-28, 2014: 25th Annual National Red Power Round Up, Huron, South Dakota.

August 2014: Summer Show, Belmond.

August 2015: Summer Show, Marshalltown.

August 2016: Summer Show, Cedar Falls.

September 2017: Summer Show, Charles City.

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Mick Parker enjoys owning his dad's 1957 350 Farmall

Mick Parker says it's pretty exciting to own the tractor his dad purchased new. Especially since, in 1957, he was the first to drive the tractor after it arrived at the family farm just three miles west of Lohrville, Iowa. He remembers the 1957 350 Farmall arriving on the farm and sneaking out with it and driving it for two or three hours.

The Parker family made a practice of farming with International Harvester tractors. "We had four or five F20s at one time," said Mick. "Then, my uncle got an M."

Mick helped on the family farm after school until going into the army in 1966 where he spent nearly three years in Germany and Vietnam.

After the service, he worked for farmers and then got into long haul trucking. Mick married his current wife, Marty, in 1993 after both of their spouses had passed away earlier. As life sometimes has it, their families were raised in the same rural area and her folks still live nearby—although they claim to be a John Deere family.

The 1957 Farmall was acquired by Mick after spending time with his brother back on the farm and then a neighbor who had planned to restore it but never finished.

"I started tinkering with this and that and just finished it last year," said Mick. "I enjoy just having it. I am glad to have it back and it gives me something to do just tinkering with it. I've also had it in the Lake City parade.

"If I could find a cultivator, I'd buy that, but there are not many around."

He plans to have his restored tractor at the Albert City show and has enjoyed going to other shows in Mount Pleasant and Forest City. The Parkers spend four months of the winter in Texas where they travel to by motorhome.

"The memories of being a kid on the farm are the best. I remember adding power steering to the tractor; dad never liked cultivating but plowed with this tractor. I have good memories of walking beans, putting up hay and riding ponies.

"We had a family farm. My dad farmed about 200 acres with corn, beans and hay and my uncle had 160 acres, but we farmed together. We also milked cows which kept us tied down day and night.

"I loved the farming life," concluded Mick.

While Mick has spent hours and hours restoring his treasure, Marty enjoys doing quilt stitching. She is 30 years retired from the VA system where she worked in Des Moines, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Montana, Arizona and then Fresno, California. While they were in Fresno, Mick spent some time driving a tour bus and then took a job doing magazine newsstand deliveries. In 2007, they decided it was time to move back to Iowa where they could be closer to family.

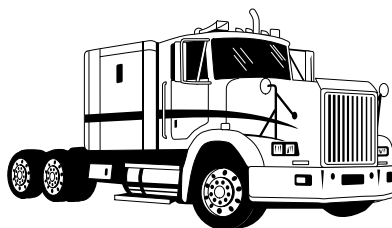
Now, one of their favorite things to do is travel. "We can stop and see things, take the time to smell the roses," said Mick. "We find a campsite and can just spend some time enjoying things."

Mick and Marty are members of the IHC Club Iowa #5.



Mick Parker of Lake City recently restored this 1957 350 Farmall that was purchased new by his father.

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Iowa Central Pullers Club will add to the traditional Saturday tractor pull

This year's antique tractor pull will add sanctioned classes with the addition of a points pull for the Iowa Central Antique Pullers.

"There will be the same classes as in previous years," explained Clay Drenth. "But because the ICAP pullers are coming for a points pull, we will be adding several classes to the event."

Clay owns the pulling sled and will be doing the Saturday pull and Friday night Fun Pull at the show again this year.

"We will start with the same classes as previously, the amateur or 'locals' class. These are the guys that typically don't do modifications to their tractors and may do a couple pulls a year. These tractors will go up to about 1.8 miles per hour," said Clay.

The ICAP sanctioned classes will follow and will include four classes of tractors.

"There will be a stock class, which I have trouble calling stock because these tractors have all been overhauled and set up for just pulling. These guys will be running Massey 44s, Oliver 88s, IH Ms and John Deere Cs. They look like they came off the farm, but they have been modified. The most noticeable difference is the tires," said Clay.



A Farmall M pulls during the 2012 Antique Tractor Pull.

The Stock Class is limited to a maximum of three miles per hour which Clay says helps to equalize the field of tractors.

Next up is the Classic Class where more engine work is done to the tractors. This class can go to 3.5 miles per hour and Clay thinks this makes for more difficult driving and finesse.

The third class is the Open Class which allows drivers to run any gear they want. Expect to see more RPMs and more tractor modifications. These tractors can run between 7 and 12 MPH. In this class there are pullers who run on the national level, so expect to see some great competition.

According to Clay, there is a new class for this year, a V-8 class. This is where a puller takes an M or 88 and puts a V-8 car or truck motor on it. These will run from 14 to 16 MPH. "If you like them loud and fast, then this is the class to watch. We are just starting this class, but expect to have a few pullers and it is different to watch.

"That makes for quite a variety of pulls when we are talking having pulls from 1.8 to 16 MPH," said Clay.

The ICAP pulls will follow the rules of the National An-

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tique Pullers Association and this will be a points pull for the group. Anyone is welcome to pull. This central Iowa group holds regular pulling events at Alta, Fort Dodge, Coon Rapids, Lanesboro, Lake City and other communities in the region.

The club is always looking for new places to pull and one reason for choosing the Threshermen's show is because of all the things to see and do. "After they pull, these guys can go look at the tractors and all the other fun stuff, and of course eat ice cream. The pullers are excited to be coming and we expect to have a successful turnout," he said. "It's a good track and C.J. Bean and all the other guys are just tremendous to work with."

This is the 14th season for Clay having owned his pull sled since 2000. He does antique pulls across the Midwest in nine different states and does the national championship weekend each year in Columbia, Missouri. "It is an honor to be asked to go to the national level," he said. "They keep asking me to come back."

Clay is an ag instructor at the Holstein high school, so his summer schedule is more flexible allowing him to take on the pulling events. During the winter, the school is flexible allowing him to attend national events that are done indoors.

There is 21,000 pounds of weight on the sled which is a weight transfer machine. As it is pulled down the track, the weight is transferred making it harder to pull. "It doesn't matter how fast they get there, just the distance that they pull. I can make the weight transfer faster or slower depending on the class. We make it pull harder for the larger classes. There are many factors to consider in managing the sled such as the

time of day and track conditions, so we make adjustments accordingly.

"For myself, it's a contest to get the tractors down the track so they have fun, and it's fair and even for everyone. I pulled in the 70s and 80s which I enjoyed. But, I enjoy the sled much more because I can be involved in every pull, all day long.

"For the pullers, it is a social event. We pull against each other, but we are all friends. Of course, it is a competition to see who can make their tractor better, read the track right, maybe take advantage of someone else's mistake. It's a fun competition!

"Most pullers enjoy talking about their tractor. So, if they are not busy, feel free to stop by and chat. They may not give away their trade secrets, but they want to share stories and meet people. If people want to learn about the sled, they can stop and visit with me before the event."

The tractor pull track is 350 feet and is located at the north end of the west field. The Friday night Fun Pull is for IH drivers only and starts at 6 p.m. or after the parade concludes. There is no fee for this event, and pullers can go as many times as they want. "The Friday night pull is a blast," he said. "It is fun to see these guys with some tractors that are a bit newer (1970s) and sometimes we see some fun challenges amongst the pullers."

The Saturday morning antique tractor pull starts at 9 a.m. and should be completed by 3 or 4 p.m. There is a fee of \$15 per hook. Clay expects to see 30 or 40 tractors doing about 120 hooks. This is about double what previous tractor pulls have been.

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Farmall-Land USA is a must see for many IH Enthusiasts

A dream came true for Jerry Mez as his vision for a Farmall museum have taken shape over the last ten years. The building and the collection have grown three times in that time period and now includes 26,600 square feet housing more than 170 full-size IH tractors, prints, memorabilia and toys.

Visitors to the museum are not just IH collectors and enthusiasts, although Jerry figures about 75 percent of them are. The museum has become a destination for IH fans including one gentlemen from Florida who arrived at 10 a.m. and left at 4 p.m. The museum attracts four to five thousand visitors each year.

Jerry was a local IH dealer until about six years ago. His dad started the dealership in Avoca in 1943. Jerry grew up in the business and remembers his first job was to sweep the floors at age three. He continued working in the business through his four years of college. He spent two years in the army and was away from the business when he served 13 months in Korea.

He started collecting for his dream many years ago, although his wife Joyce, jokes that it is a “nightmare” not a dream.

“I wanted to build something where I could share the collection,” said Jerry. “Sharing the ag heritage, that’s what I really wanted. These are the things I grew up with.

“About 75 percent of the visitors here are ag-oriented. People like to come and just wander around. We have lots of great helpers here also.”

Jerry and Joyce have three grown children who enjoy the museum: Jay of Council Bluffs; Joy of Fremont, Neb., and Joel living in Las Vegas.

The museum has hosted many visitors from around the world including Germany, South Africa, Canada, Australia and Holland.

Guests to the museum will find something for everyone.



Along with the large and unique tractor collection there are over 1200 toys on display for the kids, a belt buckle collection, memorabilia, gift shop and for the ladies, a “Tractor Widow’s Lounge.”

The entire building is climate controlled and very comfortable no matter what the weather. All displays include descriptions and details.

According to Jerry, everything is dusted monthly and the furnace filters are also cleaned monthly to control the dust. Double-doors are staged at each entrance to help control the air flow and dust.

“We rotate things around as we find unique things to add,” said Jerry.

Farmall Land is located in Avoca, Iowa at the junction of Hwy. 59 and Interstate 80. Hours through Oct. 20, 2013 are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The museum is closed on Monday. Visitors can call 402-490-1574 to arrange for a tour or appointment. Admission is charged.



A partial view of the tractor display area.



A couple from Eastern Pennsylvania enjoyed a stop at the museum.



The "Tractor Widow's Lounge" featuring a large display of dolls from the collection of Joyce Mez.



This one-of-a-kind tractor is now on display at Farmall Land. It is a twin drive 400 IHC Diesel. There was only one assembled and patented around the year 1956 by Garrett Mfg., in Enumclaw, Wash. It was a very large rubber-tired farm tractor at that time, weighing 15,380 pounds. The 400 IHC Diesel spent 30 years farming. It is on loan at Farmall Land for the rest of this year.



A wall of posters and advertising history.



A long line of yard and garden tractors.

For Joyce Mez, it's all about the doll collecting

While husband Jerry spends his time with the tractor museum, Joyce Mez has developed a love and passion for doll collecting—a hobby that started about 20 years ago.

With a collection of over 300 dolls, Joyce says her favorite remains a snow princess from an Italian designer.

"I fell in love with her," she commented.

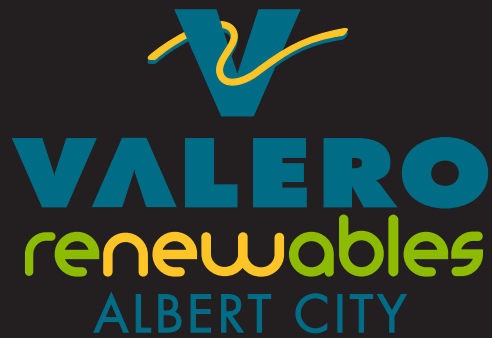
"I have traveled to Africa and found some very unique dolls. I specialize in unique and one-of-a-kind dolls."

Joyce attends several doll conventions each year and enjoys the friendships that have developed over the years. She also enjoys the workshops.

This year, while Jerry attends the Albert City Show, she will head south to a convention in New Orleans.

At right: Joyce Mez talks about her unique doll collection; inset the Snow Princess.





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Red Power publisher has memories of show's early days

Dennis and Sallie Miesner are owners and editors of the national magazine *Red Power*. This year they will attend the show as part of the state chapter show, but Dennis has memories of attending the first show 43 years ago. After he married Sallie, he recalls attending the show in 1986 with a buggy and a pair of draft horses and camping at the show grounds.

The Miesners live in Ida Grove where they have produced the bi-monthly magazine since 2000. They purchased it from Daryl Miller of Battle Creek who started the publication in 1986. The first publication was only 12 pages and was only black and white. Now the magazine is all full-color and can easily reach to 80 pages per issue.

Prior to the magazine, Dennis was a mechanic for the local IH dealer and later owned a welding shop. Sallie worked at the local bank for 25 years. "We are both from the farm," said Dennis. "We had an acreage before with horses and I have always liked tractors and have a mechanical mind.

"We always talked that we wanted to work together and when the opportunity to purchase the magazine came up, it was something we really wanted. We didn't really have publishing experience, but we knew if we wanted it bad enough, we could make it work. It has been fun and really good. It makes for a lot of travel going to the Roundup in the summer and the convention in the winter," said Dennis.

Red Power has about 20,000 subscribers from all over the world including 200 in Canada and over 100 other foreign subscribers.

Writers from around the country contribute to the magazine. Each writer has a specific topic that they are geared to and they all have lots of ideas. The mailbox section and classified ad section are important to the readers.



The Miesners have seen many changes over the years related to the printing industry. "The technology has changed and the rural addressing has caused problems in more recent years," said Sallie. Having years of banking experience, she provides the checks and balances that are needed

for such a large operation.

The *Red Power* website is a very active site with a popular forum which creates a lot of talk among IH enthusiasts. It can be viewed at www.redpowermagazine.com.

"What we enjoy most absolutely is the people we deal with and the people we meet. We'll take calls and visit with people seven days a week. Of course, we enjoy working together and being an independent business," he said.



Red Power owners, Dennis and Sallie Miesner.

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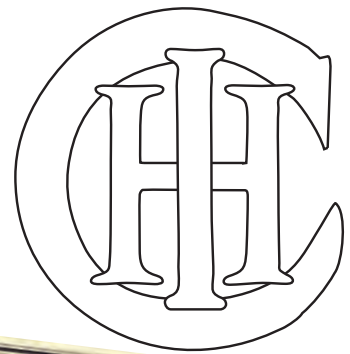
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Hogrefes are 2013 Feature Parade Marshals

Denny and Janeen Hogrefe have always farmed with International Harvester. They have also been long-time volunteers at the annual threshing show. This year they will be honored as the Feature Parade Marshals. They will lead the parade each morning at 10:30.

"We've been to every show since the start," said Denny. "My dad got started in the early shows. He had Belgian draft horses and was very interested in going. He took care of threshing and after he passed away in 1994, it got handed to me. It is a team effort and we have a great group of workers who help each year."

Janeen, who is a nurse at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake, has worked in the Threshermen's Cafe for many years.

"I get to meet lots of people," she said. "And you are working with familiar people even though you may only see them once a year, it is a good chance to get reacquainted."

A week before the show, Denny and his crew put up all the fences and ropes on the grounds and help prepare the grounds and equipment.

"It is a lot of fun and we enjoy helping," he said.

"The rainy, wet year was a particularly difficult year for preparation. As was the 1985 tornado which hit just two



Dennis and Janeen Hogrefe stand with his Farmall 300 which is a working tractor at the show each year. It is a 1955 tractor that his dad brought new. He owns three of his dad's tractors, all of which still get used around their rural Albert City farm.

weeks before the show. There were a lot of trees down and lots of cleanup needed in a short time.

"When it comes to the threshing demonstrations, we make it as realistic as possible and recreate how it used to be. We use steam powered engines and bundles like the past. We enjoy getting people involved and sometimes the old guys come and tell us how they remember it."

The Hogrefes have three children: Clint, a pastor and his wife, Greta, a pharmacist, live in Meriden; daughter Julie is a teacher at Albert City and her husband Chad works at DFS in Newell; and daughter Andrea is a librarian at Alta and lives near Albert City.

"The rewarding part of the show is meeting the people. Some we see only once a year. It is fun working with those who own the engines and threshers.

"It is a great community event," said Denny. "It is a chance to work together and relive farming life the way it used to be. It helps to preserve the idea of working together."

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Rehnstroms are 2013 Threshermen Parade Marshals

Merrill and Phyllis Rehnstrom of rural Alta will be this year's parade marshals for the afternoon Threshermen's Parade at 4:30 p.m. Both have provided many years of service, time and talents to the show, starting 12 to 15 years ago.

"We went to see the show and they said they could use volunteers," said Merrill. "So we said we could do something."

Merrill started out helping in the ice cream shop and was later joined by Phyllis. For many years, she helped in the cafe where she volunteered to wash dishes.

"The ice cream stand is a very busy place. There have been improvements to it to make it handier. The best change is the addition of the canopy over the stand."

Merrill served on the Board of Directors for seven or eight years and during that time helped build the Feed Bunk and did other maintenance and repairs at the grounds.

"It takes a lot of dedication, but it is lots of fun," he said. "It is fun to meet new people and it is always good to go to the annual meeting."

The Rehnstroms enjoyed making ice cream and talking to people.

"There is no question that Albert City makes the best ice cream," said Merrill. "We have tried a lot of ice cream and it is the best. It is not made from a mix, but from an old-time special recipe with real ingredients. The old Red Barn is also charming and people are able to watch as the ice cream is mixed."

Merrill and Phyllis have enjoyed attending other shows in Iowa and Minnesota.

The Rehnstroms both grew up on farms in the area and this year will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They credit their success to having faith in God and in each other and having patience with each other. They have enjoyed living in their house since 1961.

They stay active with hobbies that have Merrill doing wood work and Phyllis baking and gardening. They are also active as members of the Hope Evangelical Free Church in Storm Lake. They have three children who all live nearby: Craig and his wife Mary; Cherri Driver and her husband Phil; and John and his wife Louise. They also have six grandchildren, ages 19 to 31.

Over their years of grain farming they also fed cattle and raised feeder pigs. They also had a seed dealership. They are proud of earning "Top of the Market" in Sioux City. Merrill is an Allis-Chalmers fan at heart.

They have now retired from the ice cream stand where they say there remains lots of good help.

"It's a great show and it takes people that can work together," said Merrill. "The fellas I worked with were all nice and we worked well together. In the ice cream stand, Marlowe Feldman was always fun to work with. And, of course, when it comes to ice cream, quality control is important and we enjoyed that!"



Merrill and Phyllis Rehnstrom

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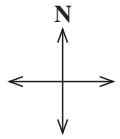
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The Potato Patch

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Special Event Schedule:

THURSDAY					
"Flower Power" entries due	12 noon	Farm House	Antique Appraisal Fair	9:30 a.m.	Entertainment Shelter
Tractor Ride, all makes welcome	1:30 p.m.	Leave site	Kids Pedal Pull	10 a.m.	North of Craft Bldg.
FRIDAY:			Entertainment Shelter –		
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	7–10:30 a.m.	Feed Bunk	Kooi Family	12 noon	Entertainment Shelter
Opening Ceremony	9 a.m.	Flagpole by School	Cedar Valley Singers	1 p.m.	Entertainment Shelter
Entertainment Shelter –			Talent Show	2 p.m.	Entertainment Shelter
Cletus Goblirsch	12 noon	Entertainment Shelter	IHCC #5 Annual Banquet	6 p.m.	Marathon Com. Center
Kooi Family	1:15 p.m.	Entertainment Shelter	SUNDAY:		
Cletus Goblirsch	2:30 p.m.	Entertainment Shelter	Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	7–10:30 a.m.	Feed Bunk
Kooi Family	3:30 p.m.	Entertainment Shelter	Church Service	9 a.m.	Entertainment Shelter
IH Feature Fun Pull	after parade	Tractor Pull Track	Army of SW-Cannons and arms	10 a.m.	Southeast end of grounds
SATURDAY:			Entertainment –		
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	7–10:30 a.m.	Feed Bunk	Albert City Community Band	12 noon	Entertainment Shelter
Sanctioned Antique Tractor Pull	9 a.m.	Northwest Field	Cedar Valley Singers	1:15 p.m.	Entertainment Shelter
Army of SW-Cannons and arms	9 a.m.	Southeast end of grounds	Raffle Tractor Drawing	4 p.m.	Parade Stand

Daily Events for Friday, Aug. 9, Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Registration	Upon Arrival	Store Building
Feature Parade	10:30 a.m.	Parade Route
"1 year of farming in 60 minutes"	11 a.m. or following parade	West Field
Games for Children	1 p.m.	South of Petting Barn
Potato digging for the kids	2 p.m.	South end of show grounds
Threshermen Parade	4:30 p.m.	Parade Route
Threshing with Steam & Gas Tractors	Periodically During the Day	West Field
Field Events	Periodically During the Day	West Field
Shingle Mill	Periodically During the Day	NW End of Grove
Saw Mill	Periodically During the Day	NW End of Grove
Blacksmithing	Periodically During the Day	East Side of Corliss Building
Flour Milling	Periodically During the Day	North of Gas Station
Horses in Various Activity	Periodically During the Day	West Fields
Making Homemade Ice Cream	Periodically During the Day	Little Red Barn
Corn Shelling	Periodically During the Day	West Field
Army of the SW Civil War Encampment	All Day	Southeast end of show grounds
International Harvester Feature Displays	All Day	North Feature Building
Scale Size Equipment Demonstrations	All Day	Grounds
Antique Car Display	All Day	East & North of Craft Building
Antique Tractor Display	All Day	Grounds
Gas Engine Display	All Day	Grove Area
Threshermen Store	All Day	Store Building
Food Booths	All Day	Grounds
Vintage Military Vehicle Display	All Day	South of Petting Barn
Corliss Steam Engine	All Day	Corliss Building
Thieman Display	All Day	Brown Building North of School
Broom Making	All Day	East of Corn Crib
School House	All Day	School House
Crafts	All Day	Red Building and Corn Crib
Toy Show	All Day	Toy Building Across Road
Heritage Doll Show	All Day	Doll House Across Road
Quilt Display	All Day	Farm House
Home Displays	All Day	Farm House
Petting Barn	All Day	South of Corn Crib
Carpenter Shop	All Day	Store Building
Stormy Water Whittlers	All Day	Near Homemade Ice Cream
Combining, raking, baling, disking, plowing	To be announced	West Field
Threshing with Hand-fed Separator	To be announced	West Field
Horse Powered Well Drilling	To be announced	West Field
ASW, Civil War Period Activities	To be announced	Grounds

Farming with, and now collecting, IH is a family tradition for the Taylors

It doesn't take long when visiting with the Taylor family, to understand they are very passionate for the color red. Especially when it is painted on an IH tractor.

Roland and Gwen Taylor live just east of Terril where their office is decorated with family pictures showing a tradition of farming and working with International Harvester. It is this tradition that they want to continue and have shared with their family, especially their son Chris.

The family now owns several pieces of IH that were bought originally by family members.

"My grandfather bought the first F30 west of the Missouri River when he lived in North Dakota," said Roland. "We were lucky to buy it along with a cultivator and the tractor manual. The manual has his handwritten notes which make it very special."

Roland owns a 1947 B Farmall that also belonged to his grandfather. Chris, his sisters and the grandkids have all learned how to drive on it. Chris says it is his daughter's favorite tractor and explains, "After he got out of service at the end of the war, tractors were hard to come by. He put in an order for an M, but couldn't get it. So, then he asked for an H. By March, he still had no tractor. The dealer had the B with a cul-

tivator, so grandpa took it. It was his last choice of a tractor, but we still use it today."

The first Taylor in the U.S. came in 1682 from England and was a farmer. They've been farming ever since and started farming with IH back in the 1920s and the tradition continues. Roland's uncle was a meticulous IH owner and traded up every other year.

Roland and Gwen started collecting in the 80s. "We were probably collecting before we knew we were collecting," he said. "We have a W400 from the early 90s. There were low production numbers and it is a real neat tractor. They have traveled to several states to obtain their treasures which includes a large collection of toys. Chris, who works for Maurer Manufacturing and spends considerable time on the road, also does some "windshield shopping."

Roland and Gwen farm and run some cows. "It gives us a chance to run our tractors," laughed Roland. All of their tractors are working tractors and Roland really enjoys hooking up and doing some plowing with one of his many plowing outfits.

Along with Chris, they have two daughters and 11 grandchildren. In their spare time they enjoy going on tractor rides and

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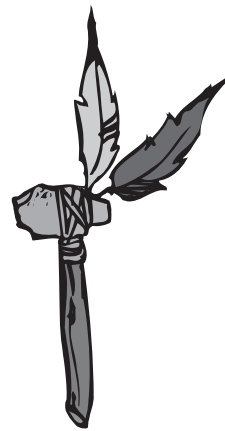
spending time with family. They have been on every KICD tractor ride and Gwen is the only female to have gone on every KICD ride.

“We are looking forward to the Albert City show. They do an awesome job and getting a chance to work in the field is the most fun. There is always a good cross section of people and it is fun to learn from others. We’ve attended a handful of state shows and everything pales in comparison to Albert City,” said Roland.

The Taylors plan to share quite a bit of their collection at the show including five or six tractors, a 1952 semi, plows, grain drill, endgate seeder made by Hoosier and a two-row check corn planter.

“People like to see the rare and original things. We have some unique items including a mechanical four-bottom plow, a Super W400 and Super W4.”

Roland concluded, “We have a lot of family interest in farming with and collecting IH. It is now a disease, and what do you take for it—iron.”



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Other entertainment under the shelter will be:

Cletus Goblirsch is a concertinist from New Ulm, Minn. and he will perform at 12 noon and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The **Kooi Family** will perform on Friday at 1:15 and 3:30 p.m. and again on Saturday at 1 p.m.. The group is made up of Nikolass, 16; Meia, 15; Joseph, 15 and Anika, age 14. The family has been performing for over six years and sing southern gospel and hymns. They are the children of Terry and Julie and come from Inwood, Iowa.

The **Cedar Valley Singers** will perform on Saturday at 12 noon and again on Sunday at 1:15 p.m. The Cedar Valley Singers, an á cappella ensemble, perform music from the past and present, from Renaissance madrigals and sacred motets to American jazz and pop standards.

Based in Cedar Falls and formed in 1991 by Bob and Linda Morgan, the group has performed at town Christmas celebrations, art and Renaissance festivals, business parties, churches, retirement centers and private parties throughout northeast and central Iowa. The eight members of the adult singing group come from varied backgrounds with a common goal – the joy of making music and entertaining music lovers.

The **Albert City Community Band** will perform at 12 noon on Sunday and provide music during the worship service.

Winners in the 2012 talent show included: Joan Enockson, Claudia Coltrain, Emma Kollasch, Addy Boetcher, Destry Klein, Alyssa Feeley, Dakota Caldwell and Grace Murray.



The Kooi Family of Inwood, Iowa are crowd pleasers at the show.

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Visiting the Rush Farm Museum in Griswold, Iowa is like taking a walk through an old-time farm. Visitors will find an entire farm collection for both inside the house and all around the farm. The farm equipment and machinery is all International Harvester.

The Rush museum is a former John Deere Implement building. Dale and Norma Rush decided to purchase the building so they would have a place to display their large collection of farm antiques.

They are long time farmers, having farmed for over 55 years including a dairy of 50 to 60 head.

They still live in rural Griswold and have two sons and a daughter that all live within one mile of their home. They have 12 grandchildren and soon to be 11 great-grandchildren. One grandson just married and now lives on the farm Dale and Norma started out on.

“We grew up on IH,” said Norma. It was my idea to start collecting the household and dairy items. Then Dale got the bug and started going to sales.”

The collection now takes up two floors of this very large building. Exhibits include many typical household items, a large display of dairy equipment, vehicles, machinery and an extensive collection of horse-powered equipment.



Norma and Dale Rush watch as a visitor from Australia signs the guest book.

“This shows the history of how things were developed. It is good for the young kids to see how the farm life developed. And, the older folks enjoy reminiscing. We have always had a large collection of equipment on the farm. Here, we can keep

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The Rush Farm Museum is easy to find in downtown Griswold, Iowa.

it clean and enjoy looking at it," said Norma. "We enjoy talking to people the most. Dale's dad would come here and just sit. He just loved it here."

Norma's favorite piece is an old reaper and a wooden corn planter and horse-powered rake.

The Rushs enjoy a community tractor ride the first Friday after the 4th of July and a nice tractor show the following day. The annual event draws about 84 tractors for the ride.

They are quick to laugh and joke with each other and a visit with the Rushs at their museum is time well spent.



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The Threshermen will host a tractor ride on Thursday afternoon which is open to all makes, ages and models of tractors (and riders). This was a very popular event in 2012, bringing over 35 tractors for the first-time ride.

Riders can enjoy lunch at the Threshermen's Cafe on Thursday and at about 1:30, all tractors will leave the grounds and head to Albert City. There will be a tour at the Albert City Historical Museum which is a large six-building complex.

The ride will then go to Marathon to visit the L, M & O Railroad Museum. The museum features a depot from Pocahontas 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.

Riders will enjoy homemade ice cream before heading back to the show grounds.

A colorful lineup of tractors is reflected in the mirror of this tractor cab.



Tractor riders will tour the Railroad Museum in Marathon and, as they did in 2012, they can enjoy a chance to ride the rails.

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Koenig enjoys seeing and working with the old equipment

The idea of making a potato patch for the kids came to be in 2012. Randy Koenig, along with David and Sue Glienke and others put together the idea and have worked hard to make it happen.

In 2012, 150 pounds of potatoes were planted April 1. At the show, about 4,000 pounds were harvested. This year, 200 pounds were planted April 28 and Randy hopes to harvest at least 2,000 pounds.

Because potatoes need to be rotated, this year's patch is just west of last year's location on the south end of the grounds.

"We took two teams of horses to do the planting. Then, we cultivate three times with a potato hiller which is also horse-drawn. This year we will have the planter and hiller on display so people can see them," he said. "For harvesting we have a walk-behind potato digger and a newer (1904) digger that can be ridden."

Randy is married to Rhonda who works at the elevator in Webb. He works for his brother Jeff who owns Koenigs Portable Toilets.

During the show he is involved with other horse activities including plowing and disking.

"Probably the neatest thing last year was on Sunday. A guy came up and said he had to come and see the patch. His

grandson had been here on Saturday and spent over 20 minutes telling grandpa how potatoes were grown in the dirt."

Randy hopes to take the potatoes one step further this year by giving the kids a chance to make them into French fries. "We don't have the plans all figured out yet, but hope to by showtime, so folks can listen for details to be announced."



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An 1890 McCormick Header owned by Jeff Koenig.

Randy is hoping to bring a McCormick Header and put it to work at this year's show. His brother Jeff, bought the piece from a gentlemen in North Dakota. "It is extremely unusual to see a piece of equipment that is pushed by horses," said Randy. "We need to get our teams on it for some practice before the show."

In this system of harvesting wheat, the header was pushed, not pulled, by a team of six to eight horses. It cut off the heads of the stalks, and using a conveyor, loaded them into distinctive wagons called barges. Power for the cutter and conveyor came through a series of gears and chains, driven by the cleated metal wheel on the left. Those parts only moved when the header was being pushed forward. One man could run the header, two were required for the active barge.



Harvesting wheat with a McCormick header and barges, about 1905.



Randy Koenig looks for the biggest potato at the first event held in 2012.



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There's still some 'real' horsepower to be found in the field

Going to shows such as the Threshermen's, you are bound to see old steel wheel and rubber tire tractors from years gone by. They rehash many a memory for those who spent long, hard hours doing field-work.

But chances are, you are apt to also see the tractors predecessors, the good old originator of horsepower, which carry names like Percheron, Belgian, or Paint and Quarter horse, crossbreeds.

Before tractors there were limits to farming. Farming with horses meant that you could only work until the horses got tired. Days in the field were limited to eight to 10 hours.

Somewhere around five acres per horse had to be set aside simply to grow the food for that horse. So there was a practical limit to the size that a farm could be.

With a tractor, a farmer could do two, three, even five times as much work in the same time. To put it another way, tractors allowed a farmer to farm up to five times as much ground as he could with horses. One early tractor ad claimed that their brand could replace 12 horses.

Farmers who didn't own the land they farmed — known as

tenants — were often "tractored out." Before tractors, land-owners often had several farmers renting a given parcel of land, farming with horses. When the post World War II New Deal agricultural programs began sending checks to land owners, some used the money to buy tractors, then rented them to one of their tenants and told the others they were no longer needed.

Yet tractors were expensive. To afford a tractor, a farmer had to produce much more, which meant farming more ground. It was a "get bigger, or get out" situation.

Those are now referred to by some as "The Good Old Days."

When World War II rolled around, men were especially hard to find to work on the farm, and threshing help was even harder to get. Young men had virtually disappeared overseas to serve their country. This forced a lot of farmers to get tractors in order to get the work done and because implements were hard to come by. Horse-drawn implements were customized to be pulled by tractors. Eventually, the tractors replaced the work of the big draft horses on the farm.

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A draft horse is a large horse bred for hard, heavy tasks. All share common traits of strength, patience and a docile temperament, which made them indispensable to generations of farmers. Draft horses and draft crossbreeds are versatile breeds used today for a multitude of purposes, including farming, show and other recreational uses.

Over a half million draft horses were used during World War I to support the military effort. In the 1930s Percherons accounted for 70 percent of the draft horse population in the United States, but their numbers declined after World War II. As of 2009, around 2,500 horses were registered annually in the U.S. alone.

Draft horses are recognizable by their tall stature and extremely muscular body. They tend to have a more upright shoulder, producing more upright movement that is well suited for pulling. They tend to have short backs with very powerful hindquarters. Draft breeds range 16 to 19 hands high and from 1,400 to 2,000 pounds and up. Of the modern



Patty and Brian Vanderhoff of Marathon pull a wagon with their team of horses.

draft breeds, the Percheron probably has the closest ties to the medieval warhorse. The breed is still used extensively for draft work.

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Flower enthusiasts are invited to participate in a new contest this year that will add some color flower arrangements to the show grounds.

The contest is open to anyone and will award prizes in two age brackets: youth will include those 17 and under and the adult group will be for those 18 and over.

Director Connie Reinert 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.”

Volunteers Teresa Erickson and Kathy Sangwin bounced around the idea last year and the plan was organized.

Participants can bring any flower planter to enter the contest. Five-gallon buckets are also available at Pocket of Posies and can be used to design a floral entry.

The entries need to be brought to the old farm house and registered on 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.

“This is a way for us to add some color around the grounds while inviting others to share their talents,” said Connie.



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The NW Iowa Two-Cylinder Club celebrates its 22nd year this year and has a membership of around 125 John Deere enthusiasts from all around Iowa and surrounding states.

The club does an annual fun day at their site on the north end of Spencer, which is August 3, this year. The club meets monthly and provides scholarships and supports member communities by participating in parades.

Bob Nepl, club president says, "We are working on some items for the 2014 show already. We'd like to get the Armored A's back again, and we'll continue to work throughout the year to get some good exhibits.

"We have a John Deere platform scale and we'd like to try and move it so we can display it. For the building, we will make a replica of an old John Deere dealership with the bins, counters and show room as it would have appeared in the 1950s. We've already started gathering things for that."

The last time they joined the show in Albert City was 2008 with over 200 exhibitors.



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"We like the way that show functions," said Bob. "If the guys want to get on their tractors and go to the field and play they can. In some shows, you park your tractor and leave it sit. At Albert City, the guys can work their tractors, exhibit in the parade and show off their tractors. That means a lot to them. And, of course, the ice cream is phenomenal."

For more information, or if you have questions about the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club, contact Bob at 712-221-9211.

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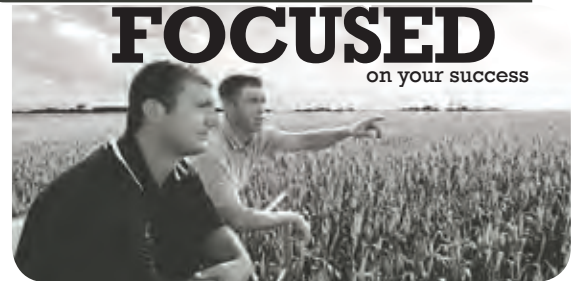
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There's always Lots to Eat and Drink While Visiting the Show

Food has always been a part of the Threshermen's Show and this 43rd year will continue on that tradition.

The largest food stand is the Threshermen's Café just west of the gate. Here you'll find a large menu including: turkey fillets, sloppy joes, pulled pork, Polish sausage and sauerkraut, chips, baked beans, coleslaw, and of course, homemade pie. They'll be serving donuts for breakfast. The café opens at 8 a.m. and closes in the evening after the crowds settle down.

It takes about 100 volunteers to pull off serving all of the show visitors. There are volunteers who bring pie, and many who come to cook and serve the meals.

Other food items

The snack stand located in the registration building offers



Volunteers at the Cafe move long lines quickly!

stuffed baked potatoes, Polish sausage, popcorn, candy bars, ice cream bars and cold drinks.

Located in the middle of the tractor displays you will find the Feed Bunk. Here is the place for ribeye steak sandwiches and pork burgers which are served by the County Pork Producers and Beef Producers. They also have chips, and cold drinks.

Melissa Carl from Lamertville, Mich. will cook up Kettle Korn again this year.

On the south end of the grounds, the youth groups will serve pizza,

funnel cakes, pop and lemonade.

The Laurens Kiwanis Club will serve a pancake breakfast each day from 7 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Good after a meal or anytime is the homemade ice cream served by the Threshermen. Watch them make it just north of the registration building at the Little Red Barn.

Enjoy it at the show!



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Bring your Antiques for Valuation during the Antique Appraisal Fair

For the third year, there will be an Antique Appraisal Fair on Saturday morning. It will start at 9:30 a.m. and go until 12 noon. There will be a short break during the 10:30 Feature Parade. Anyone can bring items for appraisal, however pre-registration is encouraged as items will be taken in the order they are registered. There is a three item limit per person and a \$3 fee per item. Pre-register by calling the show office, 712-843-2076.

Paul Brenner will be doing the appraisals. He received his certification as a Class A appraiser in 1981.

Since 1997, Paul has owned Paul Brenner Antiques in Spencer, Iowa. He is a private consultant for the sale of antiques and provides confidential appraisals. He continues to do major antique shows.

From 1984 to 1997 he was the owner of The Mansion Antiques in Spencer which was on the National Register of Historic Places. He did major antique shows and occasionally led seminars on specific areas of collecting during the shows. He has been listed as a reference in several national publications and has served on the Board of Advisors for a major antiques price guide.

From 1971 to 1984 he was the owner of Florine's Antiques in Arnolds Park. At the time he made regular trips to Europe

buying containers of furniture and other antiques.

Paul commented, "I have been a collector since I was 14. I paid for college by selling sweet corn and antiques!" He is a graduate of St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn.

Because of the specialized nature which requires extra time to determine their value, please do not bring weapons, jewelry, musical instruments, coins or stamps.



A unique mix of some of the items appraised during the 2012 show.

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Tim Garrison enjoys the art and skill of blacksmithing

The time-honored blacksmiths of yesteryear are a dying breed, but that doesn't mean there aren't any left. The only difference these days is people who practice the trade aren't doing it for the farmers and others who used to rely on them.

In the medieval period, blacksmithing was considered part of the set of seven mechanical arts. Prior to the industrial revolution, a "village smithy" was a staple of every town.

A blacksmith is actually a "metalsmith" who creates objects from wrought iron or steel by forging the metal by using tools to hammer, bend and cut. Many of the modern day blacksmiths could be considered artists who produce such things as gates, grilles, railings, light fixtures, furniture and the like.

The "black" in "blacksmith" refers to the black fire scale, a layer of oxides that forms on the surface of the metal during heating. The word "smith" derives from an old word, "smite" (to hit). Thus, a blacksmith is a person who hits black metal.

Tim Garrison of Graettinger is a blacksmith who will be performing his art during this year's Threshermen's show. He started about 20 years ago.

"I went with friends to a black powder shooting event and saw blacksmithing. It is one of the many hobbies that I have and I enjoy it. It is a great hobby for spring and fall.

"I demonstrate at Peterson Point each year, an event orga-



Tim Garrison and his son, Zach who is 15, show off some of their handmade shepherd's hooks.

nized by the Emmet County Conservation Board. I worked in the Threshermen's blacksmith shop four of the last five years," said Tim.

Tim's dad attended the Albert City show in its early years and Tim still owns some of his dad's older equipment. Zach Garrison, age 15 is learning the trade and has also helped at the show the last two or three years.

"I still consider myself an apprentice," he said. "There is always so much to learn. There is no right or wrong way to do it—two guys will do things different ways, each doing it the way that is most comfortable."

Medieval European blacksmiths were aware that the quality of the iron would be improved by their craft and produce a higher grade of steel. During the first half of the 19th century, the U.S. government included in their treaties with many Native American tribes, that the U.S. would employ blacksmiths at Army forts with the express purpose of providing them with iron tools and repair services. The U.S. Federal and Con-



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federate armies employed traveling forge blacksmiths to shoe horses and repair wagons and artillery equipment. In 1915, a high school in Salt Lake City, Utah offered a blacksmith class. This gives you some indication of how important these people were in their time.

In his shop just east of Graettinger, Tim has quite a bit of blacksmithing equipment, although there are some pieces he would like to add such as a swedge block used for making shapes in metal.

"I love going to flea markets and finding tools. My dad was always working on tractors and I guess it is natural to hang out with others that have similar interests.

"One time at a demonstration at Peterson Point a lady came up and just watched me for the longest time. She explained that as a young girl she would sit and watch her father work as a blacksmith. Watching me work brought back many memories for her. The people really seem to appreciate the work that we do."

To learn and improve his craft, Tim watches YouTube videos and practices his craft at home. Of course, he watches and learns from others. This year he can be found in the blacksmith shop for most of the day on Sunday.

The original fuel for forge fires was charcoal. Coal did not begin to replace charcoal until the forests of 17th century Britain and 19th century United States were largely depleted. Coal can be an inferior fuel for blacksmithing, because much of the world's coal is contaminated with sulfur. Coal sold and purchased for blacksmithing should be largely free of sulfur. Tim gets his coal from a special supplier in Ames, Iowa. Much of the iron used is scrap metal or he orders square stock steel. As it heats up, he can see by the colors a rainbow effect that shows the temperature of the hot metal. The steel is hardened by dipping it in water, oil or clay which can control the hardness of the steel.

Tim and his wife, Sherry have four children. Tim is the manager at EMS Auto Parts in Estherville and Sherry works at Central Fuel Injection in Estherville. She enjoys reading and trying to keep up with the kids' activities and Tim's hobbies. Tim also farms with his father-in-law, enjoys fishing, wood-working and tinkering with old equipment.

Tim is proud to have made 24 special shepherd's hooks for his daughter's wedding. Each one was stamped and dated.

There are people in every state and many countries keeping blacksmithing on the front burner so to speak. Tim is one of them, and visitors to the show will enjoy watching him at his trade.



Tim Garrison and his son, Zach, at work in the Albert City Threshermen's blacksmith shop.

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An interesting set back, not quite as bad as the 1871 Great Chicago Fire which destroyed the McCormick factory, happened in 1884. Jerome Increase Case made a personal visit to a Minnesota farm with a faulty thresher that the farmer and local dealer were unable to fix. Case attempted to repair the thresher himself. However, unable to repair it, he sets it ablaze and gives the farmer a new thresher. Case was disgusted that a faulty thresher came out of his factory.

Another interesting notation is listed in the IH 1958 history. John Steiger and sons built the first distinctive green Steiger tractor in their barn at Red Lake Falls, Minnesota.

The family needed a tractor with higher horsepower than what was commercially available. The tractor weighed 15,000 pounds, and was used in the Steigers’ farming operation for 10 years. It went into commercial production in 1963. Five units were designed and built in the family’s barn in 1963. In 1982, the Steiger Panther 2000 tractor was introduced. It was the first model to have a 12-speed full powershift transmission, electronic controls, comfortable deluxe cab and PFC hydraulics. In 1986 Steiger filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection due to the sagging farm economy. Operating at 25 percent capacity, Tenneco Inc., then the parent company of Case IH, bought Steiger. In 1997, the 40,000 Steiger tractor was produced. The STX500 Steiger Quadtrac tractor shattered the World Plowing record, turning 792 acres of farmland in just 24 hours.

Just take a look at this tractor and farm equipment time line dating back to 1831 as it progressed through the years.

1831: Cyrus Hall McCormick invents the mechanical reaper. Cyrus Hall McCormick demonstrates his mechanical reaper in Virginia. The reaper could cut 10 acres a day — as much as five men. He later added a self-raking feature that allowed one man to cut 40 acres in a day. The reaper was first patented in 1834.

1842: Jerome Increase Case establishes Racine Threshing Machine Works in Racine, Wisconsin.

1848: Cyrus Hall McCormick establishes McCormick Harvesting Machine Company in Chicago, Illinois.

1851: McCormick’s mechanical reaper earns a Gold Medal at the Royal Exposition at Crystal Palace in London. McCormick enters the European market.

1863: J.I. Case and Company was established, taking on three partners. They become known as “The Big Four.” In 1880 J.I. Case incorporates after “The Big Four” partnership dissolves.

1869: J.I. Case and Company produces the first steam engine tractor, the Old No. 1, which is now displayed at the Smithsonian Institution. The tractor is wheel mounted, but still drawn by horses and is used only for belt power.

1871: The Great Chicago Fire destroys the original McCormick factory. Case offered to build machines for McCormick, but McCormick refuses and builds a larger facility in southwest Chicago called McCormick Works.

1874: McCormick adds a mechanized steel binder to the harvester. He begins manufacturing for the 1877 harvest.

1876: Case builds the first self-propelled traction steam engine. Horses are still used to steer the engine.

1882: McCormick builds the first McCormick Daisy Reaper.

1892: Case builds first gasoline tractor, called the “Paterson tractor.” Case is the first of the old-line harvester companies to build a gas tractor. However, it was not successful and Case did



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not build another gas tractor until 1911.

1902: International Harvester Company is founded from Deering Harvester Company, Plano Manufacturing Company, the Champion Line and Milwaukee Harvester Company. IH represented 90 percent of the grain binder business.

1905: The first IH company friction drive tractor was made, using International Harvester's famous stationary gas engine and a Morton chassis.

1910: IH introduces the Titan tractor. It was named Titan after the Greek mythological figure who was "of gigantic size and enormous strength." This created the IH legacy of size and strength.

1911: Case releases the first gasoline tractor — the 30-60.

1919: IH develops the first commercial power takeoff (PTO).

1923: Bert Benjamin builds and patents his first successful row crop tractor, the Farmall Regular. It had a revolutionary light design, but with high power-to-weight ratio, narrow front and precision steering for cultivation. It also had matching implements for plowing and harvesting.

1936: Harvester Red #50 is adopted for all IH tractors, crawlers and power units.

1939: IH introduces the second generation Farmall, the "Letter Series." It included A and B (small-sized), H (middle-sized), and M (large-sized) tractors.

1943: IH builds its first spindle cotton picker. "Old Red" was mounted on a Farmall Tractor H. Both are displayed at the Smithsonian.

1954: The new "Number Series" Farmall is produced, replacing the "Letter Series."

1965: IH introduces the Farmall and International 1206. It's the industry's first row crop tractor with more than 100 horsepower.

1969: Case's "Old Abe" logo is replaced by a new, more modern logo.

1971: IH launches the Farmall 66 series, powered with a new V-8 engine.

1974: Case's ag division changes colors to Power Red and Power White from Flambeau Red and Desert Sand, which has been used since 1954.

1977: IH introduces the Axial-Flow rotary harvesting concept with its 1440 and 1460 model combines. The technology improved threshing and grain quality and used fewer parts. IH spent \$56 million and one million man-hours to design, build and test the concept. Eventually every other major equipment manufacturer developed their versions of the rotary combine design.

1980: IH produces the innovative 2+2 row crop articulated tractor, with the driver seated on the rear half of the tractor.

1983: Case changes the color of 94 series tractors to black and white. Government regulations banned lead paint and all red and yellow paint contained lead.

1984: Case introduces a new line of 94 series 4WD tractors, including the most powerful unit the company ever produced, the 4994. It featured a turbocharged V-8 with a 400 gross engine horsepower rating.

1985: U.S. Justice Dept. approves Case's acquisition of IH. The new organization, Case IH, becomes the second largest farm equipment manufacturer. It broadened the product line and expanded the dealer organization.

1988: Case IH introduces the Magnum tractor, the first all new machine to come from the combined engineering of IH and Case. Fortune magazine names Case IH combines, planters and loader/backhoes among the best products built in the U.S.

1995: Case IH offers Advanced Farming System (AFS). The system allows farmers to monitor yields with satellite technology for maximum productivity.

1996: Case IH acquires controlling in Steyr Landmaschinen-technik GmbH of St. Valentin, Austria, a manufacturer of tractors designed for mountainous agricultural regions.

1998: Case IH expands with the purchase of Tyler Manufacturing. Business Week magazine names the Case IH MX Series Magnum tractor the new product of the year.

1999: Case IH becomes part of CNH.

2000: The MX270 sets new row crop tractor records.

2003: The company announces the return of the Farmall brand name with its new D and DX series tractors. The 100,000 Magnum tractor rolls off the line in Racine, Wisconsin.

2006: Ferrari team cars feature Case IH decals during the 2006 Grand Prix of Canada and the U.S. Grand Prix in Indianapolis. Case IH announces new on-board module builder technology for cotton harvesting with the Module Express 625.

2007: In every country, Case IH equipment is approved to use B5 biodiesel fuel with the same performance as regular fuel. Use of 20 percent biodiesel blends (B20) are approved in more than 90 percent of the models sold in Europe and North America. Nearly half of the models sold globally including the 8010 combine are approved for 100 percent biodiesel, B100.

2008: Farmall tractors celebrate 85th anniversary with introduction of more than 30 models.

2009: Case IH brings to market the broadest line of combines with six Axial-Flow models including a Class IX 9120 model. It expands its Magnum line with three new models.

2010: Launch of EfficientPower Puma, Puma CVX, Magnum, Steiger & Quadrac models that excel with lower fuel consumption and higher performance.



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Pictured is Director Duane Madson as he drove in the Albert City Summerfest Parade.



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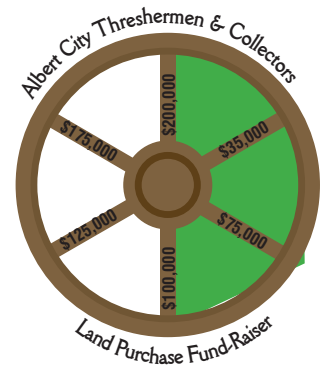
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Karl Lind

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



Mike Rebhuhn

Has worked at the show 23 years and is board chair. He oversees tractors, field activities, crops, tour wagons, fuel buildings & grounds, and parades.



Gary Sundblad

Has served on the board for eight years. He oversees security, the store, big tractors, ice cream, the food and other activities.



Duane Madson

Has served on the board five years. He oversees crops, fields, threshing, signs, Svenska Stuga, antique cars, and transportation.



Kevin Olson

Is serving his fourth year on the board. He works with the tractor pull, horses, campgrounds, parade, buildings and grounds.



Keith Moe

Is serving his third year on the board. He oversees the toy and doll show, the petting barn and garbage detail.



Mike Sangwin

Is serving his third year. He oversees the farm house, mechanics, straw, hay, crops and the pancake breakfast.



Steve Christ

Is serving his third year. He oversees the saw mill, well drilling, shingle mill, gas engines, scale-sized equipment and field activities.



Connie Reinert

Is serving her third year on the board. She oversees the schoolhouse, advertising, promotions, website, flowers and entertainment.



Larry Erickson

Is in his first year of board service. He oversees the carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, tickets and parking, first aid, crop grounds and tree planting.



Karen Feeley

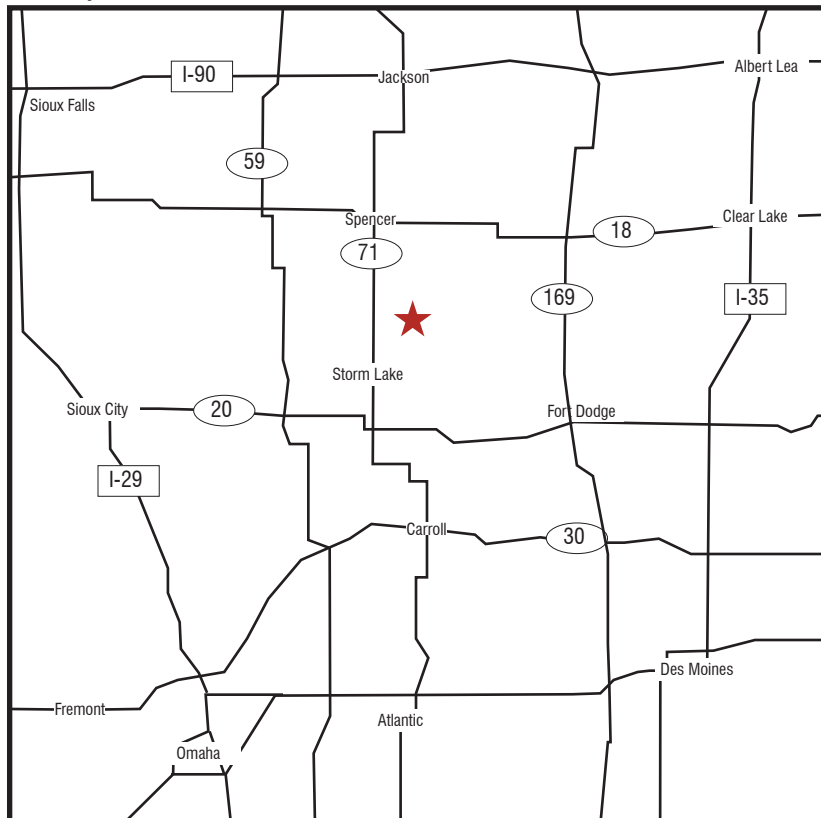
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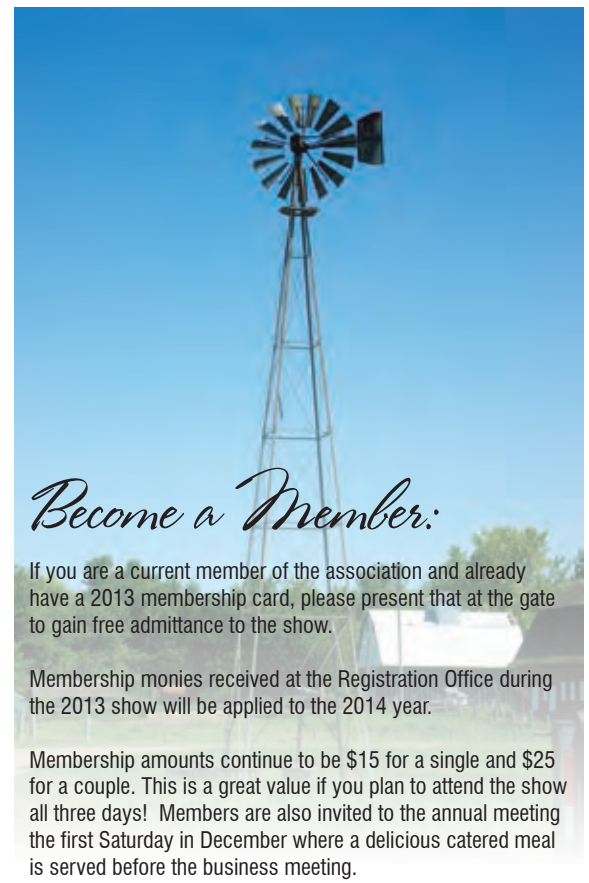
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