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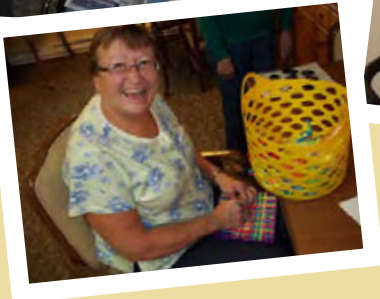


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If I were to ever claim a “color,” I would have to say it would be green. After all, like many other collectors and enthusiasts, that is the color of the first tractor I learned to drive. It was a John Deere 60.

I drove other green ones too for a few farm chores including shaking up the hay rack as I hit the clutch out in the field.

I have to mention one of my favorite John Deere enthusiasts. My grandnephew AJ Tucker is the son of Abby and Brian Tucker of Manson. He is not quite two, but he already knows he is a Deere man. His father works at the dealership in Manson, and AJ’s mom (my niece), studied at John Deere Tech at Northeast Iowa Technical College in Calmar. I expect the three will blend in with all the other green enthusiasts that will be on the grounds for this year’s show and I look forward to seeing what farm life brings to AJ’s future.



Visitors should note that several things have moved around the grounds. See the related story

on the next page for details and refer to the updated grounds map in the center of this guide. As the show continues to grow and add new features, the board needs to adapt to the changes by moving things around a bit.

Be sure to check out the big new military building that has just been completed on the south end of the grounds. This will serve a very worthy purpose for many years to come and it comes thanks to the donation and support of generous donors.

Thanks to all those who volunteer their gifts of time and talent to make the show a fun and exciting place for families to enjoy.

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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44th Annual Collectors Show shakes up a few locations for 2014

Visitors will notice a few things have taken on new locations. Of course, the newest and most visible change is the building that serves to honor the military and veterans. The new building is located at the far south end of the grounds.

The Toy Show and Doll Show take on new locations. The Toy Show will be located in the building just north of the school house. The Doll Show will be in the building just southwest of the Gas Station.

The Kid's Potato Patch will be found in the west field near the other horse activities.

And, finally, the registration has moved to its own building on the north end of the grounds. This will make it convenient for exhibitors to register upon arrival.

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association welcomes the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club. Expect to see a lot of green throughout the grounds as they take over the feature display area and participate in the One Year of Farming in Sixty Minutes demonstration.

A very popular event from 2013 returns. The Civil War reenactment group, Army of the Southwest will arrive Friday and will spend Saturday and Sunday demonstrating life in the period of the Civil War.

For the second year, "Flower Power" entries will be displayed on the grounds. This activity will award prizes in two categories this year.

Also popular from last year, "One Year of Farming in Sixty Minutes" returns. Watch as an entire year of farming activities are performed in an hour or less.

The Threshermen's Tractor Ride is Thursday. At 1:00 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.

There will be two tractor pulls. The Friday Night Fun Pull features John Deere 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 along with many horse activities.

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 44th 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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New Building Honors Military

For some, dreams come true. This dream is taking great shape and will be open in time for the 2014 show.

The dream belongs to an anonymous donor who contributed funds to create a new building on the show grounds that would serve to honor and remember all those who served or are serving in the U.S. military.

It will be used to store and display military vehicles, machines, memorabilia and other items related to the military.

The new building is located on the south end of the grounds, not far from where the military items have been displayed in the past.

The new building was manufactured by EPS and constructed by Quail Construction of Spencer. The post frame building is 64' x 128' and features large doors and a wrap porch. It is handicap accessible with a center lane of concrete.

Volunteers from various veterans organizations in Northwest Iowa are seeking ideas for displays to include a variety of memorabilia and vintage military vehicles.

"We are working on finishing the glass display cases that will have the memorabilia," said Woody Wenell. "We want to have all of the veterans organizations to be involved and welcome all those who have served or are serving in the military. It takes all of our organizations, because each one is getting smaller."

Displays will include uniforms, photos, weapons, other memorabilia and a good variety of military vehicles. Each will include a detailed explanation of who manufactured it, the features, use and costs.

Emblems and flags of each military branch will also be on display. Veterans will take turns staffing the building in an effort to answer questions. "This is an important thing to be able to show the history, as many people don't know," said Woody.

For additional information, contact Garland Otto, Buena Vista County Director of Veterans Affairs at 712-749-2562, Woody Wenell at 712-843-5328 or Ron White at 712-289-2251.



Members of all the area veterans organizations have been involved in the planning and organization for the new building. Pictured above are: Palmer Olson and Jack Herzog representing the Amvets in Storm Lake; Garland Otto, Buena Vista County Director of Veterans Affairs; Duane Gustafson, Marathon American Legion; Ron White, Laurens VFW; and Woody Wenell, Albert City American Legion.



These veterans talk about the different types of memorabilia that will be on display in the building, such as: helmets, a canteen, mess kit, telephone and POW bracelets.



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Two-Cylinder Club owns unique scale

A unique farm piece makes its home at the home of the John Deere Two-Cylinder Club just north of Spencer. It is a Reliance U.S. Standard Pitless Scale.

According to club president Bob Nepl, the scale is from about 1907 and was used to weigh stock and wagons. "This is complete and in working condition," said Bob. It is located in the club's building which was built in 2008.

"The scale was owned by Greg Madson who had it south of Peterson. Dave Gonnerman checked it out and said, 'we gotta have it.'

"I only know of two of these that are complete. And, I have the other one," said Bob.

After getting the scale, members fixed a broken corner, painted the frame, washed the boards and installed the scale in their building.

The wooden frame of the scale has many fun hand-written notes from those who weighed grain, livestock or even themselves in later years.



Bob Nepl adjusts the scale settings.



This scale is complete and in working order and is owned by the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club.



The Reliance scale was distributed by John Deere in the early 1900s.

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Cherokee Ridge Runners Demonstrate the skills from an early era

The Cherokee Ridge Runners return to the show and will demonstrate a variety of unique skills. According to the organization's secretary, Judy Miller, the group portrays the fur trade era and demonstrates the skills of the early settlers of the United States. The period reflects the 1840s, just after Lewis and Clark, but before the westward expansion of the pioneers in covered wagons.

There is typically eight to 10 lodges and each one demonstrates a unique skill. These include: tomahawk throwing, woodworking, rope making, bull-whip demonstrating, loom-weaving, leather works, and bead work. Rembrandt Leather demonstrates how the teepee poles are stripped. And, Trapper Dave sells wares and demonstrates fire starting.

"A lot of us have similar skills or know the skills, but we prefer to limit ourselves to one skill or demonstration that is unique," explained Judy.

The club, which is based in Cherokee, started over 40 years ago and has members throughout Northwest Iowa. "We have over 40 members and many of them are families," she said. "The tomahawk family represents three generations."

Judy has been a member of the club for over 20 years and demonstrates rope making.

"For some people it is the history they enjoy, because you are portraying a part of our American history. For others it is a simpler time period and a time to be outdoors. It is also about the camaraderie as we are all part of the buckskinning family," said Judy.

The club hosts a spring rendezvous the first weekend in May and a fall one the second week in October. They are also asked to join many town celebrations and community anniversaries.

"Along with others, I attend other rendezvous separate from the club and I set up at other events just to make ropes.

"Some of the skills that we demonstrate would have been the skills that our pioneer ancestors would have used on the farm. They had to do rope making, weaving and trapping. These were they skills needed to survive on the prairie. We are showing what was done before machinery and implements were



The Ridge Runners camp and a tomahawk throwing demonstration.

used. We are a great fit for the Threshermen's Show because there are so many active demonstrations going on throughout the event.

"A lot of the traders have a farming background, so we enjoy getting a chance to see all of the other activities that are going on also."

Judy encourages visitors to stop by and talk to the club members, watch the demonstrations and to ask questions.

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Around the Grounds



This Waterloo Boy engine is owned by Doug Lenning of Humboldt, Iowa. It is a 2 H.P. made in 1919 and will be on display in the gas engine area. In its day it would have run a burr mill, cement mixer or washing machine.

The John Deere slot machine is owned by Dr. Leo Milleman and will be on display in the feature building.



Visitors can expect to see this Waterloo Boy owned by Colin Johnson. It was built in February 1923. Pictured with Colin is Curt Adams of Columbia, Missouri.



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Gerald Zimmerman Owns the Oldest of the three Feature Tractors

The featured 1936 John Deere A belongs to Gerald Zimmerman. It is one of three tractors that is also used in the logo for the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club.

“My dad bought a new 1938 A and I learned on it. Then, when I was 13, I went to Kansas to work for my uncle and they had a ‘38,” said Gerald. “I bought this one in 1983. I always wanted one. It is mechanically very good and I added new tires. It was originally from a dealership in Denison.

“The A was probably the most volume sold, it was a popular tractor because it was a good fit for most farms. I grew up with John Deere and I have always loved a two-cylinder tractor. There is nothing like it. I have always been impressed with the durability of John Deere, they are better built,” he said.

Because of his love for John Deere, Gerald has several other green tractors including four in the 20 Series; also a 530, 630, 730, 3020 and 4020.

Gerald has been married 54 years to his wife LeIla and they make their home at Spirit Lake. They have two daughters, Denise and Terri, and a son, Craig. They also have four grandchildren. Gerald continues to help on his farm located near Oakland, Iowa. “This spring the farm was hit by a tornado on June 4. By June 10, we had it all replanted,” said Gerald.

“I started farming in 1982. It was a tough time to get into farming. We also raised cattle and hogs. At that time interest was 10.75% from FHA and 19% on cattle money,” explained Gerald.

“The Two-Cylinder Club is a favorite thing for me. Bruce Prentice got me started,” said Gerald. “Dave Gonnerman and I became good friends and before long I was a director and now serve as the vice-president. It is really good for me and I really enjoy it. I enjoy the people and the expertise they bring to the table.”

For this year’s show, Gerald plans to bring seven tractors



Gerald Zimmerman with his 1936 A, at right, and two of his other tractors.

and two plows. “I look forward to the field activities,” he said. “I like the horses and I enjoy the ice cream. I plan to plow in the One Year of Farming demonstration. I try to go to the show every year and take one or two tractors. And, of course this year, I look forward to hanging out with the other club members.”

Gerald Zimmerman’s 1936 John Deere A.



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Adam Eral owns the Featured 1950 John Deere A

Adam Eral picked up an interest in John Deere tractors from his grandfather, Bob Neppl. He owns the 1950 John Deere A that is one of the three feature tractors this year. It is also part of the logo for the Two-Cylinder Club.

He bought the tractor in 2000 and it was completely restored in 2005. And, it just went through an updated restoration giving it a totally new engine.

"I have been on two or three KICD tractor rides and several other rides," said Adam. "I grew up being around grandpa's toy collection and tractors. I've touched all of them and when I was young I was washing tractors, then driving them and baling.

"My favorite thing with restoration is hearing them run after the work is done."

The Eral family owns four 1950 A's. Adam's father, Steve, has one and Adam's brother, Jason, owns two that have consecutive serial numbers.

"My dad had a 1950 A," said Bob. "So Steve started with an A. But, all four are different. Steve is kind of a city guy, but after he married my daughter, Sherry, he turned green," smiled Bob.

"The tractors have always been a family thing," he said. "We



Adam Eral with his 1950 John Deere A.

have always gone on tractor rides as a family."

Bob was able to buy his dad's 3020 diesel several years ago and spent a winter restoring it. "That tractor really means a lot to me," he said.

Adam, who is 19, goes to college at South Dakota State University at Brookings for Ag Systems Technology and Farm

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Jason Eral, age 17, is restoring one of his John Deere A's for an FFA project. He owns two 1950 A's with consecutive serial numbers.



For Bob Nepl and his grandsons, tractor restoration is a fun family activity. Pictured is Jason, Bob and Adam with the 3020 Diesel that once belonged to Bob's dad.

and Ranch Management. This summer he is working at Lakes Property Management but dreams of one day owning or working on a ranch in Wyoming or Montana. He currently lives with his parents near Spirit Lake.

"The biggest thing I learned was to memorize the bolts and also where the tools are. And, that they go back where they came from," said Adam. "It is fun to fix a tractor, but it is a lot of work. The most fun is to find another one." He is currently looking for a 4520 Turbo Diesel.

Whatever the model, expect to see Adam and his extended family showing some green at this year's show.



Bob Nepl has an impressive collection of John Deere toys, pedal tractors and memorabilia.

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Pair of Armored A's to be on Display at this Year's Show



Dr. Leo Milleman fuels up the wide front John Deere Model A-II Tank Prototype.

There are only two John Deere "Armored A's", and they both will be at the 2014 Threshermen's Show. The two prototypes are owned and were reconstructed by Dr. Leo Milleman, Dr. Curtis Clark and Brian Anderson in 2006.

According to Dr. Milleman, the armored vehicles were built at the Waterloo John Deere Works in late 1940 and 1941. The John Deere Tank was to be used as a combat unit, armored prime mover, and a trainer for tank operators.

The John Deere Model A-1 was sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland in 1941 to be tested for possible military conflict.

Both the A-I and the A-II were scrapped in the early 1940s when found not feasible for military service. The present units were built as a pair and are frequently shown together at tractor, antique and military events and museums.

The Armored A-I (narrow front) was reconstructed by Brian Anderson of Ames, Iowa. It weighs about 9,000 pounds.

The Armored A-II prototype was recreated by Leo Milleman and Curt Clark, both of Ames, Iowa. It weighs about 7,000 pounds.

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Originally, it was constructed even before testing of the Armored A-1 was complete. It was never tested by the military even though it offered major improvements over the A-I, including the wider front.

A great deal of research went into the reconstruction of the vehicles. A brief article in the May 2002 issue of *Two-Cylinder* started the interest in the project.

Reconstruction partners reviewed John Deere archives and made visits to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center in Maryland. Eighty-five pages of Aberdeen testing documents were reviewed. In addition, careful study of a limited number of original photos became the basis for the exact replicas as no original units remain.

The vehicles are built authentically, including the four 30-caliber machine guns. It took about two years for them to be planned and constructed.

"I have the farm background," said Leo. "Brian is a Vietnam vet and has the military background. We hired the expertise of machinist Lynn Jorgensen of Panora and restorer Paul Lehman of Perry who had to build all the parts from scratch."

Leo is now retired from his 36 years as a urologist and he enjoys the historical aspects this project gave him. "I had a patient who was an engineer at John Deere who recalls seeing these vehicles being built at the plant.

"We get asked to exhibit a lot, which we enjoy as we are friends. We've shown them at military shows and antique tractor shows. We have also been contacted by the Smithsonian," commented Leo. "We would like to go to Aberdeen, Maryland.

"I love history and how things got to be like they are. I wish I could teach history, more now than ever."

Leo grew up on a farm just north of Spencer. It is his family farmstead where the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club makes their headquarters.

"My mom said I would sit in the sand pile playing with tractors and making putt-putt noises at age four," he said with a smile. "The first tractor I drove was a 1939 John Deere A. In 7th grade I would take off from school for John Deere Days



The reconstructed 1940 John Deere Model A Tanks A-I and A-II Prototype that will be located in this year's feature building.

and I would walk up to the store. I have been very loyal to agriculture ever since. I worked on the family farm through college and I still farm near Ames."

He and his wife, Jane, have three children and four grandchildren.

Through the Two-Cylinder Club, Leo has made a lot of new friends. "I got to know Bob Nepl and it worked out that they could have their club meetings here and later they added their own storage building on the property."

Along with his military vehicle, his collection includes all of the John Deere 20s. And, at their lake home at Spirit Lake, he enjoys going out on his 1957 Chriscraft Capri runabout.

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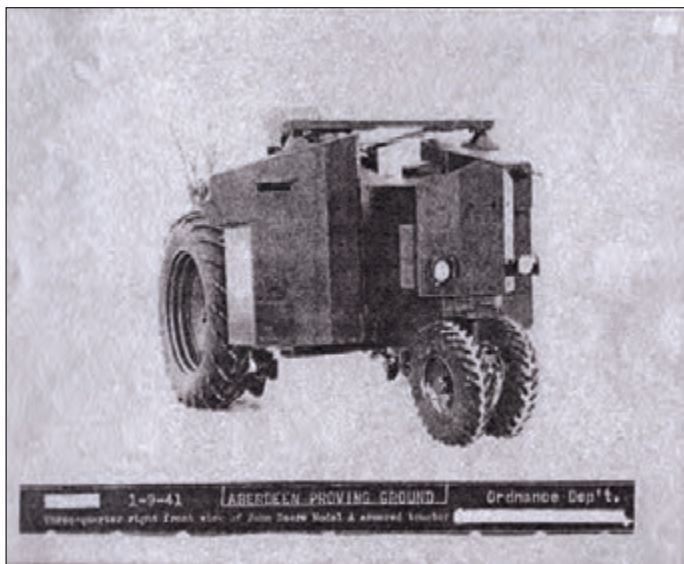
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Charles Freitag brings his artwork to 2014 Show

Renowned artist Charles Freitag will return to the 2014 show to share his beautiful artwork. He has been to the show four or five times.

“I like the people. It is a working show and I always bring kids and they battle to see who will be going with me. We have a lot of fun,” commented Charles.

Each of his paintings take about 200 hours of work and he figures he has done close to 125 different ones for print work.

“In each of my paintings, I try to convey my fond childhood memories of life on the family farm,” he said. “The most popular prints are the John Deere and Farmall pieces.”

Visitors will find Charles in the feature building where he will be painting while at the show.

Charles Freitag is a native Iowan, born and raised on a small farm in the heartland of rural America. Growing up on the family farm gave him deep appreciation for his natural surroundings, and can be found in his paintings of yesteryear.

During high school, Charles excelled at art, and took his dream of becoming a full time artist one step further when he enrolled at Hawkeye Community College after graduation. While there, he earned honors before finishing his degree at the Academy of Art in Chicago.

Charles’ work is inspired by his favorite illustrator, Norman



Charles Freitag works on a print at the 2013 Threshermen’s Show.

Rockwell. That inspiration can be seen in his paintings, with his meticulous attention to detail, and the subtle composition and coloring of all the facets of the painting.

With numerous magazine covers and awards, Charles is quickly becoming one of America’s most highly sought after artists. His work can be found in galleries and collectors’ homes across the U.S., Canada and internationally. To learn more about his work, visit his website at: www.freitagart.com.



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Corn shelling to be done with Kenny Gonnerman's No. 6

Before combines, everyone used a corn sheller to separate the grain from the ear. According to Kenny Gonnerman, everyone had neighbors with shovels and they would all get together. "It was a good chance for the women to get together and cook," laughed Kenny.

He owns a 1950's model John Deere No. 6 sheller that came from Sioux Rapids.

"Every town had a couple guys that had a sheller and that's how they made their living. But, everyone would help. If you saw someone with their pants tied shut at the bottom, then you knew there were rats," said Kenny who has at least ten years experience shelling and a history of growing up on the farm.

"I grew up on John Deere. In Hartley, there was a John Deere and an IH dealer. But, the Deere dealer had kids in my grade. Carl Rube—if you'd be in the drug store, he'd buy us a Cherry Coke. He was a nice family guy and he knew kids loved stuff like that. He was quite a guy."

Kenny and his wife, Jo, have six children, 18 grandchildren, one great-grandchild with another on the way.

He started collecting the green iron about 25 years ago. His first purchase was a 1945 A which is similar to what he grew up on. "I had it all apart and getting it ready to restore. Then, I put it back in the corner. Now it's a some-day project. I have a few of those.

"I have a 1941 D that arrived about five days before Christmas. As soon as it came on the yard, my wife said, 'I don't believe we talked about that,'" laughed Kenny.

"One day we were going through Atlantic and saw an auction happening where there was a D. Well, I bought the D.

"Another time I went to pick up a sheller before heading to the Albert City show. When I arrived home my wife was surprised to see me running a full-sized corn sheller and she was a bit worried about the safety.

"I went on the first KICD tractor ride with an MT. It could only go 8 miles an hour. Holy buckets that was terrible! I had to have something faster so I got a 620 which I then traded for a rusty 630."

He enjoys the restoration projects. "I enjoy all of the aspects of restoration because you can make it look as good as you want. But really, it's more about the hunt. I'm always looking for something new."

Kenny is a member of the Two-Cylinder Club and serves as the treasurer. "Everyone is interested in tractors and in John Deere. We have a plow day and 15 guys show up. It's just great camaraderie and if I have a problem, someone will be able to answer it. It's a fun group and we are looking forward to the feature this year."

In his spare time, he helps at sales for Natress Auction Company. Visitors to the show can expect to see his corn sheller working hard at the corn bin in the west field.



Kenny Gonnerman with his 50's model John Deere No. 6 corn sheller which will be coming out of storage for the 2014 show.

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Mark Erickson will serve as 2014 Feature Parade Marshal

Mark Erickson will serve as the Parade Marshal for the 2014 Feature Parade which will be each morning at 10:30.

He enjoys collecting John Deere tractors and has 18 different ones that cover years from 1930 to 1956. He also exhibits an Aultman-Taylor Model 30-60.

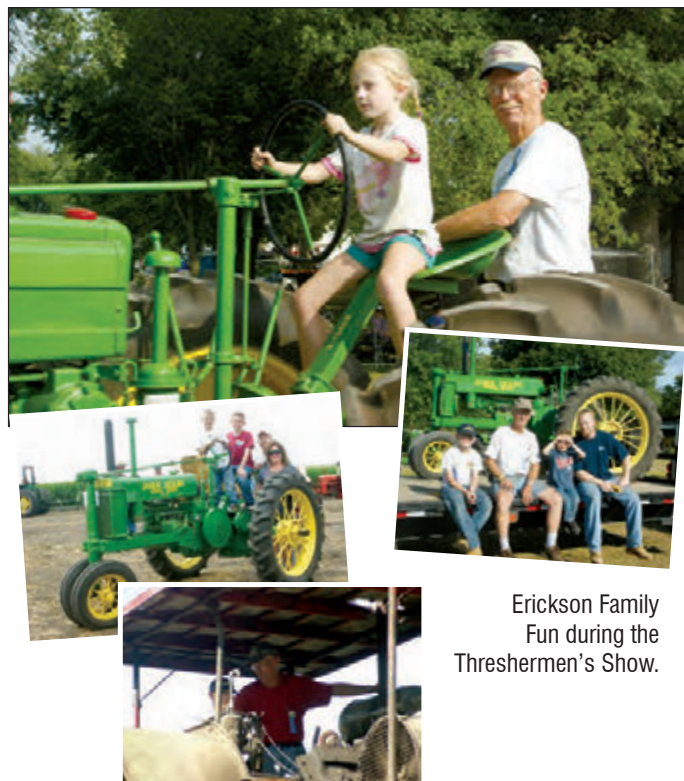
"I really like the unstyled," said Mark. "But I do have some others. I have a couple newer ones with hydraulics. I guess I have too many. This spring it took me a half-day just to get my planter out."

That tractor was used from 1918 until the mid-1950s for threshing work. It was bought in 1959 to work on a farm near Webb but was originally used in the 20's and 30's for farming in the Albert City area.

In 1974, he took it to the Albert City show and it's been there ever since. And, for all those years but one, Mark has attended the show as well.

"I like the history of the Aultman-Taylor," he commented. "But we always had John Deere tractors on the farm." He has a 1936 John Deere Model B which has been in his family for five generations. It now belongs to his grandson.

"I enjoy using the tractors. I farm 80 acres and enjoy do-



Erickson Family Fun during the Threshermen's Show.

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ing the mechanical work. It can take a lot of time just to get them going," stated Mark who lives near Greenville, just seven miles from his home farm.

The Erickson family has made a nice tradition of attending the Albert City Collector's Show. His son, Chris, and family now live in Minneapolis and his daughter, Lisa, lives in Los Angeles. "As kids they all went and many years they travel home to attend the show, now bringing the grandkids.

"I look forward to the show. My favorite thing is to see once-a-year friends. And, it's one of a few working shows. There is enough space to get the tractors out working in the field."

Mark has been a member of the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club for about 12 years.

When not busy with the tractors and farming, Mark volunteers to fly with the Commemorative Air Force. The CAF is a non-profit aviation association dedicated to honoring American military aviation through flight, exhibition and remembrance. He can now fly the B-25 which requires two pilots. He has always liked the old planes and WWII history. Now he is able to bring this experience to various shows throughout the country.

Plans for the Feature Parade will bring grandson Elijah driving his 5th generation 1936 John Deere B and grandson Riley driving his 4th generation 1936 John Deere A.

"I'm excited about the show," said Mark. "It should be a lot of fun."

Eldon Erlandson to serve as 2014 Threshermen Parade Marshal

For Eldon Erlandson, working at the Threshermen's Show began when he started work at the broom building nearly 40 years ago. He helped with the brooms up until about three years ago.

Eldon grew up on a farm just south of Albert City. At age 92, he remembers having a threshing crew on his family's farm and he also remembers when electricity first came out and having homemade ice cream. "That was a big deal," smiled Eldon. "I am very fortunate and very blessed."

He served in the army in the South Pacific under General MacArthur which is still difficult for him to recall. After returning from the service, Eldon bought a truck and hauled for many years.

"In 1951 my folks retired and moved to town and I started farming. It ran the gamut from farrowing to milk cows to fed cattle," he explained. "It turned out the cow-calf operation was the best for me along with crop farming. I moved off the farm four years ago."

Eldon now lives in the Countryside Living apartments in Albert City, although he returns to his farmstead nearly every day to take care of the building site.

"I got in trouble one day because I mowed for over four hours one day. I just kept thinking I wanted to get it done. I was in pain, but I wanted it done and that's how I've always been. I don't quit until the work is done."

Eldon was married to Maxine for 47 years before she passed away nearly 19 years ago. They raised three sons and a daughter.

For the this year's parade, Eldon plans to clean up his John Deere 50 that his grandson will drive. And, he hopes that three great-grandchildren will be joining him on the ride.

Eldon claims to be a "red" guy, and is not sure why he ended up with the John Deere 50. "I was at a sale and it was very cold. It had a heat houser on it and I rode it home. My dad had a small Farmall and farmed 160 acres. And, that was a big enough tractor for that.

"I still have a couple exhibits at the show. I have a blacksmith forge in the barn and a Theiman truck endgate. I got it the first year on the farm when a neighbor of my folks gave me a triple box wagon. That's when I widened it out.

"Last year I had a scooter and my two little great-granddaughters—we just went all over. It was actually one of the first times I got to see the show since I was always in the broom building. I know those two little girls got in the potato patch and got some potatoes. One thing we will do this year is see the corn shelling. My great grandchildren saw the corn and saw the ear corn, but not how it is separated. I am also hoping to be at the threshing when they are belting up."

As a proud veteran, Eldon started the Avenue of Flags in Albert City. At first with only six flags, the display now has over 100. He has been a member of the Legion for over 60 years. He looks forward to seeing the new military display building and was a regular visitor to watch the construction this summer.



Eldon Erlandson is looking forward to the 2014 show where he will be joined by family to head the Threshermen's Parade.



Through the Years.

Gary Hogrefe proudly displays a photo of him and co-workers in the '70s. Included in the photo are Vice President-Grain Fran Marron and Bruce Baier, Precision Ag Services Manager.

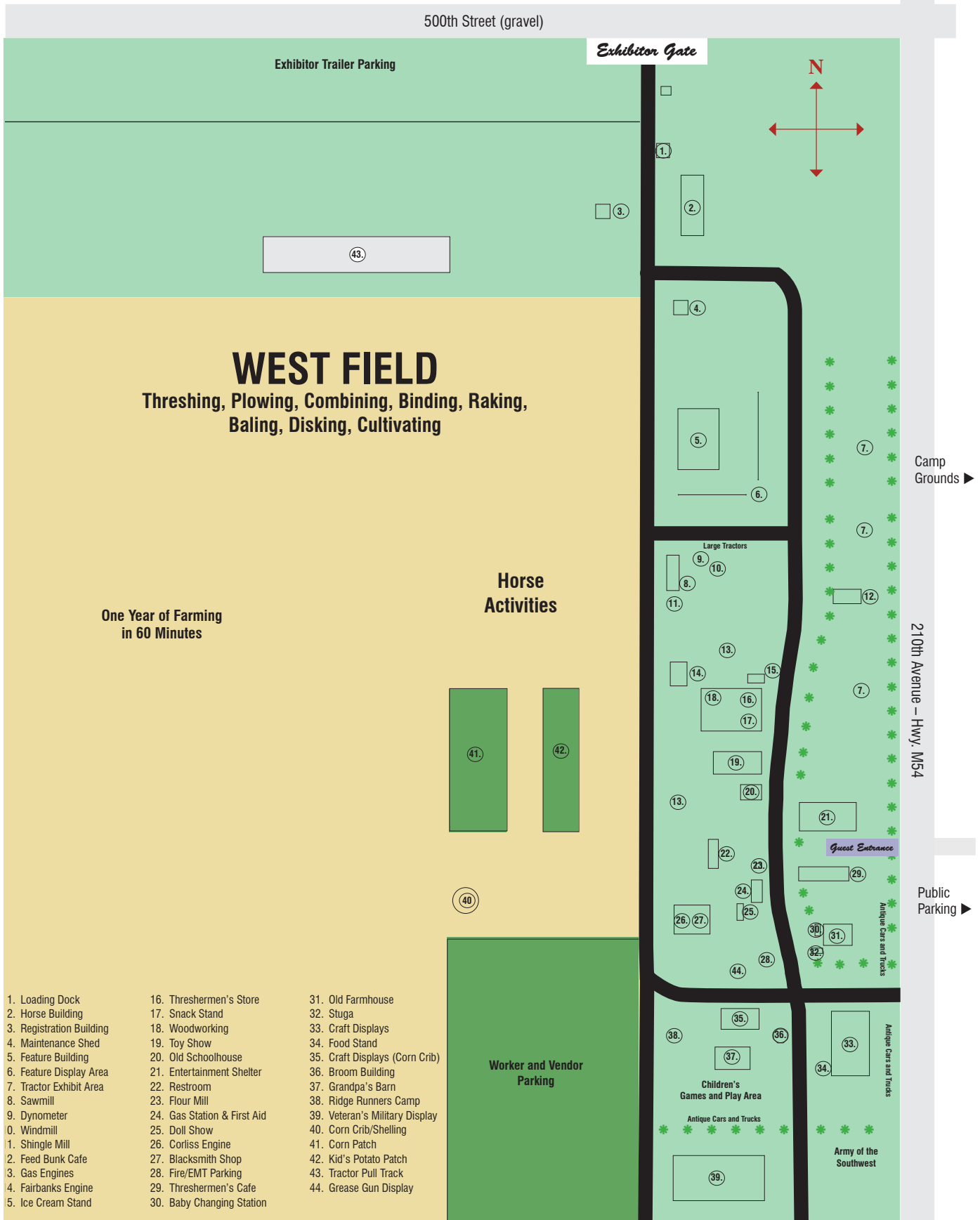


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| 1. Loading Dock | 16. Threshermen's Store | 31. Old Farmhouse |
| 2. Horse Building | 17. Snack Stand | 32. Stuga |
| 3. Registration Building | 18. Woodworking | 33. Craft Displays |
| 4. Maintenance Shed | 19. Toy Show | 34. Food Stand |
| 5. Feature Building | 20. Old Schoolhouse | 35. Craft Displays (Corn Crib) |
| 6. Feature Display Area | 21. Entertainment Shelter | 36. Broom Building |
| 7. Tractor Exhibit Area | 22. Restroom | 37. Grandpa's Barn |
| 8. Sawmill | 23. Flour Mill | 38. Ridge Runners Camp |
| 9. Dynamometer | 24. Gas Station & First Aid | 39. Veteran's Military Display |
| 0. Windmill | 25. Doll Show | 40. Corn Crib/Shelling |
| 1. Shingle Mill | 26. Corliss Engine | 41. Corn Patch |
| 2. Feed Bunk Cafe | 27. Blacksmith Shop | 42. Kid's Potato Patch |
| 3. Gas Engines | 28. Fire/EMT Parking | 43. Tractor Pull Track |
| 4. Fairbanks Engine | 29. Threshermen's Cafe | 44. Grease Gun Display |
| 5. Ice Cream Stand | 30. Baby Changing Station | |

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Special Event Schedule:

THURSDAY

"Flower Power" entries due 12 noon Farm House
Tractor Ride, all makes welcome 1:00 p.m. Leave site

FRIDAY:

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7–10:30 a.m. Feed Bunk
Opening Ceremony 9 a.m. Flagpole by School
Entertainment Shelter –
Cletus Goblirsch 12 noon Entertainment Shelter
Cletus Goblirsch 2:30 p.m. Entertainment Shelter
JD Feature Fun Pull after parade Tractor Pull Track

SATURDAY:

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7–10:30 a.m. Feed Bunk
Sanctioned Antique Tractor Pull 9 a.m. Northwest Field
Army of SW-Cannons and arms 9 a.m. Southeast end of grounds
Kids Pedal Pull 10 a.m. North of Craft Bldg.

Entertainment Shelter –

KTR, blues music 11 a.m. Entertainment Shelter
Civil War Fashion Show 12 noon Entertainment Shelter
KTR 1 p.m. Entertainment Shelter
Talent Show 2 p.m. Entertainment Shelter

SUNDAY:

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7–10:30 a.m. Feed Bunk
Church Service 9 a.m. Entertainment Shelter
Army of SW-Cannons and arms 10 a.m. Southeast end of grounds
Entertainment –
Albert City Community Band 12 noon Entertainment Shelter
Ladies Trio 1:15 p.m. Entertainment Shelter
Civil War Fashion Show 2:45 p.m. Entertainment Shelter
Raffle Tractor Drawing 4 p.m. Parade Stand

Daily Events for Friday, Aug. 8, Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10

WHAT

Registration
Feature Parade
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Games for Children
Potato digging for the kids
Threshermen Parade
Threshing with Steam & Gas Tractors
Field Events
Shingle Mill
Saw Mill
Blacksmithing
Flour Milling
Horses in Various Activity
Making Homemade Ice Cream
Corn Shelling
Army of the SW Civil War Encampment
Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder, John Deere
Scale Size Equipment Demonstrations
Swedish Svenska Stuga
Antique Car Display
Antique Tractor Display
Gas Engine Display
Threshermen Store
Food Booths
Vintage Military Display
Corliss Steam Engine
Thieman Display
Broom Making
School House
Crafts
Toy Show
Heritage Doll Show
Quilt Display
Home Displays
Grandpa's Barn
Carpenter Shop
Stormy Water Whittlers
Cherokee Ridge Runners
Combining, raking, baling, disking, plowing
Threshing with Hand-fed Separator
Horse Powered Well Drilling
ASW, Civil War Period Activities

WHEN

Upon Arrival
10:30 a.m.
11 a.m. or following parade
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WHERE

Registration Building *(New location, north end)*
Parade Route
West Field
South of Grandpa's Barn
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Parade Route
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NW End of Grove
NW End of Grove
East Side of Corliss Building
North of Gas Station
West Fields
Little Red Barn
West Field
Southeast end of show grounds
North Feature Building
Grounds
Svenska Stuga
East & North of Craft Building
Grounds
Grove Area
Store Building
Grounds
South end of grounds *(New Building)*
Corliss Building
Store Building *(New location)*
East of Corn Crib
School House
Red Building and Corn Crib
Toy Show Building, next to school house *(New location)*
Doll House Building, behind gas station *(New location)*
Farm House
Farm House
South of Corn Crib
Store Building
Near Homemade Ice Cream
West of the Corn Crib
West Field
West Field
West Field
Grounds



Threshing with steam power is always a popular attraction out in the field. Pictured is Bill Collins operating his 1918 Advance Rumely. The engine weighs 12-1/2 tons and has 60 horse-power on the belt and 20 horse-power on the draw bar. Each year the Threshermen plant about 22 acres of wheat at the show site. About one-third of the field is left standing for field activities while the remainder is harvested two weeks before the show and is then used for threshing demonstrations during the show.

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Spend any time at all with members of the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club and the name Dave Gonnerman will come up in the conversation.

Dave was an avid John Deere collector and club member. He passed away from cancer in April 2013.

“Dave was a driving force in the club,” said Gerald Zimmerman. “He always wanted us to have a show on our 10-acre site. He envisioned it and we started four years ago and it was quite successful.”

According to Bob Neppel, Dave was known as “Mr. John Deere” and for many years was a banker in Colorado. Before coming back to the area in the 80s, he was busy collecting tractors, painting them and selling them. He got more and more involved in collecting and he was a wealth of information.

“At his sixtieth birthday party he was blindfolded. Then, given 15-20 random pieces—he could identify each one,” said Bob. “He knew the tractor and what year it was made.

“He was the backbone of our club and was also a promoter and instigator trying to get new things going on. He was the one who got our newsletter started along with his wife Denise. He never married a tractor and believed that it was always the hunt. He would call us up and ask if we wanted to go hunting and away we would go. He always said he could talk to anybody and he could.”

Dave was a cousin and friend to Kenny Gonnerman of Spen-



cer. Several pieces of equipment were exchanged between Dave and Kenny. “He was always trading, buying, selling—anything green and he was bidding on it. The last time he was at the Albert City show he was running his 420 Crawler, probably in 2010,” he commented.

Many of Dave’s friends now own some of his equipment and own many memories that will bring smiles for years to come.

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KTR will take the stage Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the entertainment shelter. KTR is a blues band that takes on a hint of country, and according to Kern will also take some rock n'roll and soften it up a bit!

The members of KTR include: Kern Wessman, of Apple Valley, Minn.; Tim Gallagher from Chaska, Minn.; and Roger Bennett from Eden Prairie, Minn. Kern has a family heritage in Marathon where his grandparents lived and where farm remnants remain.

"We as a group have been playing together for over two years and we are also a part of Stratford Crossing Blues Band which has seven members. That band has been together six years," said Kern.

"I am a vocalist and I have always sung. I sang competitively in high school and college, I do a lot of weddings and funerals. I sang for the director of music for the Vienna Boy's Choir when I was 17, but it was my year of college which became more important at the time. I have spent 37 years with UPS as a manager and the other two have full-time careers, so we have done this more as a past-time because of family and responsibilities. It really is fun.

"I am looking forward to visiting the show again. The other two have only heard what we have talked about. They are excited to see the atmosphere. I love it because it takes me back to my heritage and where I am connected with."

Kern and his wife attended the show last year and their grandchildren were part of the talent show.

This year, the Talent Show will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The show is divided into three age brackets and cash prizes are awarded. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by calling the show office, 712-843-2076.

Other entertainment includes:

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

The **Army of the Southwest** will provide a Civil War era Fashion Show at 12 noon on Saturday and again at 2:45 on Sunday.



Tim, Roger, and Kern of KTR will perform at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday under the Entertainment Shelter.

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

The **Ladies Trio** will perform at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday.

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

The Army of the Southwest will return this year with an encampment that demonstrates the period 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.

“If everything goes well, we should see over 30 members of our group in attendance and we plan to represent both Confederate and Union soldiers,” he said.

“We had an absolutely phenomenal time last year,” said Dennis. “I encouraged everyone to take the show in and they were all overwhelmed with how much we could see and do. It was rewarding for us to see the enthusiasm of the people as they came to see what we had to offer. We all just had a good time and that is why everyone who was there last year are encouraging the others to go.”

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

While at the show, the members are dressed and living in the period the entire time. “We don’t just do a performance,” said Dennis. “We actually mirror the lifestyle of the 1860s. We recreate camp life by living in period tents and when time allows, we prepare food over a campfire and eat as the soldiers did during the war.”

Visitors can expect to see many 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.”

A few plan to arrive on Thursday, but most of 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. Other activities at the campsite will be artillery drills, a fashion 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. Some may be announced, but others will be a bit spontaneous.

There will be a Civil War fashion show in the entertainment shelter at 12 noon Saturday and again at 2:45 p.m. Sunday.



The encampment demonstrates the lifestyle of the Civil War era and visitors are encouraged to visit and ask questions.



After helping prepare the mortar, these boys are ready for the cannon fire.



Denny Hogrefe took a break from the field and had a chance to fire one of the cannons in 2013.



Last year there were three cannons used during the show. This year they expect to have 4 or 5 cannons and will again explain how the cannons are fired.

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Riders can enjoy lunch at the Threshermen's Cafe on Thursday and at about 1:00, 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 Poca-hontas 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.

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Farmhouse to feature “Days of the Week” chore schedule

This year the display in the Old-time Farmhouse will focus on the vintage “Days of the Week” schedule that many rural households practiced years ago.

Volunteer Kathy Sangwin was inspired by the vintage kitchen towels and is organizing the displays to show the chores that happened each day.

- Monday: wash day
- Tuesday: ironing day
- Wednesday: mending day
- Thursday: market day
- Friday: baking day
- Saturday: cleaning day
- Sunday: Day of rest

According to Kathy, each year her group of volunteers tries to come up with a new display to feature in the old house. Cookies and water will also be available for purchase.



In 2013, the Farmhouse included these vintage aprons and a sewing table and quilt display.



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Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club will take over Feature Area for this year's show

Visitors can expect to see a sea of green as the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club takes over the feature area and displays many makes and models of John Deere.

The Two-Cylinder Club celebrates its 23rd year this year and has a membership of around 125 John Deere enthusiasts from all around Iowa and surrounding states.

Visitors to the feature building will be able to see a replica of a John Deere dealership. According to club president Bob Nepl, it will have the bins, counters and show room as it would have appeared in the 1950s.

The unique Armored A's will also be on display in the feature building.

It is expected to have at least six to eight vendors with John Deere merchandise available.

The club does an annual fun day at their site on the north end of Spencer and organizes tractors for the Clay County Fair. The club meets monthly and provides scholarships and supports member communities by participating in parades.

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

"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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Flower Power Contest adds color to the grounds

Flower enthusiasts are invited to participate in the second year of the “Flower Power” contest. This fun event started last year in an effort to add some colorful flower arrangements to the show grounds.

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

Director 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.”

To participate in the contest, 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.



Last year’s contest winners on display included: ADULTS–1st: Barb and Chris Reese, Laurens; 2nd: Leann Olson, Albert City; 3rd: Theresa Erickson, Marathon. YOUTH–1st: Abby Bean, Marathon; 2nd: Jenna Saunders, Laurens; 3rd: Esther Olson, Vernon Hills, Illinois.

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John Metcalf has the New Generation feature tractor

John Metcalf of rural Dickens owns the 2510 John Deere tractor that is one of the featured tractors for the 2014 show. It is a 1968 with gas powershift and is one of only 350 made.

"I like the look of the New Generation tractors," said Metcalf. "They are also what was around when I was growing up and started farming."

"My family originally farmed with Farmalls, but a neighbor had a John Deere 4630 with a soundguard cab. That was a huge difference and that is when I went to green."

John has been restoring tractors for over 20 years. "I like the end result of a finished product, and sometimes it's a diversion," said John. He started farming in 1972 and is now joined by his son in the operation.

"I have lived on this farm forever," stated John about his family farm located between Lost Island and Dickens. He and his wife Dana have two children, Adam and Heather, and have four grandchildren. Dana serves on the board of the Clay County Fair.

"I am looking forward to the Albert City show. It will be fun to be around the Two-Cylinder guys and will be interesting to see the different tractors. I think there will be a lot more New Generation tractors. I am also looking forward to the One

John Metcalf's 2510 that is one of the featured tractors for this year's show.



John Metcalf stands next to his restored 3020 Diesel.

Year of Farming in 60 Minutes demonstration," he said.


John has been a member of the Two-Cylinder club for about ten years and has been a director for about 8 years. He enjoys being around the other enthusiasts who have experience to share when it comes to the green line.

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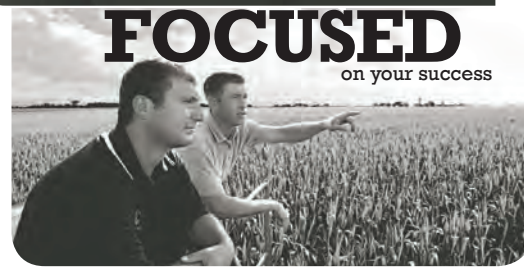
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Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors bring National Summer Show in 2015

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Many special events are planned for the show including a lineup of activities for the ladies and an evening banquet on Saturday.

The Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors Association was the second chapter to be formed under the National HPOCA charter.

On January 13, 1994, ten Iowa members of the HPOCA met in Little Amana to discuss forming a chapter under the HPOCA. The group wanted to keep a regional identity not necessarily limited by geographic location and agreed on the name Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors Association.

Members of the club participate in several events throughout the year including a spring plow day, the summer show, the Farm Progress Show, a fall plow day and a winter meeting. Membership in the state chapter is \$20 per year and includes

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Hart-Parr Oliver summer show contacts include: Don Hoover, 712-260-7494; Larry Harsin, 712-362-2966 and Willis Lussman, 712-732-1272.



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Follmann plans to demonstrate the Quick-tatch on his 1939 John Deere B

Russell Follmann is proud to own a 1939 John Deere B with a Quick-tatch cultivator. The Quick-tatch has an auxiliary frame on the cultivator so the user could just drive into it and bolt it on. The cultivator is a 200 series, or 2-row and is set at 40-inch rows. Russell hopes to use the cultivator in the One Year of Farming demonstration and in the cross-check corn patch during the show.

“I have always had it,” said Russell. “I was born in 1937 and raised on a farm in southern Iowa. My dad bought the 39B in 1950. After my brother left for college I started driving it. It has been somewhat restored since then.”

“The farm I grew up on was 120 acres and it was good enough to put three kids through college,” said Russell. “I guess I realize more and more how much my dad taught me. If you have something you take care of it and it will take care of you. My dad never left anything out overnight and I’m that way. I’d prefer to tweak it now and not wait for it to fall apart later and then fix it.”

Russell, who lives in Sioux City, retired in 2001 after working for the DOT for over 30 years. He has three sons and six grandchildren and enjoys having the chance to baby-sit on occasion, traveling to Kansas City, Fort Worth, or Gaithersburg, Maryland where his sons live.



Russell puts on some miles each month to travel from Sioux City to Spencer to participate in two meetings of the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club.



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The Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club keeps Russell active and having fun with John Deere. He serves as the club historian and has an archive of photos and videos.

"It actually started with a contact at the show in Albert City over ten years ago," said Russell. "I went to the show one day and liked it so well that I ended up coming back all three days. Someone at the show invited me to come to the Club's potluck and that's when I decided to join. I really enjoy the friendships and the camaraderie. We talk a common language. If I have a problem, I can find someone with an answer. And, I have met a lot of people I wouldn't have met otherwise. I typically make the trip to Spencer for two meetings a month since we have a directors meeting and a membership meeting each month."

Russell enjoys going on tractor rides and by show time will have taken in four rides in 2014. He also owns a 1955 50 and a 1971 1520 which is very rare for this part of the country since it was a utility tractor used in the orchards. He plans to bring both of these to the show.

"Albert City is a really great show," he said. "I always enjoy the field operations. I like to video them and also video the parades. Of course, I always enjoy the displays in the feature building. I guess I'll be really busy this year as a participant and also trying to shoot my videos. I will stay close-by at Camp Bean where I think I have stayed for 7 or 8 years. I have stayed there a long time, I've even watched their kids grow up!

Whether behind a video camera, or behind the wheel of a John Deere, expect to see Russell having fun and enjoying the Threshermen's Show.



Russell's 1939 John Deere B with a 200 series cultivator featuring the Quick-tatch.





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showed considerable improvement and moved ever closer to manufacturing. Dain passed before Deere's board gave the go ahead for manufacturing 100 Dain's. With the new year of 1917, the war effort was more important, and although a few of Dain's tractors were sold under the Deere & Company name ushering them into the tractor race, Deere's factories quickly devoted nearly all development and manufacturing to the war efforts, pushing the Dain aside.

Not to be outdone in the tractor race, Deere & Company purchased Waterloo Gasoline Traction Company and its well known Waterloo Boy tractor in March of 1918 and turned out 5,634 tractors that year. Feeling the effects of war world wide, Deere & Company's progress slowed but still managed to turn out the new Model D in mid 1923. Throughout the end of '23 and '24 Deere manufactured 880 Model D's. Although the tractor division showed losses in those years, farmers were pleased with the model D and by 1925 sales were booming once again. In years to follow were such models as the GP, AR, and the ever popular A's and B's.

In 1934 Deere & Company rolled out their first row crop diesel tractor, the Model 70. When first tested by Nebraska test labs, the 70 set a new fuel economy record which held up for years. The model 70 also proved that although a lighter weight it was just as much of a power house as its counterpart the R.

Continually improving their lineup in 1945, Deere & Company contracted with the Lindeman brothers to outfit their model B tractors with the Lindeman crawler tracks. Deere seeing success in the crawler tractor industry purchased Lindeman in 1946, moving production from Yakima, Washington to Dubuque, Iowa.

By 1956, Deere was manufacturing more than 32,574 Model 50's to keep up with the ever growing farming demand worldwide. Also in production were models in the 20 and 30 series, designed with the smaller farmer in mind. Selling approximately 46,450 tractors, the 420 manufactured between 1956 and '58 sold exceptionally well. The 420 came standard with a four-speed transmission, and a power increase over its cousin the model 40 providing 27.08 drawbar horsepower and 29.21 pto/belt power. Deere's 30 series line topped out with the 830 Diesel. This compact 2-cylinder 75 horse power-house offered improved controls and instruments, optional power steering, a six-speed

transmission speeding off at 12.24 mph, and a float-ride seat for customer comfort.

In 1959, Deere introduced their first tractor in over 40 years that had more than two-cylinders, the model 8010 was also the first articulated four-wheel-drive tractor. This 10-ton giant had a six-cylinder supercharged, two-cycle diesel engine rated at 215 horsepower. The following year, 1960, Deere introduced its "New Generation" line-up. Just as the name suggested, many new and improved tractors emerged in the 60s. Synchro-range transmission was introduced, a closed-center hydraulic system and the quick-coupler three-point hitch were now all available. Tractors such as the 5010 could now produce 106 horsepower from a six-cylinder engine and could reach top road speeds of 20 mph.

With continued improvements and changes Deere launched its Generation II tractors in 1974. Included in Generation II was the 4030 equipped with the first sound-guard cabs, vastly improving operator comfort by reducing noise about 10 decibels over the previous open station cabs. Generation II also introduced farmers to Deere's "Iron Horses" the 40 series, announced in late 1977. The 4440 "Iron Horse" is a six-cylinder turbocharged diesel providing 130 horsepower. Deere's "Iron Horses" also offered Quad-range and power-shift transmissions to further suit farmer's demands.

Deere & Company has continued to set the bar in design and ingenuity not only for agricultural use but construction and forestry as well. Not only has Deere been a revolutionary company in agricultural history throughout the world, they remain one of the most successful companies in American history.

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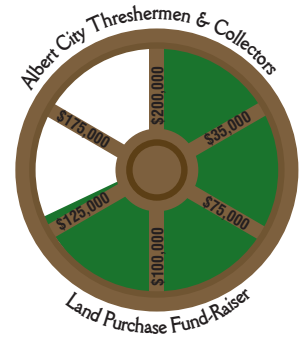
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Meet the Threshermen & Collectors Board

Karl Lind

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



Mike Rebhuhn

Has worked at the show 24 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 nine years. He oversees security, the store, big tractors, ice cream, the food and other activities.



Duane Madson

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



Kevin Olson

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



Keith Moe

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



Mike Sangwin

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



Steve Christ

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



Connie Reinert

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



Larry Erickson

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



Karen Feeley

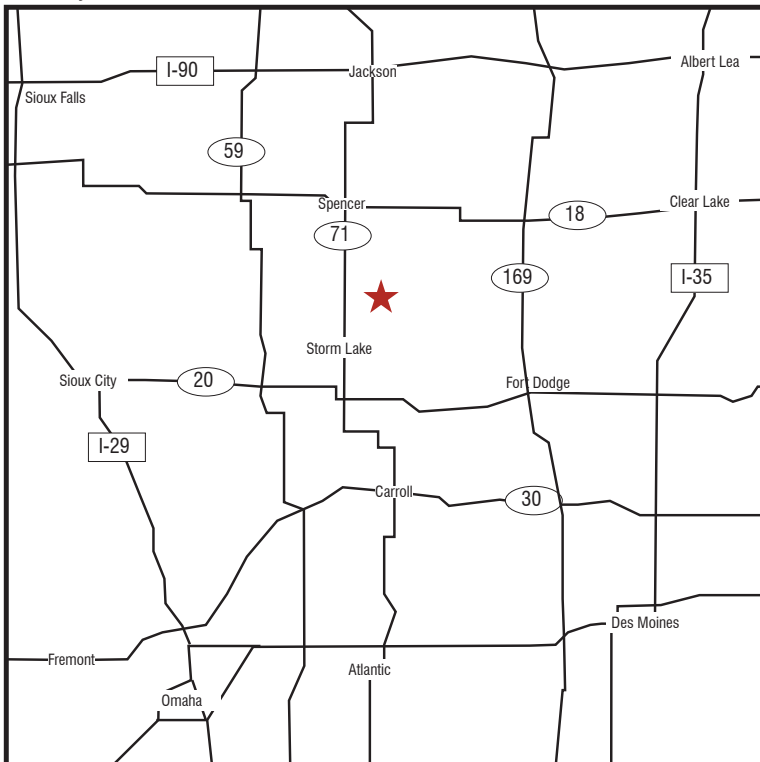
Serves as executive secretary and is in her third year of doing so. She also heads up the Threshermen's Cafe.



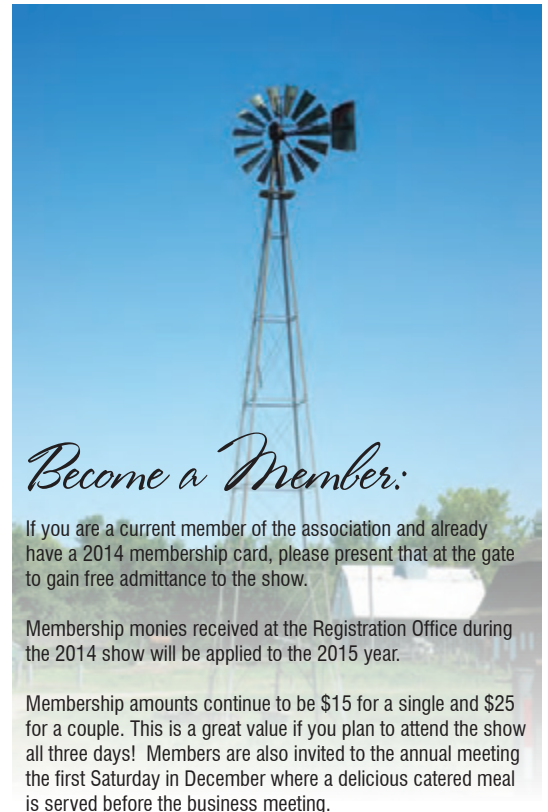
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