



**Albert City
Threshermen & Collectors Show**

2015 Official Show Guide

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Hosting the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association

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Having fun can sometimes be a lot of work. Or, so it would seem when you think of all the time and work that goes into planning, organizing and putting on the annual Threshermen & Collectors Show.

You won't hear any complaints from the organizers, volunteers or exhibitors. They each share a passion for their craft and also for sharing history and they have a lot of fun doing so.

Look around to any activity or display that is going on during the show and you will be amazed. There are so many things to do and so much to learn! It really takes all three days to take in all of the displays and activities.

Passion. Energy. Motivation.

It takes all of these to make the annual show a success. A favorite quote from my visits this year included this from Freedom Quilts volunteer Norma Gehrig:

"You have to decide if you're gonna sit in your chair all day or if you are going to get up and do something worthwhile."

It's not always the easiest thing to do—getting out of that chair. So, to all of those who decided to get out of their chair and do something worthwhile, thank you.

As you enjoy the show, please take a moment to share your appreciation to the many volunteers who have given of their time and talents to put on such a great event.

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

See you at the show.

Connie J Reinert

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45th Annual Collectors Show brings national collectors group

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association welcomes the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association as the feature exhibitors this year. Expect to see a lot of Oliver, Hart-Parr and White tractors and their related implements throughout the grounds as they take over the feature display area and participate in the "One Year of Farming in Sixty Minutes" demonstration.

Along with the HPOCA displays, it is expected there will be quite a few related vendors in the swap meet area which will be located in the tents to the north and to the west of the feature building.

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. Stop by to visit with them about life in the Civil War era or plan to watch the cannon and arms fire.

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

"One Year of Farming in Sixty Minutes" returns. Watch as an entire year of farming activities are performed in an hour or less starting at 11 a.m. each day.

The Threshermen's Tractor Ride is Thursday. At 1 p.m., the ride will leave the grounds for stops at the Albert City Museum, the LM & O Railroad Museum in Marathon and the

Marathon Park. The afternoon ride is open to all makes of tractors and includes a break with homemade ice cream.

Be sure to stop in at Freedom Hall to check out the new displays and memorabilia with a focus on WWI.

There will be two tractor pulls. The Friday Night Fun Pull features Hart-Parr, Oliver and White 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.

New this year will be a hand corn husking demonstration which will start immediately following the Kid's Potato Patch.

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

The 45th 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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Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors join in for the 2015 show

This year the Threshermen feature Hart-Parr, Oliver and White related tractors and equipment as hosts to the national Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association. There should be a large turn-out of equipment and exhibits representing all generations of Hart-Parr, Oliver and White including the unique Little Devil, HP40 and HP60.

The H-P O summer show is being organized by the Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors Association who worked hard to present a great show for their fellow enthusiasts.

Special activities related to HPOCA include a line-up of Ladies' Day activities, a social Friday evening, a member banquet Saturday evening to be held at the Marathon Community Center and swap meet vendors on the grounds all three days.

The Iowa Cornbelt Chapter was formed in 1994 and was the second chapter formed under the HPOCA charter. The chapter continues to grow with about 90% of the membership residing in Iowa. The Cornbelt Chronicle newsletter is mailed to members quarterly.

Along with this year's HPOCA Summer Show, the Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors Chapter has hosted the 2000, 2007 and 2008 Winter Get-Together events for the National HPOCA and the 2002 National Summer Show at Cedar Falls and the 2010 HPOCA National Summer Show in Mount Pleasant.

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 an Oliver Tractor Calendar published by the club and a quarterly newsletter.

The HPOCA organization started in 1989 to help preserve the history of Hart-Parr, Oliver and associated companies acquired by Hart-Parr and Oliver, to aid collectors of Hart-Parr and Oliver tractors, combines and implements in restoration and preservation, and to promote the collection and care of Hart-Parr and Oliver machinery, memorabilia and other related items. It now includes nearly 8,000 members and consists of 19 chapters. Membership in the national HPOCA is \$30.



Iowa Cornbelt Chapter Officers include, left to right: Dave Boelman, treasurer; Jim Boge, president; Dave Westbrook, secretary and Dave Scherbring, vice-president. Also, Dick Burns is the past president, Betty Burns is the membership and newsletter editor, Don Seaton is the calendar coordinator and Andy Willenborg is the website coordinator.

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Harsins gear up to bring their Oliver tractors to 2015 show

Larry and Sandra Harsin have been thinking about the 2015 show for nearly three years. It was that long ago when the Iowa Cornbelt Collectors agreed to host the national summer show. Sandy and Larry were one of the first to volunteer to help organize the event for their fellow enthusiasts.

Larry was born and raised on a farm and his dad bought his first Oliver in 1945 when Larry was just eight years old. They continued to farm with Olivers. He worked at several implement dealers going from Knoxville to Pella, on to Spencer and finally to Ray's Farm Store in Estherville in the late 60's.

He started farming with Oliver tractors in 1969 and believes that Oliver equipment is the finest in farm machinery.

The Harsin's passion for collecting started in 1990 when the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association was getting started.

"We got in early," said Sandy. "We were member number 197. Now there are over 8,000 members in the national organization."

Their collection now includes over 70 Oliver tractors and some implements all in various states and most still in their working clothes.

One of their favorites is the Super 88 that his dad once owned. It made it all the way to New York before returning years later to the Harsin farm.

"It was sold at my dad's auction in 1977. Later, my brother started looking for it. We were just getting started in our Oliver business and one thing led to another. A friend from here had traveled to New York and met a farmer who ended up coming here to visit. He looked at one of my Super 88s and commented that he had one just like it. Later, we went to a national show out in New York and visited this family. We looked at his tractor and he had the manual for it. Inside was the sale bill from my dad's auction.

"Well, we eventually bought the tractor from him and returned it to our farm. Now it will be one of the tractors at this year's show in Albert City."

Larry and Sandy operate an online business for finding and selling Oliver tractor parts—olivertractor.com. According to



Larry and Sandra Harsin live just south of Estherville, Iowa and are enthusiastic members of the Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors and HPOCA along with operating their online Oliver parts business.

Sandy, Larry does all the mechanical work on the tractors and parts operation and she takes care of maintaining the website.

"We would buy tractors to collect or to use for parts and eventually we started to get known for having parts. We were getting lots of calls, so in 2000 we started the business. Now we get lots of calls every day from all over the country," said Larry.

Larry has also become popular in Oliver circles for his "Ask the Oliver Mechanic" which is featured in the *Oliver Heritage* magazine and on their website.

"I tell people Larry has green blood," laughed Sandy. "He knows the tractors inside out."

The Harsins are very active in the HPOCA, attending the winter and summer shows. They are also active in the Iowa Cornbelt Oliver Collectors. Sandy served two terms as secretary of the national organization.

"It was a lot of fun. You get to know the officers," she said. "The hobby has taken us all over the U.S. from California, to New York to Florida. What's fun is that you get to see the Oliver tractors that were used in that region which is often very different from the tractors used here in the Midwest."

In September, the Harsins will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary. They have three sons, Ward, who lives nearby; Steven who lives in Grand Marais, Minn. and Grant who lives in Surprise, Ariz.

And now, they are both busy getting ready for the summer show. Larry is preparing tractors and equipment while Sandy is helping to plan the banquet and other club activities. They are looking forward to seeing all of their friends at the summer get together.

Among other tractors, Larry plans to bring his Oliver 185 front-wheel assist with a 6-bottom plow. "After that, we are going to keep bringing tractors until we get tired of hauling."



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Rare “Little Devil” tractor and HP40 travel from Floyd County Museum

Two very rare and unique tractors will be displayed at this year’s show as they travel here from the Floyd County Museum in Charles City.

The Little Devil was a small, 3-wheel tractor with a 2-cycle engine which produced 15 drawbar horsepower and 22 belt horsepower. The 3-wheel configuration and 2-cycle engine made the Little Devil a unique tractor. It actually was a low-cost, row-crop tractor for the Midwest farmer which could pull a cultivator, because the two front wheels could straddle two rows of corn while the 64-inch diameter drive wheel ran between the two rows. The operator’s station was located on the right side of the tractor, beside the shielded drive wheel. The Little Devil was powered by a 2-cylinder, 2-cycle horizontal Hart-Parr kerosene engine with an early form of fuel injection, so it had no valves, no carburetor, and no differential.

The Little Devil was plagued by two operating problems. If the operator let the engine lug down under a heavy load, the engine could suddenly reverse its rotation and then the tractor would be going backwards instead of forward. Also, there was no adjustment to the fuel injection system. Due to these two problems, Hart-Parr recalled the Little Devil tractors. However, it is said there are two or three remaining and one

of them will be at this year’s show.

The 20-40 Hart Parr was built from 1911 to 1914. They were built with a 2-speed transmission. The engine used exhaust piped into the crankcase to splash oil into troughs that fed oil to the main bearings and troughs that were used to oil the rod bearings. The centerline of the cylinders are offset 2.75 inches from the centerline of the crankshaft. A special design on the rods was used so the rods didn’t hit the piston skirts. The tractor owned by the Floyd County Historical Society is the only restored 40 known today to exist.



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Hand corn husking will be new afternoon demonstration

David VandenBoom of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa will join the show this year to demonstrate the task of corn husking by hand. The demonstration will take place in the west field at 2:30 or just following the Kid's Potato Patch activity.

Horses will pull a wagon past the corn rows and Vanden-Boom and others will pick and husk the corn and toss it into the wagon the way it was done many years ago.

VandenBoom remembers helping his grandpa pick corn years ago and he started in the Iowa Hand Corn Husking Competition about five years ago.

He now is the president of Iowa Corn Husking Association and heads up the annual competition. This year it will be held October 10 at the Amana Colonies RV Park and Event Center. The state competition will send the first three place qualifiers in each age group for both men and women on to represent Iowa at the national competition.

"People are involved in these events because they believe in keeping the history of corn harvesting alive," said Vanden-Boom. "Believe it or not, this truly was a sport at one time."

"Our competition will host some great corn huskers. Visitors will get to see horses and mules pulling wagons as both men and women pick and toss ears of corn into the wagons during the allotted amount of time given to that age class," he explained.

"They will also get to watch and participate in some hand shelling and grinding of corn."

VandenBoom has related interests as he currently serves as the president of the national Corn Items Collectors Association and the Iowa Draft Horse and Mule Breeders Association.

He plans to have information on all of these organizations and their activities at a display booth located at this year's show.

"First and foremost, visitors will find enthusiasm if they stop by my display," he said.

"I look forward to visiting with all who stop by. I will have some books about husking pegs, shellers and more. I will have information about each of these groups that I am involved in



The 2013 Iowa Corn Husking Competition.

so visitors will be able to learn more about each organization.

"The Corn Items Collectors Association is a group of both men and women that enjoy showing off, buying or trading items that pertain to corn. The mission of this group is to preserve the history of corn. Lots of interesting things and great conversation come with this group.

"Members of the Iowa Draft Horse and Mule Breeders Association are folks who truly enjoy their horses. Many of them use their horses for doing lots of the work on the farm. Others enjoy hitching up and using their horses for show while others enjoy testing the power of their horses by being involved in horse-pulling contests."

VandenBoom stays busy attending various competitions in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and the National Competition. And, of course working in draft horse events along the way.

Learn more about all of these organizations by visiting them online:

- Corn Items Collectors Association—cornitems.org
- Iowa Draft Horse and Mule Breeders Association—iowadrafthorse.com
- Iowa Corn Husking Association—iowacornhusking.org

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Collectors and enthusiasts will enjoy a visit to the Floyd Co. Museum

Thanks to the Floyd County Museum, enthusiasts and collectors can relive the history of Hart-Parr, Oliver and White by visiting the museum.

The museum is one of the Midwest's largest rural county museums with over 50,000 artifacts representing early agricultural and industrial life on the prairie.

The section dedicated to Hart-Parr, Oliver and White contains company history files, annual reports, company photographs, negatives and slides, union records, motion picture films, technical manuals, blueprints, sales literature, artifacts from the factory and tractors produced at the plant from 1889 to 1995.

Original and reprinted manuals are also for sale along with Oliver motion picture films that have been transferred to video tape.

The museum has local history files, the Carrie Lane Chapman Catt Collection, the Country Emporium, a log cabin, doctor's office, period rooms and a collection of artifacts from the Legel Drug Store spanning 1884-1962.

The museum is located at the birthplace of the gasoline-driven tractor, Charles City, Iowa. Learn more by visiting their website at www.floydcountymuseum.org.



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Willis Lussman looks forward to the feature of his favorite brand

BY DOLORES CULLEN

It's Willis Lussman's year. The Storm Lake Hart Parr-Oliver collector will bring his collection of 11 carefully restored tractors to the 45th annual Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Show.

At age 85, and still recovering from a surgery last year, Lussman points out details of each model. A walk through his clean, well-organized shed is like a lesson on the history of the Hart-Parr-Oliver brand. Here are the models you will see:

- 1927 Hart-Parr 12-24. This is Lussman's oldest tractor. It has just been repainted in its original colors by the Schmidt brothers at Eagle's Bend south of Storm Lake.
- 1929 Hart-Parr 18-36. This old tractor is perhaps Lussman's rarest. It features "live power" which can be turned on or off as the tractor is being driven. Lussman remembers seeing this type of tractor powering a threshing machine when he was a little kid.
- 1929 Oliver Hart-Parr 18-27 Row Crop. This tractor was bought new by Lussman's uncle Otto Mohr. Lussman's father also had a tractor like this.
- 1934 Oliver Hart-Parr 18-27 Row Crop
- Oliver Hart-Parr 18-20 from the mid 1930s. This smaller tractor is not a row crop tractor
- 1937 Oliver Special. This model's innovations included

the starter, lights and gasoline engine. The most important, in Lussman's eyes, was the starter. This year's tractors are the first to drop the Hart Parr brand name.

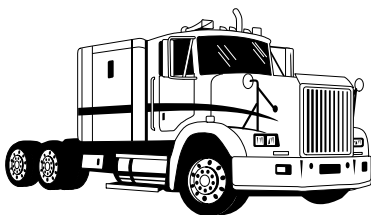
- 1938 Oliver 80
- 1948 Oliver 70 Standard. A notable improvement in this model was six cylinders, as opposed to two. The 70 model was "smooth running," says Lussman.
- 1949 Oliver 66
- 1952 Oliver 88
- Oliver 1265 from the 1970s. This small utility tractor has a Fiat engine.

In addition to these tractors Lussman will bring his 1948 power unit and his sickle mower from the 1950s.



Lussman shows off the control lever for the "live power," a rare feature on this 1929 Hart-Parr 18-36.

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Willis stands amongst some of his favorite tractors

Moving the entire collection will be a challenge in itself. "Three or four friends have volunteered to help me," he says. In addition his son Wayne, a semi driver instructor at Iowa Central Community College, has devised a session for his students to come up from Fort Dodge and practice the art of securing a tractor to a trailer. They'll also haul the green machines to the Albert City site.

South Dakota, Waverly, Sheldon; each of Lussman's tractors have come from different places and each one has memories attached to it. Lorna, his wife of 62 years, admires her husband's tractors and all the work he's put into them. The couple has gone to Oliver national shows together over the

years, including last year's in Madison, S.D. They reigned as grand marshals over a recent Albert City Threshermen's show.

At home Lorna helps out when Willis needs an extra hand. She recalled a humorous incident: "I saw your husband chasing you around the yard on a tractor," a friend told her. The passerby on C49 noticed Lorna driving a tractor with Willis behind on another one. Actually she was pulling him so he could get his started.

Lorna too remembers the winter of 2010 when heavy snow and ice caused the shed's roof to collapse onto all the tractors inside. All but one were substantially damaged. They were repaired, thanks to insurance money.

"I'm going to have to part with all of them," says Lussman of his prized Oliver's and Hart-Parrs. He imagines a sale, perhaps next year.

He's recently sold one (at a good price, says Lorna) to the Thresherman committee to be raffled off at their annual event. You can be the lucky owner. It's a 1930 Oliver Standard 77 in prime condition. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20.



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Owners want to inform and educate the public on all aspects of the evolution and history of diesel technology and the role it has played in the growth of agriculture, industry, manufacturing and transportation.

The museum is home to a wide variety of diesel engine equipment. The collection includes items that have come from previous collections and various locations across the country including the archives of the Association of Diesel Specialists trade association, other member locations and numerous manufacturers.

The collection includes tools, equipment, fuel injection parts, diesel injection pumps, nozzles and turbo cut-a-ways.

Memorabilia and reference materials that date from the 1920s to the present include items from over a dozen diesel injection system manufacturers including: Robert Bosch, American Bosch, Roosa Master, Simms, Woodward, Bendix, Cummins, Nippondenso, CAV, and Diesel Kiki.



The museum boasts several unique items such as the diesel fuel injection pump from the first diesel truck brought to the U.S. in 1927 and driven by Henry Ortner.

Other unique items include:

- Injector removed from a Japanese Kamikaze plane, that hit LST-884 on April 1, 1945, (D-Day at Okinawa).
- Robert Bosch Test Bench, EFEP 5C, from the 1950s.
- Twelve outlet gasoline injection pumps salvaged from downed German Junkers planes in North Africa.
- Cummins fuel pump with a Westinghouse electric governor from a generator that was used on a missile launcher.
- Japanese 52 AL6M six outlet, inline, diesel injection pump. It has a brass body and solid steel plunger block.
- Robert Bosch PE-80/200V-459 pump which was built for a Caterpillar test in 1936.
- American Bosch TSE-7664 fuel injection pump testing stand.
- American Bosch APE 1B from 1939.

Tours are generally available between 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the museum which is located at 2403 Murray Road in Es-therville, Iowa. Visitors can call for a specific appointment at 712-362-4200

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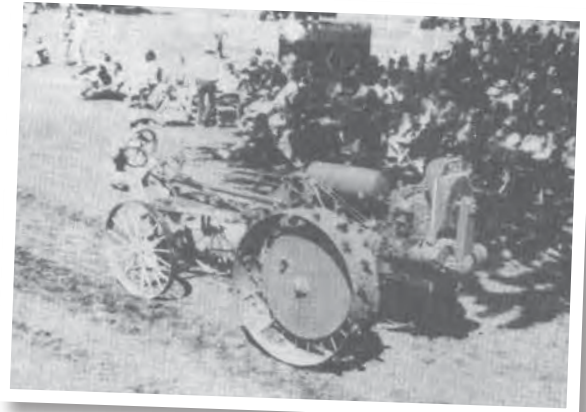
The first show was organized by Karl Lind and the late Keith Sundblad as a way to show their children how an old threshing machine worked.

Several neighbors and others interested in old farm equipment volunteered to help with the event held in early August and again on Labor Day at the former farm of the late Mabel Fredrickson northeast of Albert City.

A food stand was set up on a 1930 Chevrolet truck and lunch was served on a flat rack. Workers enjoyed lemonade, coffee and bars.

A total of three acres of oats were threshed and about 200 people attended the show.

In the Sept. 9, 1971 issue, the *Albert City Appeal* reported: "One of the most interesting Labor Day happenings in this part of the state was on the Clifford Fredrickson farm northeast of Albert City where old time threshing was the order of the day. Credit for this interesting event goes to Karl Lind and Keith Sundblad who have accumulated these old pieces of machinery and have restored them to working order."



Mick Sundblad driving a 1917 Moline Universal



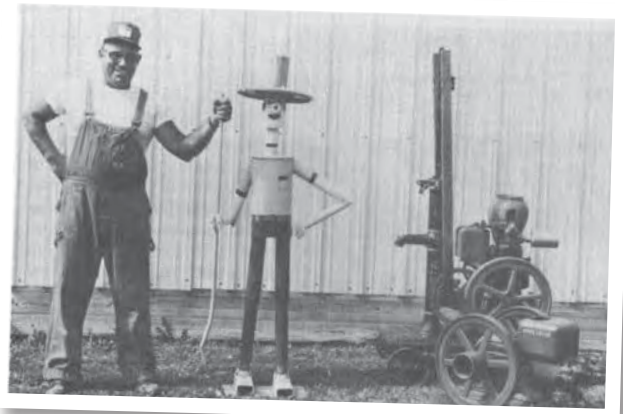
Rolin Johnson of Pocahontas driving one of his Allis Chalmers tractors.



A scene from the 1975 show held at the Mabel Fredrickson farm. Gas engines displayed in forefront by Leo Eosen and son.



Bob Meseck of Albert City driving his 1935 Farmall F-12.



Harry Hansen from Nemaha has displayed gas engines at the Albert City show since 1973.

Eileen Ruble will exhibit prized Hart-Parr 30-60



Eileen Ruble of Hanlontown, Iowa driving her Hart-Parr 30-60 with operator Don Hoover on board.

A brain tumor. Knee surgery. You name it, it's not slowing down Eileen Ruble and her enthusiasm for old iron and the folks that collect it. Eileen who lives in Hanlontown with her husband, Jerred, will be bringing a unique exhibit to the show this year. She will share her prized Hart-Parr 30-60, also known as "Old Reliable."

Jerred is an avid collector of big and unique steam and gas engines and so it was natural that after marrying 14 years ago, Eileen started to get the bug for collecting as well.

"I really wanted to have a tractor like my dad's," she said. "So several years ago I found a Massey-Harris 44 Special that was just like it."

She saw a Hart-Parr 60 in Yuma, Arizona and decided it was the one for her.

"I liked the idea of owning a big old engine that had been manufactured only 50 miles away," she said. "I also liked the sound of the hit and miss engine. We found out that there was one for sale in Wapello, Iowa and we made the deal over the phone from Yuma."

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"We eat, drink and sleep tractors and steam engines," said Eileen.

"We recently went to a show in Ohio and it was a complete rain-out. But, we had so much fun sitting around the hotel conference room visiting with the others. It was just a wonderful time of hospitality and friendship.

"The reward of this hobby really is the wonderful people that we meet. And, I really like having what is rare and unusual."

Eileen also owns a GO (General Ordinance) that was purchased at a sale in New York. The tractor was made out of spare parts from the war and military vehicles. There are only about six known to exist.

She also owns a 1/3-scale Garr Scott Steam Engine and a "Dishpan" Fairbanks Morse gas engine.

Jerred is currently working on a Baker steam tractor which is very unusual and when the tractor work and restoration is going on, Eileen is there to help by making road trips for parts and running errands, once going to California for a particular part.

The Rubles stay busy with collecting and exhibiting their rare finds and they are mainstays at any tractor-related activities held at Heritage Park in Forest City. Jerred's engines are used for the spring Steam School where he also leads training sessions; their tractors and engines are displayed for Heritage Festival in July and then there's the big Steam Threshing Festival in September.

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Freedom Quilts provides comfort to families around the world

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Freedom Quilts is located at the farm of Dennis and Betty Nielsen and here you will find the warmth and friendliness of energetic volunteers.

Freedom Quilts has been comforting families across the U.S. with the gift of a quilt since 2001. It started with the vision to make five hand-made quilts dedicated to the victims of 9-11.

"Seeing all the devastation, all of us felt like we needed to do something," said Betty Nielsen. "Quilts bring comfort. The effort has mushroomed since we began."

Since their start, they have delivered over 8,000 quilts. Freedom Quilts is a non-profit organization dedicated to comforting mourning families and all quilts are hand-made by volunteers.

Efforts have been dedicated to those families who have lost a loved one in the 9-11 tragedy and to the families of fallen soldiers. Through the gift of a quilt, they strive to comfort these families and preserve the honor and memory of their loved ones. Freedom Quilts creates unique, personalized quilts and families are not charged for these handmade quilts.

"It's worthwhile," said Norma Gehrig. "You have to decide if you're gonna sit in your chair all day or if you are going to get up and do something worthwhile."

Volunteer Jan Youngbluth has made quilts for many years. "Once you meet Betty, you get pulled in," she laughed. "We used to call it Betty's sweat shop!"

Betty is full of energy and uses her skills to manage the operation. On any given day, visitors will find five or six volunteers working on quilts and there are as many as 13 who give their time and talents to create the beautiful quilts.

The hand-made quilts have gone all over the world. The personalized quilts include photos of the loved one along with a unique design that tells their life story.

Once each year on the first weekend of April, there is a presentation of the quilts for those who are able to come and accept them in person.



Beulah Imming, Jerri Clancy and Norma Gehrig work on a quilt.



Betty Nielsen shows one of the personalized quilts.

"The recipients arrive with the Legion Riders and all of their flags. We also have the fire departments and EMTs. During the presentation, the story of each quilt and the life it represents is told," said Betty. "It is really something and it brings tears to those who attend. They see the love and the care that goes into each quilt."

For those unable to attend the ceremony, the quilts are shipped direct to them thanks to generous donations.

For Betty and her husband, Dennis, Freedom Quilts is a 7-day a week operation. "Dennis runs the farm and when he has time, he is in here doing the quilt stitching which requires programmed designs that he creates for each one."

Dennis believes that a quilt should look as good from the back as it does from the front and he makes sure that is true with each unique design.

So, where do they continue to find motivation after all these years?

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Ladies' Day events offer a chance to take a break from the action

The HPOCA asked the Threshermen Board to arrange for a few activities that the ladies would enjoy outside of the show. So, this year activities have been planned for all day Friday and Saturday morning. The activity is open to men and women, and membership in the HPOCA is not required.

Although the reservation deadline has passed, anyone interested in participating can call the show office, 712-843-2076 to see if space is available for either day.

Friday's activities: A unique experience you won't want to miss! Take the motor coach on a short drive to visit Freedom Quilts. After a program, guests will be able to assist in the sewing of a Freedom Quilt. Lunch will be served before heading out for the next adventure.

In the afternoon, the bus will take a short trip to Laurens where guests will enjoy unique shopping experiences and unique demonstrations including: Tips and Tricks for Creating Floral Arrangements; Wine Tasting; Simple to Make Dips and Snacks and more! Reservations for the day are required with \$30 payment which includes transportation and lunch.

Saturday's activities: Take the bus for a trip to Albert City where you can enjoy unique shopping, programs and the Historical Museum. Each location will offer a unique program

including the community's Swedish Heritage. Reservations required with \$10 payment which includes transportation, museum admission and refreshments. Lunch is on your own after returning to the show site.

NOTE: Buses will leave from the show site. Friday loading at 9:15 a.m., leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m. Saturday bus will load at 8:45 a.m., leaving at 9 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m.

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This year, 100 tractors will be available, and anyone purchasing a tractor this year will be able to retain the same serial number in future years.

Tractors sell for \$115 and can be pre-ordered by calling the Le Mars Toy Store at 712-546-4305. They will be for sale at the show from the Le Mars Toy Store trailer located in the Toy Show area.



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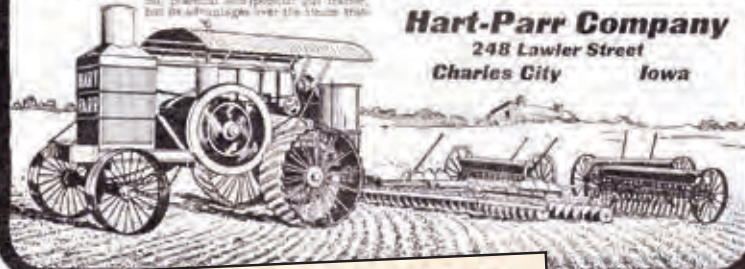
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The event uses as many feature-related units as possible to demonstrate the typical activities that happen in one year on the farm. There are bleachers for seating to watch the event as an announcer explains each of the activities.

Last year the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club took to the field to demonstrate manure-spreading, disking, harrowing, planting, cultivating, combining, square baling and plowing.

This year the event will be done using Hart-Parr, Oliver, and White equipment and related implements to perform the demonstrations. It is scheduled for 11 a.m. each day out in the west field.



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Don and Jan Hoover will serve as 2015 Feature Parade Marshals

Don and Jan Hoover of rural Webb have been named the parade marshals for the feature parade.

This is going to be a busy but fun year for the Hoovers who are avid Hart-Parr collectors. Not to mention, they have a long history in coming to the show as according to Don, this will be their 37th year to attend.

"In 1978, I bought my uncle's Hart-Parr 50 h.p. engine," said Don. "I brought it to the show in 1979 and I've been coming every year since.

"I consistently bring engines. This year I will bring five or six stationary engines and about 10 tractors."

When it comes to her husband's collecting, Jan thinks that some of their machine sheds have eight corners because it seems like there is always "one coming out of the corner."

Don retired in 2006 from teaching Farm Equipment Mechanics at Iowa Lakes Community College in Emmetsburg where he worked for 33 years.

"I enjoy restoring what I collect," he said. "I fix them, restore them, get them to run and then I get to move on to the next project."

He is now working on a 1020 Hart-Parr and the work can be pretty time-consuming.



Jan and Don (Rusty) Hoover relax at their rural home near Webb, Iowa.

"I buy a tractor now and then. But, I decided to get more stationary engines because there were only 850 made. I know a lot of collectors and look online. I find them in Oregon, Pennsylvania, or Kansas and you have to go where they are. The engines were used more on the coast for water pumps, mills and dredges."

Jan enjoys going to the annual show, although an allergy to oats and full-time work make her attendance limited. For this year, they have both worked hard to assist with the organizing of the HPOCA summer show. Finding exhibitors, planning for the banquet and other details have made a busy spring and summer.

Jan has worked 22 years as the assistant food service manager at Iowa Lakes where she enjoys serving good food made from scratch which the students especially enjoy.

"I enjoy watching the threshing," said Don. "And of course the gas engines, saw mill and steam engines. The feature usually brings something interesting to look at that I didn't even know existed."

Jan enjoys talking to the people, looking at crafts and of course, eating ice cream. She also enjoys going to the various collectors club meetings with Don.

Don takes a threshing machine to the Steam Threshing Festival in Forest City where he also helps to run tractors at the annual show.

The Hoover's son, Brian started going to shows with Don at the age of four and continued every year until his death in 2010. They have a daughter, Valerie Holleson. Her and her husband, Ben have two children, Sawyer age 7 and Briane, 13 months. Their son, Greg, lives near Ayreshire and works with pigs.

Their nephew John brings antique engines to the show and now shares the hobby with his son also.

Give a big wave to Jan and Don as they lead this year's feature parade. It will include only Hart-Parr, Oliver, White and related equipment and will be held at 10:30 a.m. each day.

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Del and Jean Carlson to serve as 2015 Threshermen Parade Marshals

For Delmar and Jean Carlson, the Threshermen's Show has always been a family affair. "When our kids were young, we were all there," said Jean. "We considered the show our vacation and the kids always enjoyed it."

With the help of the kids, Jean ran the petting barn for many years. Del traditionally works with the threshing and field activities and can most often be found atop the threshing machine.

Both Jean and Del assist in driving the military vehicles in the parade each afternoon. Del served in the army and spent 14 months in Korea during the Vietnam War. His service exposed him to Agent Orange which led to a battle with cancer in 1983.

It was Jean's dad that first got Del going to the show. "I remember throwing bundles when Emil Hogrefe and Arnold Balder were in charge of the field activities," said Del. "Later as our kids got older they were pitching the bundles. Then, Duane Smith taught me how to operate the threshing machine."

The Carlsons have been married 43 years and have three children: Jennifer Reddel who lives in Ankeny with her husband David and two sons; Jill Loehr and her husband Mike who live in Geneseo, Ill. with their twin daughters; and a son, John, who lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Del still works 40 hours a week at DFS in Newell where he drives a feed truck. Jean has worked at various jobs and currently works as a custodian at AC-T Schools.

"We both grew up working hard," she said. "We are use to it."

In their spare time they raise miniature horses.

"My dad was a big horse lover," said Jean. About 12 years ago we were at the Clay County Fair and I spent almost an entire day in the barn with miniature horses. By the end of the day I ended up with three of them."



Del and Jean enjoy the show with their daughter, Jennifer and her two sons Carter and Collin. Jenn says she has only missed two shows her entire life and her sons who are 12 and 7 have never missed a show.



Jean and Del enjoy raising miniature horses on their 10-acre farm and are pictured here with Mia. Jean says the horses are the "cat's meow."



Visitors who watch the threshing demonstrations will find Del standing tall over the threshing machine where he can make sure everything is running smoothly.

At one time, they had as many as 34 horses on their farm southwest of Albert City, but now have 10 horses.

Jean also loves the flower garden and hosta beds and is an avid book reader in the winter. They both enjoy old farm equipment and for Del, his hobby is fixing up the machines and working on tractors.

"We have always enjoyed the show," she said. "We enjoy the people you talk to and it can be fun to just sit in a lawn chair and watch the people. We also like that it is a working show. There is always lots going on."

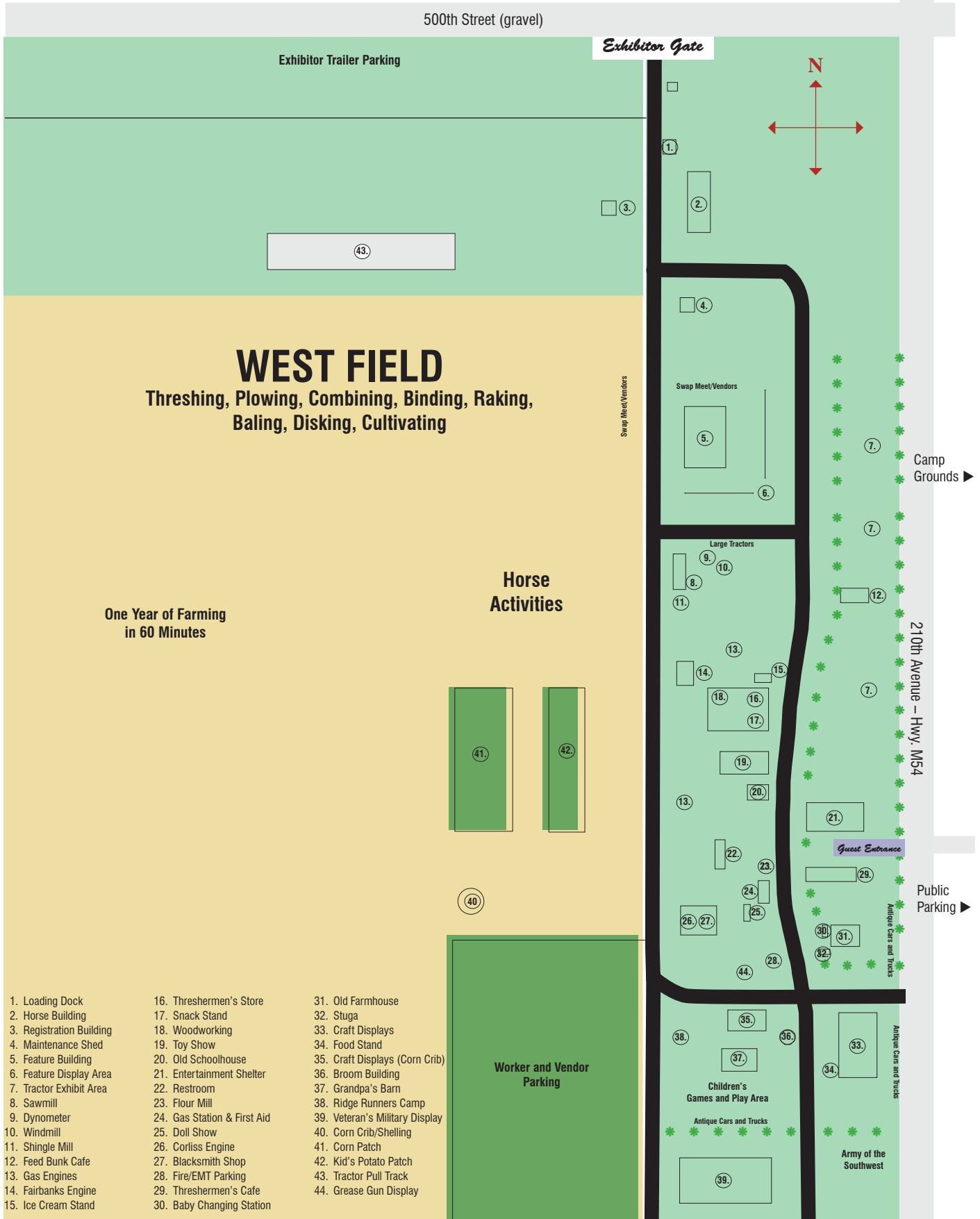
Del takes pride in the knowledge and experience it takes to keep the threshing machine running. He and Norm Hanson have rebuilt the machine so it is in fine running order.

"There is a trick to pitching the bundles correctly so the threshing machine runs smoothly," explained Del.

"The head of the bundles must go in first, so you pick them up and flip them in. It depends on the quality of the bundles to determine the speed of the threshing and other factors go into the speed also.

"I would say that one bundle rack takes about 30 minutes to thresh depending on how many are pitching. Some old guys come out and want to do it. They leave with big smiles."

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Freedom Hall displays continue to change and expand

Now known as Freedom Hall, the military building continues to see expansion of the displays. First opened in 2014, the building was designed to honor and remember all those who served or are serving in the U.S. military.

According to volunteer Garland Otto, much work has been done to add more display area on the north wall.

“We have installed peg board and plywood on the walls for additional display space,” he said.

“This year we are featuring items from WWI. Each year we will feature a different period. We are working on a very large collection of military patches that will be on display this year also.”

Displays 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.

Veterans will take turns staffing the building in an effort to answer questions.

For additional information, contact Garland Otto at 712-843-5761, Woody Wenell at 712-843-5328 or Ron White at 712-289-2251.



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In 2014, the show hosted the Northwest Iowa Two-Cylinder Club with a feature line of John Deere and enthusiasts brought 350 tractors and implements. Other exhibits included 196 tractors, 94 antique autos or trucks, 29 horses, 75 gas engines, 46 miscellaneous exhibits, 49 crafters plus a wide variety of toy and doll show displays and vendors selling farm-related items. There were also sites for the Cherokee Ridge Runners and nearly 50 representatives from the Army of the Southwest. Attendance was estimated at 10,366 over the three day show, with folks coming from as far away as England, Ontario and Quebec and from just about every state in the U.S. This photo shows the John Deere display area as it appeared Saturday morning.

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Les Vilda is a new addition to the entertainment line-up for 2015. He will present, "Life on the Trail" at 1:15 on Saturday. You will see and hear about some of the clothing, equipment, tools and food used along the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails in the early 1800s. Les will take you through a typical day on the trail and explain some of the daily chores that were expected of the men, women and children while on their journey.

Since 1980, Vilda has given over 750 history oriented presentations and demonstrations in 24 states.

He has done consulting work for Western artists, authors, and the National Park Service. Les is also a published author and recording artist. He was awarded the title of "Ambassador of the Santa Fe Trail" by the Santa Fe Trail Association in 1987.

Les's knowledge of history comes not only from books, but also from personal experience as a Living Historian. He has canoed the full length (2500 miles) of the Missouri River and 500 miles of the Mississippi River. He walked 980 miles of the Santa Fe Trail with a pack donkey in 1984 and 1100 miles of the trail with a horse and wagon in 1987. In 1988, Les traveled nearly 300 miles of the Oregon Trail in Wyoming on horseback and, in 1992, traveled 170 miles of the Nebraska City Cut-Off of the Oregon Trail in Nebraska with a wagon and a donkey-mule team.

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.

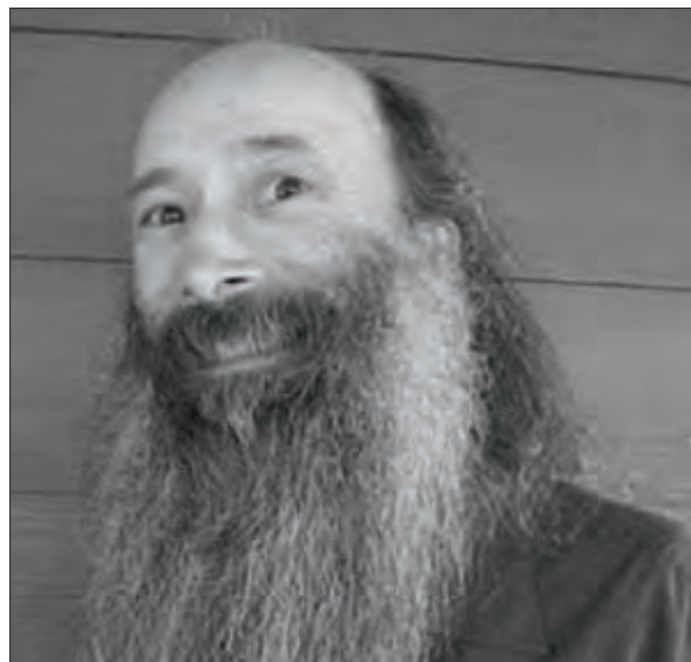
Other entertainment includes:

KTR will return to the stage at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday. KTR is a blues band that takes on a hint of country and will also soften up some rock n' roll for their performance.

The **Army of the Southwest** will provide a Civil War era Fashion Show at 12 noon on Saturday.

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

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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.

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

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

Visitors can expect to see 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."

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.

There will be a Civil War fashion show in the entertainment shelter at 12 noon Saturday.



From arms, to cooking, to fashion, to music and hobbies, the encampment demonstrates the lifestyle of the Civil War era and visitors are encouraged to visit and ask questions.



In 2014, volunteer Wanda Cady was robbed as she worked in the gas station. It doesn't look like Board President Mike Rebhuhn was going to be of much assistance as he watches through the window.



The firing of cannons is a popular demonstration from members of the Army of the Southwest. This year they will be fired at 9 a.m. on Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday (or following church service).



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Riders can enjoy lunch at the Threshermen's Cafe on Thursday and at about 1 p.m., 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 Pochontas 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.

This year the ride will swing through Marathon park where riders will enjoy homemade ice cream before heading back to the show grounds.



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Banquet speaker has a family history with Hart-Parr, Oliver, and White

Wayne Wiltse will be the guest speaker at the HPO-CA Banquet on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Wayne has a family history with the Oliver, White and Hart Parr Companies.

He was born and raised in Charles City, Iowa. His father worked for Oliver and White Farm from 1936 to 1979. Both of his grandfathers worked for Hart-Parr in the early 1920s.

Wayne followed tradition and worked at White Farm while going to Iowa State in the mid-1980s. He has a BS degree in Agricultural Engineering, power and machinery design.

“The list of firsts and the engineering innovation is what stands out for me as far as Hart-Parr and Oliver tractors are concerned,” he commented. “Also being ahead of their time in several areas, like the front wheel assist tractors.”

Wayne currently works for Twin Disc in Racine, Wisconsin, as Chief Engineer of Research and Development. Twin Disc



designs and manufactures heavy duty off-highway power transmission equipment.

According to Wayne, he collects anything and everything related to Hart-Parr, Oliver and items related to Charles City.

“I have been extremely fortunate in my collecting,” said Wayne. “I have items from other Hart-Parr and Oliver employees who my dad and I have known and I have items in my collection acquired from shop personnel all the way to plant manager and a vice president of Oliver,” he stated.

“The most enjoyable part of being in the HPOCA, other than helping found the organization, would be helping collectors find the information they need

for restorations,” he said.

“Coming to Albert City is great because it is such a nice show, it’s a working show, and of course I am looking forward to meeting all the fellow Hart-Parr collectors.”

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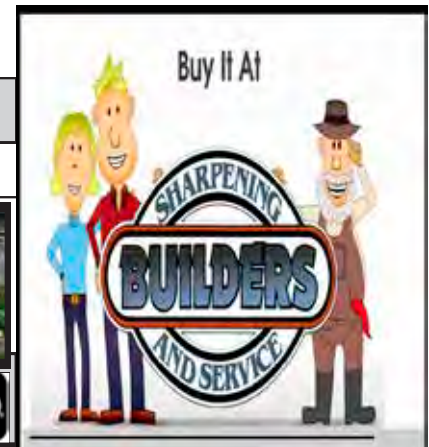
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Farmhouse takes on a few updates

This year the old farmhouse has undergone a few updates, both inside and outside.

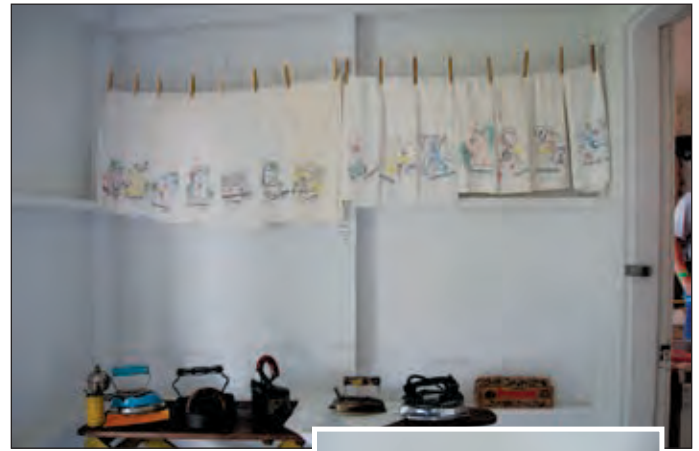
On the outside the new roof improved the looks, but will also add protection for many years to come.

On the inside volunteers have been working hard to clean and update the house. One room has new wallpaper to greet visitors along with fresh paint.

Throughout the house new additions have been made in the displays including additional kitchen gadgets.

There will also be a tatting demonstration and display throughout the weekend.

Cookies and water will be available for purchase. Stop in and bring back a few memories of years gone by.



In 2014, the farmhouse displayed the "Days of the Week" as the theme.



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Flower Power Contest adds color to the grounds

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

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

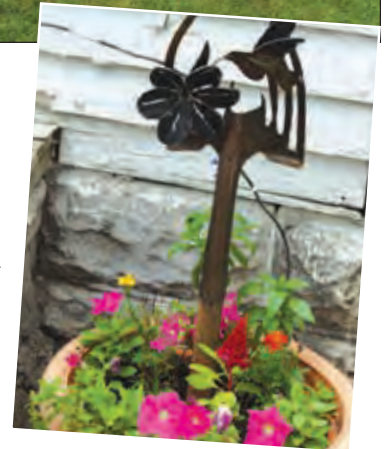
Director Connie Reinert explains, "There has always been a great group of volunteers who have planted and maintained the perennials and annual flower beds at the site. We want to continue that and enhance it if we can. This is a fun way to get more people involved."

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.



In 2014, there were 29 entries in the Flower Power Contest, with two categories in each age group. Youth winners included Aidan Saunders, Graham Small, Kymber Peterson, Cameron Peterson, Grace Small and Greta Small. Teen winners included: Wyatt Erickson, Megan O'Neill, Jordan Saunders, Katy Unger and Abby Bean. Adult winners were: Leann Olson, Jean Carlson, and Berny Schleusener.



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Interesting lineup for future show features

There is a lot of competition to host the national collectors shows, and the board must look ahead five to ten years in order to connect with the organizations and their schedule of activities. Here is the line-up for the next several years.

2016: Pride of Iowa and Horsepower. This unique show will highlight horsepower and agricultural innovations from our state.

Visitors can expect to see a wide variety of work being done with large draft horses, riding horses and mules. One such activity will be plowing with a 12-horse hitch. Al and Barb Gilmore of Pipestone, Minn.



are making plans to participate in the show. They often hitch up 12 horses, in three rows as a team to pull a 4-bottom plow. They will also bring a walking plow.

Agricultural innovations from Iowa will be highlighted with unique machinery, equipment and tractor displays.

2017: For the 175th anniversary of CASE, we will host two national groups. We will host the International J.I. Case Heritage Foundation and the J.I. Case Collectors for a first-time joint summer show. The Northland Case Collectors and the Missouri Screamin' Eagles will also join us for their summer shows. We previously hosted the J.I. Case Heritage Foundation and Northland Collectors in 2011. We are proud to have been selected by these organizations to host this special anniversary event. For 2017, a four-day show is planned. National promotions of this event have been started and with two years to go, plans are already underway with these organizations.



2018: Hosting the National Ford-Fordson Collectors. Learn more about this organization by visiting their website: www.ford-fordson.org.

2019-2021: TBD

2022: Minneapolis-Moline Collectors will return for their annual summer show. Their last visit was 2012.

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Bob Bennett still proud of the Oliver brand his family sold

BY DOLORES CULLEN

Bob Bennett of Storm Lake learned to like Olivers in diapers and his enthusiasm for the brand has not waned.

He was raised in an Oliver dealership, Brown's Garage, in Hinton. It was started in 1909 by his great-grandfather. Ford cars were sold alongside the farm equipment (Hart-Parr back then, before the company became Oliver) in the garage.

Bob's grandfather joined the dealership and then in 1954, Bob's dad bought out the grandfather. This was in Oliver's heyday, remarked Bob.

Bob's brothers bought out their dad in 1980 renaming the dealership Bennett Farm Equipment. They closed in 1984, a victim of the Farm Crisis. "Dad went to golf, one brother went to Billings and the other brother to Tucson," said Bob.

Now Bob's on the verge of retirement after a 34-year career with Farm Bureau.

As a kid Bob started out sweeping floors at Brown's Garage. He'd stop on his way home from school. In later years he set up, delivered, overhauled and worked on other people's Oliver tractors and equipment.

He attended Morningside College, but his summers were spent farming for family friends. His dream was to have his



Bob with his prized 1850 and his 1950-T.

own Oliver tractor and it came true in 1989 with a beautiful 1850 Oliver.

"It came from a client of mine," he explained. It was originally sold by Sievers Implement in Newell. Bob is its third owner.

He remembers the trouble he had getting it to Dahl's Machine Shop in Alta where it was to be restored. "It needed a clutch and it wouldn't run," he began. He and a friend loaded it on a trailer, and started out, but they went in the ditch. Pulling it out with another tractor proved to be a tremendous challenge.

After it was fully restored and repainted, Bob took a photo of the 1850 in front of a weathered barn and submitted it to the Great Northern Oliver Calendar. It ended up being selected for the cover of the 2001 calendar. "It's kind of like being the centerfold of Playboy magazine," he joked.

Today the tractor's kept on the Rich Langner farm. It's used for some farm work, grain hauling, manure spreading, feed grinding and some disking. "It's not just sitting there looking pretty," said Bob. It's also been used for parades.

Last spring it was put to the test when Bob and some of his



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The tractor has six forward speeds up to 14.35 mph and two reverse speeds up to 4.86 mph. Hydra-lectric, three-point hitch, tilt-telescope power steering alternator, dry air cleaner, hydra-power drive and dual speed PTO were all features of the 1850.

Visitors to the Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Show can see this tractor plus three others owned by Bob: a 1967 1950-T, a 1970 1655 and a 1963 770. He's determined to clean them up perfectly because he knows how closely they will be examined.

He says he's probably not going to add to his collection even though retirement will afford him more time. "I've all the tractors I want. I don't need any more."

Still proud of the brand his family sold for so many years, Bob says he sometimes has to defend Oliver's in front of guys who bought more mainstream brands. "I tell them this: 'Oliver got it right so they quit.'" And he adds, "They were ahead of themselves in electronics, balanced engines and they had the first six-cylinder row crop tractor."



Bob's office is adorned with these treasures. On the right is a clock purchased in 1948 after a fire damaged his family's dealership.



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The brief history: Hart-Parr, Oliver and White

Hart-Parr

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After graduation, the Hart-Parr Company was organized on June 12, 1901 at Charles City, Iowa, and Hart-Parr Number 1 was completed in 1902. The "traction engine" was not an immediate success, but in 1906 W.H. Williams, sales manager, coined the term "tractor," and from then on Hart-Parr was known as the "Founders of the Tractor Industry".

Oliver Chilled Plow Company

James Oliver was born in Scotland on August 28, 1823, and in 1834, at age eleven, he immigrated to Garden Castle, New York with his family. The family moved west to Indiana, but his schooling ended in 1837 with the death of his father. He went to work for the owner of a pole-boat, but not liking the rowdy life of a river man, he quit to learn the iron molding trade.

James married in 1844 and worked at molding, coopering, and farming. In 1855, while in South Bend, Indiana on business, Oliver met a man who wanted to sell a quarter interest in his foundry. As a farmer, James knew that none of the cast

iron plows he had used were satisfactory. James made the chilled plow a practical success; its very hard outer skin was able to scour in heavy soils.

On July 22, 1868 the South Bend Iron Works was incorporated to manufacture the Oliver Chilled Plow, and in 1870 the famous Oliver logo was designed.

James Oliver died in 1908 at the age of eighty-five, and Joseph D. Oliver became head of the company. Joseph had tremendous organization and marketing skills, and the company continued to thrive and expand, and it was Joseph who led the company into the amalgamation with Hart-Parr and others in 1929, to form the Oliver Farm Equipment Company.

American Seeding Machine Company

The American Seeding Machine Company was organized in 1903 from the merger of seven different manufacturers of grain drills, corn planters and other "seeding machines." The leading corporate component among the seven merged companies was the Superior Drill Company of Springfield, Ohio.

Nichols and Shepard Company

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making various farm tools for local farmers. He built his first thresher/separator in 1852. The business was successful from the start, so successful that some time in the 1850s he took on a partner by the name of David Shepard. Together they formed a partnership known as Nichols, Shepard and Company which manufactured farm machinery, steam engines and mill machinery. During the 1920s, the Nichols and Shepard Company developed a successfully functioning corn picker.

Oliver Corporation

By 1929 the Hart-Parr Tractor Company, the American Seeding Machine Company, and the Nichols and Shepard Company were producing machinery that was becoming obsolete, and they lacked the capital and expertise to continue further progress. So, on April 1, 1929, these three companies merged with the Oliver Chilled Plow Company to form the Oliver Farm Equipment Corporation. This full line manufacturer shortened its name a few years later to Oliver Corporation.

Acquisitions after the 1929 merger included the McKenzie Manufacturing Company of La Crosse, Wisc. in 1930; the Ann Arbor Agricultural Machine Company in 1943; the Cleveland Tractor Company in 1944 and the A.B. Farquhar Company in 1952.

The Oliver Corporation continued to innovate, with diesel engines and, in the 1948 to 1954 period, a new series of Fleet-line models.

White Motors

On November 1, 1960 White Motors acquired the Oliver

Corporation as a wholly-owned subsidiary. In 1962 they acquired Cockshutt of Canada and in 1963 they also acquired Minneapolis-Moline. In 1969 White Motor Corporation formed White Farm Equipment Company, and gradually transitioned to the White name. The Oliver 2255, also known as the White 2255, was the last purely "Oliver" tractor. With the introduction of the White 4-150 Field Boss in 1974, the White name was used exclusively; the Oliver name was no more. In 1985 the White Farm Equipment Company was placed in involuntary bankruptcy. Today the patents are the property of Agco-Allis.



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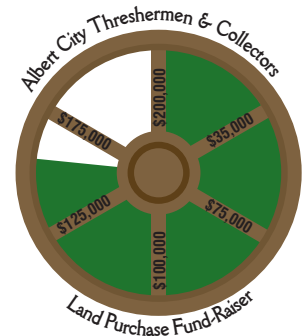
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Meet the Threshermen & Collectors Board

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 25 years and is board chair. He oversees tractors, field activities, crops, trolleys, fuel, games, buildings & grounds, store and parades.



Kevin Olson

Is serving his sixth year on the board. He works with the tractor pull, horses, campgrounds, parade, craft building, golf carts, buildings and grounds.



Keith Moe

Is serving his fifth year on the board. He oversees the toy and doll show, toy tractor sales, Svenska Stuga, petting barn, transportation/safety and garbage detail.



Mike Sangwin

Is serving his fifth year. He oversees the potato patch, farm house, tractor ride, mechanics, straw, hay, ear corn, dynamometer and the pancake breakfast.



Steve Christ

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



Connie Reinert

Is serving her fifth year on the board. She oversees the advertising, promotions, website, flowers, schoolhouse, registration, ASW, upcoming features and entertainment.



Larry Erickson

Is in his third year of board service. He oversees the carpenter shop, blacksmith shop, tickets and parking, first aid, crop ground, tractor raffle, feature building/swap meet area and tree planting.



Skip Anderson

Is serving his first year on the board. He oversees security, the parade, food board, ice cream, big tractors, flour mill, tractor ride and the raffle.



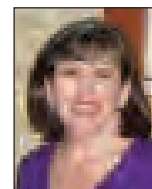
Norm Hanson

Is serving his first year on the board. He oversees crop ground, threshing & field activities, antique cars, signs, insurance, and the parade.



Karen Feeley

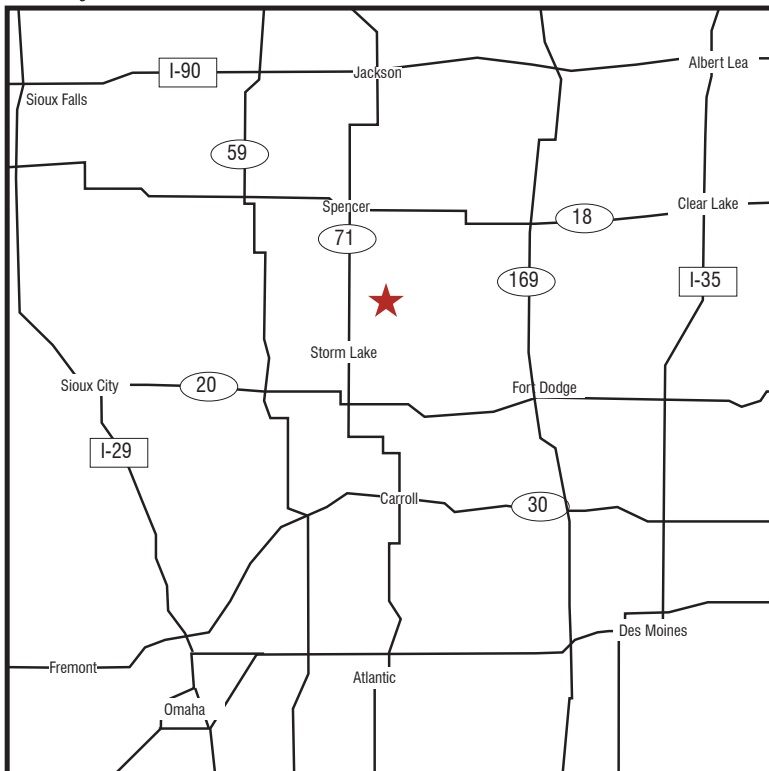
Serves as executive secretary and is in her fourth year of doing so. She also heads up the Threshermen's Cafe.



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Become a Member:

If you are a current member of the association and already have a 2015 membership card, please present that at the gate to gain free admittance to the show.

Membership monies received at the Registration Office during the 2015 show will be applied to the 2016 year.

Membership amounts continue to be \$15 for a single and \$25 for a couple. This is a great value if you plan to attend the show all three days! Members are also invited to the annual meeting the first Saturday in December where a delicious catered meal is served before the business meeting.

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Average Income per year \$10,600
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United States postage Stamp 8 cents
Ladies 2 piece knit suits \$9.98
Movie Ticket \$1.50
Dodge Charger \$3,579
Fresh Turkey 43 cents/lb.
Idaho Potatoes 10 Lbs 98 cents
Jiffy Peanut Butter 59 cents
Tape Cassette Recorder \$29.88
Malibu Barbie \$1.94
Etch-A-Sketch \$2.83
Rock Em Sock Em Robots \$8.99
Ladies Beret and Scarf Set \$6.00

Technology 1971

Intel releases world's first microprocessor
Texas Instruments releases the first pocket calculator
The First Internet Chat rooms appear
Apollo 14 lands on the Moon
Apollo 15 astronauts become the first to ride in a lunar rover a day after landing on the surface
First soft contact lens available commercially in USA

In the News of 1971

A new stock market index called the NASDAQ debuts
The U.S. voting age is lowered to 18
President Richard M. Nixon removes the gold/silver backing from the U.S. dollar
Federal Express is started by Fred Smith
China is admitted to the United Nations
Cigarette Advertising ended on U.S. television
National Public Radio (NPR) first broadcast in April
The New York Times begins to publish sections of the Pentagon Papers starting on June 13 showing the U.S. Government had been lying to the American people

Popular films

Love Story
Ryan's Daughter
The Owl and the Pussycat
The Aristocats
The Andromeda Strain
The French Connection

Popular musicians and songs

James Taylor
The Doors
Bob Dylan
Tony Orlando & Dawn, "Knock Three Times"
Janis Joplin, "Me and Bobby Mcgee"
The Who
Mungo Jerry
John Lennon
The Jackson 5
Ike and Tina Turner
Marvin Gaye
Rod Stewart, "Maggie Mae"
The Osmonds
Michael Jackson
The Rolling Stones, "Brown Sugar"

Popular TV programs

All My Children
Mary Tyler Moore
McCloud
The Odd Couple
The Partridge Family

Inventions in 1971

Microprocessor, USA
Pocket Calculator, The Sharp Company
E-Mail, USA Ray Tomlinson
Floppy Disk, USA by IBM
Liquid Crystal Displays, Switzerland

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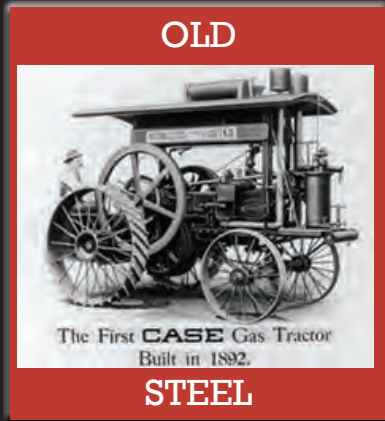
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