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Anyone who was hoping to see something new and different at the annual Threshermen and Collectors Show surely must plan to attend this year.

The double feature, Pride of Iowa and Horsepower, is making this not only a jam-packed show, but one that will offer many different exhibits and demonstrations.

The board of directors has worked hard to plan for all the new activities and expects that this will be a show unlike any other in its 46-year history. With that comes many challenges.

Of course there is the attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the greatest number of horses plowing at one time. But that won't be the only challenge for the organization's volunteers as they deal with the large number of draft horses on the grounds plus the usual number of tractor exhibitors who not only enjoy showing off their machinery but who are eager each year to get out and put them to work in the field.

The board started by renting an additional 20 acres of land in an effort to accommodate all of the horse plowing and field events. Tents have been rented, maps have been reviewed and revised. Exhibit space has been plotted and special Iowa-made displays have been recruited. And, of course, prayers for pleasant weather have been sent.

With that, we hope that exhibitors, visitors and volunteers will pack up and bring a little extra patience, understanding and appreciation for what it takes to put on a one-of-a-kind show.

Yes, this year will certainly be different. And that's okay. Because many of the traditional things will remain as the new ones are added. Next year, things will return to a more traditional look and feel. And in a time when most similar shows are shrinking, you can be proud that this is one show that plows right through the challenges of growth.

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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46th Annual Collectors Show brings special double feature

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association will host two very unique features for the 2016 show. The combination should offer a variety of demonstrations and exhibits that will be of interest to all ages.

Pride of Iowa celebrates the innovation and creativity of Iowans in the early 1900s. From the Thieman Tractor to the Waterloo Boy, exhibits will include items that contributed to early farm life that were invented or manufactured in Iowa. For more details on Pride of Iowa, see page 20.

The Horsepower feature will bring in draft horses from all over the U.S. Most are eager to participate in the Guinness World Record attempt set for Saturday afternoon. For more details on Horsepower, please turn to page 30.

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

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.

The Civil War reenactment group, Army of the Southwest will arrive Friday and 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.

"One Year of Farming in Sixty Minutes" returns. Watch as an entire year of farming activities are performed in an hour or less, this year using horse-powered implements.

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

The Friday Night Fun Pull will not be held this year. The sanctioned Antique Amateur Pull will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Field demonstrations will include corn shelling, combining, baling, discing, raking and threshing—demonstrations done with both tractors and horses.

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 46th 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 and show grounds map can be found on page 24-25.

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Thieman tractor made in Albert City in 1930s



The year 1929 had been the largest for the company but despite the depression the country was going through at the time, sales in 1930 increased 13% over 1929. At that time, they had 30 employees and had run a full force for 14 months. During part of that time, the factory ran 24 hours per day with day and night shifts. They also had four salesmen on the road which added much success for the company.

William B. Thieman was the inventor and also president and general manager. He was the type of man who could think of an innovation and then carry out not only its construction but its distribution. Herman served as shop foreman, Charles as shipping foreman, and Warren as production manager. Henry was one of the salesmen.



After three years of experimentation to perfect it, the first Thieman Tractor came out in 1932. By 1936, they were selling as fast as they could be put together. Three eight-hour shifts of 20 to 40 persons per shift were employed. Some women worked in the plant due to a labor shortage. The tractor was built around the idea of cheap and efficient power for farmers. They used a Model A Ford engine but with attachments, a V-8, Ford, Chevrolet or Dodge Four motor could be used. These motors were light in weight and had an abundance of power. All parts were furnished except the motor assembly, radiator drive shaft, and rear axle.

They sold for about \$500 and filled the need of farmers who needed economical power at a modest price.

The rear wheels were 42 inches with chilled tip spade lugs and the single front wheel took a standard 600 x 16 tire. The breadth was 80 inches, length was 12 feet and height was 72 inches. It weighed 2,500 pounds and with hand brakes, could turn in a radius of eight feet. It was used for discing, corn planting, grain binding, plowing and cultivating. A two-row horse drawn cultivator was mounted to the frame with special brackets. It could put a two-bottom 12 or 14 inch plow in oats stubble with ease. It would run an hour on a gallon and a half of gasoline and used very little oil, although it was recommended that the crankcase be drained after three or four days of work. The frame used a 4-inch tubular steel. At first the chain drive was open, but in later models it was enclosed.

It wasn't long before they were being operated in the then 48 states and Canada. There were 400 dealers in the U.S. and Canada, most of whom were Ford automobile dealers and thousands of the tractors were sold. One plowed 1,000 acres without a breakdown. It was advertised as the only low-priced tractor with a self-starter as standard equipment and having more horsepower on the drawbar than any other tractor its



A display of Thieman tractors at the annual show.

weight.

An item not related to farming that kept the plant performing at capacity was the steel burial vault. Many were sold in northwest Iowa until World War II. They were made of 12 ga. copper bearing steel. Several graves were exhumed after 50-plus years. The vaults were in excellent condition.

Due to the death of William B. in 1940, the ill health of Herman, a steel shortage brought on by the war, and increased competition from huge companies, the company was sold to B.G. Jensen of Des Moines. He continued the operation until 1944 when it was sold to F. B. Dickensen of Des Moines and then the company stopped operating.

All of the brothers died before reaching 60 years of age—Henry in 1933, William B. in 1940, Herman in 1944, Charles in 1949, and Warren in 1956.

(Information for this history supplied by Irene Thieman Larson, (daughter of William B.) and Wayne Thieman (son of Charles W.) and compiled by Arlene Thieman (daughter of Charles W.).

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Connie Purchase breeds rare American Cream Draft Horses

For Connie Purchase, participating in the Guinness World Record attempt may not be the only highlight of this year's show.

Connie is a breeder of American Cream draft horses and she specifically bred her mare, Robin, to give birth during this year's Horsepower feature.

"Robin is my best mare and she has always given birth within 24 hours of her due date," said Connie. "Her due date is Aug. 11, so we expect her to foal just before or during the show."

Connie has been to the show for many years, but this will be the first time for her to exhibit her cream-colored drafts. Along with Robin, she will bring a team of two to participate in the record plowing event.

After reading an article about the American Creams, she searched them out. The American Cream is an endangered breed that originated in Iowa and is the only draft horse that can claim to be native to the U.S. According to the American Cream Draft Horse Association, there are fewer than 400 horses currently registered.

"After I saw the first ones, it was all over. That was 15 years ago. I started with Ben and Jerry that I purchased at the Waverly Draft Horse Sale. I have found that people with draft horses are wonderful people and I've known several who have been very inspirational. It is neat that this breed started at the turn of the century in Iowa and basically the people of Iowa saved the breed. They are the success story," she said.

Over the years, she has added additional drafts, and breeds her mares at her Spooky Hollow farm near Milford. She currently has a dozen draft horses and says she has sent her young horses coast to coast and this year will send one to New York State and one to Washington State. Connie used to do more showing and driving with her unique horses but now enjoys breeding.

"This is really turning into something special. Just being involved is so cool. I see this as a way to honor and give back to all those who have helped and taught me about draft horses through the years. By bringing my horses to the show, I will pay tribute to three men. First, my dad who took me to the Albert City show for the first time, and then we went every year together. He passed away, but he would love to see me there with my horses. Second, to Don Johnson, who has been an inspiration and great teacher. Third is my husband, Dennis. He is not really hands on with the horses but he is always my biggest support."

Connie bought a walking plow to use in the plowing events during the show and planned to get practice in over the summer. She is most looking forward to the



Connie Purchase with her mare, Robin who is expected to foal about the time of the show.

plowing events.

"Not even the Guinness event really. Just the idea of all those people getting together to plow. How cool is that?"

As for having a foal at what is expected to be a very busy show, Connie says she will take it in stride.

"I am always concerned for my mares when they foal. Robin has always been a good mom and we will make sure she is comfortable and safe during the show. But, we do want people and especially the kids to see the new foal. We already have a name, either Albert or Alberta.

"Using horsepower for the show this year is a great demonstration of history since they were used for farming years before the tractor. The kids are especially drawn to the animals and typically draft horses are very friendly."

Connie was raised in the area and calls herself a farm-kid who grew up riding horses. Her husband is a semi-retired building contractor who now keeps very busy with remodeling projects around the house.

Connie is very involved in the American Cream Draft Horse Association and in 2019 will co-chair hosting the



75th anniversary gathering in Iowa Falls.

History of the American Cream, from the American Cream Draft Horse Association

The roots of this rare breed go back to the early 1900's and "Old Granny," a mare of draft breeding with a cream-colored coat, pink skin, and amber eyes, three defining traits resulting from the Champagne gene. Those traits were passed on to her offspring, which were sought after for their beauty.

Penny and Edy will be the American Cream team plowing during this year's show at Albert City.

The numbers of Creams increased over the years, and the American Cream Horse Association of America was granted a charter by the State of Iowa in 1944. The breed was recognized in 1950 as standard by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, giving the American Cream draft horse the same status as any of the other draft breeds.

The age of mechanization led to the replacement of most draft animals with farm tractors, and all the draft breeds saw their numbers decline sharply. The American Cream, with a smaller number of animals, nearly became extinct.

Then, in 1982, several breeders met and re-opened the books of the organization, which had become inactive.

The breed standard is a draft animal that possesses the cream coat, pink skin, and amber colored eyes. Mature animals will stand 15-16.3 hands, with mares weighing 1600-1800 lbs. and stallions from 1800 to 2000 lbs. The association members pledge to maintain the breed as it has existed for the past century, rather than yield to the temptation to breed a more "modern" or "hitchy" type of animal. Also, the American Cream Draft Horse Association has been proactive in testing its registered animals since JEB was discovered and test procedures were developed. The American Cream draft horse is also known for its calm, willing demeanor, which makes it a good choice for those just starting in draft horses.



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Maytag Collectors Club members will bring engines and memorabilia

Ron and Carol Mayman of Schaller, Iowa have been collecting antiques for over 40 years. For Ron, that means having a large collection of Maytag gas engines and other related collectibles. For Carol, it means furniture, wicker and tea pots and cups.

Ron started collecting in 1967 with toy tractors. When he purchased a tractor for the farm, he would buy the matching toy. When he came to the Albert City show in 1977, he fell in love with Maytag engines and he just started buying them. He has 40 to 50 twin and single Maytag engines. And, he has just about any kind of Maytag branded collectible that is available.

Ron serves as president of the international Maytag Collectors Club, a position he has held since 2000. The club meets annually in the spring where an average of 200 members will attend. Ron and Carol plan to host the collectors for the annual meeting in 2017.

Ron and Carol farmed for 38 years and quit farming in 2001. Ron worked for a Maytag dealer for six years, then sold insurance and is now retired.

"I have been in this house since I was three months old," said Ron. "Neither of us have lived out of the county. Carol was born and raised in Holstein."

They have been married 52 years and have three children,



Ron keeps the lonely Maytag repair man company.

10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

They enjoy going to shows and traveling. Ron displays his Maytag items in a large trailer and Carol has started to collect laundry items that can be displayed along with the Maytag items.

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“It is fun to hear people say they remember using the items. There is something about old things of the past. It reminds you of a time you went through,” said Carol.

“I like tea cups and crochet work. I think of all the hours that were put into it and now it seems to be a lost art. I like the simpleness. I think the items keep you connected. Then I have to dust it, and I wonder, why do I do this?”

The Mayman’s are busy working on opening an antique store in Schaller. They purchased an older house in town and replaced the roof and siding. It is a pleasant looking yellow house sitting on the north edge of town. It will be called Victoriana’s. It has parlors for both men and women and there will be an afternoon English tea service available. There will also be antique items for sale including some of the restored furniture that Carol has worked on over the years.

About Maytags:

In 1893, Frederick Louis Maytag joined his two brothers-in-law and George W. Parsons and each contributed \$600 for a total of \$2,400 to start a farm implement company. The company produced a threshing machine, band-cutter and self-feeder attachments. Farmers often suffered injuries as a result of threshing machine accidents. One of the company’s earliest successes was a threshing machine feeder, a device which fed straw more safely into the threshing cylinder. By 1902, the company was the largest feeder manufacturer in the world. Under Fred L. Maytag’s leadership, offices eventually were opened in Newton, Iowa. Perfected in 1905, the Success Corn Husker and Shredder became the company’s next product development, expanding its farm implement line. After the turn of the century, the company became involved in several side lines. Between 1907 and 1911, the farm equipment line was expanded to include hay presses, hog waterers and numerous specialized feeders and harvesting equipment.

In 1907, the company intended to solve seasonal slumps in the farm equipment business and fill the need for a home washing machine. The “Pastime” washers had a wooden tub with a hand crank that turned and dolly inside with wooden pegs, which in turn, pulled clothes through the water and against the corrugated tub sides. Improvements on the first washing machine were steady. A pulley mechanism was added so the machine could be operated from an outside power source. In 1911 a model with an electric motor was unveiled. Four years later Maytag developed its Multi-Motor gasoline engine washer that became a must to rural homemakers



Ron shows off his full collection of show buttons from Albert City.

Below, Carol highlights items from her teacup collection.

Maytag COLLECTORS CLUB



who did not have access to electric power. Expansion into a national company and world leadership came during the first half of the 1920’s under L. B. Maytag, son of the founder, who served as company president between 1920 and 1926. The company had produced wringer washers for 76 years, and when manufacturing was discontinued, 11.7 million units had rolled off assembly lines. *Source: www.maytagclub.com.*

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Third generation taking on the Wood Bros. steam engine

It's been over 16 years since Ron Neulieb bought his 1913 Wood Bros. steam engine. And when he brought it home to his shop in Alta, Doug Miller was right there. The two have worked side-by-side since then and now, Ron's granddaughter, Ashley, is learning the lost art of operating a steam engine.

This 18 HP engine once belonged to Doc Murphey who used it at the Albert City show. As things go, the engine came up on the auction block and Ron with his son, Craig, traveled to Council Bluffs to check it out.

"We knew the boiler was good. It was an all-day sale and we ended up getting the engine and hired a trucker to get it home," said Ron.

"Working with boilers runs in the family. My great-grandfather attended to boilers at a mill and my dad was a plumber."

Out of high school, Ron became an apprentice plumber. He moved from Mass. to the Midwest in 1960.

"I married a gal who was a teacher. Her father was a farmer and had a heart attack. We agreed to go help with the farm and thought we would return to Mass. But we started a family and decided it was a good place to stay. I worked part-time for every plumber around and eventually quit farming."

Ron got his feet wet in control systems working with Seiler Plumbing in Storm Lake and Schaller. Then he decided, they might as well have their own business which is now Control Systems Specialists. The family-operated company specializes in the installation, maintenance and repair of commercial HVAC systems. Ron says they can control entire systems from any of their office locations.

Doug Miller operates a tiling business right next to Ron's Alta location. He oversees three buildings of his father's vintage farm equipment and machinery and collects Model Ts.

Craig Neulieb lives in the country near Hanover, works in the family business, and he too, is learning about the steam engine. Ashley lives in Grimes and is the graphic designer for the family company. Ron also has a daughter, Dawn who lives in Mass. and works at the *Boston Globe*. His wife Marjorie is now retired from her work as a lab and x-ray technician.

Ron, Craig and Ashley all attended the 2016 spring steam school at Heritage Park in Forest City. The first day of steam school is spent on the technical aspects of operating a steam engine and the second day is spent running an engine.

"I thought it was very technical," said Ron. "Ashley just ate it up. The second day we went to work on an engine."



Ron Neulieb's Wood Bros. engine takes to the field during the 2015 show. Doug Miller is operating the engine while Brent Frier steers. Ashley Neulieb and Shelby Hybertson are on the plow.



Doug Miller, Ashley Neulieb and Ron Neulieb team up to operate the 1913 Wood Bros. engine.

“They told me not to get addicted at the school,” said Ashley. “But sure enough, I’m already trying to talk someone else into going in the future. I liked being able to spend time with both my dad and grandpa and it was fun to learn how they take on tasks.”

What is it about a steam engine that can keep these folks interested?

“Doug likes to run it,” said Ron. “And I like to fix it!”

Doug says it is the challenge of making it run properly that he enjoys.

“Not to be sappy,” said Ashley. “But I think what I enjoy most about it is being able to spend time with my grandfather. If I had to choose another reason it would be that I am able to do something that not everyone can do. I’m still learning and there is a whole community of people who are willing

to help. I was fearful that I would be the only female at steam school, but there were about 7 to 10 of us there.

“I never gave it much thought when I was younger and rode the steam engine. I just knew it was a cool hobby of my grandfather,” said Ashley. “Then, last year they said I should come out and help. Grandpa and Doug took me under their wing and started explaining things to me. I’m thankful they are patient and I’m grateful to spend time with my grandfather.

“It’s becoming a lost art and I think there’s a need to connect this with a younger generation.”

“People want to see the engine in action. Our favorite thing to do is the saw mill,” said Doug. They also operate the engine at Hanover for their annual festival.

There are several steps involved in steaming up the engine. The first step is punching the tubes, cleaning out the ash pan, checking the grease and oil. The flues and firebox must be cleaned and there must be water in the sight glass.

Next a fire is started with kindling.

“You want a nice level fire,” said Ron. “You can add coal to get more BTUs. I need an inferno for threshing, so I burn coal for that. It will take at least an hour before you can run the engine.

“As it heats up we fill the water tanks and make sure everything has been oiled and greased.”

“I started out just stacking wood,” said Ashley. “But the safety has always been stressed to me. They have always been very cautious about safety while teaching me things like figuring out horsepower.”

Ashley says she plans to be at the 2016 show at Albert City and she wants to continue to learn more.

“I take it one year at a time. I want to do right by my grandfather. I like it and enjoy it and for years to come we can enjoy it together.”



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Thank you for helping make our show enjoyable for all.

—Albert City Threshermen
and Collectors Board

Plowing expert “Farmer Brown” will exhibit for 2016 show

Jim and Linda Brown are the owners and operators of Farmer Brown’s Plow Shop located in Tunkhannock, Penn. and will be participating in the Horsepower events and plan to share their plowing expertise with others.

They will arrive with Jet and Turbo, their Percheron draft horses that stand about 18 hands. With this team, Jim was the reserve grand champion at the World Percheron Congress and got third in a farm pull at a Harrisburg, Penn. show.

They will also bring a couple of walking plows and an Oliver sulky.

“I have plowed in at least 20 states with horses,” said Jim. This will be his first trip to the state of Iowa. “I saw an ad for the show. Someone who plows as much as me, well for me, it was one more thing to be part of. I plan to help adjust plows and help the participants do a good job plowing.”

Traveling to and from the Albert City show will burn up almost two weeks for the Browns. So, how does one make the over 1100 mile trip to Albert City with a pair of draft horses?

“Anything you do with draft horses is going to be a lot of work,” laughed Jim.

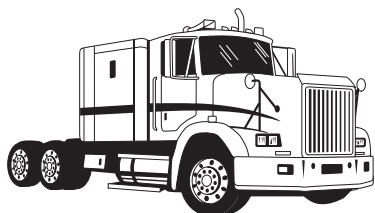
“We travel 20 miles each day to the woods for logging. The



horses must be fed and cared for 24/7.

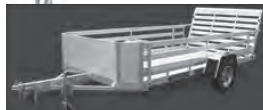
“For plowing events, we have a horse trailer with living quarters in the front. We will start out at 5 or 6 a.m. and go for a 14 hour day. We will usually stop at a truck stop or rest area—where we see some green grass where we can get the

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horses out to exercise. We will stop for three to four hours. I suppose it is a bit unusual to see, but most people just smile when they see the horses.

Farmer Brown's Plow Shop is rooted in five generations of experience. Linda's father, Fred, has been working in horse logging since the 1940s. He gave Jim and Linda a horse to use on their new farm in 1975. Jim and Linda settled in Hunt, New York, where Jim and Linda first began in dairying, milking 25 cows, while raising two children. They have a daughter, Laura who owns Keystone Resources and a son, James Jr. James lives in Western York where he does logging and raises beef cows.

They have six grandchildren with one on the way and two of the grandsons will be joining Jim and Linda for the trip to Albert City.

Jim's interest in plowing took off in 1976, when he did a demonstration in Caledonia, New York, at "Old Fashioned Days." This experience stirred up an interest for teaching future clinics and demonstrations.

Now, Jim and Linda travel to teach clinics on horse logging and plowing. Farmer Brown has ventured as far as Idaho, and continues to host clinics and visit farms and enthusiasts. Jim and Linda's business is known for selling plow equipment, effectively logging woodlots and providing the highest quality job for log buyers and landowners alike. "Our goal is that we pass on this knowledge well enough so that each student can carry on this lost art," said Linda.

"I enjoy the whole thing. I like driving them, cutting trees, pulling. Everything we do is a lot of fun. At shows, I especially like to see the interaction of the spectators.

"I especially look forward to the experience of transferring what I know and people watching us and enjoying what we do."

With over 30 years of experience, Farmer Brown has over 115 videos on YouTube, training DVDs and is a consultant in plowing and horse logging.

Without a doubt, this experienced plowing family will be kept quite busy during this year's show.



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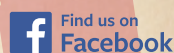
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Guinness World Record attempt will be Saturday afternoon

With more than a year of planning under the saddle, the Horsepower committee is excited to see the world record attempt come to fruition and into the record books.

The attempt will be to break the Guinness World Record for the greatest number of draft horses plowing simultaneously. The event will be held Saturday, Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. out in the west field. There will be bleachers for people to view the attempt and trolleys will also be available to take guests out to the field.

“Our committee has been meeting for over a year to work out the details of this event and all of the other activities,” said Kelli Kraft. “We are excited to have participants coming from as far as Pennsylvania and South Carolina and many other states to join us for what should be a very exciting event.”

The original record was set in the town of Yass, Australia in the spring of 2014. The record was set with 28 horses. That record was broken in 2015 by a group in the United Kingdom who got together 84 draft horses.

In order to be accepted as the record, there are several

requirements that must be met and have been outlined by the Guinness organization.

Rules that must be followed to qualify include: Only horses recognized as draft breeds can take part.

Each handler must include all details about themselves, the machinery and the animals.

All horses must plow simultaneously for at least one minute.

The plowing must be to a depth of at least six inches.

A log must be kept of all horses participating and specifications of the machinery must also be documented.

Other rules include:

The counting must be undertaken or directly observed by two independent witnesses.

All animals must be well cared for.

Two experienced timekeepers must time the attempt.

For every 50 animals, there must be one designated steward and that steward must supervise their group during the attempt to ensure full participation.

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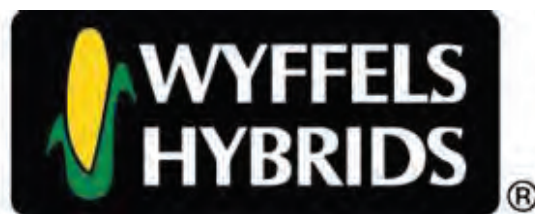
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cent of the final total, the attempt will be disqualified.

After the attempt, evidence must be submitted to Guinness. That evidence must include:

All of the details of the event and records taken about the handlers and animals.

Witness statements must be submitted to verify that all rules have been met.

A veterinary physician must also provide evidence that all animals are healthy and are adults.

Steward statements must verify the exact number of animals completing the activity.

Two timekeeper statements must be included and photographic and video evidence must also be provided.

"We have studied the rules and the guide sent to us," said Kelli. "We fully expect to have over 100 horses participating. But, if we don't follow all of the rules, we can easily be disqualified. We're going to do everything we can to make sure our event meets all of the criteria and will be a record that holds up for many years."

The general public will be kept out of the plowing area and only those designated as officials or participants will be allowed in the plowing area.

The group will get a bit of practice for the event by holding an all-mule plowing event Friday afternoon. Then, on Sunday all equine will be invited out to the field for a plowing demonstration.



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Doodle Bug Club of America members will show motor scooters

Claiming to be a bunch of grey-haired 14 year-olds, members of the Doodle Bug Club of America will attend the show this year to show off their bright red motor scooters.

Vern Ratcliff gathered with a few of his friends, Don Nokes, Jimmy Juon and Jerry Wells, to talk about what makes these little scooters so special.

"I had one at the age of 14," said Vern. "I rode it into Webster City to school and when I got a car I sold it to a guy in Humboldt. Years and years later, I thought about it because they were made in Webster City.

"I talked to Bill Moore of Mason City and we talked about gathering up some of them to display at the Depot Museum during Jubilee Days."

Over time, the effort grew and grew and they were drawing a larger crowd. Some people started making reproductions. They then moved the display to the fairgrounds and formed the Doodle Bug Club of America.

The Club holds an annual reunion each year in Webster City which of course is the Doodle Bug Capital of the World.



Jerry Wells, Don Nokes, Jim Juon and Vern Ratcliff show off their Doodle Bug scooters as they look forward to heading to Albert City.

"We have a guy coming from Jamestown, New York for the 21st year. Last year we had a guy from Livermore, California pack up and ship his scooter and he will be back this year," said Vern.

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This year the reunion will be held Sept. 15-17. The first reunion was held almost 30 years ago.

The speed of the scooter was originally about 25 MPH but now most run 15 to 20. "They are carrying more weight now," laughed Don.

Jim explained that the original engine was 1-1/2 HP and now some have them outfitted with a 5 HP Subaru engine.

"They have some get-up-and-go," he said. "You can go 22 miles an hour and it feels like 90."

"They were made from 1946 to 1948 and the original price was \$69.95."

Vern recalls Gambles having closeout pricing for about \$125 and remembers \$189 being the highest price he saw advertised.

"In 1950, just about every kid in Webster City had one," said Don. "We would drive in packs. Now we have some members who have a need for speed. It's a memory that just sticks in your brain. Most of the collectors had one originally as a kid."

Jerry added, "They were popular after the war when autos and gas were hard to come by. I had two when I was fourteen. The first one was stripped down throughout and had an original Clinton engine. Then a classmate wanted to sell one for \$35 and it had all the parts and sheet metal. One of my fondest memories is of all my cousins getting together and we would ride all over for several hours."

According to Vern, the Doodle Bugs were sold by Gambles stores nationwide under the name of Hiawatha and Western Auto Stores sold them as either Western Flyer or

Wheel Goods with many being sold in California.

The scooters were manufactured by Beam Manufacturing who were making washing machines at the time. There were a few variations in the models. Jerry explained, "Most had a Briggs and Stratton engine but about 1000 or so were made with a Clinton. There were about 40,000 total made in four runs of 10,000 each. There are subtle differences in those models."

The club has about 130 paid members and each year about 30 states will be represented with about 75 to 80 members and their families coming to Webster City for the gathering.

"We're not real sure how many will be on exhibit at the Albert City Show," said Vern as this group discussed travel arrangements.

The members have a lot of fun during the reunion and ride their scooters on different tours each day.

"It's something that we all have in common," said Don. "We love the wheels and it is a legacy that we keep alive. It's like a big family reunion even when new people attend. It is a very welcoming group and the community also welcomes the members."

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Saturday: The Threshermen will provide a bus for a trip to Albert City where guests can enjoy unique shopping and the

Historical Museum. Expect fun and unique shopping including items related to the community's Swedish Heritage. A fee of \$5 will cover transportation, museum admission and refreshments. Lunch is on your own after returning to the show site.


The bus will load in front of the craft building Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m. leaving at 9 a.m. and returning about 1 p.m.



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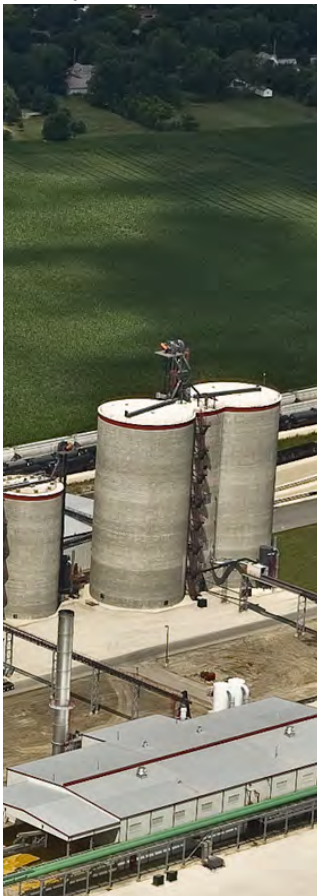
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This is the second year for the Threshermen collectible toy tractor sale. This year's tractor is an Oliver 1800 Narrow with New Idea Loader.

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

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

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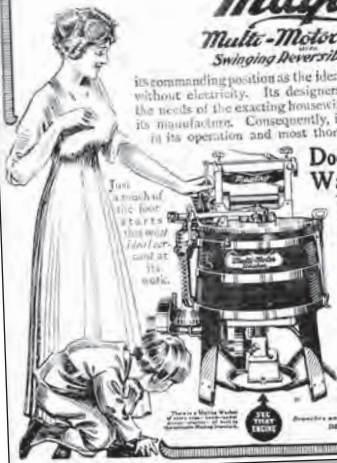
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Pride of Iowa feature will highlight local and Iowa-made

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This feature honors those who were the problem-solvers and those who were eager to make something bigger, better or just more efficient.

According to a state-wide database, Albert City alone has 98 patents registered starting as early as 1905. That first one being for a draft equalizer invented by Abel Kindwall. The last patent on record is from Kelly Behrens in 2000 for a filler box for the grain tank of harvesters. Of the other 96, Edwin Sundholm had 54 and William Thie-man had 21. That's a lot of innovation for a small community in Buena Vista County. Not all, but most of the patents were for ag-related equipment and tools.

Visitors will find the majority of Pride of Iowa exhibits in the feature area at the north end of the grounds, but others will be displayed throughout the grounds. We know there will be others, but following is a taste of what visitors can expect to see in this year's feature.

Albert City Pride: This exhibit will be located in the feature building. Items on loan from the Albert City Museum will highlight the innovations from the local area.

American Cream

Draft Horse: See related story, page 4.

Armstrong Manufacturing: See related story, page 42.

Colby Automobile:

This exhibit will be located in the feature building. It is owned by John Carlin of Graettinger, Iowa who owns 15 rare automobiles. William Colby founded the Colby Motor Company in 1910. The first Colby, a five-passenger touring car, took to the streets in 1910. It performed to all expectations and was fast enough to earn a speeding ticket for its test driver.

Colby equipped his cars with premium materials and an engine designed to withstand Iowa's winters. Colby automobiles were put through endurance tests over the state's rutted, muddy dirt roads. The cars passed the tests with flying colors, including a 658-mile run from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Helena, Montana.



This collapsible chair was patented by Clifford Anderson in 1959 and displayed at the museum.

Colby also participated in the newly developing dirt-track car races being held throughout the Midwest. Billy Pearce, a Colby driver on the racing circuit, broke many track records and won trophies for the company. He died in 1911 while racing the Colby Red Devil in Sioux City. The car was repaired but never raced again.

The Colby Motor Company was short-lived. A competitive auto market, company mergers and later reorganizations put the company out of business in 1914.

Nine hundred Colby cars were manufactured and according to John, the one he will display is one of only three remaining. His is a 1912, 7 passenger automobile.

Doodle Bug: See related story, page 14.

Earl May: Visit the Farm House to learn more about this Iowa company and to pick up free seed packets that will be given out each morning, while supplies last.



Earl E. May founded his company in 1919 in the small southwest Iowa town of Shenandoah. He was a “natural born” salesman and quickly attracted a number of capable individuals to work with him in building a successful mail-order and retail seed and nursery business. Though he died in 1946, his legendary expertise lives on today at the garden centers which bear his name.

G-O Tractor: This tractor will be exhibited by Eileen Ruble of Forest City. The General Ordinance Co. was based in New York City and began to produce tractors when it took over the Denning Tractor Co. of Cedar Rapids in May 1919. At first they re-branded the Denning as the “National”, but this was soon replaced by the company initials “G-O”. Two models of G-O tractor were offered, a 12-22 and a 14-28, the latter of which used a Waukesha engine and was also known as the Model G. Transmission was via a friction-drive mechanism.

Hart Parr: The Hart-Parr Company was founded in Wisc. in 1896, but moved to Charles City in 1900 and began work on a new tractor line. The first Hart-Parr was introduced in 1902, and several heavy-weight models followed. The New Hart-Parr tractor line was introduced in 1918 with 2- and 4-cylinder engines. Hart-Parr continued producing tractors on its own until 1929. Don Hoover is organizing this display that will show the time-line using tractors and stationary engines.

Honey Bee: The Honey Bee was manufactured in Everly and used a Farmall B tractor for its loader which was mounted on the back of the tractor.

ISU Extension Service and 4H: The Buena Vista County ISU Extension will help kids and families imagine how raising farm commodities today is vastly different

than raising them 100 years ago. They will do this with the Commodity Carnival Game. This is a fun learning activity for youth to experience managing the business risks associated with producing and bringing livestock to market. The game aims to build greater literacy in agricultural science and economics at state and county fairs.

The Commodity Carnival consists of three activities that guide participants through the process of producing and selling livestock: grow your livestock, sell your livestock and win a ribbon. They will also have a display showing the history of 4-H which dates back to the early 1900s.

John Deere: The Northwest Iowa Tractor Collectors are organizing a time-line exhibit of tractors and implements representing the history of the Iowa-born company, John Deere. Beginning in 1843, Deere went through several partnerships with various individuals before becoming Deere and Company Incorporated in 1868.

Laurens Pride: Volunteers from Laurens have organized a historical display of innovation from that community's early history. Look for it in the feature building.

Mason Automobile: This exhibit will be in the feature building. See related story, page 30.

Maytag Washers and Gas Engines: See related story, page 6.

Oliver: In 1929, Nichols & Shepard, American Seeding Machine Co., Oliver Chilled Plow Works and Hart-Parr merged to form the Oliver. The company produced tractors until 1960 when it was acquired by White.

PAL Tractor: This tractor was made by Pal Manufacturing Company in Sioux Rapids. It was advertised as "Economy in Mechanical Horse Power and was an all-purpose tractor using Ford A or other light car motor. Other claims about the farm tractor—low first cost; built up with Ford motor; economical operating expense, utilizes horse-drawn implements; will pull two 14-inch plows with ease; may be equipped with rubber tires; entire drive is in oil-tight housing.

Red Delicious Apple: Stop by the Farm House each afternoon and pick up a free Red Delicious Apple for snacking, (while supplies last). The original Red Delicious apple has its roots in the soil of a farm in Peru, Iowa. In 1872, a tree on the farm of Jesse Hiatt bore fruit that he originally called the Hawkeye. After many years, he entered the fruit in the Stark Fruit Fair. The sole rights to propagate the fruit were purchased by C.M. Stark and he renamed it Delicious. A few decades later, the nursery changed the name to Red Delicious to avoid confusion with its Golden Delicious fruit. By the time World War II rolled around the Red Delicious was the most popular apple in the country.



Polled Hereford: Matt Richardson will exhibit a pen of Polled Herefords from his farm near Albert City. They will be located near the children's barn. He has been raising the cattle for four years, following his grandfather, John who has been raising them for 50 years. In 1901, af-

ter an extensive search for all polled Herefords, Iowa rancher Warren Gammon founded the American Polled Cattle Club, with only 11 whitefaces and started this breed near St. Mary's, Iowa.

Simonsen: Roland Taylor will exhibit a few items manufactured by Simonsen Iron Works including hay hooks, a 3-point head mover and wagon hoist. The company was founded in 1906 by blacksmith N.C. Simonsen in Sioux Rapids.

Thieman Tractor: See related story, page 3.



Waterloo Boy: Lee J. Sackett, Inc. in partnership with tractor owner, Mike Travis, are showing his 1923 Waterloo Boy model "N" located in the feature building. Lee and his crew did a complete restoration of the tractor in 2015. The final assembly of this tractor restoration was done at the Two-Cylinder Expo XXV in Waterloo. Mike's father acquired the parts to build this tractor over several years. Mike also had many extra parts. The restoration team determined that many of the parts on the tractor were not correct for such a late model, so they sourced other parts to try to make the restoration as accurate and "correct" as possible. As such, the team learned a great deal about Waterloo Boy tractors and made some new friends along the way.

The Waterloo Boy was a range of tractors built by the Waterloo Gasoline Engine Company of Waterloo. The first kerosene-burning tractor came out in 1914.

The predecessor of Waterloo Boy came about in 1892. It was built by thresher-man John Froelich. It was called the Froelich tractor. They developed it more and came up with the "Waterloo Boy" design in 1913.

In March 1918, the company was purchased by Deere & Company. There were over 8,000 Waterloo Boy tractors built prior to the take over.

Wood Bros.: See related story, page 8.

Randy and Rhonda Koenig to serve as feature parade marshals

Randy and Rhonda Koenig will serve as the 2016 feature parade marshals for the daily event which takes place at 10:30 am.

“My mom, Joan Koenig, took me to the show as a kid at age six or seven,” said Randy. “Now, since 2006 I have taken my horses every year.”

Four years ago, Randy decided to start a Kid’s Potato Patch on the show grounds. He and Larry Stegge saw the event at a Weigert Prairie festival and decided it would be a good fit for the Albert City show. And, since 2012, hundreds of kids have gathered potatoes after they were dug by a horse-drawn potato digger. Randy teases the kids as they hunt to find the biggest tater and win prizes.

This year, Randy will bring a Percheron draft and a Percheron mule to participate in the many Horsepower activities.

Although Rhonda is not into horses as much as Randy, she has been helping in the planning for this year and will help sell raffle tickets for the Horsepower items.

“There is always a lot going on during the show. It is fun to see people who have never seen horses work in the field and explain it to them. It is fun to work with the horses and be around other people who work with horses because you never



Randy Koenig organizes the Kid's Potato Patch and enjoys seeing the kids have fun as they hunt for the biggest tater.

know what you are going to learn,” he said.

“With this year’s Guinness attempt, I am looking forward to meeting people from all over. I think people should expect to see something that maybe no one else has ever seen.”

Randy and Rhonda have three grown children and four grandchildren. Randy says he is most proud that all three of their kids went to college and are now working in their chosen field.

Randy works in the maintenance department for the city of Sioux Rapids and Rhonda stays home and watches the grandchildren. Randy also helps to take care of the family’s Elk Creek Ranch, a 172 acre pasture and farm just south of Gillett Grove. Here beef cattle and horses enjoy the green fields and rolling hills.

Randy has been heavily involved with the Shayla Bee organization for over ten years and has instigated many fundraising events including a dodge ball tournament, canoe float, horse-drawn haunted forest rides, and horse-drawn sleigh rides. Those efforts have raised over \$30,000 for the fund which helps kids and families in need.

He is also involved with Reins of Hope, where he provides three horses for an eight-week program that provides therapeutic activities for youth.

“My favorite thing to do at the Threshermen’s show is to let people run the walking plow and they are surprised by how easy it is. They learn that the horses are not only big and strong, but pretty.”

Randy is looking forward to this year’s wagon train which was named after his mother. She was very involved with horses and someone that every horse person in the area knew.

“The Horsepower committee started planning over a year ago and have had dozens of meetings. I think they’ve done a very good job and will make it a neat show.”

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Dennis and Phyllis Olson to serve as parade marshals

Dennis and Phyllis Olson not only live right next to the show grounds, but they have been involved in the show from the beginning over 45 years ago.

They believe they have made it to every show which is something to say as this year marks the 46th annual event.

“Brian was still in a stroller the first year of the show. The second year we took the mules and wagon. Now, our kids and grandchildren come home for the weekend,” said Phyllis. “On Sunday night we have a wiener roast and sit and relax! Every year it is a big family reunion for us.”

Dennis’ father, Oscar Olson, worked with Karl Lind a founder of the show.

The Olsons have five children who also participate in various roles during the show. Their kids, in order, are Denise, Scott, Brian, Kevin and Leann. They also have seven grandchildren.

Phyllis has worked many years in the food stands and Dennis has done corn shelling and helps exhibit the family tractors. There are eight tractors in the family that generally are exhibited at the show including a John Deere A that originally belonged to his grandfather. It now belongs to grandson Corren who also exhibits the “see-through” 1922 Wood Bros. threshing machine.

Dennis and Phyllis live just south of the show grounds—the farm where he has lived since he was 10 years old. He started farming in the 60s and then started trucking in 1986. He is now retired but stays plenty busy mowing at the Threshermen grounds. They have also done some travelling for special occasions.

Phyllis, who is originally from Polk City, worked for 27 years at the Pleasant View Home in Albert City where she was a CNA. She retired five years ago. The Olsons have been married for 54 years.

“I enjoy seeing people I haven’t seen in a while and I really like to see the old machinery,” said Dennis.

For Phyllis, enjoying the show with family is the fun part. “I love to sit and watch and I go with the girls to see all the buildings. I enjoy riding the trolleys and seeing what’s going on in the field,” she said.

When asked what they were looking forward to for the 2016 show, “It will be quite interesting,” said Phyllis. “My dad had horses for farming,” added Dennis. “It will be fun to watch the horses work in various activities.”

Phyllis says they aren’t very good at being the center of attention, but will enjoy being the parade marshals this year. And, they will continue to enjoy watching the show grow from its humble beginnings 45 years ago.



Dennis and Phyllis Olson and their extended family have been involved in the annual show since the beginning.

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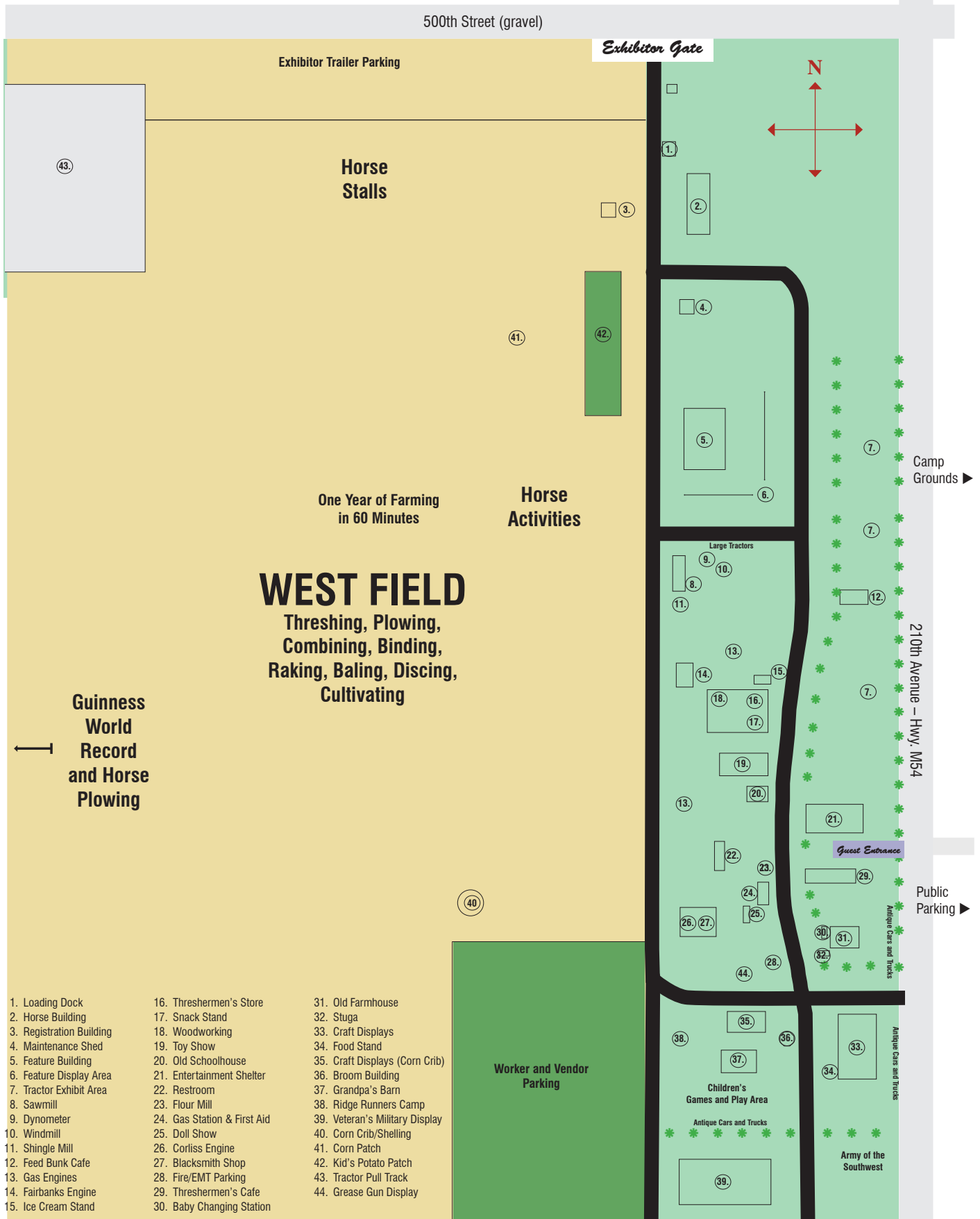


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ALBERT CITY THRESHERMEN & COLLECTORS SHOW GROUNDS



2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Special Event Schedule:

WEDNESDAY

Wagon Train leaves from Gillett Grove, arrives in Marathon for the night

THURSDAY

"Flower Power" entries due 12 noon Farm House

Tractor Ride, all makes welcome 1 p.m. Leave site

Wagon Train arrives at show grounds, afternoon

FRIDAY:

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7-10:30 a.m. Feed Bunk

Opening Ceremony 9 a.m. Flagpole by School

All-mule plowing event 3 p.m. West field

Iowa Draft Pony Show, Feed Team Races 7 p.m. West field

Entertainment Shelter –

Bruce Krutz, storyteller 1-2 p.m.

South 71, variety acoustical 2:30-4 p.m.

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. South end of grounds

Kid's Pedal Pull 10 a.m. North of Craft Bldg.

Guinness World Record Attempt 3 p.m. West field

Entertainment Shelter –

Talent Show 11 a.m. Entertainment Shelter

KTR 1 p.m. Entertainment Shelter

Ridgerunners, history & fashion 2 p.m. Entertainment Shelter

KTR 2:30 p.m. Entertainment Shelter

SUNDAY:

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast 7-10:30 a.m. Feed Bunk

Bring your Pie to Church, contest Winners announced after church

Church Service 9 a.m. Entertainment Shelter

Army of SW-Cannons and arms 10 a.m. Southeast end

All Equine Plowing Event 3 p.m. West field

Raffle Drawings 4 p.m. Parade Stand

Entertainment Shelter –

Albert City Community Band 11 a.m.

Jill Brees-Barr, vocalist 12:30 p.m.

Chuck Crain, Branson entertainer 2 p.m.

Daily Events for Friday, Aug. 12, Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14

WHAT

Registration

Feature Parade

Round Pen Horse Demonstrations

12-Horse Hitch demo, Gilmore's

Games for Children

"One Year of Farming in 60 Minutes"

Potato digging for the kids

Threshermen Parade

Threshing with Steam & Gas Tractors

Field Events with tractors

Shingle Mill and Saw Mill

Blacksmithing

Flour Milling

Horses in Various Field Activity

Making Homemade Ice Cream

Corn Shelling

Army of the SW Civil War Encampment

Pride of Iowa and Horsepower exhibits

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

Home Displays

Grandpa's Barn

Carpenter Shop

Stormy Water Whittlers

Cherokee Ridge Runners

Combining, raking, baling, discing, plowing

Threshing with Hand-fed Separator

Horse Powered Well Drilling

ASW, Civil War Period Activities

WHEN

Upon Arrival

10:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

12 noon

1 p.m.

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4:30 p.m.

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WHERE

Registration Building

Parade Route

North of feature building

West Field

South of Grandpa's Barn

West Field

West Field

Parade Route

West Field

West Field

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

Freedom Hall, south end of grounds

Corliss Building

Store Building and Feature Area

East of Corn Crib

School House

Red Building and Corn Crib

Toy Show Building, next to school house

Doll House Building, behind gas station

Farm House

South of Corn Crib

Store Building

Near Homemade Ice Cream

West of the Corn Crib

West Field

West Field

West Field

Southeast end of grounds

Volunteers continue to update Freedom Hall displays

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

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

This year, the display case for the Navy Target Kite was purchased along with two additional display cases. Volunteers will create a flag display to show along the road during the show. The flags, poles and materials were purchased with funds from the Sundholm Foundation.

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

Check out the Clinometer on display. Clinometers are used for measuring list of a ship on still water and the roll in rough

water. The angle of list is the degree to which a ship leans or tilts to either port or starboard. The vessel is stable, but the distribution of weight aboard (often caused by uneven loading or flooding) causes it to heel to one side.

By contrast, roll is the movement from side to side caused by waves. If a listing ship goes beyond the point where a righting moment will keep it afloat, it will capsize and potentially sink.

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

There are over 20 vintage military vehicles in the building. Other displays include uniforms, photos, weapons, and other memorabilia. Each includes a detailed explanation of who manufactured it, the features, use and costs.

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

Freedom Hall is also open Memorial Day, Labor Day and other times by appointment. For additional information, contact Garland Otto at 712-843-5761, Woody Wenell at 712-843-5328 or Ron White at 712-289-2251.



Additional display cases have been added at Freedom Hall.

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In 2015, the 45th annual show hosted the Hart-Parr Oliver Collectors Association and their members, and enthusiasts brought 348 tractors and implements. Other exhibits included 284 tractors, 109 antique autos or trucks, 39 horses, 60 gas engines, 74 miscellaneous exhibits, 40 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 the Army of the Southwest. Attendance was estimated at 14,400 over the three day show. This photo shows the Hart-Parr Oliver feature display area as it appeared Saturday morning.

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Enjoy a Variety of Talents at the Entertainment Shelter

Ron and Kim Dewey have worked hard to bring in a variety of entertainment and unique talent to the show for 2016.

This year, the Talent Show will begin at 11 a.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. In 2015, the talent show had 11 competitors. Winners in the 18 and over group were: Jazalicious Band, first; Elissa Dodge, second and Sabrina Booth, third. In the age 12-17 group, winners were: Christopher Shima, first; Mara Michaellek, second; and Natalie McCoughey, third. In the age 11 and under group, first place went to McKenna Pierce.

Other entertainment includes:

KTR will return to the stage at 1 p.m. and 2:30 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 **Albert City Community Band** will perform at 11 a.m. on Sunday and provide music during the worship service.

Bruce Krutz, a storyteller will perform Friday, at 1 p.m.

South 71 will play a variety of acoustical music at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

The **Ridge Runners** will give a historical program and fashion show at 2 p.m. Saturday.

On Sunday, at 12:30 p.m. **Jill Brees-Barr** will perform vocals.

Chuck Crain, an entertainer from Branson will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Chuck Crain joined the Presleys' Country Jubilee Show in Branson, Mo., in 1997. He sings tenor with the Southern Gospel Quartet, back up vocals for some of the other entertainers, and performs many behind the scenes duties. Chuck began singing during his time in the Navy, performing with the Navy's Blue Jacket Choir in San Diego, California. One Sunday morning, while stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, he saw four gentlemen on television standing around a piano singing Southern Gospel music—and he was hooked. After leaving the Navy in 1974, Chuck got a full time day job at Winn Dixie, and traveled on the weekends with a part time gospel group. In 1976, he joined his first full time gospel group, the Mid-South Boys Quartet in Sheridan, Arkansas.

In 1979, he joined the Blackwood's, taking him all around the world, singing to millions of gospel music fans. He also performed on television programs such as the 700 Club, PTL, and Jimmy Swaggart, just to name a few. In 1990, the Blackwood's came to Branson, Missouri where Chuck left and formed his own group, The Heartland Quartet. That year they were nominated Horizon Group of the Year.

Two years later, Chuck left the group to stay home and work behind the scenes in several theaters, until he got



Branson entertainer Chuck Crain will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday.

a call from a friend of his asking if he would consider singing backup for Wayne Newton. Three weeks later he found himself on stage with Wayne Newton in Las Vegas, Atlantic City, Branson, and the list goes on. In December of 1996, Chuck talked to Gary and Steve Presley and was asked if he would like to help form a Southern Gospel Quartet for their show. With his love for gospel music, he knew in his heart he had to leave Wayne to do this. Since 1997, with hardly and miles and with thousands of fans, Chuck has found his calling. Many nights people come and ask him if he still travels and sings. Chuck, and sometimes Sharon, travels during the off season, and occasionally during the season.

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Horsepower will highlight many different horse demonstrations and exhibits

According to early registrations, there will be well over 140 draft horses and mules on the grounds during this year's Horsepower feature. Of course many are coming for the world record attempt, but most are also planning to participate in the many demonstrations and activities that will take place over the three-day show. Horses will be arriving from Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania. Review this schedule to make sure you don't miss anything!

Special-one time events

Wed., Aug. 10-Thur., Aug. 11

Joan Koenig Memorial Wagon Train: The wagon train will start 18 miles north of the show grounds at Gillett Grove, Wed., Aug. 10. It will stop in Webb for lunch and then go on to Marathon where they will circle the wagons and listen to live music.

Thursday morning, they will go on to Albert City where there will be a lunch break before heading out to the show grounds.

Fri., Aug. 12-3 p.m.

Plowing with mules: anyone with mules is encouraged to join in for this all-mule plowing demonstration.

Fri., Aug. 12-6 p.m.

Draft Pony Show: The Iowa Draft Pony Hitch Association will put on this show and they are expecting to see at least six teams with six horses each. This is a judged event and participants will earn points and banners.

There will be feed team races during the pony show. This consists of a two-person team and two teams in the arena at a time. The handler rides on the sled and each team races to the pile of hay across the arena. The handler must stay on the sled until they reach the hay where they jump off, pick up the hay and load it onto their skid. They return to the starting side and unload the six bales of hay. This is a race against the clock and there will be divisions for women, men and youth. First place in each group will receive an award.

Sat., Aug. 13-3 p.m.

Guinness World Record attempt: event for the greatest number of horses plowing simultaneously. The current record stands at 84 horses. See page 12 for more details.



The Kid's Potato Patch is a popular event each afternoon as hundreds of kids run out to gather the plowed potatoes.

Sat., Aug. 13–6 p.m.

Horsepower Participant Banquet. The catered meal will be available for \$10 to those participating in horsepower events.

Sun., Aug. 14–3 p.m.

Plowing: All equine are invited to come out and plow for this event.

Daily Events

7:30 a.m.

Teamster Meeting: All Horsepower participants are encouraged to attend the daily teamsters meeting that will be held in a tent west of the registration building. During this time, a review of the day will be given and questions answered. Participants can sign up for activities and fill out registrations for the Guinness World Record attempt.

10 a.m.

Parade line up for feature parade by breed.

10:30 a.m.

Feature parade: the feature parade will start with the feature-related tractors followed by saddle horses and then the drafts who will be in order by breed.

11:30 a.m.

Field activities: horse-powered field activities will include: threshing, stationary baling, well-drilling, wheat binding, cultivating, plowing and discing.



Horses are used to power the hand-fed threshing machine.

11:30-2:30

Demonstrations: horse demonstrations will be shown in the round pen located just north of the feature building. Each demonstration will last about 45 minutes.

Rachel Smith from Ruthven will show chiropractic techniques used on horses.

Kim Koenig, from Walnut will demonstrate horse training techniques.

Donna Meyer from Merango, Ill, will do a horse shoeing demonstration.

Horse mane and tale braiding will be demonstrated by Beth Vanderhoff of Marathon.

12 noon

12-horse hitch demonstration: Al and Barb Gilmore will hook up 12 draft horses and demonstrate plowing with a 4-14s John Deere plow.

1 p.m.

One year of farming in 60 minutes: during this demonstration, many of the activities that are done in one year of farming are done in approximately 60 minutes using horse-powered machinery. Planned for this event are: manure spreading, plowing, discing, planting, harrowing, grain drilling, seeding, mowing, rakeing, loading hay and binding.

2 p.m.

Kid's Potato Patch: this will be the fourth year for this event which again will be out in the west field. During this event, the patch is plowed using horse power. After being given bags, the kids run out to gather the potatoes and fill up their bags.

Along with all the horses, there will be vintage horse-drawn machinery, implements, equipment and accessories on display. Most will be exhibited to the north and east of the feature building. Look for the Hoosier grain drill and a double-shovel cultivator.

Inside the feature building will be several unique horse-related items including nine different carriages. These include: a hearse, mail wagon, telephone switchboard, doctor's buggy, jumpseat buggy, taxi, and a two-seated surrey. Stop in to see what a harness weighs.



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Join the Threshermen's Tractor Ride Thursday

The Threshermen will host a tractor ride on Thursday afternoon which is open to all makes, ages and models of tractors (and riders). This is the fifth year for the ride which has brought as many as 50 participants.

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 riders 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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1908 Mason Automobile will be on exhibit



A 1908 Mason Automobile will be coming to the show on loan from the State Historical Society in Des Moines. The car was manufactured in Des Moines and is number 291.

The Mason Motor Car Company was one of many car manufacturers in Iowa before 1920. The Mason was known for promotional photographs of it driving up the steps of the Iowa State Capitol.

Founded by Edward R. Mason, the history of the company carries national significance as the designers and builders of the vehicle were Frederick and August Duesenberg who grew up in Iowa. The company called the Mason "the strongest and swiftest two-cylinder car in America."

Eventually the Duesenbergs left the firm, relocated to Indiana and gained their greatest commercial success there. The Duesenbergs brothers gave rise in the 1920s to the term "It's a Duesy." It was similar to how today some people say "awesome."

This vehicle was originally sold to a buyer in eastern Wyoming. It was rediscovered in the 1950s and restored



to operating condition by Bert Lehman of Denver, Colorado in 1956. E. T. Meredith III, whose grandfather founded Meredith Publishing, eventually purchased it and later donated it to the State Historical Museum of Iowa in 1998.

About the auto:

Cost: \$1,250	Engine : 2 cylinder
HP: 24	Weight:1,850 pounds
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Gilmore's will hook up and demonstrate 12-draft horse hitch

Al and Barb Gilmore will be at the show this year to exhibit their 12-draft horse hitch. They will travel from their home in rural Pipestone, Minn. with their nine draft horses. They are registered Percherons that range in age from two to 16 years with two dapple gray and seven that are black. They will complete the 12-horse hitch with three other drafts.

"I have worked with horses all of my life," said Al. "My grandpa was a 'horse guy' and passed his love of horses on to me. In fact, I received a driving harness from him for my high school graduation. My dad bought a team of draft horses in 1980 and that started the draft horses for me.

"In 1990 my wife and I decided to raise and drive only registered Percheron horses. The Percheron draft horse is smart, willing to learn and willing to work. We have six brood mares who foal each year. The foals are raised and trained on my farm. I enjoy pairing up horses that match in size, conformation, personality and disposition. Once they are working as a team, they are usually sold."

The Gilmore's will bring a 4-14s John Deere plow to hitch up the 12 horses; a 2-14s John Deere plow to hitch



six horses; a one-bottom sulky plow to hitch three horses; and a P & O walking plow pulled by a team of two. Each of the plows will be used in different demonstrations.

The 4-14s John Deere plow has been modified to lift by hydraulics. It will turn approximately 1.5 acres of sod an hour. This is a plow that would not have been used in the

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early days of plowing with horses.

Al explained more details about his plows. On the 4-14s, each bottom or lay of the plow turns 14 inches of dirt when it is plowing in the field. This is a unit of measure used for plows and there are four bottoms or lays on that plow. So, taking 14 inches times four, that plow will turn a strip 56 inches wide with one pass of the plow as it is pulled by 12 horses. In later years, a farmer would use a 40-horse tractor or larger to pull the same plow.

The walking plow was used to first break prairie. In development, it would have been followed by the sulky plow that has a seat and is ridden by the driver. The two-bottom plow would have come later as fields grew and more plowing needed to be done in a shorter amount of time.

The 12-horse hitch consists of 12 head of horses hitched in three rows of four horses in front of a fore cart pulling a plow. In order to make sure each horse is pulling their share of the load, they will be hitched with a McKinney hitch—a rope and pulley equalizer system.

The Gilmore's have two grown daughters who are actively involved with the horses. They also have eight grandchildren ranging in age from three years old to 16 years old.

"They are experienced horse handlers and drivers and are an integral part of horse life on the farm and in showing. We also enjoy helping our grandchildren learn about the horses," said Al.

Al is a self-employed farmer and enjoys incorporating the work of draft horses into his farm operation when time allows. The horses may haul manure, disc the fields, plant oats with an end-gate seeder, plant corn and soybeans, mow and rake hay, haul round bales, bind grain, haul bundles to the threshing machine and plow the fields in the fall.

"We host an annual Threshing Days and Plowing Days and invite other draft horse enthusiasts to come and spend the day working with their horses."

They are looking forward to participating in the attempt to break the world record for horses plowing and they also will enjoy meeting new horse folks.

"I know we will enjoy the camaraderie of working with other horse people. We have participated in Prairie Village at Madison, South Dakota for most of the 40 years

doing similar demonstrations. I am the Wagon Master of the Pipestone Wagon Train and we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the first event the end of this August."

The Gilmore's also enjoy spending time with family and friends and it is usually doing something horse-related.

According to Al, preparation and checklists will make the job of traveling from Pipestone much easier, although he admits there is usually something they forget to take along. It will take a crew of five or six people to care for the animals for the trip and the extended weekend. They will bring feed and bedding to keep the horses comfortable.

"Draft horses helped to settled our country," said Al. "They hauled freight in the city and broke the sod on the prairie. In those days, horses were the only mode of transportation besides walking. This is the opportunity to step back and take a look at how things used to be done before tractors. With all of our modern equipment, we sometimes forget how today's machines and technology make our lives easier."

The Gilmore's are planning to demonstrate their 12-horse hitch plowing in the west field each day at 12 noon. If time allows, they will also demonstrate the walking plow.



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Doyle Prawl will put four mules to work in the potato patch

Doyle Prawl of Troy, Kansas plans to load up his grandsons and four Persian mules and head to this year's show. The mules are 16-years old and are four of the six mules he owns.

"I have had four or five teams in about 20 years. I started naming them alphabetically and I am now up to the letter F," he said. "We use to ride mules as boys. I like them because they are almost maintenance free."

Doyle will bring a plow and a wagon and plans to arrive Tuesday so he can participate in the wagon train that starts Wednesday.

Doyle goes to about four different shows through the year to plow. In the spring he travels to Springfield, Ill. and other shows include Warrensburg and Butner, Missouri and Lathrop, Kansas.

"It's a pretty peaceful day to get together with a group of others and do the plowing. I had a three-way bypass nearly two years ago and now I feel great. For the Midwest, I am probably the only one around that still uses mules on my small farm.

"The younger generation is not always interested in



Doyle Prawl plowing with three of his mules on his farm in Troy, Kansas.

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things like this and I hope that these type of things keep going. My first potato digger I found in North Dakota and I drug it home.”

On his farm he has a potato patch just over a half acre and expects to harvest 1000 pounds of potatoes from the 300 pounds of seed potatoes he planted.

Doyle and his wife, Judy have two sons who both rode the mules when they were younger. They also have five grandkids. He is now retired but after serving in the army, he worked mainly as a heavy equipment operator.

After seeing an ad in *Rural Heritage* about this year’s Horsepower events at Albert City, Doyle and his friends started talking about coming to the show and plans were put in place to make the trip.

“I am looking forward to everything,” he said. “I just think I am going to have a blast. I don’t pull a fancy trailer. I will haul my mules and all my stuff in it. It will be a great big campout. I just can’t see anything bad about it!

Doyle says he is a retired wanna-be farmer. He has about six acres and wishes he had more.

“We are pretty self-sufficient. I am a tinkerer. We have our garden and we can our own vegetables and butcher our own meat. We planted about two acres of pumpkins this year.

“My brother was a rodeo guy and their big thing is winning big buckles. Well, my claim to fame is winning two big buckles at the Denver Stock Show.” He earned them in the obstacle course and made it to the finals in the feed team race.

Doyle believes a show like the Threshermen’s is a good way to teach people about farming and where food comes from. And, he thinks many of the Horsepower events are great for the kids.

“I tell my grandkids they are fortunate to know how to do something that other kids their age don’t know how to do. Some people think potatoes come from the grocery store. Seeing a demonstration like the kid’s potato patch teaches them how things were done years ago.”

Watch for Doyle and his mules to work in the Kid’s Potato Patch as they will hook them up to help dig the potatoes.



Doyle Prawl enjoys working with his grandson, Wyatt, and a team of mules.

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Flower Power Contest adds color to the grounds

Flower enthusiasts are invited to participate in the fourth 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.

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



In 2015, there were 39 entries in the Flower Power Contest, with two categories in each age group.

Youth winners included Joshua Huskamp, Graham Small, Carter & Collin Reddel, Annie Huskamp,

and Grace Small. Teen winners included: Esther Olson, Sarah Schultz, Abby Bean and Jenna Saunders. Adult winners were: Leann Olson, David Reddel, Jean Carlson, Berny Schleusener and Sabrina Booth.

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



This year trolleys will be distinguished as “shuttle” or “narrated” trolleys. The shuttle trolleys will be marked with a white letter S on a red placard. These trolleys will take passengers to the field and unload and return for reloading.



The narrated trolleys will be marked with a white letter N on a blue placard. These trolleys offer rides to the various field events with a narrator providing details about the show. Watch for the signs on the front corners of each trolley and catch a comfortable ride.



Personal transportation policy

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

New pie baking contest this year

“Bring Your Pie to Church” is a new contest this year. Bakers can bring their double-crust pies on Sunday morning. There will be a table set up on the south side of the lunch stand for collecting pies. During the church service, “local celebrity” judges (Rhonda Wedeking, CD107 Radio, an aide from Steve King’s office and Brian Baumhover from the Storm Lake Fareway) will taste the pies. The winners will be announced at the conclusion of the church service. Prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25 gift cards to Fareway.

Visit the Albert City Museum while in town

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

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

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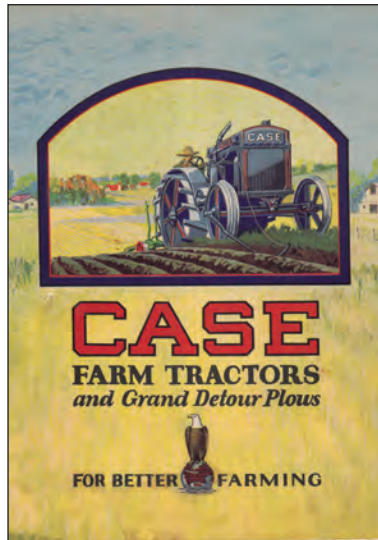
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National collectors clubs hit the calendar for upcoming shows

There is a lot of competition to host the national collectors shows and the board of directors 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.

2017: For the 175th anniversary of CASE, the Threshermen will host two national groups. The International J.I. Case Heritage Foundation and the J.I. Case Collectors will participate for a first-time joint summer show. The Northland Case Collectors and the Missouri Screamin' Eagles will also join in for their summer show.

The association 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," said Board President Mike Rebhuhn. For 2017, a four-day show is planned. National promotions of this event are in place and plans are underway with these organizations for a great show.

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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Kelly Barnett will exhibit his Iowa-made Armstrong engines

Kelly Barnett of Plainfield, Iowa is quite familiar with a show like the Threshermen & Collectors. He serves as the president of the Cedar Valley Engine Club of Charles City.

He will put those duties aside though, and bring five Armstrong gas engines that were made in Iowa to exhibit in the Pride of Iowa feature.

The first engine is a vertical Armstrong-Quam serial number 206. According to Kelly, there are only two known vertical Armstrong-Quam engines known to exist. The year of manufacture is 1909.

A second exhibit will be his Armstrong-Quam engine with serial number 255. This is a horizontal hopper cooled engine. This engine is also of the 1909 age bracket. Both of these engines would be in the 2 HP range for that age bracket of engines.

The third engine is a 7 HP Armstrong engine serial number P2736 that came off a well driller. It is about a 1918 year of manufacture and is a throttling engine rather than a hit and miss design.

Kelly will also bring a 2 HP Armstrong engine with a



Kelly Barnett with four of his Armstrong engines.

serial number of G2818 made in the 1920 time-frame. It came from the Sturgis, South Dakota area.

Additionally, he will bring a 2-1/2 HP throttling engine.

“I grew up in Charles City,” said Kelly when explaining why he decided to collect Armstrong engines. The engine



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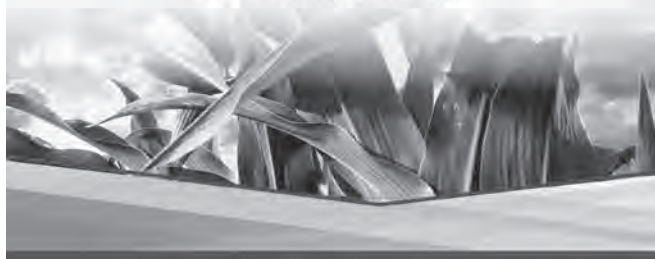
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The Charles City Engine Company in its early years at Charles City.

company started there in 1912 as the Charles City Engine Company.

When not working as a CNC programmer in Waverly, Kelly does quite a bit of research on the engines. He sees subtle differences in the engines as the manufacturer tried to improve them.

“It is really neat to see how the engines vary and the changes that were made. Any Waterloo-based engine is as basic and barebones as you get. They are simpler to run and maintain. For Armstrong, making engines was secondary.”

Kelly has been affiliated with the Cedar Valley Engine Club for over 30 years.

“It’s incredible the friendships you make. In the old iron hobby, the friendships you gain are second to none.”

He works hard on his club’s annual show which is held annually over Labor Day weekend. Along with Albert City, this year he plans to attend shows in Forest City and Belmond.

Last year the Cedar Valley club featured Made in Iowa. “What impressed me with the feature was to realize how there were so many companies out there in the 1800s. They were the unsung heroes in the manufacturing realm. They were not out for recognition, but approached it as solving a problem. Those guys were neat and it is neat to see the evolution of the machinery.”

The Armstrong Company

Starting in 1867, the company was named the Waterloo Mfg. Co. In 1879, Joseph Harvey moved up to Waterloo to head up the foundry of the plant. By the year 1888, a fellow by the name of Joseph Kelly was the owner and manager. In 1895, the name of the plant changed to the Kelly Tanneyhill Co. By this time, the company designed and built oil and water well drilling machines.

In 1909, the company name was changed to Armstrong-Quam. In 1911, the company became the Armstrong Manufacturing Company. Four brothers were involved with the plant. They were James, George, Dave, and C.L. (Bob) Armstrong.

The Armstrong Company started to outgrow its factory site in Waterloo and was looking for a new location. In 1911 and 1912, the community of Charles City worked hard to get the company to relocate. The new factory was to employ at least 25 people to start and have a capacity of at least 25 engines per day. The plant would also manufacture pumping jacks, feed grinders and friction pulleys. The articles of incorporation were filed in September 1912. The new company was authorized to commence business on Sept. 18, 1912.

The plant was opened May 18, 1914 and production continued through 1916. Engines were produced in size from 1-1/2 HP through 20 HP. An average of 65 men were employed throughout the year with an annual payroll of \$40-50,000.

In Dec. 1916, the company applied for receivership of the company. The factory was sold in March 1917 to a Dyersville man by the name of John T. Sudmeyer.

According to Kelly, the history for the company from 1918 through 1922 is virtually non-existent. “But one thing is sure, the items produced at the plant will live on in history and memories. Some of the engines have survived the test of time and have been found anywhere from Charles City to the mountain ranges of South Dakota.”





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Italian Heavy Draft

A horse that combines both strength and speed with a docile nature.

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Noriker

This compact and powerful horse from Austria is sure footed with an amiable temperament.

Norman Cob

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Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, and can be purchased from board members or during the show. Look for the raffle display in the feature area.

Le Mars Toy Store will be donating a new pedal tractor again this year. Tickets are \$5 per chance or 5 for \$20. The winner of the drawing will have their choice of a John Deere, IH, Allis Chalmers or an Oliver. Tickets may be purchased at the raffle tent or at the gas station.

As part of the Horsepower activities, a horse buggy and a hand-made quilt will be raffled. The buggy is a completely restored two-seat taxi made by Morgan and Williams in the late 1800s. It is



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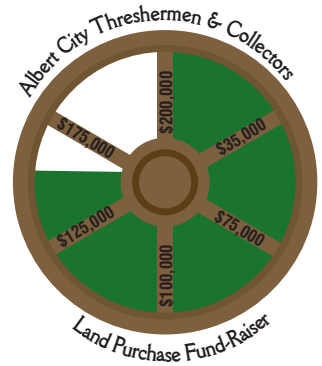
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Connie Reinert

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



Larry Erickson

Is in his fourth 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, tree planting and horses.



Skip Anderson

Is serving his second 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 second year on the board. He oversees crop ground, threshing & field activities, Freedom Hall, signs, insurance, mechanics and the parade.



Mark Tuttle

Is serving his first year on the board. He works with the antique cars, tree maintenance, brooms, tractor pull, camping, golf carts, parade and buildings.



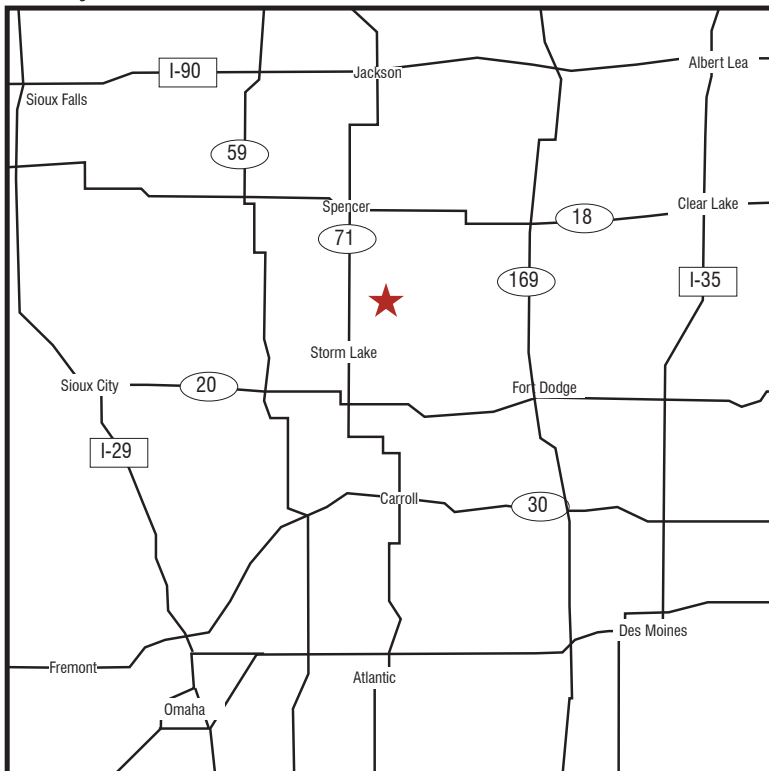
Karen Feeley

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

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1. George Nissen of Cedar Rapids, loved to bounce. So, he invented the _____ in 1931.
2. This delicious ice cream treat was invented in 1920 in Onawa by Christian Nelson: _____.
3. This company is the largest cereal company in the world and is located in Cedar Rapids: _____.
4. This company introduced the first consumer microwave in 1967: _____.
5. This company was started in 1912 in Fort Madison and manufactured stylish writing instruments: _____.
6. In 1927, Otto Rohwedder invented a machine that made it much easier to make a sandwich. What was the machine used to make? _____.
7. This fruit variety was recognized in 1880 in Madison County with rights purchased by the Stark Nursery: _____.
8. This ice cream comes from the ice cream capital of the world in LeMars: _____.
9. _____ is a durable cookware able to withstand extreme heat and cold. It was invented by S. Donald Stookey in the 1950s.
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1925

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