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It's finally here! The 175th Anniversary celebration for Case. Plans that started over five years ago are finally getting a chance to play out.

One Case collector used the term momentous when describing this special celebration. For the first time, the two international Case collector clubs will come together for a show. They will be joined by five regional clubs.

Their goal, along with the Board of Directors is to make a very special celebration that will be remembered for many years to come.

Some suggest this will be a record-breaker for the 47-year old show, with talk of the greatest number of exhibits and biggest crowds ever.

Anyone who attended last year's show, knows that the volunteers that organize and work at the show are ready for the challenge. They are also ready to welcome both old-timers and newcomers to experience first hand all of the fun of an old-time farm.

Read through this guide to learn about the new events as well as the tried and true. Visitors will find many of the activities they know and love along with new ones to peak their interest.

It's hard to imagine the farming practices over 175 years ago as J. I. Case got his early start. Visitors will get a hint though as they view some of the oldest and rarest Case machinery in existence today.

Thank you to all of the many volunteers who have worked hard to plan this year's events. As you enjoy the show, please take a moment to share your appreciation to the many volunteers who have given of their time and talents to put on such a great event.

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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47th Annual Collectors Show marks special Case Anniversary

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association is proud to host the 175th Anniversary Celebration of Case. In doing so, the celebration will bring two national collectors organizations together for the first time and five regional clubs will join in making for a very special occasion.

Case exhibitors from all over the world will convene at the show grounds located near Albert City. Special activities include: Experience the Evolution—a demonstration showing over a century of Case innovation in the field; Ladies of Steam seminars; a Case auction; a Case-O-Matic demonstration; an Eagle Hitch demonstration, a social and a Saturday evening banquet.

Exhibits will include the rare, unique and unusual. From the J.I. Case Ground Hog Thresher, to large steam and gas engines to tractors of every model and configuration. An estimated ten Case autos are expected and of course, toys, garden tractors and memorabilia will also be on display.

For Thursday only, visitors will enjoy a chance to try a hand at pioneer life through the Threshermen Experience. About 14 different activities for guests of all ages will provide a first-hand experience of pioneer activities.

The Threshermen's Tractor Ride is Thursday. At 1 p.m., the ride will leave 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 in-

cludes a break with homemade ice cream.

The Civil War reenactment group, Army of the Southwest will be demonstrating life in the period of the Civil War. Stop by to visit with them about life in the Civil War era.

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 feature Case-related machinery. The 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, carpenter 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 many horse activities.

The 47th show will have a welcoming ceremony at 9 a.m. Friday. Admission for those 12 years and older is \$10 per day. A Thursday-only pass is \$5 or a four-day pass can be purchased for \$20. Children 11 and under are admitted free.

A complete schedule of events and show grounds map can be found on page 24-25.

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J.I. Case Ground Hog Thresher on display

Visitors should plan to stop by the feature building to see the J.I. Case Ground Hog Thresher which is being provided by the Case Corporation.

In 1842, while in New York, J.I. Case, age 23, purchased six "ground hog" threshers on credit and headed for Wisconsin. Five of those machines were sold before he reached his destination, and the sixth he kept to earn a living and use as a model for a new and better thresher that he planned to build.

Case worked at improving the crude "ground hog" thresher. After many months of experimenting, Case developed a machine that would beat out the kernels of wheat and separate them from the straw.

Unable to erect a shop in Rochester, Wisc., Case hitched a pair of horses to his threshing machine and made his way east to Racine.

In Racine, Case rented a small shop and began to build crude threshers, improving them as new models were made. Each year, the business grew, and in 1847 Case erected a three-story brick shop in Racine that became the hub of his farm equipment manufacturing business.



Rare Exhibits



Dennis Powers of Ogden, Iowa will exhibit this 1912 30-60 Case. It is one of five known to exist. Curt Adams is shown during the 2011 show with Helen Case Brigham.

Dennis purchased this engine in 1993 and started full restoration in 2000. The restoration was complete in 2006 and the engine made its first show appearance that year at the Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion.

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Jerred Ruble's 110 Case will see plenty of action during show

Having a passion for steam engines may be an understatement for someone who owns several makes and sizes. Jerred Ruble of Hantontown, Iowa will bring his Case 110 steam engine to the show and is looking forward to putting it to work. The engine was built in 1913, the last year that size was built.

He has owned the engine for about four years after purchasing it from Ron Holland. The engine is one of two 110's he owns

"There are probably 35 or so 110's in existence," he said. "The first one I had was a 1910 that I got from Georgia. Both engines have been made up from parts all around.

"This engine was built for plowing. That is its claim to fame. 1913 was the last year the engine was built. By then the prairies were plowed and its usefulness declined. Prairie tractors were also coming out and they were easier to use and maintain which led to the demise of steam plowing."

He expects his engine to be busy plowing and it will participate in the Experience the Evolution demonstration.

Jerred has quite a bit of his large collection at the Heritage Park of North Iowa in Forest City. It is here where he and many other volunteers host the annual Steam Threshing Days each September, along with other events throughout the year.

Heritage Park is a 93 acre site with old-time buildings



Jerred Ruble's 1913 Case 110 Steam Traction Engine.

and exhibits. It now hosts the Threshing Festival which was originally held at Jerred's farm.

This year the organization will host the national Rumely Collectors for their annual show. They expect to have a full-line of Rumely with some duplication and also a full-line of Aultman-Taylor.

"I'm excited. This should bring a wide variety of collectors and allow us to showcase what we have at the park."



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Thank you for helping make our show enjoyable for all.

—Albert City Threshermen
and Collectors Board



Jerred was at the 2011 Case Expo in Albert City and exhibited this 1914 12-25.

Jerred collects the engines mainly for show. They are used in the spring for a steam school and again in July for a smaller show at the site.

He bought his first tractor in 10th grade and over the last 20 years has been doing more collecting. His collection includes some more unknown brands such as a Greyhound Line with only about eight left, and a 1920 Flour City 40-70, one of about four left.

He is now retired after working as a software engineer and co-owner of TeamQuest in Clear Lake.

Earlier this spring, Jerred had a kidney transplant. "I didn't really seem to have symptoms," he explained. "But they said I was down to about 14 percent function. I got the call just after Memorial Day while working out at Heritage Park."

He and his wife, Eileen, quickly packed up a few things and made their way to Des Moines in anticipation of the transplant. After tests on the donated kidney and more on Jerred, doctors determined they could do the transplant. He had only been on the active donor list for about a month and expected to have a much longer wait for a transplant and worried about the possibility of needing dialysis.

"I feel so fortunate. My doctor said the stars aligned for me. It was a God-send. I hate taking all the pills, but it is a small price to pay. I feel good."

He will continue to get lab work done and other tests to make sure his body is acclimating to the new kidney. In the mean time, he is looking forward to the show in Albert City, then will attend the show in Rollag and follow that with the big steam festival at his home show site.

"The steam show started at my uncles farm in 1960 and my dad had several steam engines. That is how I got addicted. There is no cure. I always liked steam, but bought my first two gas tractors while in high school. After college and the service, my family moved to Hanlontown in 1980 and I really started the collecting.

"My grandfather had a Minneapolis steam engine and I bought that. After my brother passed away I bought the 35-70 Minneapolis to keep it in the family. That only

furthered my disease and I have picked up several steam engines along the way.

"Now I am focusing on prairie tractors. I started with the little Flour City and then the big 40-70 Flour City and hope to get the 30-50 also."

He believes the thrill is to bring things back to the way they were so that others can enjoy them. He does some of the restoration work himself but gets help from others.

Jerred allows others interested in steam to work with his engines and he helps to organize and teach at the spring steam school. As for collecting and sharing the big old engines, he thinks he has good reason: "I'm creating a market. Eventually I will want to sell."

CASE 110 Steam Traction Engine

Traction speed	2.37 miles per hour
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Richard Beelner pairs vintage Case to newer implements on his farm

Richard Beelner's history with Case goes back 54 years when he fell in love with a pedal tractor at the local Case dealer. He can tell that history of growing up with Case just like a storybook.

Richard, who farms near Remsen with his wife, Patricia plans to share some of his Case line during this year's show.

"I have lived here all my life," said Richard. "This is my family farm and around the corner my brother lives on what was my uncle's farm."

Richard has 11 Case tractors and uses most of them in his farming operation today. They range from a 1962 Case 630 diesel to a 1987 3594. The workhorses for field work are two 1984 Case 2594 tractors and a 2394. The only tractor that doesn't get used on the farm is his 1570.

His line-up includes:

- 1962 Case 630 Diesel
- 1969 Case 1030 Diesel
- 1972 Case 870 Diesel Powershift
- 1977 Case 1070 Powershift
- 1978 Case 1570
- 1979 Case 2590
- 1980 Case 2090
- 1984 Case 2394
- 1984 Case 2594 (2)
- 1987 Case 3594

He recalls going to the Clay County Fair with his dad and seeing a 2594 parked right in front of the Case display. He knew then that would be a tractor he would own one day. At the time, he was a huge "Star Wars" fan and liked the colors—the black and white with orange trim.

His 1570 reminds him of a time when he wanted his dad to buy that model but wouldn't. Now Richard picked it up last summer and it is completely restored.

Richard and his brother farm 1700 acres to corn and beans and also raise 4000 hogs.

This year, he has the 2394 hooked up to a Demco 1600 gallon sprayer with a 90-foot boom. Richard added GPS to this unit and he says the combination has sprayed over 25,000 acres.

The 1984 2594 was hooked up to a John Deere 1770 16R30



Richard and Patricia Beelner with their Case line-up.

planter this spring. Even with a 30 year difference in age, the pair has planted over 15,000 acres.

"The 94-Series is when Case went to the Intelligent tractor. It was the first with a computerized dash and had a radar. The 2394 radar gun gives it the ability to measure distance in the field."



Over the years, Richard has worked hard to maintain his line of tractors keeping it clean and maintained.

"If you keep it clean and maintain it, you can catch any problems," he said.

"Probably my most unique tractor is the 1987 Case 3594. It is a one-of-a-kind. It was introduced in 1985 after the merger and it was originally painted all red. I decided it had to be painted white and I told my painter I wanted a Corvette paint job on that tractor. You can tell it's a Case by little markings and details like the staircase ladder."

Richard can tell a story for every tractor on his farm. He will point out details about each item with a huge grin and



In 2016, Richard bought the Case IH 3594. "This is actually a Case tractor. It was manufactured before the merger but wasn't introduced until after the merger with IH," he explained. "I wanted it to be painted back to original Case colors." He had the special decals made for the tractor. A month after purchase, it is shown after leaving the paint shop.



Richard's pedal tractors on display. At right is a Case 800 pedal tractor just like the one he rode some 54 years ago at the local Case dealer's showroom.

knowledge he is eager to share.

"This is absolutely my passion. I get excited. This stuff turns heads. This line shows our true colors. If I were to buy one more tomorrow, I would buy one of two: a Spirit of 76 1570 or a Black Knight 1070."

He says his wife is very supportive of his hobby which along with the tractors includes over 400 toy tractors.

"We are very vocal and I believe I represent Case very well. We don't just like what we do, we love it. To be able to do it with vintage Case is the best."



The 3594 leads the line-up of 11 Case tractors owned by Richard Beelner.



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Family-owned 1922 Case Touring Car makes its way from New York State

Jesse Sutherland of Millbrook, New York plans to exhibit his 1922 Case 7-passenger touring car at this year's show. The car has been in his family since his grandfather bought it brand new in 1922. His mother, Elinor was just four years old then and fell in love with it from the start.

At the time, his grandfather operated Reardon Briggs in Millbrook and the car was used as a service vehicle to drive to local farms to repair machinery. It was also used as the family car during the warm months and on occasion it served as the flower car for funerals. At the age of 16, Elinor learned to drive with this car.

The car was put into storage until 1958 when it was run for the fiftieth anniversary of Reardon Briggs. At that time, Jesse was just 7 years old riding in the car for the first time. He too, fell in love with it. It was again put in storage until 2005 when Jesse decided to get it running.

"The car presents very well," said Jesse. "It is all original, basically untouched. It does have newer tires and I have done a bit of tinkering to get it to run. The gas tank had a hole in it. When I went to get it running, the gas had been in it for almost 50 years. It is a maroon body with black fenders. It



is very interesting to look at. We have done a few shows and parades with it."

Jesse is married to Frances and they have not been to the Albert City show before. "We saw it advertised a couple years ago and I kind of put it out there to my entire family that it

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sounded like fun and we should plan to go to Iowa to see all kinds of equipment and other cars.

"I can't wait to get out there. I have talked to some of the other car collectors and am looking forward to meeting them in person and talking to them. We have the trip planned as a family event. My sister-in-law and nephew from North Carolina will be joining us. We are going to make it a four-day journey there, taking our time and plan to arrive Thursday. We are planning on having a great time."

Jesse is retired now and says over the years he has tried it all, most recently working for the city of Millbrook.

"My passion has always been cars. My older brother got me involved at age 14 and we built racing cars and hot rods. The car is the only Case piece that we have. I have a 1956 F250 4-wheel drive that I built from a bunch of parts. It is quite different with a one-piece flip-up hydraulic nose. I also have a 1956 Ford F100 short box.

"The Case car goes to some of the antique shows around here. I have been showing my '56 pickup for 21 years, so we are out almost every weekend going somewhere with something."

Jesse says Frances enjoys going to the shows with the old cars as long as they are within distance of shopping. For him, talking to other people who also have cars is the fun part of going to shows. He enjoys talking to folks about his family car and the stories that go with it, whether those stories are about its early years or the work that he put into it to make it run.

"This car has seen a very wonderful life," he said. "We have no plans to restore it. We want to enjoy it just the way it is."

Another Case Auto



Harold and Ann Musolf of Seattle, Washington plan to return to the 2017 show with their Case auto. This is a photo from the 2011 show of them in their 1913 Case Model O 40-horse touring car.

"As far as we know, there are only three or four other 1913 Case cars known to exist," said Harold.

"The car sold for \$2350 originally and it was a quality car. In 1913, Case built about 2500 cars, compared to Ford who was building about 2300 per week.

They will also bring their 1912 Case car which is black.

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Max Armstrong is Case banquet speaker

Max Armstrong is the featured speaker for the Case Collectors banquet. The banquet will start at 6 p.m. Saturday and be held at the Colin and Mary Johnson farm just east of Albert City. Tickets can be purchased at the feature building during the show.

He will stop by the show Saturday before heading to the banquet. Max is one of the most widely recognized and highly regarded agricultural journalists in America. He is director of broadcasting for Penton/Farm Progress Companies; co-host of the television show "This Week in AgriBusiness," seen across the U.S. each weekend; and he hosts a daily ag program called Farm Progress America on 104.9, WTKM.

Thousands of farmers and consumers have heard his broadcasts on WTKM during his nearly 40 years in radio. Since July 2009, Armstrong has also been director of broadcasting for Penton Farm Progress. He produces and hosts the "Farm Progress America" and "Max Armstrong's Midwest Digest" daily radio.



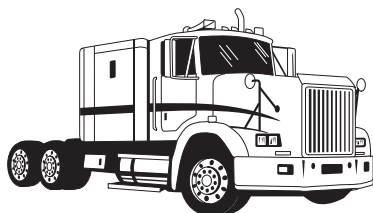
Case Exhibit



Ethan Lenz of Manson, Iowa will exhibit this 1913 20-40 Case. It was bought by his father, Bruce in 1993. He and Don Jondle worked five years to dismantle and restore the tractor. It first appeared at the Albert City show in 1999 and has been there every year since.

The 20-40 tractor was manufactured from 1912 to 1919 with 4,303 being made. The list price was \$2,000.

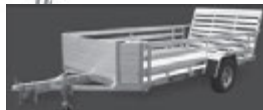
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Other improvements this year included a new roof on the broom building, Svenska Stuga and grease gun building; new steel and paint on the corn crib and the renovation of the bleachers from the Albert City football field. The bleachers will now be used for various field events during the show.



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This event will demonstrate the evolution of Case engines, tractors and implements by doing many of the typical farm activities out in the field.

Imagine seeing a Case 110 steam engine plowing in the field right along with a Case 90-Series or a new Case 620 QuadTrac with other generations in between!

According to organizers Duane Madson and Lynn Wenell, they want to demonstrate as many different farm tasks as possible during this event. That may include plowing, discing, seeding, planting, cultivating, combining and chopping. The task will start with walking, then horse-drawn equipment and then use several generations of Case machinery to show how farming practices have changed with the evolution of Case equipment over 175 years.

This event will take place at 1 p.m. Fri., Sat. and Sunday.

Anyone wishing to participate may contact Lynn at 712-358-2472, or Duane at 712-358-0613, to register in advance. Classic Tractor Fever will be filming this event for the DVD and for their show on RFD-TV.



Experience the Evolution will be similar to the traditional One Year of Farming in 60 Minutes but will include several generations of Case machinery in the field at the same time.



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David Weyand will exhibit his 5/8 scale Case traction engine

Coming all the way from Rockwood, Penn., David Weyand will be exhibiting his 5/8 scale steam traction engine during this year's show. Dave already owned a full-size 45 horsepower engine and decided to make a model that was bigger than a half-size engine.

His scale engine is about 11.5 feet long, about six feet wide, about seven feet tall and weighs three tons. His full-size engine is about 19 feet long and weighs in at 12 tons. He enjoys the scale version because it is much easier to haul to shows than the big engine.

"I started gathering components in 2010, started the assembly in 2011 and worked on it through 2013," said David. "I have made some changes to it over the last couple of years. Some of the parts were fabricated and some were available. Some of the castings are 64 or 110 castings because they fit the dimensions I wanted. The boiler was built specifically for this engine. I did all the assembly myself and did all of the fabrication work. I am not a machinist, so I had three different shops working on that. I did all the figuring and calculating for the project."

David owns and operates D & S Custom Covers. The company produces fire truck covers for the hosebeds, crosslays,



Above, the 5/8 scale steam traction engine and at right, the full-size 45 hp steam engine.



hosewells and any type of cover to protect a truck from the elements.

He grew up in the automotive trim business and started his business in 1988. He started his cover development in 1990 and obtained a patent in 2001. Now, he ships products all over the U.S. and Canada and to the military worldwide.

He has been married to his wife, Shelby for 34 years and they have a son, Andrew.

He bought his 45 hp Case engine out of high school and also has some small equipment including a Bell City Thresher. He has worked on all the equipment he owns. "I started operating engines when I was 11 and at 14 my dad bought me a scale model. I am very mechanically inclined and am not afraid to tear into anything. I enjoy the preservation part."

His engines share the same serial number from 1912, 27580. Locally with his large engine he will thresh, plow and

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run the saw mill. With his scale engine, he will run a shingle mill or pull a two-bottom plow.

David said after seeing an ad for the 175th anniversary show, he started making plans to attend. He has never been to a show in Iowa and is looking forward to seeing the different territory which he expects to be more flat.

"I am hoping that Helen Case Brigham will be at the show," he said. "She use to live in Maryland and she was at our show a couple different years and she had steered my engine. I have a nice photo of her from then and would like to get another one."

He will be joined by a friend, Mark Mull who is also into steam engines. They plan to arrive to Albert City late Wednesday evening and will need to leave Saturday night to head back to work.

David is looking forward to seeing the different area of the country, meeting all the people, looking at equipment and just taking it all in.

"I want to use the engine as much as possible at the show. For me, working on my steam engine is stress relief. I sit in front of a computer all day and manage a company, so it has always been an escape from pressures at work. The hobby is surrounded by a lot of good people and I enjoy the association of the people and the mechanical end of steam.

"We can play all day long and just add water and coal or wood. It's a disease and I've had it since I was 11 years old. I really enjoy it."

Another Scale Engine



Wally Beirnacki, who lives east of Toronto, Canada, was at the 2011 show and plans to return for 2017. Wally will exhibit his 1/4 scale 65-horse Case steam tractor. He says he will have many toys to run with it including a hay baler, water pump and generator. Wally says this tractor is built to the letter with no deviations and it has been certified by Case for authenticity. He is strictly a Case collector and serves as the vice president of the J.I. Case Heritage Foundation. Wally is 84 years old, and he is another one of the scale-size exhibitors visitors will enjoy meeting at this year's show.

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In the afternoon, we'll take the short trip to Laurens where guests will enjoy unique shopping experiences

and unique demonstrations. Activities include making potpourri sachets, Chalk Paint 101, Essential Oils, "How to wear Leggings and Make them be the Right Leggings," Make a Card, Leather Bracelets and How to accessorize with jewelry. Reservations for the day are required with \$30 payment which includes transportation and lunch.

On Saturday, take the bus for a trip to Albert City where guests can enjoy unique shopping, programs and the Historical Museum. Enjoy refreshments and shopping for kitchen gadgets, gourmet foods, Scandinavian interests, and fashion accessories. There will also be homemade crafts and a tasting of Iowa wines. Reservations are required with \$10 payment which includes transportation, museum admission and refreshments. Lunch is on your own after returning to the show site.

Seating is limited—please call 712-843-2076 to register or stop by the Gas Station during the show. Note that busses will leave from the show site. Friday loading at 9:15 a.m., leaving at 9:30 a.m. and returning at 4 p.m. Saturday bus will load at 8:45 a.m., leaving at 9 a.m. and returning at 1 p.m.

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Albert City welcomes you for shopping and a community picnic

Anyone wishing to take a short break from the action on the show grounds is invited to visit Albert City for shopping and eating.

There will be a community picnic open to all visitors Thursday evening in the park near downtown.

As part of Ladies Day activities, the Threshermen will provide a bus for a trip to Albert City where guests can enjoy unique shopping and the Historical Museum. 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.

At the Straw Horse, the store will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The store is decorated to inspire and show many unique styles with the latest fashion. They sell kitchen gadgets, gourmet foods, table decor, wall art, fashion accessories and Scandinavian interests. The decorating in the store will show off some of the influence and interests of the Threshermen.

The coffee pot will be on every day and a light lunch will be offered Tues., Aug. 8 and Wed., Aug. 9, especially for exhibitor's wives, but all are welcome to stop in for shopping, visiting and eating. On Saturday for Ladies Day the store will

have sales and samples available. They will show Swedish examples of "Fika" and "Hygge." Fika is the art of "coffee with something to eat" and Hygge is the art of "being present in the moment, relaxed and comfortable."

Around the corner at Pocket of Posies, guests will enjoy the store that has a flowershop, greenhouse and gift shop. For Ladies Day they will feature homemade crafts made by Kathy. There will be a tasting of Iowa wines featuring Tassel Ridge Winery from Leighton, Iowa. It will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the store. There will also be a large sale table both Friday and Saturday.

The Albert City Museum welcomes guests to enjoy their large display of artifacts. The complex includes six buildings with the Depot building being on the National Register of Historic Places. The Heritage House is an air-conditioned house with two levels of displays. During Threshermen's Weekend, the museum is open Fri. from 1 to 5 p.m.; Sat. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. from 1 to 5 p.m. Regular hours are Sun. from 2 to 5 p.m. during the summer. Or make an appointment by calling, 712-843-5858 or 712-843-5684. Admission for adults is \$5 which is included with a Ladies Day registration.

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This is the third year for the Threshermen collectible toy tractor sale. This year's tractor is a Case DC-4 wide front, 1/16 scale die cast.

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, buyers are automatically included for a chance to win this toy tractor.

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

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



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Case Tractors owned by Skip Anderson of Marathon: 1958 500B and a 1943 SI Airborne

Molitors will exhibit six unique Case garden tractors

Six of the garden tractors in the Case display will be exhibited by Chuck and Jen Molitor of Lake Lillian, Minn. Chuck has always been a Case enthusiast but has been collecting and restoring tractors for 15 to 20 years.

"We have been planning to come to the show for over a year," said Chuck. "It is going to be a big show. Everyone is getting together with all the clubs. This is my one big shot for a lot of people to see the more unique tractors. I think it is going to be fun. There will be a lot to see and do. Jen is excited too. We will be around to answer questions and we will have the T90 in the parade."

Chuck described the exhibits he will bring.

444 Painted Demonstrator: "This one I built up out of parts. I knew I would never find one so I built this one. It is a 1976 model. It looks nice and I don't try to fool anyone that it is an original. I built it that way and that's what I tell everyone."

444 with Sickle Mower: "It is a Dieter sickle mower that was made in Racine. I believe Case had them built for them. The 1975 garden tractor came from about 20 miles north and he had a snow blower, a deck and a sickle mower. I went over and talked to the guy and he had the books laying out and I tried to make a deal. I waited about two years before he was ready to sell it. I was really happy to get it because I have not seen another one, so it must be fairly rare."

446 Painted Stars and Stripes: "It is a 1976 model. It was one I had been looking for and I found it just south of town. It had been sitting for over five years and in one day I took it apart and had it running. I have tinkered with it and painted it. It is a nice tractor that I really like."

110: "This is a 1980 model garden tractor. I believe it has a 10-hp Briggs. I bought it from a guy who collected garden tractors whose dad had a dealership at Olivia. I got the motor running and have totally restored it. It is very hard to find literature for that one. It is a cute little mower."

130: "I bought this one on consignment about two years ago. It really looked tough. I wanted to get it because I had restored one before for Northland Case and I really wanted one. I tore it all apart, but never did anything to the engine. It runs just great and it looks great. It is a 1965 model and I believe that is the only year they were built."

T-90 Replica: "I built that a couple years ago. I was going to buy one and restore it. But, they are so expensive, that you can't touch them, so I decided to build my own. I used a frame from a 446 that I salvaged and went by photos to build it. There are a few changes I would have made now, but it turned out fine. It runs good. I did a lot of extras on there. I made it as close as I could to an original. It is a novelty. The T90 is fairly long and they are wide with a box in the back and made for two people to ride on."

Chuck is now retired after working in a machine shop for 25 years and more recently working eight years for the city.

Jen is also retired from working as an assistant in the district office of the Presbytery of Minnesota Valley.

Now he has more time to work on his restoration projects. After selling a lot of his full-size tractors at auction, he still has about five that he maintains including a VAC and a DC. His daughter now has the first tractor he had which is a '41 SC which will stay in the family.

"The first time I got interested was when we went to Farm-Fest shortly after we were married. I thought then that someday I wanted to own a tractor and restore it. I started with the SC. I never had garden tractors and then I found one and fell in love with them. I have slacked off a bit now because my sheds are getting full."

There are three tractors in line for restoration which is a wintertime hobby for Chuck. "I enjoy the satisfaction of finding the parts for a tractor and then seeing what it looks like when it is done. It is also fun to see the look on someone's

face when they pick up a tractor that I have restored for them.

Watch for Chuck and Jen and enjoy checking out some of his restoration work while at the 2017 show.



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Bob and Arlene Meseck will serve as feature parade marshals

Bob and Arlene Meseck of rural Storm Lake will serve as the marshals for the morning feature parade. They have a long history farming with Case and with the Albert City Show. Bob says he has been to every show since it started back in 1971.

"I've had awfully good luck with Case," explained Bob. "I bought an 830 in the late '60s. It was getting a lot of hours so I traded it for a 1030. I remember when a 1030 was a big tractor. Now it's a garden tractor. They are very dependable. My neighbors use to give me guff about my Case tractors, then I'd watch a truck come to their farm to pick up their green ones."

He admits though, that he also owns two Allis-Chalmers and two John Deere tractors.

The Mesecks have been married 65 years and have two children, son Gary and his wife who live in Sioux Rapids and daughter, Chris and her husband Mike who live in Independence, Iowa. They have 7 grandchildren. They expect their kids will be home to help celebrate during at least part of this year's show.

Bob and Arlene attended country school together before Arlene's family moved to Fort Dodge. She returned to the Storm Lake area and Bob asked her on a date. They have been together ever since.

They laugh and joke as they talk about Bob doing housework now that his wife is ill.

"I think it is just a great show," said Bob. "I have done just about everything including shocking the oats. I have also helped get ready ahead of time and then clean up afterwards. It is a great bunch of guys."

"We lived by Albert City for a couple of years, then moved west on M50. We have been at this location since 1983 on the farm my dad bought in 1952."

Bob has always farmed except for the two years he was in the Marines where he served during the Korean War.

For Arlene, the annual show meant baking pies for the cafe and helping Bob on the people mover. It has gotten more difficult for her to attend now as she suffers from pulmonary fibrosis and must be on oxygen.

"It is a great chance to see friends," she said.



This year they will exhibit Case tractors, a cultivator and a 5-16 plow which Bob says is the best darn plow he has ever had. He keeps his equipment in great order includ-

ing the manuals for most. Also in his basement collection are all of the buttons for the Threshermen's show.

The feature parade is at 10:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday.



Bob and Arlene Meseck are the 2017 feature parade marshals.

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Randy Bobolz and Darrel Schnetter will serve as 2017 parade marshals

Sometimes working together, whether professionally or as a volunteer, can take a toll on a friendship. But not so for Randy Bobolz and Darrel Schnetter. They've been working together as volunteers at the annual Threshermen's show for nearly 30 years. That work has only strengthened their friendship, so much so that they sometimes can read each other's mind, knowing what the other is thinking before they can say it.

"I started helping in 1982 as part of the Lions Club," said Randy. "Then, the job got too big for the club, but I continued to help park cars and take tickets."

Darrel says he started helping in 1989. "I thought if I could help out, Randy would stay on. I've been helping since then. Other than my wife, he's the only one who would put up with me that long," laughed Darrel.

When asked what they enjoy most, the first answer is having the chance to work with the other. After that, they enjoy working with the people and the board members.

Darrel said, "We roll with the punches and we make it work. It's a satisfying feeling to see it all accomplished."

"We can about tell you when the lot will fill up by the weather conditions, and also when people will leave."

Darrel's wife, Sue has helped in the registration area for



Darrel Schnetter, left, and Randy Bobolz are the masterminds in charge of parking and gate admissions.

over 20 years and Randy's wife, Jan has also been involved as a show volunteer.

Randy has worked for CaseIH since 1973 doing the books for PocaVista in Albert City. Now he is a controller for Red Power. Darrel farms and does about any kind of construction work in the area where he is in high demand.

"Our volunteers are great," said Darrel.

"I have a list with about 75 spots," explained Randy. "A lot of guys are ready each year to take the same day and same shift."

It takes nearly 65 people to fill those spots and about half of those volunteers also take on other tasks during the show.

"It is neat to have super volunteers," said Randy. "They are the most important asset we have. Last year with the challenging parking conditions, people just stayed and helped where they were needed."

Although many years the gate and parking may be predictable, there can be challenges. Like last year when over six inches of rain fell on the showgrounds by Friday morning. Add to that visitors who came and stayed rather than rotating out of the parking lot, and that meant Darrel, Randy and their crew had to move to back up plans, created on the fly.

Faced with what is expected to be record crowds this year, they say they are ready.

"The weather is the biggest factor on attendance," said Randy. "But we are up to the challenge."

During the show, their days start about 6 a.m. and end by 7 or 8 at night. They enjoy the end of the day when time allows a chance to talk to folks as they leave and they feel good when people leave smiling.

When it comes to being named parade marshals, they are honored. Normally, Randy would be announcing the parade, but this year will be heading it up.

Whether parking or entering the gates, look for these two when attending the show.

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The seminars will be held Fri., Sat. and Sun. at 11:30 or following the morning parade.

All women (and guys too) are invited to a hands-on introduction to a variety of steam engines.

In the program the Ladies of Steam share their knowledge and enjoyment of steam engines, and encourage other women to understand and appreciate the fun, as well as the hard work, involved in owning or operating these great old engines.

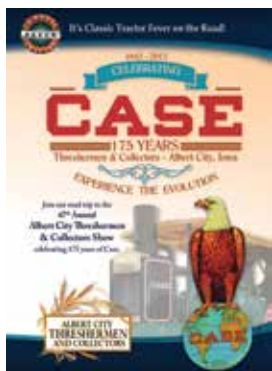


Interesting Case



Delwin VanZante will exhibit this 1918 9-18 Cross-motor this year. He lives on the home farm near Otley, Iowa. The tractor is owned by Delwin and brother, Laurel and his son Jeff. It was previously owned by Delwin's father, Hessel and grandfather, Tone who died in 1966. The tractor was about two years old when Delwin's grandfather purchased it for \$825. In the 40s, it was retired to the cow lot where it sat until the 70s. Finally, in the 1980s, it saw restoration efforts. It has remained in the family ever since.

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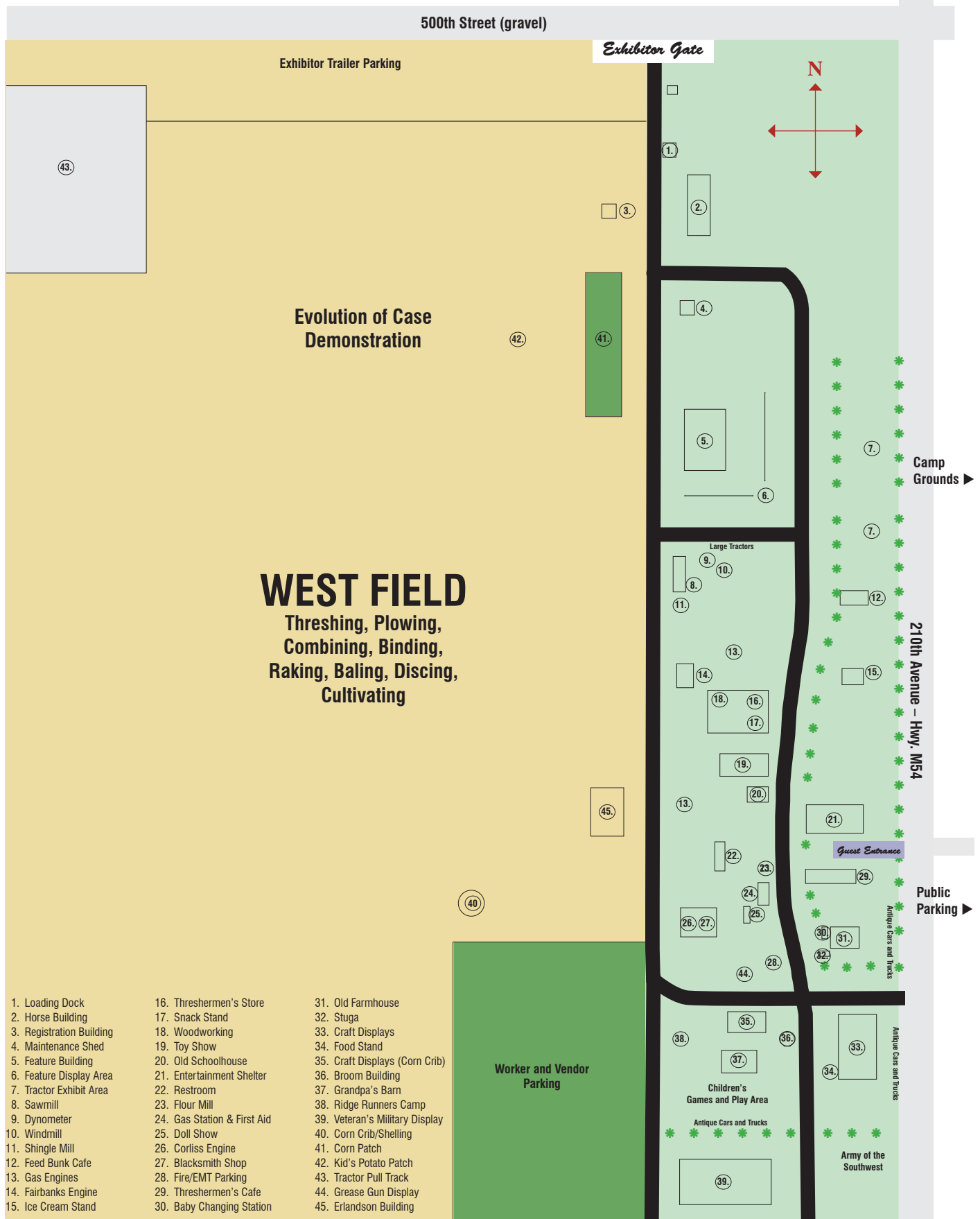
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Special Event Schedule:

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Threshermen's Experience	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
"Flower Power" entries due	12 noon	Farm House
Tractor Ride, all makes welcome	1 p.m.	Leave site

Wagon Train arrives at show grounds, early afternoon

FRIDAY:

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast	7-10:30 a.m.	Feed Bunk
Welcome Ceremony	9 a.m.	Flagpole by School
Ladies Day bus leaves	9 a.m.	Near Craft Building
Iowa Draft Pony Show	1 p.m.	West field

Folk Mountain Gospel	11 a.m.
Jive for Five	12:30 p.m.
South 71	2 p.m.

Case Fun Pull and Case-O-Matic Demo 6 p.m. (following parade)

SATURDAY:

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

Antique Tractor Pull	9 a.m.	Northwest Field
Army of SW-Cannons and arms	9 a.m.	Southeast End
Ladies Day bus leaves	9 a.m.	Near Craft Building
Kid's Pedal Pull	10 a.m.	North of Craft Bldg.
Case Eagle Hitch Plowing Demo	2 p.m.	West Field

Stratford Blues	11 a.m.
Talent Show	1 p.m.
Stratford Blues	3 p.m.

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
Raffle Drawings	4 p.m.	Parade Stand
Entertainment Shelter –		
Jazzalicious	11 a.m.	
Albert City Community Band	12:15 p.m.	
Folk Mountain Gospel	1:45 p.m.	
Jill Brees Barr	3 p.m.	

Daily Events for Friday, Aug. 11, Saturday, Aug. 12 and Sunday, Aug. 13

WHAT

- Registration
- Feature Parade
- "Ladies of Steam"
- Games for Children
- "Experience the Evolution"
- 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
- Case Feature 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

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 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
 South of Gas Station
 West of the Corn Crib
 West Field
 West Field
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Anniversary show brings international Case groups together for first time

Since they have existed, the two international Case collector clubs have never held a joint convention or show. This year, they come together for the first time to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Case.

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

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

The **Northland Case Collectors** cover Minn., Iowa,



Wisc., the Dakotas and Nebraska. The club supports many Case featured shows in the Midwest and has about 275 members. For more information, contact current president Jeremy Hoff at 320-583-2638.

The **Mid-Iowa J. I. Case Collectors** were formed in 2014 and covers Central Iowa, both north and south. They now meet bi-monthly and have 52 members. For information, contact club president Larry Johnson at 641-377-2758 or 515-231-4219.

The **Screamin Eagles Case Club** was organized in 1996 and now has over 100 members from 11 states. The club holds monthly meetings, a plow day, fall picnic and winter dinner. For more information, contact Jim Peeper at 573-682-5253.

The **Heartland J.I. Case Collectors Club** covers Southwest Iowa and the corner of Nebraska and was formed in 2010. The group meets six times each year and they also tour museums, private collections and manufacturing facilities. There are currently about 25 members. For more details, contact the club president, Gerald McCool at 402-681-9551.

The **Illinois J.I. Case Collectors** were formed in July 2016. The directors meet four times per year and members meet twice each year. There are 182 members covering the entire state of Illinois. Ross Richwine is the founder and president and can be reached at 309-482-6242, or mail the club at 2681 125th Ave., Viola, IL 61486.



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Case 40 touring car to be exhibited by Todd Manthe

A 1916 Case 40 touring car will return to Albert City in 2017. This year it has a new owner. The seven-passenger car was at the show in 2011 when it was owned by John Fenske. Now it will be exhibited by Todd Manthe of Twin Valley, Minn. John had done the restoration work on the car which Todd purchased in 2013.

"I had been waiting for 20-some years to get a Case car," said Todd. "One thing led to another and I discovered that John was selling this car. I had already been collecting Case tractors and wanted to have a Case car."

Todd is an enthusiastic collector. He has about 80 Case tractors including the ones he uses on the farm. "My oldest is a 1930 CI roller tractor. I try to get the letter tractors and then the 100-Series and 900-Series, getting a model of each. I also have the 30-Series and some later models like the 94-Series that I use on the farm."

"I have always been a Case guy. I have the original C that my grandpa bought in 1937. He farmed in this area also."

Todd farms 2500 acres with corn, soybeans and wheat and expects his wheat will be ready for harvest about the time of the 175th Anniversary Show.

"We have restored a few tractors and had some custom painting done. I also have a collection of Pontiac TransAms. I have 21 of those. My first car was a '75 TransAm I bought in about 1980. I liked them and I've owned one since then. My lowest mileage is a 1978 with 8000 actual miles. I want to get one for every year from 1969 on."

Todd says he'll drive whichever one is by the front door and he takes many of the cars to parades. He also collects some Case toys because, "if you have the real thing, you gotta have the toy for it."

He explained that his dad farmed originally with Minneapolis-Moline but later switched to Case after buying a farm with a Case tractor on it. For Todd, he has just never traded some in, having the original 400 that he plowed with when he was a kid. In the 90s, they started to acquire more tractors.

Todd visited the Case show in Albert City in 2011 and came specifically to see the Case cars. At that show, there were



Todd Manthe with his 1916 Case 40 touring car.

seven Case automobiles and Todd enjoyed seeing each of the different ones. For 2017, Todd can enjoy bringing his very own Case car to the show where he plans to visit with all the other Case car exhibitors.

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Freedom Hall honors members of service with military displays

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

The building opened in 2014 and was designed to honor all members of service, both past and present. The 64' x 128' building and all related items were made possible thanks to generous donors and volunteers who have covered all expenses.

In 2015, volunteers added more display space and a collection of military patches. That year they featured items from WWI.

In 2016, the display case for the Navy Target Kite was purchased along with two additional display cases. Volunteers created a flag display along the road for show days. The flags, poles and materials were purchased with funds from the Sundholm Foundation.

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



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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.

Enjoy a Variety of Talents at the Entertainment Shelter

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

This year, the Talent Show will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The show is divided into three age brackets and cash prizes are awarded. Participants are encouraged to pre-register by calling the show office, 712-843-2076.

The Albert City Community Band will perform at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

Other entertainment includes:

Folk Mountain Gospel performs Friday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 1:45 p.m. They have been traveling around the country since 1988 sharing the love of Jesus through song. Their music is a blend of "mountain" style and folk style gospel. They play traditional and Biblical instruments such as the Bowed Psaltery, Hammered Dulcimer, Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Zither Guitar, and Harmonica. They also sing the good old hymns of faith, more recent gospel songs and some songs that their family has written related to family values, the grace of Jesus, our Savior, and the love of God.



Jive for Five! will appear Friday at 12:30 p.m. They have a repertoire of over 300 tunes which include everything from Bach, the Beatles, Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington, Gershwin & Miller, Gabrieli, Mozart, Karl King, John Philip Sousa, Fats Waller and Broadway musical scores. The members of this group include: Tim Miller, trumpet; Dave Swaroff, trumpet; Kathy Yoakam, French horn; Dan Cassady, trombone; and Paul Bloomquist, tuba.

In addition to teaching and performing in Jive for Five!, all five members are busy with other organizations including the Fort Dodge Area Symphony, the nationally renowned Karl King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge, and other top performing groups. The members of Jive for Five! are also in demand as private instructors and clinicians.

South 71 will perform at 2 p.m. Friday. They are an acoustic trio with second to none vocals and expert guitar and flute playing country, rock, folk and original music.



Stratford Crossing Blues Band will perform at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday. The band is a rock, southern rock and blues genre band out of the Minneapolis area. The band has been playing various venues around the Twin Cities for the past eight years and consists of five musicians who were

formerly in other bands from the area.

Members include: Greg Herlache, founder and leader of the band, Greg plays rhythm guitar, slide guitar, harp and some vocals; Kern Wessman, lead singer and percussion; Jim Nelson, lead guitar, slide guitar and some vocals; Tim Gallagher, bass; and Steve Helland, drums.



The dual guitar band covers various artists from the '60s and '70s including the Allman Brothers Band, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Marshall Tucker Band, Eric Clapton, ZZ Top and many more.

While Stratford Crossing Blues Band has often been associated with blues, rock and southern rock, the band has taken on the likes of JJ Cale, Dylan and Delbert McClinton. When recently asked of band leader Greg Herlache what defines the music chosen and played by the band, he responded, "It is more about the song and less about the genre and songwriter/performer. If the song has a great sound, solid lyrics and our ability to put our signature to it, we'll go for it."

Jazzalicious performs Sunday at 11 a.m. They are a group of former and current members of the Alta-Aurelia High School jazz band who play jazz all the way from the 1920s to today. They span multiple flavors of jazz with hits from Count Basie, The Weather Report, Herbie Hancock, and many, many more.



Jill Brees Barr will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday. Hailing from Northwest Iowa, Jill performs as a regional vocalist, both as a solo act and in groups.

She was raised in Peterson, and knew from a young age that she wanted to use her voice to entertain. Her first public performance was at the age of 12, broadcast on KICD Radio. She continued to hone her skill throughout her school years, singing at the University of Northern Iowa and graduating with a degree in Electronic Media/Journalism. After graduation, she interned with Interscope, Geffen and A&M Records.

No stranger to the stage, she performed for numerous charity events, musical theatre, and she is a regular entertainer at Innspiration Vines and Wines, the Clay County Fair and performs in the nostalgic hits group, The Sliders.



New for 2017: The Threshermen Experience will be Thursday

Visitors to the show will be able to learn about the life of early pioneers through seminars, demonstrations and hands-on experiences that will take them back to the early 1900s.

Fourteen special activities will rotate during the day (see schedule next page) starting at 9 a.m. These activities will be held on Thursday only, and many will offer a chance for visitors to try the activity and visit with the demonstrators.

There will not be regular field operations on Thursday. Admission for Thursday only is \$5 or the day is included with a 4-day season pass purchased for \$20.

Activities include:

The Early Years of Farming in Pocahontas County

From Scythes to Silos. Learn about the challenges of early farming in Pocahontas and Buena Vista Counties from the mid 1800's to the beginning of the golden age of agriculture in the 1890's. Told through stories of real pioneers and using local photos, this program will reveal the dramatic changes that occurred in the first four decades of settlement.

Carburation Basics

Experts will talk about the basics of carburation and go through the 4 circuits of a carburetor; choke, idle, acceleration and power. They will compare yesterday's fuel to today's fuel and discuss how it can affect your tractor. They will also discuss how compression, starting and electrical systems all work hand in hand with your fuel system.

Our American Flag

Veterans perform a flag folding ceremony and explain the meaning of the 13 folds. Flag etiquette will also be discussed.

Learn to be a Blacksmith

An experienced blacksmith will offer a hands-on lesson to persons wanting to learn the art of blacksmithing. Participants must have closed-toed shoes, pants, gloves and safety glasses. Spectators may sit on the bleachers and watch the blacksmith demonstration.

Spinning: Learn the Techniques of this Vintage Art

Learn how to spin wool yarn to use for knitting, crochet-

ing or other. Learn about different types of yarns, spinning techniques and uses.

Schoolhouse

Kids will have some fun and enjoy an old-time school lesson and activity.

Threshing with the See-through Thresher

An experienced mechanic and thresher operator will explain how wheat is shocked and threshed using the see-through threshing machine. Learn how the machine separates the grain from the straw as it passes through this vintage machine.

Become a Steam Operator

This is a hands-on activity where participants will learn how to fire an engine and steam up to provide power for farming operations. This will be done with a Wood Bros. steam engine.

Sewing—Then and Now

Sewing and quilting using treadle sewing machine and a computerized sewing machine, reminisce about older garment patterns, view quilting techniques from then and now.

Kids—Learn how to drive a Garden Tractor

Garden tractors will be available with various implements (plow, disc, blades, drag, wagon) for the kids to get on and operate. City kids and farm kids will enjoy this learning opportunity.

Tractor Ride

Join the annual Threshermen's Tractor Ride. Group will leave the grounds at 1 p.m. and head to Albert City where they will enjoy a tour of the Albert City Historical Museum. Then, they will head to Marathon for a visit to the L, M & O Railroad Museum. Finally, they will stop for homemade Threshermen's ice cream at the park before heading back to the show grounds with an arrival of about 4 p.m.

Horse Activities: wagon rides, harnessing, walk plow, goat milking

The Wheel Team will provide horse experiences for both young and old with horses, mules and goats. Take a wagon ride, learn how to harness a horse, try the walking plow or milk a goat!

Learn to Make a Broom

Come in and help make a broom by sewing or sorting straw. Learn the steps in making a broom using broom straw.

Tatting: Learn the techniques of this Ancient Art

Tatting is an ancient form of lace making. Tatting involves wrapping thread around one or two shuttles and using the shuttles to guide the thread into patterns of knots to create rings and chains in delicate designs. Projects can include doilies, earrings, necklaces, ornaments, bookmarks, baby caps and booties, wedding veils, as well as edgings on handkerchiefs, purses, garments, placemats, note cards, and more.

Flag Disposal Ceremony

Veterans will do The Ceremony for Disposal of Unserviceable Flags showing how to properly dispose of the flag.

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TIME	WHAT	LOCATION
9 a.m.	The Early Years of Farming in Pocahontas County Carburation Basics American Flag Folding and the Meaning of the 13 Folds	Schoolhouse Entertainment Shelter Freedom Hall
10 a.m.	Learn to be a Blacksmith Spinning: Learn the Techniques of this Vintage Art Old Time School Activity Threshing with the See-through Thresher Become a Steam Operator on the Wood Bros. Steam Engine	Blacksmith shop Craft Building Schoolhouse East of new Ice Cream Stand Near Saw Mill
11 a.m.	The Early Years of Farming in Pocahontas County Carburation Basics Sewing—Then and Now Learn to be a Blacksmith Kids—Learn How to Drive a Garden Tractor	Schoolhouse Entertainment Shelter Farmhouse Blacksmith Shop West Field, east of Corn Crib
12 noon	Kids—Learn How to Drive a Garden Tractor	West Field, east of Corn Crib
1 p.m.	Threshermen's Tractor Ride American Flag Folding and the Meaning of the 13 Folds Spinning—Learn the Techniques of this Vintage Art Horse activities: wagon rides, harnessing, walk plow, goat milking	Central Drive Freedom Hall Craft Building Near the Hoop Barn
2 p.m.	Learn to Make a Broom Sewing—Then and Now Horse activities: wagon rides, harnessing, walk plow, goat milking	Broom Building Farmhouse Near the Hoop Barn
3 p.m.	Threshing with the See-through Thresher Learn to Make a Broom Tatting: Learn the Techniques of this Ancient Art Horse activities: wagon rides, harnessing, walk plow, goat milking	East of new Ice Cream Stand Broom Building Schoolhouse Near the Hoop Barn
4:30 p.m.	Flag Disposal Ceremony	Freedom Hall



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The Threshermen will host a tractor ride on Thursday afternoon which is open to all makes, ages and models of tractors (and riders). This is the sixth 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.

The ride will then swing through Marathon Park where riders will enjoy Threshermen's homemade ice cream before heading back to the show grounds.



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The DVD produced here will become part of the popular "On the Road" series, will air on RFD-TV, and will be available for purchase at the show, through their 2018 catalog, and online at www.ClassicTractorFever.farm.

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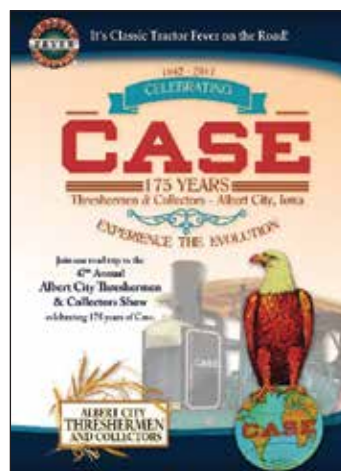
Throughout those years, the calendar has showcased more than 520 brands and models of farm tractors and machinery in becoming the most recognized and requested classic tractor calendar on the market while building a large and loyal following.

During those 29 years, they have featured a total of 31 J.I. Case-branded tractors and machines, a testament to the popularity of this iconic brand!

Show visitors should be on the lookout for their on-air personality Brian Baxter and his video crews as they cruise the grounds, capturing the sights, sounds and special events of this great event while interviewing exhibitors, tractor owners and attendees.

Brian will also be available to autograph a special, limited show-only edition poster, which will be free with the purchase of a show DVD and Classic Tractor Fever commemorative t-shirt at the CTF concession trailer.

There will also be additional collectibles and Case branded items such as the 2018 calendar (which features a 1916 Case 20-40 on the cover), outdoor display banners, t-shirts, DVDs and more.



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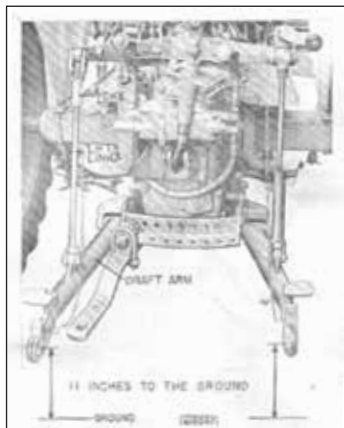
Case Eagle Hitch Demonstration expected to set records

Stan Borton of the Mid-Iowa Case Collectors is organizing a special Eagle Hitch demonstration that he thinks will be a record-setter.

"The goal is to demonstrate the Eagle Hitch plow on Eagle Hitch tractors to see how many we can get in the field at the same time," he explained. "We will also open it up to Eagle Hitch discs or harrows to follow along just to see how many implements we can get in the field. My personal goal is to have at least 20 Eagle Hitches. I think that is realistic. Having 30 would be fantastic!"

The event will take place Saturday at 2 p.m. following the Experience the Evolution. Anyone wishing to participate in this special event should register their equipment at the Mid-Iowa Case Collectors booth.

According to Stan, in the 40s, the Ferguson System 3-point hitch was gaining sales on smaller tractors. At Case, Leon Clausen did not like the idea of the 3-point hitch and especially did not like the draft sensing that allowed it to raise and lower according to field conditions. He finally relented and allowed the Rock Island engineers to design a hitch to be a part of the VAC.



In 1949, the Eagle Hitch was introduced on the VAC. Clausen insisted it be operator controlled so there was no draft-sensing built onto the hitch.

It worked and was a success, so in 1952 it was introduced on the Racine-built SC and DC. The Eagle Hitch had a unique claw that allowed the operator to release the claw, back up, raise the hitch, then pull forward to watch—all without leaving the tractor seat. They could then hook up the top link and be ready to go.



The hitch was continued on the two-tone row crop tractors until 1964. By that time, Leon Clausen was not with Case and the new management allowed a draft-sensing system to be designed which was introduced with the Comfort King line of tractors. The Eagle Hitch served very well from 1949 to 1964, 15 years in all.



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Several special activities planned for Case Collectors and Enthusiasts

Volunteers from the participating collector clubs have organized several activities for the enjoyment of Case enthusiasts.

Friday evening Social

There will be a social for Case collectors Friday evening starting at 4:30. There will be light snacks and beverages available at a tent near the tractor pull track in the west field. Collectors are invited to enjoy a relaxing time to catch up with friends and other collectors.

Case-O-Matic Demonstration and Fun Pull

On Friday evening, a feature tractor fun pull is planned. Along with that tractor pull, a Case-o-Matic demonstration will be held that duplicates the demonstration Case held at the 100 Series World Premier in Phoenix, AZ. This



event will start following the afternoon parade at about 6 p.m. at the tractor pull track.

Case Equipment Auction

An all-Case auction will be held Saturday, Aug. 12 starting at 7 a.m. on the showgrounds. Bring your Case parts, literature, memorabilia and equipment. Consignments will be taken beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 11 near the tractor pull track. For more information contact: Remmer Schuetz at 847-878-1491.

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Case Collectors Banquet

Join collectors Saturday evening Aug. 12 at 6 p.m., at the Colin and Mary Johnson farm for the Case dinner banquet. The large 14 ft. 175th anniversary banner that was at the Racine show will be auctioned off and a raffle will be held for a Case quilt. Payment for banquet tickets will be made at the show in the feature building. The Johnson farm is located east of Albert City, straight east down Main Street.

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Andy Schroeder to exhibit family-owned Case DC and SC

Like many Case collectors, farming with Case runs in the bloodline for Andy Schroeder. His father Tony has Case and his grandfather and great-grandfather also farmed with Case.

Andy plans to exhibit a 1952 DC and a 1952 SC. The DC was the first tractor owned by his grandfather, Darrell. It was originally purchased in Remsen and used on the farm where Andy now lives, south of Remsen. Andy's father, Tony bought the SC in 1956.

Although he farms with Case, the DC and SC don't see much action unless it is for dragging the yard or running an auger.

"My lawn mower has as much power as that DC," laughed Andy.

"We have taken the tractors to the Plymouth County Fair and driven them in parades. They have both been restored and repainted." The DC sat for 25 years before Andy decided to overhaul the engine and repaint it.

"When I heard about the show at Albert City, I thought we should go since it is pretty close. We are looking forward to meeting guys with history using Case. A Case owner has a different sense of pride compared to other brands," he said.



Jacquelyn and Andy Schroeder with daughter Keira.

Andy is married to Jacquelyn and they have a 7 month old daughter, Keira. Jacquelyn operates a hair salon from their home. Andy took ag studies and agronomy at ISU and started

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Clarence Schroeder (Andy's great-grandfather) bought this Case combine new and is shown here using it the day he brought it home. Andy's father, Tony is driving the 930.

farming in 2001. The Schroeders raise hogs, cattle and grain on their farm. Andy is a sixth-generation farmer in Plymouth County (Iowa) where his grandfather started farming in 1956. Andy remembers growing up on the farm and sleeping behind the seat of a 2294.

"I farm with my dad and brother. We each own our own livestock but we all work together on the farm. I like being able to be outside, to make decisions and to be my own boss. But there are challenges on the farm, such as the capital investment. They don't tell you that in college. You find out when you get there."

He also enjoys restoring pedal tractors and now has seven of them. He enjoys them so much that at their wedding, the ring bearer drove the Black Knight pedal tractor down the aisle. He may bring his Spirit of 76 and Black Knight pedal tractors to the anniversary show. He also enjoys reading Case magazines and a growing collection of Case-related books.

"When grandpa lost his health, I got more interested in the Case tractors," said Andy. "It's my family's heritage."

CASE DC

Years built	1939-1954
Quantity made, wide front.....	14,016
Quantity made, narrow front	54,925
Weight	5,300 lbs.
RPM	1100
Drawbar horsepower	33
Belt PTO	37
List price.....	\$2,600

CASE SC

Years built	1941-1954
Quantity made.....	58,991
Weight	4,200 lbs.
RPM	1600
Drawbar horsepower	27.68
Belt PTO	31.71
List price.....	\$1,735

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The non-profit organization includes over 40 members from throughout Southwest Iowa. The unit consists of Confederate and Union infantry, artillery and cavalry. In addition, there is a strong group of period civilians.

Dennis Williams has been with the group since 2003 and is responsible for helping to organize locations and activities.

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

While at the show, the members are dressed and living in the period the entire time. "We don't just do a performance," said Dennis. "We actually mirror the lifestyle of the 1860s."

We recreate camp life by living in period tents and when time allows, we prepare food over a campfire and eat as the soldiers did during the war."



Corren Olson listens to instructions as he prepares to fire the cannon during the 2016 show.

Visitors can expect to see arms, photos, diagrams and drawings at the encampment. "There will be a wealth of information," said Dennis. "We like to visit with people and answer their questions. The members do a lot of research and are very knowledgeable."

Members will arrive on Thursday and Friday. The encampment will be located at the southeast end of the show grounds.

There will be a Civil War fashion show and other period demonstrations as posted and announced.

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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.



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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.

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.

Second year for pie baking contest

“Bring Your Pie to Church” takes place for the second year. Bakers can bring their double-crusted 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 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.



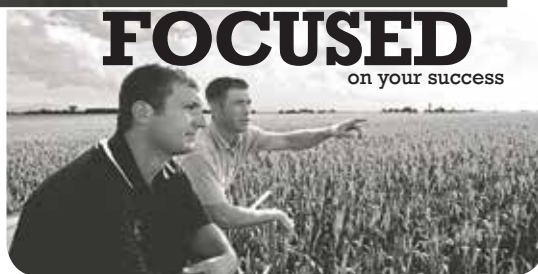
Visit the Albert City Museum while in town

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.

Regular hours are Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. during the summer. Or make an appointment to visit anytime by calling, 712-843-5858 or 712-843-5684. Admission for adults is \$5.

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Get your tickets for the 2017 raffle

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors are holding a tractor raffle again this year as a fund-raiser.

The tractor raffle will be for a 1949 Case VAC. 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.

Those entered in the tractor raffle will also be entered to win a Case print contributed by Vetter Equipment in Storm Lake. The artist is R.L. Crouse and is titled "Evolution in the Harvest Chores."

A third prize will be for the #10 Case DC-4 wide front toy tractor.

The drawing for all raffle items will be at 4 p.m. Sunday before the Threshermen parade and you need not be present to win.



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Ford-Fordson Collectors on deck for 2018 Albert City Show

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.

2018: Hosting the National Ford-Fordson Collectors. According to organizer Doug Norman, the collectors are looking forward to coming to Albert City and expect about 150 exhibits. There should be 8-10 Ford only vendors that follow the group. There will be a couple of Ford 2Ns with French engines. "I'm sure our 1917 Fordson that has been to all 26 shows will also be coming," said Doug.

The feature will also include Ford cars and trucks.

Learn more about this organization by visiting their website: www.ford-fordson.org.

2019: Iowa Massey Collectors

2020: 50th Annual Show Celebration

2021: TBD

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



Doug Norman of Montevideo Minn. restored this 1946 2N. He is an avid Ford collector and restoration specialist and one of the organizers for the 2018 show. For Ford collectors, he can be reached at 507-381-0208.

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Kelli Kraft is ready for some serious horsing around

If there is a horse activity going on, Kelli Kraft is sure to be found nearby. She started coming to the show in 2003 but didn't have a team of mules until 2005.

"Arlyn Youngberg was in charge of horses back then," said Kelli. "He asked me if I would help out. He showed me how to set up much of the equipment. I loved it."

"You gotta love animals because it is a lot of work. After we got a team, it was more fun. I think a lot of people come to see the horses. Not many people get to associate with a horse and they get to see how hard people had to work over 100 years ago. We have fun explaining the difference between a donkey and a mule and answering other questions."

On a daily basis, Kelli manages the farm that she and husband Paul live on southwest of Albert City. Along with the mules, they have 22 milk goats and 26 bottle calves. They also farm 40 acres where they grow alfalfa and corn to feed their livestock. Paul works at Pengo in Laurens where he has been for 21 years, having started at the same time as the company.

For six years Kelli had 65 head of saddle horses and gave rides. She ended that business because of the liability insurance and eventually getting into other things.



Kelli is busy each day of the show demonstrating various activities with mules and horses.

"Paul had always wanted a team of Belgians. We found a team in Maryville, Missouri at the age of 5 and 6 and they were broke. Mules are different than horses. I call it a 20 second difference, which means that a mule will think about a task first to see if he will get hurt, but a horse does not."

The Krafts now have three Belgian mules, two saddle mules, five ponies and Kelli's old paint mare.

Kelli grew up in Varina and was involved in 4H where she worked with goats, sheep, rabbits, ducks and dogs. The first horse she owned was a Mustang she adopted in 1995.

During the summer they will participate on wagon trains and this year held a plowing event on their farm. They help plant and manage the kid's potato patch at the Threshermen grounds.

Fitting for this year's tractor feature, they use Case tractors on their farm. They have a Case 730 and two 1070s. They also have a 2009 New Holland but believe the Case tractors are much better on fuel usage. For this year's show, they have also organized some horse-drawn Case equipment that will be used for field demonstrations.

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Kelli Kraft, left and her sister Kerri Wenck during the 2016 show.

Kelli headed up the Wheelteam in 2016 that organized the two record-breaking attempts for greatest number of draft horses plowing and greatest number of mules plowing. That team included Kelli and Paul, Kerri Wenck, Randy Koenig, Sue and David Glienke and Tim and Cheryl Rouse.

"I would do that again. It was a great experience. All the people there put up with difficult conditions and there were no complaints. Horse people understand you can't control the weather. It gave us a chance to see what we could really do."

Horse Activities

Kelli and the Wheelteam will once again offer many horse activities during this year's show. The Wagon Train will leave Gillett Grove Wednesday with an overnight stop in Marathon. On Thursday morning, they will head to Albert City expecting to arrive about 11 a.m. where they will have room to take on passengers who would like to ride out to the show grounds. That afternoon they will demonstrate how to harness a horse, offer wagon rides, and provide an opportunity for goat milking or plowing.

Other days they will be using the horsepower to run the hand-fed thresher and they will operate a baler, binder, reaper, cultivator and plow. They expect to have all kinds of equipment and wagons.

The kids will enjoy picking up potatoes from the potato patch each day at 2 p.m.



The Iowa Draft Pony Show will be held Friday at 1 p.m. Guests can watch as many as 8 to 10 singles and teams pull beautiful carts for this judged event.



In 2016, about 20 wagons participated in the first annual Wagon Train that took the relaxed, scenic route to the show grounds.



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George Schaaf to exhibit rare 40-72 Case at show

This year's 175th Anniversary show will bring many unique tractors and engines from across the country.

One of them is owned by George Schaaf of Frankfort, Ill. who plans to bring his very rare 40-72 Case. According to George, there are only five left of the 41 built by Case. This model was built from 1921 to 1923 and George's is a 1923 that he bought in the early 90s at a large machinery auction.

Since then, he has completely rebuilt the Case including the motor, sheet metal, gas tank, fenders and hood. The 40-72 was manufactured in Racine, Wisc. It has a cross-motor with four cylinders and a stroke of 7" x 8" and an RPM of 800. The list price was \$4,000.

"I've used it for quite a few years, and taken it to a lot of different shows. We work with it during a show. We plow with it, put it on the saw mill, or on the threshing machine," said George. "I don't baby it, we work with it. It pulls 10 to 12-bottom plows. It is very powerful, and probably the most powerful of the old big ones.

"Over the years since I started, I have probably had over



George Schaaf with his 40-72 Case.

300 different vehicles and have over 100 now. Most are rare. I try to collect all the oddball, one-of-a-kind."

Even with some health concerns, George enjoys exhibit-



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ing at various shows. “It’s a lot of work but I enjoy showing people what’s out there. Some of the kids will learn about it, many of them don’t know what threshing even is,” said George.

He said he is colorblind and has a bit of everything in his collection, what he calls many oddballs. He has a hard time picking a favorite, although the 40-72 may be one of them because of its power. Another is a 1913 Pioneer which was one of his first big engines.

For 84-year-old George, collecting and traveling to shows is how he enjoys spending his time. He is semi-

retired from a successful window company that he owned and his kids are now running.

“I thought I was going to get out of collecting. I have had a couple of auctions, but I haven’t gotten out of it yet,” he said. He goes to many shows in Illinois, Ohio and Indiana. He pulls the Case behind his motorhome with a special 30’ trailer he made just for the purpose of going to shows. The trailer is capable of carrying 40,000 pounds. The 40-72 Case weighs in at about 22,000 pounds.

If his health allows, the show at Albert City will be one of four consecutive shows George attends with a visit to Rantoul beforehand and Pontiac, Mich. and one in southern Illinois following. Visitors to this year’s show will appreciate that George is still collecting and taking the time and effort to bring this unique 40-72 Case to Albert City.

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Quantity made.....	41
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Meet the Threshermen & Collectors Board

Karl Lind

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



Mike Rebhuhn

Has worked at the show 27 years and is board chair. He oversees trolleys, fuel, games, store, buildings & grounds, registration and parades.



Keith Moe

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



Mike Sangwin

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



Steve Christ

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



Connie Reinert

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



Larry Erickson

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



Mark Tuttle

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



Karen Feeley

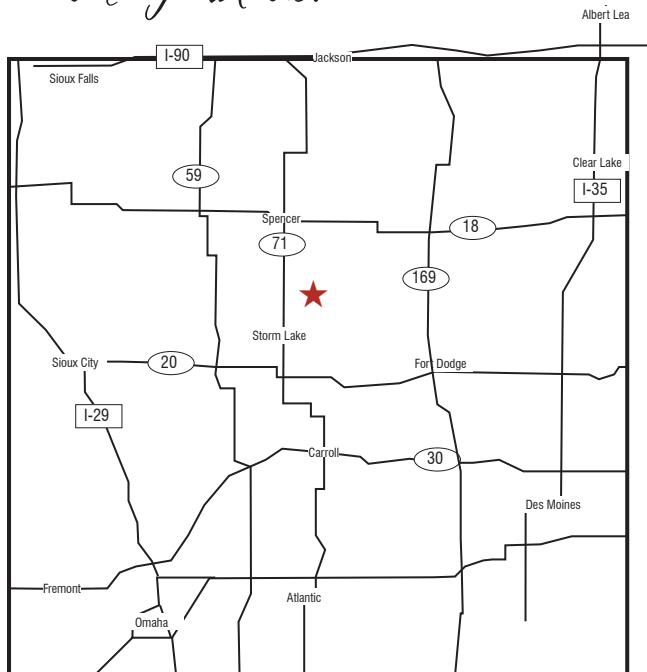
Serves as executive secretary and is in her sixth year of doing so. She also heads up the Threshermen's Cafe.



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In 2016, an Associate Board was established. The members of this board have voice and no vote and have contributed greatly with work before, during and after the show. Members are Bob Bobolz, Brady Bonin, Jesse Hanson, Thomas Erickson and Branden Otto. Not pictured, Dave Glienke.

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If you are a current member of the association and already have a 2017 membership card, please present that at the gate to gain free admittance to the show. Membership monies received at the Registration Office during the 2017 show will be applied to the 2018 year.

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