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Lucky me.
That's right. I am the lucky one. For over ten years now, I have been the fortunate one to be able to profile many of the annual exhibitors in this publication.

Every year, as the booklet wraps up, I reflect on how lucky I am to be the one to share their stories. Each one so unique and special.

This year you will meet an active chiropractor who started tinkering on engines at the age of ten when he drug a Fairbanks-Morse from his neighbors grove. Over the years he has gathered quite the collection.

I visited with one of the younger exhibitors, who at the age of 25 is eager to talk about making the old machinery work.

Contrast that to the 86-year old farmer with more restoration stories to tell than I could capture.

And of course, the young sons of one collector family who are anxious to be old enough to drive in the annual Threshermen's Parade.

With each story teller, I learn. I always learn a lot about the vintage machinery. But, more importantly I learn about the special characteristics and the human connection that will keep this show thriving for many years to come.

Thank you to all those who keep the stories alive, the machinery running, and to all who have worked hard on 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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49th Annual Collectors Show hosts Iowa Massey Collectors

The Albert City Threshermen and Collectors Association is proud to host the Iowa Massey Collectors Association and feature the Massey line of tractors, implements and machinery.

Also this year, the Association is featuring Vintage Farm Trucks and Pickups. This event is expected to bring a very large number of vintage and classic farm trucks and pickups.

The fourth annual Wagon Train will be staying at the show grounds and will ride out both Wednesday and Thursday but return to the grounds each day.

The Threshermen's Tractor Ride has a new time this year. It will leave the grounds at 10:30 a.m. Thursday. It will enjoy lunch provided by Farm Bureau at the L, M & O Railroad Museum in Marathon. Then the riders will leave for a visit to the Albert City Museum where they will also enjoy homemade ice cream. The ride is open to all makes of tractors.

Because of its popularity, the Threshermen Experience returns and will feature several hands-on activities that will take place Friday morning only. See page 30-31 for details.

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 at the south end of the grounds.

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.

A special presentation, Quilts of Valor, will be held in Freedom Hall Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Massey collectors will be showing what they can do on the tractor pull track with a fun pull Friday evening starting at 6 p.m. 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. The popular One Year of Farming will be held daily at 1 p.m.

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.

All events are weather-permitting and may change. Please listen to announcements during the show.

The 49th show officially begins with Opening Ceremonies at 9 a.m. Friday. Admission for those 12 years and older is \$10 per day. A three-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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A bird's eye view of the Ford exhibit space during the show in 2018. The event included 316 Ford-related exhibits. Overall, there was a grand total of 413 tractors, 148 antique autos and trucks, 63 implements, 40 yard & garden tractors, 29 stationary engines, 22 military exhibits and 17 gas engines. Attendance for the three day show was 12,162.

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Paul Flaharty Expects to Bring About Ten of His Massey Tractors

The Massey feature was enough reason to get Paul Flaharty to come to the Albert City show for the first time. He says he has always wanted to go, but this will be his first trip and he plans to bring as many as ten Massey tractors from his collection.

At the age of 86, Paul has gathered about 21 Massey tractors and not all of them have been restored.

"I have the only new tractor my dad ever had," he said. "I was 16 when he bought it and I got to run it the first day. I am the only son, so I got it when he died."

"When we got married, I bought a Massey 44 and me and my dad farmed here with those two tractors. He said, 'it takes two to farm with, son,' and now I collect Massey because that is what he had and it was the first that I had."

He and his wife, Joyce, live on a farm south of Terril, Iowa where Paul still helps running tractors on the grain and cow/calf operation. They have three sons and another that died unexpectedly at the age of 56. Joyce spent her life raising the family and doing all of the book work for the farm. They have been married 67 years, having graduated in 1951, were married in 1952 and started farming in 1953.

Joyce and Paul say their hobby is now their 12 grandchil-



Paul Flaharty with a few of his Massey-Harris tractors: a Pony, 44-6, 55 LP and 55 Diesel.

dren and two great-grandchildren. Joyce also spends time making greeting cards and letters on her computer. "I keep track of all the cards and letters sent and I get lots of comments on the cards I make."

Paul has done the majority of restoration work on his tractors himself. He does most everything except the lathe work. He starts with taking everything apart and sandblasting the tractor. He enjoys overhauling the engine the most and does not care so much for the sandblasting and painting. He works from an old hog house that he has made into his workshop.

"Not all of my tractors have been in running condition, and some were able to run a bit, but not great. I overhaul all of them. I am currently working on a Massey 444 and am about half done."

"I never had an education on tractor restoration. I just have always tore things apart to see what was the matter. You could take a tractor apart and throw in a pile and I could put it back together," he chuckled.

Paul enjoys going to auction sales and he also enjoys buying more modern machinery. He has tried to get some of all of the Massey tractors and has an unusual Massey-Harris 55 that runs on LP gas. With Joyce's help, they keep track of all his tractors on the computer to see what he has spent on them, although he sometimes doesn't like to see how much that adds up to.

He has many memories of growing up on the farm, including running a Massey corn picker.

"That was the most miserable thing I ever ran! I started driving tractors at an age when neighbors would say you shouldn't be driving. I remember dad had horses and I cultivated one time with horses doing a round or two."

"We had no running water back then and we didn't have electricity until I was 13 years old."

"We bought this farm after renting it. We farmed for Ab-

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The 1949 Massey Harris 44 that Paul's dad purchased brand new. The photo shows Paul driving it in his mother's garden the first day it came home.



The Massey-Harris 55 LP tractor owned by Paul Flaharty.



Paul bought this Massey Pony in Lansing. In 1947, Massey introduced the Model 11 Pony tractor that was rated at 10 HP on the drawbar. It was designed for small operations and truck farms, and was produced for 10 years.

bens and because he thought I was a good farmer, he loaned me money for the down payment. I sold a cow and some pigs to make it work and I paid him back. Later I bought another from him. It was thanks to his help that got me started. Now all of the farms are paid for."

Paul may not be as busy running the farm, but he keeps busy with his tractors and taking photos of his projects. He is happy to take the photo books to get-together's where he can share each tractor's story. He says it's the only thing he knows.



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Nick and Angie Smith with their sons, Bryson and Grant.

Smith Family is Ready to Share their Massey Collection

Nick and Angie Smith along with their sons, Bryson and Grant are looking forward to this year's Massey feature. They have collected most of the Massey fleet and will be sharing much of it during the show.

For them, collecting and working on the machinery is something they work on together. It was a Massey 44 that got them started and now they all have pieces of Massey. Part of the list includes: 1956 80 Special Combine, 55 Diesel, 555 Diesel, a 55 Hillside with hand clutch and three 444s, both narrow and wide-front. The list goes on with a M-H 72 Combine, 44-Six, a Short 44, a Massey-Ferguson 97 and 98 plus a 3-bottom and a 6-bottom plow.

Fourteen-year old Bryson chips in with a couple of pedal tractors.

According to Grant, age 17, he got interested in the tractors in 1995 when he spotted a 44 in his grandpa's shed. They worked together to get it running and that is what started this family gathering the Masseys.

Both Nick and Angie have a long history with the Albert City Show. Nick figures he started coming as a spectator 30 years ago. Angie can't remember missing a show. She grew up coming with her folks, Roland and Gwen Taylor who are also avid tractor collectors and show enthusiasts.

"For us, it was always a family thing," said Angie. "We started taking things the year that Red Power was there."

"We have a lot of work to do before the show," said Nick. "But it's close by and so we should be taking our tractors."

"The restoration and repair work is a family thing. We got the 55 Hillside in pieces and it took two years to get it up and running."

"I grew up with tractors and so now it is rewarding to see my kids enjoying it and they are being active with the tractors and at the show. They want to demonstrate the tractors and drive them at the show."

They live south of Webb, Iowa where Nick manages a chicken farm and Angie works part-time as the Webb City Clerk, does some business accounting and stays busy as an active farm wife and mom. Along with Grant and Bryce, the Smith's have a daughter, Courtney who is married with two children and lives in Harrison, South Dakota.

For Angie, talking tractor lingo comes easy. "I grew up around and absorbed a lot from my dad and also from Nick," she laughed.

Grant says he enjoys doing the activities at the show. Nick adds that they appreciate that the younger kids can be involved in the show with the old tractors and can be a part of things.



Nick Smith drives his Massey-Harris 80 Special Combine during the parade in 2018.

"I enjoy seeing the kids drumming up a conversation with an older person. They remember that and they take pride in it.

"The off season is the time to teach the kids about the mechanical work. They can see how innovation has changed over the years."

Grant added, "Back then you just needed a head to think the mechanics through and didn't need a computer."

Grant got a Massey 3-point plow for a birthday surprise. He took it to work at the Threshermen's Show and recalls getting some advice from an older farmer.

The Smith's agree that part of what makes the show special are the many activities for the kids that are hands on like the potato patch and the pedal pull. Bryce recalls getting the biggest potato a few years ago and earning a t-shirt. Now, Nick's father joins the show as an exhibitor and nieces and nephews come from Storm Lake to enjoy the many activities.

"Another thing that is very cool is the military items," said Grant. "It is cool seeing all of them in the parade."

What is this family most looking forward to for the 2019 show?

For Grant, he is eager to do some plowing. Bryson wants to get more experience plowing and trying some different implements. Nick is eager to see everyone else's Massey equipment and Angie will enjoy taking photos of her family having fun. And, oh yah, they are all looking forward to Threshermen's Ice Cream!

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Brice Wenell: A Young Farmer with Passion for the Old Stuff

Twenty-five year old Brice Wenell is a farmer at heart and has a passion for working on older farm equipment that he and his family collect. The Wenell family is no stranger to the Threshermen's Show. Brice's father, Lynn, served as a director on the board for several years. His mother, Jeri, is also an active volunteer. He has two older brothers, Lewis and Reuben.

He will exhibit a 1950 Massey-Harris self-propelled corn picker. According to him, these pickers were made in 1946-55 and started as four cylinders before changing to a six cylinder engine. This one has a 40-inch head.

They bought the corn picker about two years ago because of it being unique. The picker has been put to use on the Wenell farm east of Albert City. They picked a load of corn that was ground for cattle feed.

"They are quite unique," said Brice. "There is no clutch and no hydraulic gears. It has very different things. It takes only one handle to control the speed.

"It was fun to have it at the show last year. One guy recalled that his dad had one and that was fun to hear. Another guy told me that a six cylinder one could go two miles an hour. This one could pick 30 acres of corn in a day."



Brice Wenell shows his Massey self-propelled corn picker during the 2018 Threshermen's Show.

The Wenell family is not real particular as to what type of vintage machinery they buy. They have a Massey rake and mower, but also have a Case corn picker. His brother has a

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The Massey corn picker is driven with a series of chains and gears.

John Deere No. 6 two-row silage chopper and Lynn often uses his John Deere 40 self-propelled combine at the show. They enjoy collecting things that they can work on. "It's been fun to work with dad on it. It's what we do. We figure out how it was made and designed. It is fun to see how creative they were when making this equipment before computer technology. Coming from the farm, it makes me appreciate what farmers went through and also makes me want to preserve history.

"My great, great grandpa came from Sweden to this area. My great grandpa bought the first place in 1917 east a mile. Now we farm where grandpa started. We now use a barn that my great grandpa built and my grandpa used. It is fun to think that it can still be practical and usable.

"It's what I have always loved to do. I have worked a lot with older equipment and I think it is just fun to work with older stuff."

Brice lives on the family farm and helps with the crop and livestock farming. The traditional farm includes grains, cows, hogs and lambs. He is a graduate of Iowa State and has a degree in Ag Studies.

"I remember being at the show ever since I was little. I always enjoy seeing the history of farming. When dad was on the board we helped with the shocking and wheat bundles."

He believes that more young people his age are starting to get interested in the older equipment.

"It doesn't excite me to see a tractor just sit. I want to see it running and being used the way it was intended."

You can bet that Brice will be very active at the show this year demonstrating in the field with his Massey corn picker.



The 10-roll husking bed in the Massey corn picker.



According to Brice, this model of corn picker was known for having a lot of fires as the husked corn travelled near to the engine.

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Friendly Smiles and a Warm Welcome from These Volunteers

Any show exhibitor over the last 20 years was likely welcomed by one of these volunteers. Sue Schnetter of Albert City and Karen Johnson of Marathon can't help but laugh about their work registering exhibitors over the years.

Their first thoughts go to all the locations the registration has taken place at the show. First being at the Gas Station with Darwin Johnson at the helm. Karen remembers coming on Sunday afternoon to help him pack up things.

Next, it moved to the old first-aid station where Sue remembers first working back in 1996. It later moved to the south brown building (the Thieman Building), then to the store building and about four years ago, a new building went up at the north end of the grounds just for exhibitor registration.

Both remember when all of the work was done by hand. First having exhibitors fill out a form and that information was copied to a record book, parade note-card and an exhibitor card. At that time, three or four workers would divide up by exhibit category in order to take the registrations.

"It was quite labor intensive," said Sue.

Karen added, "Later, we started doing some of the work



Sue Schnetter (left) and Karen Johnson ready to welcome guests.

on computer and I worked on that. I would take registrations and memberships and enter them into the computer." The parade and exhibitor cards were still hand-written then.

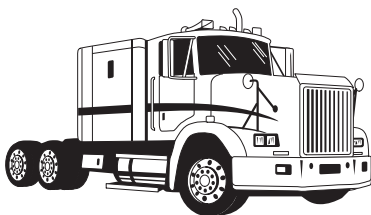
"There were times I would see the long line waiting to register and think that I wouldn't be able to manage it. But the exhibitors were always nice and they would stand and visit while they waited. Now we don't have to do all that hand writing," said Sue.

"It's funny how fast the years go by," said Sue.

"I remember so many repeat exhibitors that after a while they knew what person to go to when they registered," said Karen.

In 2017, a custom database program was written and now the registrations are all entered on the computer with the ability to print the exhibitor signs, parade lists and attendance reports all from that program.

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Just a few short years ago, Sue Schnetter and Karen Johnson assist exhibitors when registration was in the store building, 2013.

"Another change that has helped is taking online registrations," said Sue. "It helps to get as many packets done ahead and when they register in advance, they get a coupon for free ice cream."

Karen said if there was any one thing that upset an exhibitor it was if they thought they had been short-changed their free ice cream coupon.

Sue and her husband, Darrell still do some farming and Darrell has been a volunteer at the show since the 80s.

Karen is a retired school teacher. She taught second grade at Laurens-Marathon from 1971 to 2010 and followed that as a substitute for eight years. She has two daughters, one living in Iowa and one in Illinois.

Along with taking registrations, Sue has helped with the parade each day. She organizes the participant records and helps Randy Bobolz as the announcer.

They chuckle about different things they remember, like the guy who stopped in each morning to give a joke of the

day. Or, the year that was quite muddy and they could hear the vehicle tires spinning just outside their windows.

"All in all the exhibitors are great," said Karen. "I do it for the people. They are excited to be back. I know it's coming each year and I can just schedule around it so I can be here."

For Sue, she remembers the years when Darrell was a volunteer at the show. In her first years, she came later in the morning and left earlier so she could go home and do the farm chores.

"I enjoy the people and seeing them from year to year," she said. "There is so much going on and it is fun to watch. Of course, they bring us ice cream and deliver lunch."

"The pay isn't great," laughed Karen. "But the ice cream is darn good!"

Last year they took a short break from the registration building and toured the show grounds. They enjoyed seeing things that had changed and Karen enjoyed visiting Freedom Hall for the first time. For Sue, it was only her second time to visit the hall.

They laugh as they think about all the tractor terms they have learned over the years with each year bringing in different makes and models. They enjoy most the positive remarks from the exhibitors.

Sue said, "It really makes a person feel good when a visitor is here for the first time and comments about how eager they are to come back again because the show is neat, clean and well maintained."

Neither mentioned retiring from their post, so exhibitors can plan to enjoy continued visits with these two volunteers.

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Field Demonstrations are an Annual Highlight of Show

The annual show at Albert City is well-known for its hands-on and live field demonstrations. These activities offer collectors a chance to get out and use their equipment in the field and to demonstrate what farming was like in earlier years.

One of the main events held over the last several years has been the One Year of Farming Demonstration which takes spectators through the operations of a typical farm through the year.

That may include plowing, discing, seeding, planting, cultivating, combining, baling and chopping. The tasks are typically done with the feature line of tractors and implements as much as possible. And, horses may also get in on the demonstration. This event will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Other field activities include threshing with steam power, plowing, cultivating, corn shelling, corn picking, combining, and baling.

Horse-drawn implements are used for discing, cultivating, binding, threshing and well-drilling.

Spectators can enjoy the view from bleacher seating while an announcer explains the activities.

Top right photo: Norm Hanson of Albert City oversees threshing during the 2018 show.

Photo at right: Loren Booth of Laurens on his 1954 Ford does a little plowing during the 2018 show.

Below: Mike Sangwin of Laurens on his Massey-Ferguson 85 Diesel-matic and his crew taking care of the square baling.



Balder Exhibiting in Both Truck and Massey Features for 2019

Gary Balder of rural Albert City will be exhibiting in both the Massey Feature and the Vintage Farm Truck Feature this year.

Guests will find his restored 1920 REO Speed Wagon parked in the vintage farm truck area. It has an unusual box featuring the original wood. Gary and his brother, Dave, purchased the vehicle about seven years ago.

On the Massey side, he will exhibit a 1927 Wallis that he says is in pretty good shape. And he will exhibit a 1930s Massey C, 4-wheel drive that he purchased from Marilyn Westholm. According to Gary, her father, Milton Soderquist, did a restoration on the tractor including hand-painted decals done by Archie Larson.

Gary says when it comes to collecting farm equipment, he has a mix of about everything except for an Allis-Chalmers.

"I have maybe 30 or so different ones including one Case, a McCormick Deering, the 30 Series John Deere and a 520, 620 and 730," he said. "I have an IH, Oliver and two Hart Parr 1836s. I lean to John Deere because I was a John Deere mechanic at Laurens."

He started his mechanical career at Poca Vista in Albert City but went to farming full-time with his brother in 1995.



Gary leans to the green when it comes to his tractors. Here he is on a 730 Diesel John Deere.

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He and his wife, Christina, have two children: Michael, age 8 and Rachael, age 18. Christina teaches reading at the Albert City school and during the annual show, she can be found helping in the food stand.

“During the show I take water to the steam engines, help with bundles and of course, help park cars,” said Gary. “It’s a nice show and it is neat for the community and to see everyone working together from surrounding communities also. It is a place to meet people with similar interests.”

Gary says he does the tractor restoration work himself. “The tractors are not show-room tractors. We use them for work and we use them so they keep on working. My little boy and I will get the Hart Parr out and drive it around.

“Now, I try to find something that is in better shape so as to not get so much tied up in them. I enjoy the mechanical work and getting them running. I am not as worried about the paint job. It’s a lot easier to work on the older ones.”

Gary grew up on a farm north of Albert City and attended ILCC for ag mechanics. He had Don Hoover and Henry Torkelson as instructors and purchased both of his Hart Parris from Don.

It is people like Gary and his family that make the show a success—both by their sharing of time and talents and also by sharing their unique exhibits.



A 1920 REO Speed Wagon owned by Dave and Gary Balder.

The REO Speed Wagon was introduced in 1915. It quickly became known as one of the best made vehicles and some say it was the father of the pickup truck. More than 125,000 Speed Wagons were produced by 1925. (*Michigan History, MSU*)

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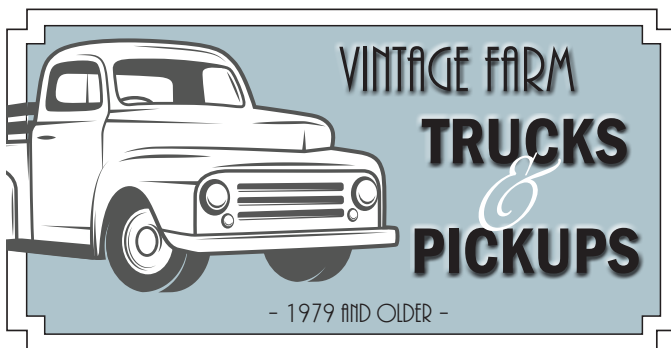
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Vintage Farm Trucks and Pickups Included in 2019 Feature

As part of the 2019 show, vintage farm trucks and pickups will be part of the feature exhibits. They will be located north of the feed bunk and all exhibits from 1979 and older are welcome to participate.

Guests will enjoy seeing vehicles like the 1939 Ford Pickup owned by Virgil Prather of Spencer, Iowa and a 1954 Ford F100 owned by Brenda Sundblad of Albert City. The truck was owned by her grandfather and restored by her husband, Phil, and two sons.



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Albert City Welcomes Everyone 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, a car show and a picnic.

There will be a community picnic open to all visitors Friday evening, 5 to 7 p.m. in the park downtown. Various food vendors will be on hand to serve you.

The Albert City Chamber is sponsoring a Cruise-in Car Show from 5 to 7 p.m. on Main Street.

At the Straw Horse, the store will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.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.

Around the corner at Pocket of Posies, guests will enjoy the store that has a flower shop, greenhouse and gift shop. For those visiting, Friday is Ladies Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and there will be samplings and a make and take project. The store will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. There will be 25% off discounts and visitors are encouraged to stop



in and see what's new in decor for crafty, country and farm items.

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. 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.

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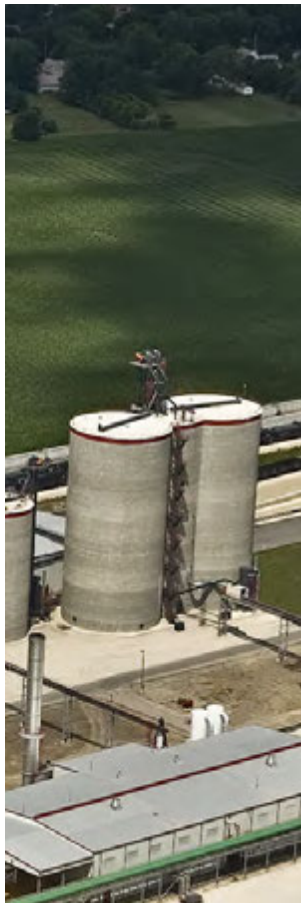
Collectible Toy Tractor Available for Purchase

This is the fifth year for the Threshermen collectible toy tractor sale. This year's tractor is a Massey 1150 open station wide-front, 1/16 scale die cast.

Each toy tractor 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 \$130 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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A Mechanical Twist for this Fort Dodge Chiropractor

It doesn't take much stretch of the imagination to see that being a chiropractor and enjoying mechanical engine work may take similar talents.

For Ben Rogers of Barnum, Iowa, it is a combination that has worked well for him for many years. He earned his Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 1994 from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport. He owns and operates Midwest Spine Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa where he has practiced full-time since 1994.

He wasn't raised by a farm family, but was born in Fort Dodge and his family later moved to rural Barnum. It was there he befriended the neighbor farmer and at the age of 10 started tinkering on old engines.

"After we moved out here, I would go over and hang out at the farm next door. I was always wanting to work for them. When I was nine I asked if I could help walk beans. Finally, I showed up the next year and he let me help. He was 72 years old at the time and had 500 head of cattle. I was always over there stumbling around the barn and wanting to help," he explained. "When I was ten, I spent an entire summer digging an engine out of the old grove and inching it closer to home. It was a 1912 Fairbanks-Morse. Over time, I tore it apart and



Ben Rogers in front of his rural Barnum, Iowa home.

put it back together and finally got it running.

"I found that he had Briggs and Strattons, so I messed with those. It led to working on lawn mowers which eventually led to working on and collecting tractors."

The first time Ben came to the Albert City Show was in 1981 when his farm family friends brought him along. That strengthened his interest in engines, especially after he was able to drive a 1/4-size Case steam engine that year. He enjoys working on tractors and stationary engines because each one is like a puzzle.

"Over the years I have built up quite an extensive machine shop. I am able to make many of the parts myself. I have learned mostly from self-experimentation, but now it is easier to do some studying online.

"I really enjoy getting something running and knowing how it works. There are not many left anymore that understand that."

"You just have to figure them out. Even two engines of the same make and model probably have their own characteristics and things you have to learn about and pay attention to.

"I enjoy fine tuning the engines and seeing the mechanics working. It is fun to get something old running and it is a way to preserve history. I like it when the young kids come by and ask questions."

Ben says he is an IH man, but he has other makes including a 1919 Titan Deering, Hart-Parr, Oliver, Rock Island and a 20-40 Rumely that is getting a rebuild. He figures he has about 60 tractors including some dozer equipment. He remembers the old farmer he worked for was all red and a little Hart-Parr. And, since that is what he grew up on, that is the brand he favors.

His favorite engine is that first 1912 Fairbanks-Morse H and his favorite tractor is the 1919 1020 Titan. He likes both for their age and uniqueness. "It is fun to see the moving parts when they are all steel and there are only metal parts."



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For many years, Ben Rogers has brought a flatbed trailer to exhibit some of his stationary engines.



A 20-40 Rumely owned and driven by Ben Rogers.

Along with a full-time chiropractic practice, Ben also farms a couple hundred acres and raises his two sons, age 14 and 19. Along with exhibiting at the Threshermen's, he typically exhibits at the annual Webster County Fair in Fort Dodge.

"When I was young, I thought I would be a farmer or a mechanic. But, my farmer friend said, 'Boy, you got too many brains to do that. You can always do that,' then, my mom suggested being a chiropractor. I liked the idea of healing naturally. And, when you think about working on old bodies and old tractors, it's kind of the same thing."



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Bryan Baumhover named 2019 Threshermen Parade Marshal

It takes a variety of talents and contributions to put on the annual show. Bryan Baumhover is one of many contributors and he is the Parade Marshal for 2019. He will lead the daily Threshermen Parade at 4:30 p.m.

As former store manager for the Fareway in Storm Lake, Bryan started helping with the Kid's Potato Patch by donating the seed potatoes.

"When I started at Fareway, my big job was placing orders for seed potatoes," he said. "When I was a kid, we grew seed potatoes and taking care of the potatoes and harvesting them was a job I dreaded. So, being involved with the potato patch was a bit of reliving my childhood. Randy Koenig makes the potato patch so much fun for both kids and adults. He adds a little extra flavor to the event. He, his crew and the draft horse people are the ones who make it interesting. I know it takes a lot of work.

"The store has always had a great relationship with the Threshermen and Fareway has been known to be the meat and potato people in the retail industry so it has been a good fit."

Bryan ponders whether the kids and some adults really understand where potatoes come from and he thinks the potato patch is a great way for them to learn.

"It is cool watching the kids being involved. When they come up to me with the odd shape or the biggest potato they are able to get interaction. Now with so much technology, they don't get the interaction and this gives them that. Without the potato patch, a lot of kids would not get to see where potatoes come from. At the store, we used to order six to eight pallets of seed potatoes each year. Now we are down to one because fewer people grow their own potatoes. I see adults too, enjoying it and wonder if they have ever seen potatoes grown before or if it is bringing back memories of their childhood."

He believes the show has a lot to offer for different interests and encourages everyone to walk through the large military displays on the show grounds. Working at the store in Storm Lake, he has seen many volunteers as customers and he has watched as multiple generations take on volunteer roles at the show. At the store he has a chance for short conversations, but over the years he has enjoyed sitting at a picnic table at the show and developing a relationship with many folks.

Bryan has been with Fareway for 40 years and after serving at the Storm Lake store for 20 years, has recently relocated to his hometown of Carroll, Iowa. He said it was a difficult move, but one he looks forward to as he can be closer to his family. He is married to Leann who is a retired seamstress and is a quilter. She was selected to the 2018 4-H Hall of Fame, an honor which makes her proud after many years of personal and family involvement in 4-H.



Bryan Baumhover having fun judging potatoes in the Kid's Potato Patch.

They have three daughters, Lauren, Brynna and Brea; and two grandchildren.

He fondly recalls a visit to the show with his dad that makes him understand how important the annual event is. "My dad came up from Carroll to join me at the show and we walked around. He started talking about things that he had never talked about before. He saw a Hart Parr and said that grandpa had one just like it. He remembered watching his dad take the threshing machine down the road and he sat on the fence crying because he could not go along.

"He also recalled seeing the Hart Parr go to the scrap iron pile because it had a cracked block. My grandfather and my great uncle ran corn shellers north of Carroll and it was fun to hear my dad talk about his memories of that. It made me realize how important the show is. Had we not been there that day, I probably would not have heard those stories."

As store manager, Bryan has helped supply the food to the Threshermen and recently supplied a reefer to make easier access for the food workers. He has always tried to help out to meet the demands of the food stands even when running out of items at the last minute. With the start of the annual pie baking contest, Bryan has served as a judge. "My wife is an excellent pie maker, but it has been fun to see how they make them with a different twist. Being a judge, that is a pretty good job!"

"It takes so many people working all year long on the show. I am humbled to be named the parade marshal when there are so many deserving volunteers," he said. "The biggest satisfaction for me has been seeing the kids in the potato patch. The biggest thing in their life at that very moment is that potato. They don't need fancy toys. They just want the oddest or biggest potato."

Mike and Kathy Sangwin to serve as 2019 Feature Parade Marshals

Ask Mike Sangwin how he got into collecting Massey tractors and he'll tell you he was somewhat forced into it.

"My dad had a smaller line of Massey equipment on the acreage at Aurelia," said Mike. "He died early and in order to settle the estate we divided the tractors among his children. My brothers were much younger than I was but we all agreed we would not dispose of the tractors. My brother has what was a new tractor bought to use on the farm in 1951. I got the 44 and another brother got a diesel and hay baler. We have pretty much been able to keep the equipment he had in the family."

"In 1991, Massey was at the show and there was a 33 for sale. It turns out it had belonged to a classmate of my mother's and I bought it. After Kathy and I moved to the acreage, we started buying a few more."

The Sangwins will lead the Feature Parade each day at 10:30 a.m. They figure they have attended the Threshermen's Show almost every year since 2000. Mike is currently serving his ninth year on the Board of Directors but recalls helping out in the field for many years before that. Kathy has organized the Farm House for nine years and works on its upkeep and decor each year.

Mike's collection of Massey tractors includes five that are Massey-Harris and five that are Massey-Ferguson.

Mike's son, Greg, of Peterson also has some Massey tractors and neither are blind to other makes. They have restored a Case SC that belonged to Kathy's father. They also have a New Holland square baler that Mike's granddad bought new. Mike commented that his dad had the first self-propelled combine in Cherokee County.

The Sangwins are both retired but stay very active. Mike worked at the Laurens Municipal Light & Power Plant for nearly 40 years and also served as a volunteer on the Laurens Fire Department for that long. Now he keeps active on their acreage and baling about 7,000 squares of hay annually. Kathy retired two years ago from Bobalee where she worked for 20 years. They have four children and 13 grandchildren from the ages of 7 to 20, many who are active volunteers during the annual show.

"I enjoy meeting the people," said Kathy. "It is fun to hear their comments when they walk through the house and start sharing their memories. I really enjoy talking to the people who visit the house."

Mike says the rewarding part for him is being active in the field and demonstrating the old-time equipment. "I hear comments from people who are able to remember how it was done and they like to see the machinery moving and doing what it was meant to be doing."



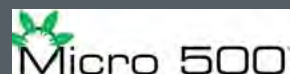
Mike and Kathy Sangwin of Laurens are this year's feature parade marshals.



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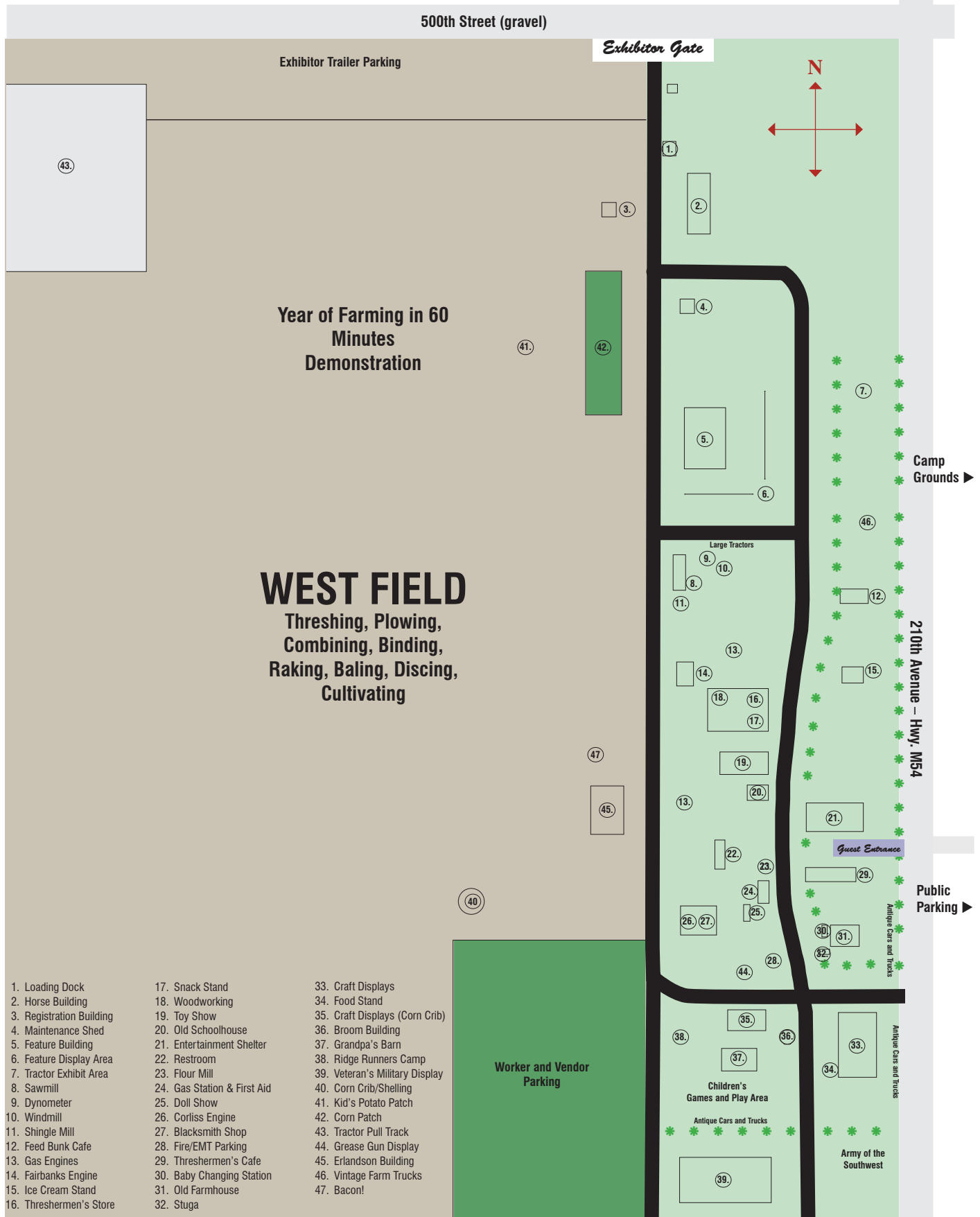


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2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Special Event Schedule:

WEDNESDAY

Wagon Train leaves from show grounds/returns late afternoon

THURSDAY

Tractor Ride, all makes welcome	10:30 a.m.	Leave site
"Flower Power" entries due	12 noon	Farm House
Wagon Train arrives at show grounds, early afternoon		

FRIDAY:

Opening Ceremonies	9 a.m.	Flagpole by school
Threshermen Experience activities	9:30 a.m.	Show grounds
Entertainment Shelter –		
Folk Mountain Gospel	11 a.m.-12 noon	
Glenn Henriksen	12:20-1:40 p.m.	
Dysart Family	2-4 p.m.	
Massey Feature Fun Pull	6 p.m.	Northwest Field

SATURDAY:

Marathon Fire Dept. 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
Kid's Pedal Pull	10 a.m.	North of craft bldg.
Entertainment Shelter – South 71	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	
Nate Aronson	2-3 p.m.	
Tony Hogrefe with Piper Ann	3-4 p.m.	
Quilt of Valor Presentation	3:30 p.m.	

SUNDAY:

Marathon Fire Dept. 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 –		
Folk Mountain Gospel	11 a.m.	
Albert City Community Band	12:15-1:30 p.m.	
Heartsong	2-4 p.m.	

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

WHAT

Registration
Feature Parade
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
Massey Feature exhibits
Vintage Farm Trucks and Pickups
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
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Cherokee Ridge Runners
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East Side of Corliss Building
North of Gas Station
West Fields
Ice Cream Stand
West Field
Southeast end of show grounds
North Feature Building
North of Feed Bunk
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
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Ruthven Native Pens Book on Memories of Earlier Years

Alan Oppedal, a native of Ruthven, Iowa has just published his third book. The book is titled, "The Way We Were - Things Were Not Always As We Remember." It is a collection of short essays recalling the memories he has of his personal life and of Palo Alto County's rural history.

Alan will be a part of the Threshermen Experience, Friday, Aug. 9 starting at 10 a.m. He will be in the Farm House and visitors are encouraged to stop in and share their memories or learn more about the stories in his new book. Autographed copies of the book will be available.

He believes that everyone has a story. He has been writing his stories all his life, starting at the age of 9 or 10.

"I think everyone has a story to tell and should make an effort to preserve it for future generations," he said.

At the age of 83, he realized that he needed to record how life was when he was younger so that his grandchildren would know.

"A friend mentioned the name Tackhead Mason to me. I thought that was a strange nickname, so I started to investigate the nicknames around town. I have three granddaughters and I realized they will never know how life was unless I write it down. I found other things of interest locally to write about.

"I have one memory of my father who often talked about how miserable he was with seasickness on his journey here from Norway. When I decided to go in the Navy, I trained at Officer Candidate School and didn't figure I would go to sea. But, my first orders were to replace a guy who had been beached for chronic motion sickness. I knew then that I would need to cope with motion sickness. I did get over it and I enjoyed my time at sea."

The book is divided into two sections. The first, Rural Potpourri, includes short stories about rural life in the early to mid-1900s. The second section, Personal Potpourri is a collection of stories about personal experiences of interest. Both sections include many great photos.

"I don't think people realize how unique this place is. We have a geologic history that is very unique. Our area was divided by a glacier. The Palo Alto County side was rough and appealed to the Norwegians and Danish while long-established families had settled the more level western half. In Lost Island and Walnut Townships, the glacier left erratic terrain with gravel hills, potholes and swamps. Much of the swamp land was later drained and converted into highly productive farmland.

"The Arkansas Swamp Recovery Act of 1850 had a big influence on the settlers to the area. It granted to states land that was subject to flooding. Palo Alto County had 75,000 acres that eventually made its way to early settlers. The way this land was obtained is a very interesting history. In looking at abstracts, I found interesting things. For example, the farm that I grew up on was sold to my father in 1929. It has been



Alan Oppedal with a copy of each of the books he has written.

owned by a best-selling author who's husband was a professor at the University of Minnesota. They had obtained the ground at a sheriff's sale in 1917 after it had already passed through several hands."

There are chapters in the book about Lake Center School and Old-Time Education. According to Alan, the Lake Center School was the first consolidated school in Iowa and was started in 1903.

"Everyone predicted it would be a great failure, but it was a rousing success because of the community support.

"Back then the conclusion was that teachers teach, and preachers preach. The pastors were much more strict and they took tending their flock very literally."

Two chapters are related to his service in the Navy, both at sea and his 26-month stay on the island of Chichi Jima.

Another story outlines the history and influences of presidential voting patterns in Palo Alto County.

Alan was able to piece together much of his personal history through the diaries of his mother's family where he found much history to draw from.

"There are three chapters that may be seen as controversial. But I wanted to express concern and my hopes to make the future better.

"Some may disagree with my conclusions, but if it sparks discussion then it serves a purpose. Particularly, the chapter, 'What's The Matter With Iowa', I don't think will go over real big."

In 2004, he published his first book, *The Inevitable Triumph*. It tells the story of how people of different nationalities came together toward common causes, most notably the victory in World War II.

In the book's foreward, he states: "This book is a testimony to the members of one community. They were only a few among the millions across the nation who answered the call. These communities would never again be the same after the war. In a sense, a unique way of life was sacrificed to the war effort. It is a story about events and conditions during the years prior to the war that developed qualities needed to make victory 'inevitable.'"

Alan's father came from Norway to the logging camps of the Pacific Northwest. His sister lived at Lost Island Township. During a visit with her, he learned that she was an unwed mother. He decided to move to the area to help care for her young son who later died during the 1919 flu epidemic.

While living here, his father got his citizenship and was a very loyal and proud American according to Alan. It was here that his father met his mother who was a teacher at Lake Center School.

Alan's second book, *God Saved this Place for Us*, was published in 2010 and describes the settlement of the area after the Civil War. He says the Danish and Norwegian Immigrants found this place and thought that God saved it for them.

"At the time, there was one Danish Lutheran Church and one Norwegian. The book tells of how a small rural community was connected to their country.

"This was during the first World War and there was a strong feeling of anti-Catholic and anti-immigration. I relate how we've gone through this before and concluded

Meet Alan in the Farmhouse, Friday morning from 10 a.m. to noon

that they are all good people."

Alan received a degree in agricultural journalism at Iowa State University. His first job took him to the *Omaha World Herald* before he was drafted. After serving as a Naval officer, he returned to journalism, first in Illinois and then in Minneapolis. He continued with various ag publications throughout his career before retiring at the age of 56. He and his wife, Dawn, returned to live in Ruthven in 1996.

"I am in Ruthven because I would not want to be anywhere else. I think it is a great community and it is impressive how everyone comes together and the great amount of volunteerism. The community practices its faith and has a concern for each other."

His latest book includes a chapter, "Stupid Things I Have Done."

"I think it's only fair to be honest about the stupid things I've done. But my conclusion is that I would not change a thing—it's more about what I've left behind."

For his children and grandchildren, the books he has left behind will be a treasure to understand what life was like in an earlier era. And they will be proud to know their father and grandfather wouldn't have changed a thing.

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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.

A new exhibit this year is a 1944 Cushman Model 53 Airborne Scooter with a 1944 M-3A4 General Purpose Utility Hand Cart. In the later stages of World War II in Europe, Allied paratroopers used these scooters to maintain contact between units, increase their mobility and haul small loads. The Model 53 Airborne Scooter was designed by Cushman Motor Works to be airdropped by parachute or carried by glider. The rugged, simple Model 53 could travel through a foot of water, climb a 25 percent grade and had a range of approximately 100 miles.

The M-3A4 Utility Hand Cart was produced by The John Wood Mfg. Company and was used by all branches of the services in World War II. The M-3A4 Utility Hand Cart was used to move ammunition and other supplies by hand when motorized transport or mules were not available or could not be used. Though designed for hand use, the M-3A4 was sometimes towed behind a jeep or Cushman Airborne Scooter.

Freedom Hall 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 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.

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.



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Revised for 2019: The Threshermen Experience

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.

The Threshermen Experience was so popular in 2017 that some of the events will return for the 2019 show. Activities will rotate during the morning (see schedule next page) starting at 9:30 a.m. Although these activities happen regularly during the show, these special times will allow a hands-on approach to learning and may be limited for participation.

Activities include:

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.

Wood work and Carpentry

Here participants will learn about wood joins and mortises and have a chance to make a dovetail join. This activity is for those over the age of 12.

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.

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.

Meet the Author and Share Memories

Alan Oppedal of Ruthven, Iowa has just published his third book, *The Way We Were-Some Things Were Not As We Remember*, and will be in the farm house to discuss this collection of old-time memories and is eager to hear yours.

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.

Kids—Learn how to drive a Garden Tractor

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TIME	WHAT	LOCATION
9:30 a.m.	Learn to Make a Broom Carpentry skills with wood joins	Broom Building Carpentry Shop
10 a.m.	Threshing with the See-through Thresher Learn to be a Blacksmith Meet the Author and Share Memories, Alan Oppedal	West of Erlandson Building Blacksmith Shop Farm House
10:30	Learn to Make a Broom Become a Steam Operator on the Wood Bros. Steam Engine Carpentry skills with wood joins	Broom Building Near Saw Mill Carpentry Shop
11 a.m.	Become a Steam Operator on the Wood Bros. Steam Engine Kids—Learn How to Drive a Garden Tractor Meet the Author and Share Memories, Alan Oppedal	Near Saw Mill West Field, east of Corn Crib Farm House
12 noon	Kids—Learn How to Drive a Garden Tractor	West Field, east of Corn Crib

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New time for Threshermen's Tractor Ride

For the 2019 show, the annual Threshermen tractor ride will leave the grounds at 10:30 a.m. The ride is open to all makes, ages and models of tractors (and riders). This is the eighth year for the ride, which has brought as many as 50 participants.

Farm Bureau is providing a free lunch to riders which will be served at noon at the L, M & O Railroad Museum in Marathon. The museum features a depot from Poca-hontas that is fully outfitted including the tools, ticketing and passenger areas. There is 1,000 feet of train track with working lights and switches. Visitors can actually take a ride around the track.

The museum includes an all-wood executive car from the 1880s and much memorabilia from Marathon including an original ice house and shoe shop.

After lunch, the tractor ride will head to Albert City for a visit at the Albert City Historical Museum, which is a large six-building complex.

Participants can enjoy some Threshermen's homemade ice cream before heading back to the show grounds. It is expected the return will be about 2:30 p.m.



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Iowa Massey Collectors make Albert City Home Base for 2019 Summer Show

For the 49th Annual Show, the Threshermen & Collectors will host the Iowa Massey Collectors and feature all things related to the Massey line of tractors and machinery. This includes Wallis, Massey-Harris, Massey-Ferguson and Ferguson Tractors, related equipment and memorabilia. Learn more about the Association by visiting their website at www.masseycollectors.com.

Wayne Saak, club president from Baxter, Iowa says the Association has over 130 members and believes it to be the largest club in the national organization.

A member banquet will be held Saturday at the Marathon Community Center with a social at 6:30 p.m. and a dinner at 7 p.m.

Along with the main feature of Massey, there will be a second feature of Vintage Farm Trucks and Pickups. Exhibits older than 1979 are welcome to participate in this feature.

The Ferguson Company history dates back to before 1920 when Harry Ferguson began developing a linkage system that would connect his plow to the Fordson tractor. Ferguson contracted with the Sherman Brothers of Evansville, Ill. in 1925



to manufacture his plow design. This ended in 1928 when production of the Fordson was discontinued in the U.S. Ferguson provided a large contribution to the tractor industry when his three-point-hitch system was unveiled on his first tractor designed in 1933.

The Massey-Harris Company was formed in 1891 by the merger of the Massey Company and the A.

Harris Company. Massey-Harris had several marketing relationships with other tractor manufacturers, with the first being in 1916 when they formed an agreement to sell the "Big Bull," manufactured by the Bull Tractor Company of Minneapolis. The poor design of this tractor ended its span in 1918 and Massey then entered into an agreement with the Parrett Tractor Company of Canada. This relationship produced the Massey model #1, #2, and #3, but ended when Parrett became financially distressed.

In 1926, Massey entered into an agreement to sell Wallis tractors for J.I. Case Plow Works and eventually Massey purchased the Plow Works Company in 1928. The well-designed Wallis tractor gave Massey a huge boost and they became a power in the U.S. tractor industry. The name was phased



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Steve Damman of Forest City is the owner of this 1950 Massey-Harris 44 Diesel.



Lynn Hill of Leland, Iowa owns this 1949 Massey-Harris Pony.



A 1949 Massey-Harris 22 owned by Dave Hill of Leland, Iowa.

out by 1932 and all tractors carried the Massey-Harris name. Eventually, Massey-Harris and Ferguson combined in 1953 and became Massey-Harris-Ferguson, which was eventually shortened to Massey-Ferguson.

By the 1970s, Massey-Ferguson had spread worldwide and was being produced in nearly 90 locations. The company was known for constantly making advancement in the tractor industry and kept up well with the competition. Designs featured the high horsepower tractor V-8 models and was also popular for their combine models. In 1994, Massey-Ferguson was purchased by the AGCO Corporation, but tractors are still being sold under the Massey-Ferguson name. (Antique Tractor Guide)

Enjoy it at the show!



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Rouses Team Up for Horse Events With Their Haflinger Pair

Tim and Cheryl Rouse take a break from their business each year to participate in the Threshermen's Show along with a team of haflinger draft horses.

They live on a farm near Curlew, Iowa and own and operate Rouse Production Management with an office in Ayrshire. The company does production management for a sow unit in Illinois and they also contract grow about 16,000 head of hogs annually. On top of that, they raise 400 acres of corn and beans. They have two children and three grandkids.

When they make time for some fun and relaxation, it usually includes their two teams of haflingers or their two quarter horses. They enjoy taking the quarter horses on trail rides and have been on riding trips through the Big Horn Mountains. That is where they met Sue and David Glienke who also bring haflingers to the threshing show. Cheryl says they have been friends ever since.

"We use the haflingers for wagon rides and at the Threshermen's Show. At home we plow, cut hay and haul manure with them.

"We didn't know anything about the breed before we met the Glienkes. We also learned from Phil Jenson and now we have two teams of them," said Tim.

They recall coming to the show for the first time in 2012 with Phil and have been participating each year since.

"It is fun to get together as a group and we also have a chance to meet new people," said Cheryl.

Tim added, "It really is the best opportunity to actually work the horses because we can do a lot of activities in one place. My favorite is probably plowing and incorporating the horses into the One Year of Farming in 60 Minutes."

Cheryl enjoys the social aspects of being at the show and answering questions from people about their horses. They say there are two questions they usually get. One asking how old the horses are and another will be an older guy saying they don't have it hooked right.

"A lot of people think they are mini Belgians but they are a unique breed of their own. For their size, they have a lot of power."



Tim and Cheryl Rouse at their office in Ayrshire, Iowa.

The horses have a gentle demeanor and are a pretty chestnut color with pale white manes.

The Rouses also enjoy traveling and made a second trip to Ireland this summer. Cheryl always claimed to be 100 percent Irish and a DNA test showed that she was 98%. After being told he was mostly German, Tim did a DNA test and found out that he was 52% Irish and only 7% German.

When they are at the show, they leave their business operation in the hands of their four employees. Although it's a three-day show, it takes a lot of preparation before heading to Albert City and extra work upon the return home.

"We arrive Thursday and leave Sunday night. A typical day starts with feed and water. Then we can harness up the horses and go do an activity. At the end of the day, we unharness, curry and feed them. That's why farmers liked the change to tractors—they are a lot less work!"

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Wagon Train

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Tim and Cheryl Rouse with their team of Haflingers pulling their covered wagon.



This year marks the fourth annual Wagon Train organized by Randy Koenig and members of the Wheel Team. This year, the plan for the ride is to be based at the Threshermen grounds. They will leave the grounds about 9:30 a.m. Wednesday and head to the Little Clear Lake area. They will return to the grounds for the night and Thursday will take a ride to the Marathon area, returning to the show grounds that afternoon.

Kelly Kraft is organizing an extended wagon train that will be based at Grandpa's Barn in Varina. Participants can gather there Friday, August 2 and will ride different directions each day. The plan is to go about 20 miles each day with destinations to Fonda, Newell, and Sturchlers Pit. By Wednesday, the group will join the Threshermen's Wagon Train at the show grounds.



Tim working his team in the Kid's Potato Patch in 2018.

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"Bring Your Pie to Church" takes place for the fourth 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 will taste the pies. The winners will be announced at the conclusion of the church service. Prizes are \$100, \$50 and \$25.



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.

Catch a ride on a trolley



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.

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 sixth annual "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 Gary Sundblad 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 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 Gary.



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Army of the Southwest will bring Civil War Era to life

The Army of the Southwest will return with an encampment that demonstrates the period of the 1860s. The Army of the Southwest is a group of Iowa Civil War Reenactors dedicated to educating people of all ages about the Civil War. They do this through reenactments, school programs and historical events.

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

Dennis Williams has been with the group since 2003 and 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."



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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Get your Tickets for the 2019 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 Massey 44. 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 wooden scale model tractor valued at \$325. It was made by Dennis Graham of Charter Oak.

A third prize will be for the #10 Massey 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.



At far right, Ron Dewey of Varina was the winner of the 2018 Raffle Tractor, a Ford 8N.

At right, Jim Aden of Pomeroy was the winner of the wooden replica 8N.



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2020 Event Will Celebrate the 50th Annual Show

The 2020 show will be a special celebration honoring the 50th Show. The show dates are August 7-9, 2020. Everyone is invited to return for a Threshermen's Family Reunion.

In 2021, the Iowa Chapter 5 IH Collectors will return for the feature. They were last here in 2011.



In 2022, the Minneapolis-Moline Collectors will return for their summer show. They were last here in 2012.

In 2023, look for the Gathering of the Orange with a feature of Allis-Chalmers.



They were last here in 2010.



The feature for 2025 will be Case while the Association hosts the J.I. Case Collectors' Association for their summer show. They were last here in 2017.



The food stand at the first show in 1971. Sold was lemonade, coffee and bars from a 1930 Chevrolet truck. The stand was supervised by Mary Ann Sundblad and Mary Lind. They are pictured here with their children: Alan, Mick, Gary and Ken Sundblad, and Karla, Klarice and Karen Lind.

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Three Veterans Receive Quilt of Valor in 2018 Ceremony

During the 2018 show, three veterans were presented with a Quilt of Valor: Donald Fisher, Norman Hanson and Aaron Dahlstrom, all of Albert City. They were presented by Sandra Otto and Ann Crawford, Western Iowa Coordinator of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.

In her remarks at the presentation, Ann said, "Our mission is to honor our service members and veterans who have been touched by war with Quilts of Valor and we feel all service personnel have been touched by war. It is a national organization founded in 2003 by Blue Star mom Catherine Roberts literally with a dream. Catherine's son, Nate was deployed in Iraq. And she said she was 'ten seconds away from panic' twenty-four hours a day.

"She had a dream as vivid as real life. In her words she said, 'I saw a young man sitting on the side of his bed in the middle of the night, hunched over. The overall feeling was one of utter despair. Then, as if viewing a movie, I saw him in the next scene wrapped in a quilt. His whole demeanor

changed from one of despair to one of hope and wellbeing. The quilt had made this dramatic change. The message of my dream was: Quilts = Healing.'

"Since then, over 194,631 Quilts of Valor have been awarded here in the United States, and in Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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"On each quilt is a Quilt of Valor label that will tell a little about this quilt. We hope the quilt will serve as a reminder that there are thousands of women and men across this land who are forever in your debt.

"Though we may never know the depth of your sacrifice to protect and defend the United States of America, as an expression of gratitude from a grateful nation, we are humbled to be awarding you a Quilt of Valor."



Norman Hanson

Norman Hanson enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard on December 4, 1983, before his graduation from St. Ansgar High School, St Ansgar, Iowa in May 1984. He drilled with the 1133rd Transportation Company at Mason City, Iowa until he was called to active duty September 27, 1990 as part of Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

The 1133rd helped carry emergency supplies and fire-fighting equipment to extinguish the oil well fires in Kuwait set by the Iraqis. They also caravanned Iraqi prisoners after the cease fire. He spent eight months and 12 days in country. As part of his duties he was also deployed to Saudi Arabia. He was discharged July 6, 1991 at Fort McCoy, Wisc.

During his service Norm was awarded:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
- National Defense Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Driver and Mechanic Badge



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For the 2019 Show:

There will be a Quilts of Valor presentation this year taking place in Freedom Hall at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to attend this touching presentation.



Donald "Donnie" Fisher

Donald "Donnie" Fisher was inducted into the U.S. Army at Des Moines, Iowa Nov. 21, 1967.

He served with the 84th Combat Engineers. Donnie was the Head Carpenter in charge of buildings in their compound. His Commander's favorite saying was, "Strap a rifle on your butt and start climbing," referring to the need to carry a rifle as well as climb a ladder. He served in country in Vietnam from May of 1968 to May of 1969. He was discharged Nov. 20 1969 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Medals and awards:

National Defense Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 60

Two Overseas Bars

Marksman Badge with Rifle

Award with CE reunion phrase: "Welcome home. You did your country proud."

Aaron Dahlstrom

Aaron Dahlstrom enlisted February 23, 2010 into the U.S. Air Force at Johnston, Iowa.

Aaron was assigned to both the 714th Training Squadron and the 50th Airlift Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base from 2010 to January 2014. He deployed with the 373rd Expeditionary Airlift Squadron to Kuwait from September to December 2011. After his discharge in December 2013 he joined the Missouri Air National Guard, and currently drills out of St. Joseph, Missouri with the 139th Airlift Wing serving as a Flight Engineer on C130's.

During his service in the Air Force he was awarded various service and unit medals and awards to include:

Air Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

Air Force Good Conduct Medal

National Defense Medal

Iraq Campaign Medal with 1 Service star

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal with Gold Border

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Enjoy a Variety of Talents under the Entertainment Shelter

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

The entertainment will include vocals, acoustic, gospel and Christian music. The Albert City Community Band will perform at 12:30 p.m. Sunday.

The entertainment line-up includes:

Folk Mountain Gospel performs from 11 a.m. to 12 noon Friday and again at 11 a.m. Sunday. 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.



Glenn Henriksen will play assorted piano from 12:20 to 1:40 p.m. Friday. Glenn is an accomplished, versatile pianist and organist. He began piano lessons at age seven, and continued through high school. At age thirteen he became the organist at his hometown church. Glenn attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and received further musical instruction. In the years following, he has played for a wide variety of events, including solo piano and organ concerts, church services, weddings, funerals, receptions and



other social activities. Glenn's repertoire includes classical, ragtime, blues and jazz, standards, pop and rock, country, Latin, gospel, and sacred. Glenn is also a seasoned accompanist, providing services to many vocalists and instrumentalists. He is a member of the variety rock band Galaxy. Glenn's lifetime experience in many musical genres has enabled him to develop a unique musical style, resulting in one-of-a-kind improvised arrangements. Glenn resides in Spirit Lake and Armstrong, Iowa.

Dysart Family will perform Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. The Dysart Family offers gospel music fans unique, tight family harmonies, with a diverse and powerful selection of music, many of which are written by Kendra and LeWain Sr. LeWain and Lorena Dysart, with their five children, began

performing in various venues in 2006 and began releasing projects in 2007. They are based out of Macon, Missouri. The Dysart's approach to their music ministry incorporates a serious focus on personal relationships with Jesus, their love for each other in the home, and just plain hard work on their music. What they end up with are blessed times of worship in concert, complimented by a tight family blend that is distinctive to The Dysarts. Original songs from the Dysarts, some fun times, and laughter at Dad's silly stories of life in the home, all add up to a session that no one wants to see come to an end.



South 71 comes back to the show and will perform at 11 a.m. Saturday. They are an acoustic trio with second to none vocals and expert guitar and flute playing country, rock, folk and original music.



Nate Aronson performs acoustic music from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Nate is a casual singer/songwriter and will play all original songs with some acoustic guitar accompaniment. He grew up in Albert City and claims to be a forever Hurricane.

Tony Hogrefe performs at 3 p.m. Saturday. He will be joined by his 6-year-old daughter and special guest, Piper Ann on two selections. He will play acoustic guitar. His grandfather was Emil Hogrefe who passed away in 1994 but was part of the entertainment at the show in the earlier years. Then, Tony and his family would join Emil on the stage. Tony lives in Wall Lake with his wife and is a long-time volunteer during the show.

Heartsong will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday. Doug and Judy Peterson met in college and then formed the Heart Song



Band in 1976. Band members now consist of three generations of Petersons and other excellent musicians.

The band currently performs at nearly 30 venues annually and has performed at over 2000 venues since 1976. Heart Song has recorded 16 albums with the latest CD "40 Years" released in 2016. This is a variety of gospel music that will appeal to all ages.

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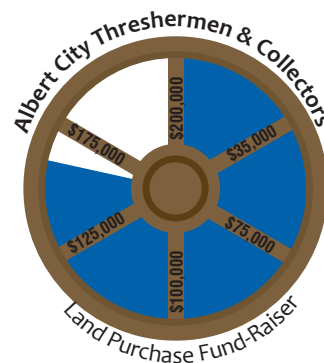
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Meet the Threshermen & Collectors Board

Karl Lind

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



Mike Rebhuhn

Has worked at the show 29 years and is board chair. He oversees trolleys, fuel, games, radios, buildings & grounds, parking, tractor pull and parades.



Keith Moe

Is serving his ninth year on the board. He oversees the toy and doll show, toy tractor sales, Svenska Stuga, Grandpa's barn, transportation/safety, gas station, school house, crafts, Corliss, ASW, and sanitation. He is also the secretary.



Mike Sangwin

Is serving his ninth year. He oversees the potato patch, farm house, tractor ride, mechanics, straw, hay, ear corn, diesel engine and insurance. He is also the treasurer.



Larry Erickson

Is in his seventh 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, Erlandson bld. & horses.



Norm Hanson

Is serving his fifth year on the board. He oversees crop ground, threshing & field activities, signs, parade, feature bld., mechanics, Erlandson building and insurance.



Mark Tuttle

Is serving his fourth year on the board. He works with the tree maintenance, brooms, radios, camping, golf carts, sound/electrical, food, parade, Ridge Runners & buildings.



Brandon Otto

Is serving his second year on the board. He oversees security, the parade, big tractors/steam, Freedom Hall, antique cars, and the dynamometer, and tractor ride.



Chuck Virgil

Is serving his first year. He oversees the saw mill, shingle mill, gas engines, scale-sized equipment, and garden tractors.



Gary Sundblad

returns for his first year of this term having served 9 years previously. He oversees promotions, website, flowers, registration, store, entertainment & upcoming features.



Karen Feeley

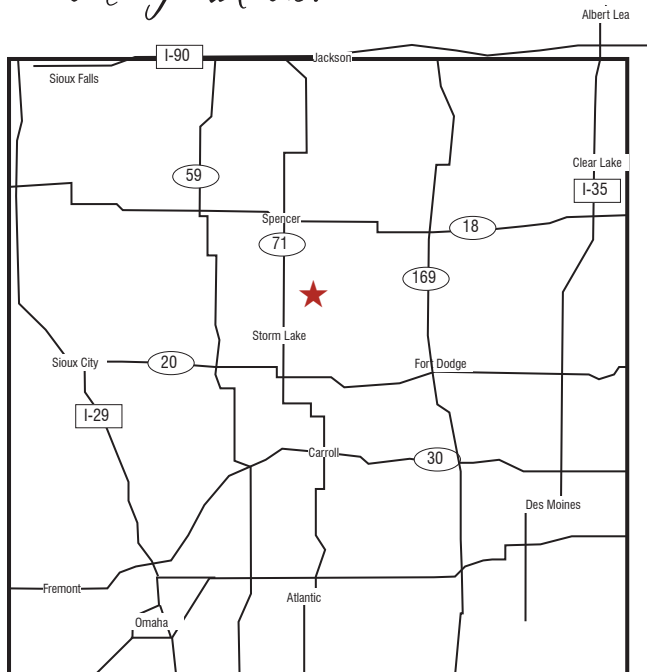
Serves as executive secretary and is in her eighth year of doing so. She also heads up the Threshermen's Cafe.



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Become a Member:

If you are a current member of the association and already have a 2019 membership card, please present that at the gate to gain free admittance to the show. Membership monies received at the Registration Office during the 2019 show will be applied to the 2020 year.

Membership amounts are \$25 for a single and \$35 for a couple. This is a great value if you plan to attend the show every day! Members are invited to the annual meeting the first Saturday in December where a delicious catered meal is served before the business meeting.

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