

# Threshers Chaff

**Midwest Old Threshers Association**  
**Mount Pleasant, Iowa**

## 110HP CASE UNDERGOING RESTORATION

Following the 2015 Old Threshers Reunion, the Association's flagship traction steam engine, the Case 110, was loaded for a trip across the Mighty Mississippi to Illinois. There, new babbitt bearings were poured on the main crankshaft. The engine was back in time for the 2016 Reunion.

It has been all hands on deck since the weather warmed up as the 110 is undergoing more restoration work. The boiler has new piping and has been prepped for painting. A repainted canopy and rebuilt bunkers are icing on the cake. Also on the to-do list is a new front axle as well as downsizing the front wheels.

This project is truly a group effort as OT staff and volunteers alike are working to make it happen. Look for the finished product at the 2017 Reunion.



Many hands make light work as the back wheels of the 110 are removed.



Left: The boiler is ready for paint. Above: Rebuilt bunkers wait to be mounted on the 110.



Gregg Crew removes years of grease and grime from the gear of a back wheel.

## LIFE FROM A LEFT-HANDED PENCIL



Eric Brown started drawing at age four as a way to better his older brother. That first piece of art was just the beginning. Without any formal training, the quality engineer has developed his craft to include dramatic detail and life-like recreations.

Armed with a 0.5mm mechanical pencil, Eric unleashes his magic onto a blank canvas. His attention to detail is breathtaking. Working on such a small scale, he often uses a penny to give perspective to his work.

Several exhibitors at Midwest Old Threshers have commissioned him to draw their tractors, gas engines and traction engines. Eric says antique farm machinery was just a niche he fell into after visiting Old Threshers 35 years ago. His friend encouraged him to draw something mechanical.

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## ASKING MOTHER NATURE FOR A REPEAT

Greetings from Old Threshers!

One year ago, I decided to write Mother Nature a short letter asking for her help with a change to the weather at the 2016 Old Threshers Reunion. WOW, Thanks Mother Nature! The most beautiful five days of weather that we had seen in a very long time during the Old Threshers Reunion. So, I decided to drop Mother Nature another short note this past February when it was in the 60's and 70's here.

*Dear Mother Nature,*

*"THANK YOU!" For a great 2016 Reunion and those five amazing days of perfect weather. With your assistant, we were able to see amazing changes happen right in front of our eyes during the Reunion. Even the earthquake that happened, was a first for us here during the Reunion. As you know, Midwest Old Threshers provides many different events on our grounds during the year. As a nonprofit organization that relies on outside events to keep us from visiting our banker too much, we are asking for your support again this year! We especially need it those 5 days leading up to Labor Day, you know, the Old Threshers Reunion. Your positive weather change last year helped each and every one of our hundreds of volunteers, exhibitors, staff and visitors to the Reunion feel rejuvenated about being at the Reunion. So, I wanted to put my request back into you early this year for a repeat of 2016 weather for the 2017 Reunion, August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>.*

*Your Friend Terry*

The simple change of the weather, created an overwhelming positive change to the feel, the atmosphere, and the attitudes of the volunteers, exhibitors, staff and the attendees at the Reunion. Positive and even negative changes are the things that happen to each of us, each day of our lives whether we like it or not. The real choice then for us is how we deal with that change in our lives. Old Threshers is no different, when it comes to change. I just hope that we can all work together to make it through the changes that we are dealt, the good changes and the bad ones.

So, I started to make a list of the positive and negative changes that have had an impact on myself and Old Threshers over the past months since the Reunion. I can only hope that your list, like my list has more positive changes than the negative ones. But once again, it is how we work through those changes together that will push more changes onto the positive list. The hardest change in life for all us is the loss of family and friends. That change in life is the one that is the hardest ones to deal with, but in the end it is how we honor those we have lost. Here at Old Threshers, I feel that the best way to honor those we have lost is to make Old Threshes a better place today than it was yesterday. To continue to change and grow, try new things, expand the events and offerings that we have, so that we can continue to provide the best we can.

"Isn't it crazy how we can look back a year ago and realize how much everything has changed? The amount of people that have left your life, entered and stayed. The memories you won't forget and the moments you wish you did. Everything. It's crazy how all that happened in just one year." Unknown.

So as Mother Nature turns the grass back to green, the sun shines, the spring flowers start to bloom and another years' worth events and activities start at Old Threshers. I look forward to another great year! See you all soon and remember change is OK.

PS. Mark your calendars August 31 to September 4, 2017



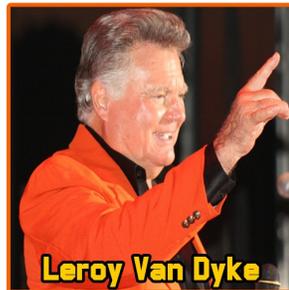
**Terry McWilliams**  
OT CEO

*Terry*

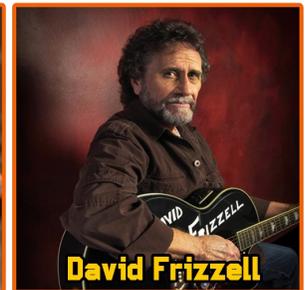
# 2017 Grandstand Entertainment



**Wednesday, Aug. 30**  
**Jake McVey**



**Leroy Van Dyke**



**David Frizzell**



**Moe Bandy**



**Rex Allen Jr.**

**Thursday, Aug. 31**  
**Country Gold**



**Friday, Sept. 1**  
**Home Free**



**Saturday, Sept. 2**  
**Tracy Lawrence**



**Sunday Sept. 3**  
**Chris Janson**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**



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## NEW PARTNERSHIP FORMED TO BUILD SOUTH EMS STATION

Henry County Health Center's Emergency Medical Services supplies Midwest Old Threshers daily with two crews of emergency medical personnel throughout the five-day Reunion.

For several years, EMS crews were stationed in temporary facilities on the north and south sides of the main grounds. When the Paul Anderson Headquarters Building was constructed, EMS's north location was built into the west side of the building offering a climate controlled environment for basic first aid, heat related symptoms and other medical emergencies.

Getting overheated visitors into the cool air made a huge impact on the number of times EMS had to transport patients to the health center. The four permanent walls also offer more privacy for a variety of situations.

Thanks to a \$3000 donation from the HCHC Foundation, the OT Foundation was able to start fundraising for a permanent structure to be located the south side, in turn offering the same amenities in two locations.



**From left: HCHC Director of EMS Dan Walderbach, OT CEO Terry McWilliams and HCHC Foundation Director Mark Hempen. HCHC Foundation donated \$3000 to a new EMS station.**

## HOUSE OF TERROR CREW GATHERED IN ST. LOUIS IN MARCH

October is a long way away, but planning for the 2017 Thrashers House of Terror and Haunted Rails started not long after the pumpkins and ghosts were packed away last year.

Each spring, a group of volunteers makes a trip to St. Louis to attend the Transworld Halloween & Attraction Show. There they gather ideas and make plans for the upcoming season. Sometimes they go with ideas already starting to form, other times their creativity is sparked by what they see. Either way, the group works together to plan, build and execute one of the best haunted houses in the country.

The THOT crew is joined by thousands of other haunt enthusiasts from around the world. The Mt. Pleasant group keeps track of each other on the show floor by wearing their signature THOT t-shirts. The success of Haunted Rails and the Thrasher's House of Terror would not be possible without the incredible volunteer force. They begin building the house just a few days after the end of the Reunion and work for 13 nights during the month of October.



**Left: OT CEO Terry McWilliams confers with some of his haunted house crew at the 2017 Halloween & Attraction Show.**



**Above: A large pirate ship was on display at the trade show complete with an animatronic shark.**

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His first attempt was a locomotive. He then tried his hand at a tractor. But perhaps closest to his heart are the images of old barns he captures with his pencil.

For over 40 years Eric has traveled countless backroads with his father, Ed, looking for interesting things to draw.

“I find a challenge in every piece,” says Eric. His drawing of the Midwest Central Railroad’s #6 was the first time he superimposed typography in his art. But none of his projects have been easy.

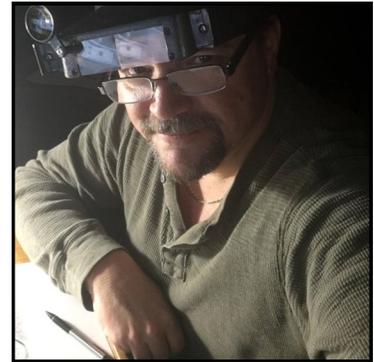
Eric finds it difficult to work on anything smaller than 11x14” and even at that size it is difficult to work on the detail. He uses a 600 grit polishing stone to sharpen his pencil for detail work as well as magnifying lenses on his eyes.

Eric says he is in a race with his eyesight. Not sure how long he will be able to do such detail work, he uses his evenings and weekends to keep up with orders. His wife, Peggy, is his scheduler and keeps him on track.

Each of his drawings is one-of-a-kind. After speaking with the person or family that commissions a piece of his art, he is able to insert things into the picture that is meaningful to them. His latest commission is of this year’s featured steam engine at Old Threshers. It has the 12T Kelly-Springfield Road Roller posed in front of the Flatirons, a geographical wonder located just outside Boulder, Colorado where the engine was used for road work.

Sometimes Eric uses a little bit of make-believe as he did with the Avery Undermount traction engine owned by Jay Sigafoose. Eric’s art took the engine out of the OT Heritage Museum where it is kept, and placed it in the weeds next to a barn and gave it a weathered look.

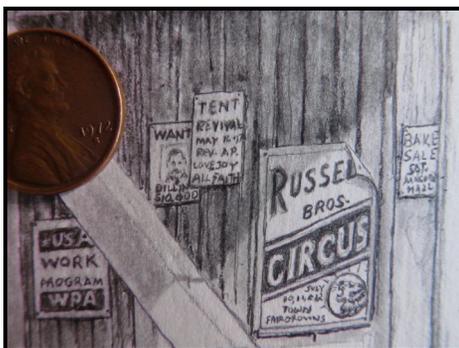
Eric finds that a drawing means so much more to someone than a photograph. He will continue to use his pencil and talents to pay tribute to those memories as long as his eyes allow him.



The artist in his studio.

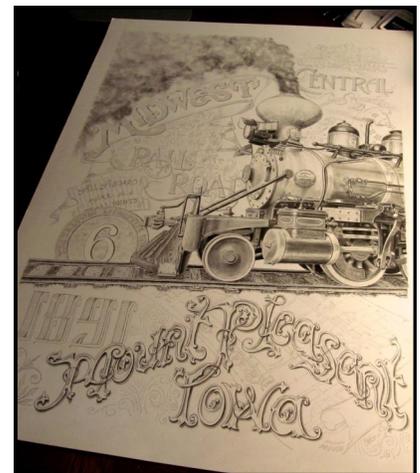


Eric’s rendering of the 2017 featured steam engine was recently completed.



Left: A penny is used to show the scale in a drawing of a covered bridge. These signs were drawn just inside the bridge.

Right: The artist’s most challenging work, MCRR’s #6 with typography.



## WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT?

Look on page 12 for pictures of things that can be found around the Old Threshers Grounds. Can you identify what they are and where one can find them? The answers are found below.

- A. Looking down the street in the North Village from Center Chapel. Looks like the Gunslingers are up to no good.
- B. Located in Museum A, this display of flags represents all branches of the United States Military.
- C. The very distinctive spark arrestor of Michelle Bixler’s 1937 12HP Kitten steam engine. It looks like a witch’s hat when in use.
- D. The upright Herschell-Spillman steam engine that powers the “Smile Machine,” OT’s steam-powered carousel.



A Financial Support Organization for Midwest Old Threshers

## 30 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SUPPORT TO OT



Alan Huisinga, Foundation  
Executive Director

The Old Threshers Foundation is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year! We thank all of you who have supported the Foundation with your charitable contributions throughout these years. Providing financial support to Midwest Old Threshers is the sole purpose of the Foundation. Since it was founded in 1986, the Foundation has transferred nearly one and one quarter MILLION DOLLARS in earnings from its permanent endowment to Midwest Old Threshers. These earnings also include cash rent payments received from the Illinois farm and earnings received from the Granaman Trust, both of which were bequeathed to the Foundation.

At the November 2016 Foundation board meeting, the Foundation Board of Directors approved financial support in the amount of \$108,853 divided among the following Old Threshers' projects as requested: repair of the ground trains for both the campground and the main grounds, construction of a new doll and clothing museum, remodeling another restroom on the show grounds, terrace drainage in the campground, LED lighting project on the grounds, trolley car restoration and operational support.

In addition to the first-aid station located in the Paul Anderson Welcome Center on the north side of the show grounds, another new project for this summer is to construct a permanent first-aid facility on the south side of the grounds near the carousel building and the campground. In addition to an air-conditioned first-aid treatment facility, it will also include an area for new mothers with babies and toddlers.

BINGO, which was a new event offered during the 2016 reunion, will be back this year. It will again be sponsored by the Foundation with all proceeds being invested in the endowment. So please join us in Museum B in the afternoons for a game of BINGO. You may also look for Old Threshers and the Foundation at the Iowa State Fair again this year – August 10-20. This will be the third year Old Threshers is sponsoring a tourism booth in the Varied Industries Building along with Iowa Wesleyan University, the City of Mount Pleasant and the Chamber Alliance. Stop by to see us and register in a drawing for free admission tickets to the Reunion.

And you are always welcome to stop our Foundation Memorial Room during the Reunion. Enjoy our air-conditioned facility; there are Old Threshers theme tattoos for the children and a smashing penny machine for those avid collectors or for those simply looking for a souvenir. Plans are to build a new antique doll and clothing museum and a newly expanded Foundation office in Museum A by reunion time in 2018.

All gifts to the Old Threshers Foundation, either as a long-term investment in the permanent endowment or as a short-term investment in the new pass through account, qualify as charitable contributions to a non profit 501(c)(3) organization for Federal income, estate and gift tax purposes. We are always appreciative of any gifts received, whether in the form of cash, stocks or deferred giving. If you have any questions or need additional information about any of these options, please contact Alan Huisinga, Executive Director, at the Midwest Old Threshers office 319-385-8937 or e-mail [otfoundation@oldthreshers.org](mailto:otfoundation@oldthreshers.org)

Alan D. Huisinga, Executive Director

## OT FOUNDATION WELCOMES 5 NEW MEMBERS

At its annual board meeting in November 2016, the Board of Directors of the Old Threshers Foundation elected five new board members to begin serving at the February 2017 quarterly board meeting. The Board is pleased to introduce the following new board members: Alan Elgar, Kendall Graber, Greg Kinney, Jeff Sitar and Mary Wettach.



**Alan Elgar**

Alan Elgar's family has been involved with Midwest Old Threshers from the beginning. His grandfather, Herman Elgar, was one of the original four who first thought of the idea of a reunion in 1950 and served on the original board as its secretary. Alan feels honored to bring his prior board experience and financial skills to serve in this role with the Foundation, just as his father, Alanson Elgar, did while serving on the Foundation board. Alan graduated from Drake University and earned his MBA from Northwestern University; his expertise lies in financial analysis and marketing research. He looks forward to learning more about the many aspects of Midwest Old Threshers and how a greater use of social media could enhance the mission of the Foundation. Alan and Gayle make their home in Iowa City, Iowa.

Kendall Graber is currently the location manager for Sinclair Tractor in Winfield, Iowa, and serves as vice president of the Henry County Fair Board. Kendall has served on the fair board for 18 years; he enjoys helping youth in our county to develop and



**Kendall Graber**

grows through 4-H. He enjoys working with people and being part of an organization that preserves our agricultural way of life. He also looks forward to gaining a deeper understanding of Midwest Old Threshers and becoming a part of a successful organization. Kendall feels his ability to work with a diverse population, his ability to carry out plans and meet goals, and the relationships he has developed with people in this area will all benefit the Foundation. Kendall and his wife, Shelley, enjoy spending time with their two sons, Ethan (10) and Levi (5), working on the family farm where they have a small herd of cows and enjoy hunting and fishing.

Greg Kinney has been a life-long resident of Mt. Pleasant and a volunteer at Old Threshers; Greg and his sons, William and James, have all taken steam school. As owner/operations manager of Kinney & Sons, Inc. (excavating and grading), Greg

has been a part of most of the improvement projects at Old Threshers and has worked with a majority of the businesses in the Mt. Pleasant area. He feels being a part of the Foundation will give him a better understanding of the big financial picture of Old Threshers. Given his past hands-on



**Greg Kinney**

experience and his desire to play a part in making sure Old Threshers lives on for many years to come, he hopes to have a positive impact on the organization. Greg is involved with Chamber of Commerce events and has served on the board of Mt. Pleasant Golf and Country Club and Southeast Iowa Builders Association.



**Jeff Sitar**

Dr. Jeff Sitar graduated from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and is currently dentist/owner of Mt. Pleasant Dental Associates. Jeff states that Old Threshers is an integral part of the heritage and strength of Mt. Pleasant; he and his family want to see it continue to not only survive but thrive in the future. As an owner of a business for over 20 years, he feels he can bring good knowledge of sound business practices and strong interpersonal skills to the organization. Jeff and his wife, Missy, enjoy the outdoors and the activities of their children, Marie (13) and J.C. (10); he has coached multiple soccer, flag football and basketball teams over the last 8 years. Jeff is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and has served on the board of the Southeast Iowa Dental Association and the Mt. Pleasant Golf and Country Club.

Dr. Mary Wettach says her background is agricultural, having lived and worked on a large dairy farm in central Iowa. She graduated from Iowa State University in zoology and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry along with an advanced degree in dental public health. Mary and her husband, Steve, have both volunteered at Old Threshers for more than thirty years; she is excited to serve on the Foundation board to generate interest in



**Mary Wettach**

programs for the next generations. Their son, Matthew, has joined Mary as a dentist at Family Dental Health. Their daughter, Megan, and son-in-law Beau, have blessed Mary and Steve with their first grandchild, one-year-old Alexandra. Mary is a member of the Southeast Iowa Dental Association and has served on the board for the Chamber Alliance, the Wayland State Bank and the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra.

## BURLINGTON COUPLE DONATES LENNIS MOORE PRINTS

The Old Threshers Foundation thanks Dan and Marcia (Holmes Marshall) Wiedemeier of Burlington, Iowa, for recently donating their private collection of Lennis Moore woodcut prints to be hung in the newly renovated Old Threshers Foundation office and memorial room once the project is completed next year.

Marcia, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, was a long-time friend of Lennis and wanted to donate the prints in his memory where they could be appreciated by others for years to come. The Foundation Memorial Room at Midwest Old Threshers seemed like a logical home.

The donated prints include Abraham Lincoln "Preserve, Protect and Defend," "Weathered Grace," "Winter Sky," "Night Slips In," "Winter's Eve," "Chillsome Morning," and "Mother and Child."

The prints are hanging temporarily on the walls in OT CEO Terry McWilliams' office. Pictured at right are three of them.

Lennis Moore served as CEO of Midwest Old Threshers from 1979 until his untimely death in 2014. During that time, Lennis used his creative and artistic talents in many ways to benefit Old Threshers; he designed and help build all the historical exhibits located in Museum B. The last exhibit he designed, "The Influence of Transportation and Safety on Rural Life," will be dedicated this year.

**Dan and Marcia Wiedemeier donated several Lennis Moore prints to the OT Foundation.**



## TOURISM DOLLARS HELP FUND AREA GUIDE

For the second year in a row, Midwest Old Threshers received funds from the City of Mt. Pleasant to help promote tourism. This support money, together with OT advertising money, was used to publish and mail the 2017 Area Guide. This replaces the traditional OT Spring Review.

The Area Guide not only offers information about the annual Reunion and other OT events, it also lists other Henry County museums, attractions and events throughout the year.

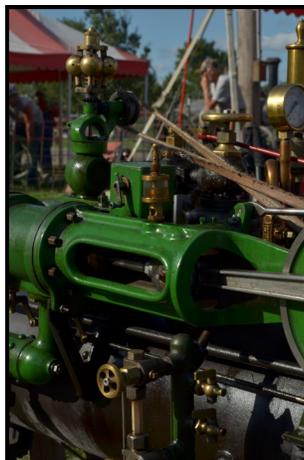
In 2016, the Area Guide was mailed to households in Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee and Washington counties. The funds from the city allowed OT to expand its reach into Wapello and Muscatine counties in 2017 for a total of 138,000 households. This is in addition to the 17,500 people across the country who have requested to be on the OT mailing list.

Pre-sales of five-day admissions for 2017 have far surpassed any other year at this time. The expanded mailing of the Area Guide as well as the reach of Social Media has let visitors know that they can purchase the multi-day admission at a reduced rate of \$20 until May 31st. Beginning June 1st, the five-day admission will cost \$30. One-day admissions are \$15 and will remain that way after May 31st. As always, all country music shows are included in the price of gate admission.

# LIFE IN MINIATURE



James and John Broadhead, Colchester, IL, exhibited the 2016 featured traction steam engine. The 1/3 scale 65hp Advance Rumley was just one of several model steam engines on display. They may be smaller than their full-size counterparts, but they are just as impressive.



## O B I T U A R I E S

### **Doris Stremmel**

Doris Darlene (Higgins) Stremmel, 82, of Galesburg, died January 7, 2017, in Mari-gold Health Care Center.

She was born April 18, 1934, in North Henderson, the daughter of George A. and Jennie (Speirer) Higgins. She married Norman D. Stremmel Sr. on June 14, 1957, in North Henderson.

She is survived by her husband of nearly 60 years, Norman; two grandchildren, Ethen Krans of Williamsfield and Stacy (and Lucas) Gustafson of Galesburg; a great-granddaughter, Nikki Gustafson; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Darren S. Stremmel on June 12, 1999 and Norman "Dean" Stremmel Jr. on Nov. 19, 2010; and her brothers.

Doris worked in the accounting department at Bridgeway for 22 years, retiring in 1999. She graduated from Alexis High School in 1951. Doris enjoyed camping, square dancing, traveling, and spending winters in Texas. She also volunteered for the Midwest Old Threshers and the Midwest Electric Railway.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.h-p-w.com](http://www.h-p-w.com).

### **John William "Jack" Folta, Sr**

John William "Jack" Folta, Sr. passed away January 21, 2017 at his home.

Jack was born October 29, 1928 in Martinsburg, Mo., the son of John James and Martha Mary Banks Folta. He was married to Virginia Mae Gish on June 25, 1949 in Vandalia and she preceded him in death May 3, 2008.

Survivors include: two sons, John William Folta, Jr. of Mexico, and James Michael Folta of Laddonia; three grandchildren, Michael Scott (Tiffany) Folta of Laddonia, Melinda Baker and Andrew Folta, both of Springfield; three great grandchildren: and a very special friend, Ann Wasson of Vandalia.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Folta; and one sister, Rose Hakenworth.

Mr. Folta was a lifetime area resident and was Catholic by faith. He owned and operated Folta's Garage for over 40 years. He was very active in the Laddonia community having served as a former mayor and a City Council member for many years. He worked on the Planned Progress Group, the Laddonia Athletic Association, and the Laddonia Community Betterment Association. He was a member of the Midwest Old Threshers Association, the Gasconade County Threshers Association, the Lincoln County Threshers, and the Montgomery

County Threshers. He truly enjoyed attending the thresher's shows, collecting tractors and antique gas engines, going to dances, attending fish fries, bowling, and playing ball in his younger days. In the last two years his favorite pastime was spending time with his great grandson, William Scott Folta.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Laddonia Cemetery Assn., in care of Patty Meyers, Audrain County Treasurer, 101 N. Jefferson, Room 104, Mexico, Mo. 65265.

### **George Alt**

George Joseph Alt, 75, of West Liberty, Iowa passed away March 2, 2017 in his home.

George was born on August 28, 1941, at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, the eldest son of Joseph & Agda Eldeen Alt. His siblings include Liz Utizg (Leroy), Joan (Randy) Belknap, Bob (Jane) Alt, & Art Alt. He attended high school at University High in Iowa City. After graduation, George enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he was a Radar Specialist during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

After completing his Military career, George married Donna Marie Alwine on December 8th, 1962 in North Liberty. George and Donna had 3 sons; Steve, Larry, and Tony. George and Donna moved to West Liberty in 1970. He spent most of his career at Proctor & Gamble in Iowa City as an Electrician & Electronics Specialist. Upon retirement, he participated in the Muscatine County Fair where he enjoyed working the grounds for over a decade. George enjoyed making rope at the county fair, as well as multiple community activities throughout the state. He loved spending time at the family pond - his refuge. George also volunteered at the Midwest Old Threshers and serving on the Board of Directors. He spent many years as a member of the American Legion, Veteran's Affairs & Rotary.

In addition to his beloved wife Donna, George is survived by his children; Steve (Sandra), Larry (Tammy) and Tony (Kim) Alt and 7 grandchildren; Angela (Andrew), Danielle, Austin, McKenna, Cale, Emma and Danica. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Art.

George will be remembered for his generosity, kindness and great enthusiasm for family time and bonding at the pond as well as his love for the Hawkeyes. He was loved dearly and will be missed greatly.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.hendersonbarkerfunerahome.com](http://www.hendersonbarkerfunerahome.com)

### **Jacob Nelson**

Jacob A. Nelson, 21, of Lockridge passed away March 4, 2017, as a result of injuries from a vehicle accident.

Jacob was born on February 16, 1996, in Iowa City the son of Rob and Tammy Geary Nelson. He graduated from Fairfield High School in the class of 2014. He enjoyed life to the fullest working hard and playing hard. He spent many hours at Midwest Old Threshers doing all kinds of different things and volunteered on the Lockridge Fire and Rescue Department. He worked alongside of his father and brother with Nelson Rebar Inc of Lockridge. He was a member of the Union Iron Workers Local 89. Jacob was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting.

Jacob is survived by his parents; Rob and Tammy Nelson of Lockridge his brother Kyle (Briana Beal) Nelson of Richland and his sister Amanda (Jeff) Althaus of Denver, Colorado; his maternal grandparents Roy and Gloria Geary of Springhill, Florida; along with many uncles and aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews; a lifelong family friend Brandon Rauscher; and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Larry and Inez Nelson.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials may be directed to Midwest Old Threshers Association in his memory.

### **Barbara Thacker**

Barbara Ann Thacker, age 84 of Winfield, died Friday March 17, 2017 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. The daughter of Perry and Eula (Trump) Wick, she was born July 12, 1932 at Burlington. On January 21, 1956 she married Richard Thacker at Burlington; he died December 14, 2013. She was a graduate of the Burlington high School. She worked as a cook at Sunrise Terrace for several years. She also served at Congregate Meals, was a former 4-H leader, and enjoyed reading to the children at W-MU School. She enjoyed following her grandchildren in their school and sports events. She was a member of the Winfield United Methodist church. Barbara was a member of the Mt. Union Boosters and worked in the General Store in the North Village during Midwest Old Threshers Reunions.

Survivors include: one daughter Lori Shoultz of Winfield; two grandchildren, Richard "RJ" and Rebecca Shoultz both of Winfield; one brother Ronald Wick of Cherry Valley, Illinois; sister in law Virginia Kinney of Winfield; one nephew and two nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son in law.

A memorial has been established for the Winfield First Responders.

# FEATURED FOR 2017



**Featured Gas Engine**  
"Bullseye Engines"  
1915 Bullseye Sideshaft 4 1/2 HP  
Alex Rauscher—Lockridge, IA



**Featured Steam Engine**  
1905 12T Kelly Springfield Steam Roller  
Dave & Jean Gross—Centennial, CO  
The Heerdt Family—Mt. Pleasant, IA



**Featured Tractor**  
1918 Moline Universal  
Carl & Maribelle Lund—Mt. Pleasant, IA



**Featured Truck**  
1967 Dodge Straight Truck  
George & Janet Janecek—Washington, IA



**Featured Garden Tractor**  
1969 Minneapolis-Moline 114  
Mark & Bev Weirather—Keokuk, IA



**Featured Car**  
1909 Sears Motor Buggy  
John (Jack) & Marlene Daly—Burlington, IA

## 2017 EVENTS

School Tours—April 24-May 24

Steam School—May 6-7

Greater Iowa Swap Meet/Flea Market—May 26-27

Bussey Doll Event—June 3

Community 4th of July Celebration—July 4

Summer Theatre Plays—July 21-23, 28-29

Western Illinois Threshers—August 4-6

Old Threshers Reunion—August 31-Sept 4

Midwest & Great Northern Printers' Fair—Sept 13-16

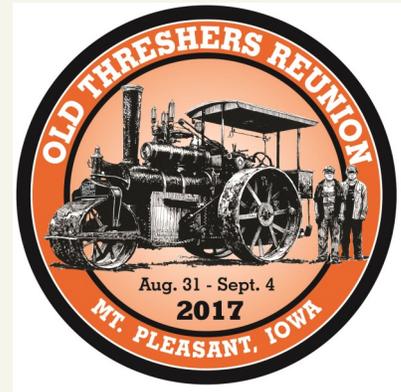
Thrashers House of Terror—October 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28, 31

Midwest Haunted Rails—October 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28

Old Threshers Annual Meeting—November 11

OT Foundation Fall Meeting—November 11

Festival of Lights—November 16-19, 23-26, 30-December 1-3, Dec 7-10, 13-31



## WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT?

Look at the photos below. Can you tell what it is? Or where it might be found on the Old Threshers Grounds?

Answers are on page 5.

