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Midwest Old Threshers Association

Mount Pleasant, Iowa

DOLL & CLOTHING MUSEUM READY FOR VISITORS



Bussey Doll Museum Curator Glenna Voyles was surrounded by friends and family in July for the dedication of the new Doll Museum at Midwest Old Threshers. What she didn't know is that they were all in on a little secret. The name of the newest addition to Old Threshers is the Glenna Voyles Doll House: Home to the Bussey Doll Collection and Antique Clothing and More.

OT CEO Terry McWilliams handed Glenna her own key to the new attraction giving her the honor of opening the door and turning on the



Bussey Doll Museum Curator Glenna Voyles looks at a nameplate on one of the doll cases in the new Glenna Voyles Doll House.

lights. Guests strolled through the lighted cases of dolls and past antique quilts and vintage clothing. The

younger guests played with the over sized doll house and dolls available for some hands-on fun for everyone.

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FEATURED STEAM ENGINE PRINT



Printmaker and Printers' Hall volunteer Ann Klingensmith has created a woodcut print in honor of this year's featured steam engine. Jacob Nelson's 1917 50hp Case will forever be memorialized in the 11"x17" print.

The print features the same silhouetted image as the 2018 souvenir button, which is fitting as Ann is the artist who created it. Behind the engine are clouds and blue sky, and a hint of the pink of a sunset.

Past Old Threshers CEO and good friend of Ann's, Lennis Moore, a printmaker himself, always wanted to do a woodcut of the featured engine. Ann decided this was the year to make it happen.

Ann says sharing her talents and making the print

are her way of giving back to OT and helping to raise money for Printers' Hall.

This is a limited print of only 50 pieces. They will be available at Printers' Hall on a first-come, first-served basis for \$50 each. Only one print will be sold per person. Proceeds will go to Printers' Hall and the Jacob Nelson Memorial Fund.

Ann will also be one of the artists featured in the steam roller printing demonstration just outside Printers' Hall at 10 am on Reunion Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



Greetings from Old Threshers!

“Life Changes” – lyrics from a Thomas Rhett song.....
Ain't it funny how life changes
You wake up, ain't nothing the same and life changes
You can't stop it, just hop on the train and
You never know what's gonna happen
You make your plans and you hear god laughing
Life changes, and I wouldn't change it for the world, the world, oh no
And I wouldn't change it for the world, the world, oh no

Midwest Old Threshers of today does NOT look anything like it did on September 20-21, 1950. The reason for that change is the thousands of people that came before us, the thousands of people that are here now, and for the millions of people yet to come to the Old Threshers Reunion. If you are reading my ramblings, then there is a good chance that you have had a hand in those changes over the years and for that I THANK YOU! I truly hope that everyone will be willing to keep going on the changing ride that Old Threshers will continue on into the future.

THANK YOU! Two simple little words that are often easily forgotten and yet mean so much when said. From the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU to all that make Old Threshers what it is today and what it will become.

THANK YOU! To all the volunteers, for your tireless dedication and work for the Association.

THANK YOU! To all the exhibitors, for your willingness to share your exhibits with the world.

THANK YOU! To all of the food vendors who make it possible for me to eat my way across the grounds.

THANK YOU! To all the visitors who attend the Reunion each year willing to learn about our agricultural heritage.

THANK YOU! To all of the people who make this event possible from the church groups to the husband and wife teams. We couldn't do it without you!

THANK YOU! To the Old Threshers Board of Directors for your passion and dedication to keeping Midwest Old Threshers here for the millions of people to still attend the Reunion.

THANK YOU! To the all the members of the Theatre Museum who keep that show on stage.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To my staff and my volunteers, Julie, Kat, Grant, Lea, Kirsten, Danielle, Gregg, Larry, DC, Larry, and Randy, it would not happen without you all.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To my family, Cyndi, Brady, Nathan and Rachel for waiting for my return home in January after the Reunion, Halloween events and the Festival of Lights.

P.S. THANK YOU! Mother Nature for the last two great years of weather, let's do it again, please!

As the Reunion nears closer and the days disappear and the “To Do” lists turn in to multiple pages, I get a nervous feeling in my gut each year. What have I forgotten? Did everything get ordered in time? Will we have great weather? Will the visitors attend the Reunion? But then I remember, because of all of you, it will come together, it will happen, and we will shine like always.

Thank you again and see you soon! August 30- September 3, 2018

PARADE MARSHALS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS AT OT

Professor Farquar and Polecat Annie, a.k.a. Sanford and Mary Kay Lee, stars of The Great American Medicine Show, will celebrate their 30th year at Midwest Old Threshers this year. What better way to honor the couple and their dedication, than by having them lead the Harvest Day Parade on Wednesday, August 29th.

The professor estimates they have done more than 4,000 shows and no two shows are exactly alike. Based out of Concordia, MO, the duo travels around the country performing 80-100 days out of the year. Five of those days are at Old Threshers in the Log Village under the big tree.

Like many of the people who participate in Old Threshers, it is like a family reunion for the Lees as they have watched the kids who inhabit the Log Village grow up into adults. "We have

more friends in Mt. Pleasant than we do in Concordia," says Sanford.

They have travelled as far north as Minnesota, as far south as Texas, as far east as Ohio and way out west to Tucson. But Mt. Pleasant is their favorite place to be.

"Old Threshers is the greatest living history event there is," says Sanford. "It encompasses so many aspects of American folk life." He said they love the audiences at Old Threshers and says a quick poll of those attending each performance shows that 1/3 to 1/2 of the crowd are first-timers.

Professor Farquar and Polecat Annie are currently performing at the Kansas State Fair and will head north to Mt. Pleasant in time to take in a few garage sales before the festivities begin in Mt. Pleasant.



Polecat Annie and Professor Farquar will lead the Harvest Day Parade on Wednesday, August 29.



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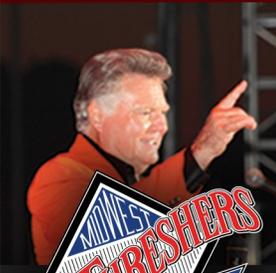
PLAY STARTS AT 5:30 PM ★ TICKETS \$10 & KIDS 11 AND UNDER \$5.00

The Leroy Van Dyke

Country Gold Tour

THURSDAY AUGUST 30

FEATURING: LEROY VAN DYKE, MALPASS BROTHERS, DARRELL MCCALL, CHARLIE RICH JR, DALLAS WAYNE









OLD THRESHERS REUNION
MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA

AUG. 30TH - SEPT 3RD



JOIN THE CELEBRATION!



**Alan Huisinga, Foundation
Executive Director**

Come celebrate the Sweet Sixteen's 50th anniversary at the 2018 Midwest Old Threshers Reunion. The Old Threshers Foundation is hosting a reception for all the current and past Sweet Sixteen participants; nearly 200 are expected to attend. This reception will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Museum B on Sunday morning, September 2. The crowning of the 2018 court will take place in front of the grandstand beginning at 10:30 a.m. that morning.

We also invite our Reunion visitors to see the new Bussey Doll Collection and Antique Clothing Museum in its new and expanded location in Museum A. Due to the dolls moving to their new location, the Foundation office will now have a front-office presence and more visibility. Please stop in to see us in the Foundation Memorial Room; it is air-conditioned! We will also have free (temporary) tattoos for the kids and our pressed penny machine for those souvenir collectors.

BINGO will once again be offered in Museum B from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Thursday through Sunday afternoons and 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Monday. One of our local businesses, Innovairre, is sponsoring BINGO this year by offering two \$200 blackout jackpots each day Thursday through Sunday. All proceeds from BINGO are invested in the Foundation's endowment. Financial support to Midwest Old Threshers is the sole purpose of the Foundation. Since it was founded in 1986, the Foundation has transferred over \$1,327,000 in earnings to Midwest Old Threshers to fund capital projects and improvements throughout the show grounds and the campground.

Reunion visitors will also see two new buildings when they arrive – the multi-purpose building serving as the Trading Post and the new Campground Operations building. These buildings, along with the new doll and clothing museum, were three of the projects supported, in part, with earnings from the Foundation's endowment. Another major project funded this year was the completion of the new LED lighting on the south side of the grounds, including the campground.

Old Threshers and the Foundation were at the Iowa State Fair again this year. This was the fourth year Old Threshers sponsored a tourism booth in the (southeast corner) Varied Industries Building along with Iowa Wesleyan University, the City of Mount Pleasant and the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber Alliance. Many people stopped by to put their name in a drawing for free admission tickets to the Reunion and received a coupon for free carousel rides.

We thank all of you who have supported the Foundation with your charitable contributions and look forward to continued growth to support Midwest Old Threshers for years to come. All gifts to the Foundation 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 me at the Midwest Old Threshers office by calling 319-385-8937 or e-mailing offoundation@oldthreshers.org.

THANK YOU!

Alan D. Huisinga, Executive Director

FEATURED STEAM ENGINE



When Jacob Nelson was just a kid, he had a love for steam engines. Growing up around Old Threshers, Jacob learned a lot from his father as well as other steam enthusiasts. He learned not only how the engines worked, but also how to fix them. When his classmates were coming of age and saving up for a car, he was saving up for a piece of history – his own traction steam engine. Jacob saved enough money to buy this year’s featured engine, a 1917 Case, in February of 2015. He became a traction steam exhibitor at the 2015 Old Threshers Reunion at the tender age of 19. Tragedy struck the Nelson family in the spring of 2017. Jacob was killed in a one-vehicle rollover accident in Jefferson County. Today, his engine sits at Old Threshers with a fresh coat of paint ready to honor its owner and welcome visitors to the 2018 Reunion.

FEATURED GAS ENGINE

Rich Mueller, Sr.’s love of gas engines is evident within the first few minutes of conversation. He has a total of 55. Five of those engines are United, this year’s featured manufacturer. His interest and dedication to United engines has overflowed into the Antique United Gasoline Engine Registry or augermo.com. There, collectors will find a list of United engines including their serial numbers and engine history. Together with the data supplied by Dick Webber from Smokstak.com, Rich has assembled a treasure trove of information for United collectors. Rich attended the Reunion with his parents as a child. Coming to Mt. Pleasant over Labor Day weekend is like a vacation. He says Old Threshers is a mecca for engine collectors in the Midwest. His engines can be considered working engines. The flashy paint job and pin-striping is traded for mechanically sound engines. Rich will fill his trailer with as many engines as it will hold and make the trip to Southeast Iowa from Wright City, MO.



JOSH GRACIN 

HIGH VALLEY

FRIDAY AUGUST 31

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FEATURED GARDEN TRACTOR



Exhibiting garden tractors is a family affair for Matt and Cheri Taglauer. Their children and grandchildren all take part in the hobby. The Tagaulers are from Fairfield and have been attending Midwest Old Threshers for seven years. Matt bought their first garden tractor, a Mowett Mustang, at a Greater Iowa Swap Meet held in Mt. Pleasant. It had a bad motor so they looked for another one. His son then found one offered for sale on Craigslist near Des Moines. That 1970 Mowett Mustang is this year's featured garden tractor. As far as restoration, there wasn't a whole lot to be done. Removal of surface rust and a new paint job and the tractor was ready to exhibit. Matt says talking with people from all over the country is the best part of the Reunion. He says old machinery starts up the conversation, but you never know how it's going to end.

FEATURED TRACTOR

John and Dawn Butler of Marion, Iowa, have been coming to Midwest Old Threshers Reunions for 32 years. Married 30 years ago, the couple celebrated the occasion with a honeymoon to Mt. Pleasant. John and Dawn showed their first tractor in 1987. I was an International F20. They have been Farmall collectors from the beginning, however a Ford snuck into the line-up about 6 years ago. John traded that Ford a couple of years ago for this year's featured 1951 Ford 8N. The tractor has new brakes, a rebuilt front end, new hood and fenders and a new paint job. The couple can be found helping out at Tractor Headquarters and most importantly, operating the Gas Truck.



SAWYER BROWN

SATURDAY
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FEATURED CAR

Fifteen years ago, Owen White of Ainsworth, bought a 1965 Ford Fastback Mustang. It wasn't much, just a shell. No motor, no transmission, no seats. Over the years he would pick up parts he knew he needed to restore the first generation Mustang, but concentrated on completing two other restoration projects instead. Finally, three years ago, his attention returned to the shell of automotive history stored in his car barn. The self-proclaimed government desk jockey spent the next two years restoring the mustang that is this year's featured car. Owen and his wife, Norma, have been coming to the Old Threshers Reunion since 1959 where he exhibited a Model T and Model A Roadster. They then bought a 1936 Roadster and their collection grew from there. The Whites have about 17 cars in their collection including 6 Thunderbirds, an Isetta, a 1957 VW and a military Jeep.



FEATURED TRUCK



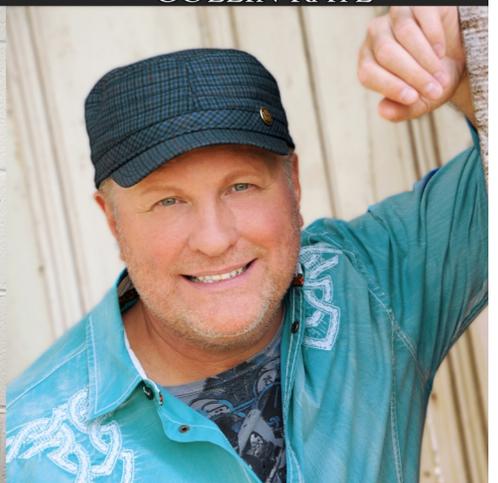
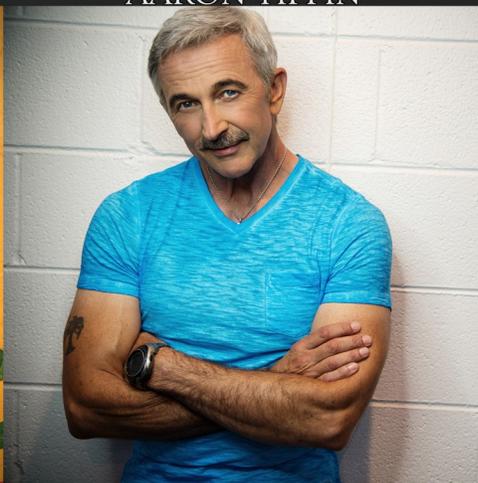
This year's featured truck is a 1951 3/4 ton Studebaker owned by Phil Graber of Mt. Pleasant. Phil and his wife bought the truck 20 years ago in Montana. There were very few miles on it. The truck was mechanically sound and only needed the seat recovered and a new coat of paint. Phil says it's been fun to own and take through parades. He recently replaced the bed of the truck which still had the original wood floor. Phil first came to Old Threshers as a very young boy. He remembers sitting on the ground by the grandstand watching the Cavalcade of Power. When the Reunion was in its infancy, the noon parade consisted of the engines and tractors parading in a circle in front of a much smaller grandstand. Phil says he remembers vividly how big the 110hp Case steam engine looked to a six-year-old looking up from a seat on the ground. College and time in the service kept Phil away for many years. However, when he returned to Mt. Pleasant, he started attending Old Threshers regularly with his wife. They have also exhibited a 1929 Ford Model A.

ROOTS & BOOTS TOUR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2

SAMMY KERSHAW

AARON TIPPIN

COLLIN RAYE



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BUTTON COLLECTORS' UPDATE 2018

*Carolyn Sidebottom
Plymouth, Minnesota*

Seventeenth Annual Button Collectors' Forum

Button Collectors will assemble for the seventeenth consecutive year at Button Collectors' Forum during the 2018 Old Threshers Reunion. Forum will be held Sunday morning, September 2nd, in Colfax School, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Just take the ground train to the south pedestrian gate near the trolley depot and the carousel. Walk south past the Campground Information building and straight to the little red schoolhouse.

At approximately 9:30 a.m., Carolyn will give a short update about varieties and the Button designer for 2018. The group will participate in a short discussion about "Why We Collect," There will be plenty of time for questions and visiting. This should be a valuable opportunity for everyone, particularly children and youth, to learn more about the unique aspects of Old Threshers button collecting.

This is an event for Old Threshers button collectors of all ages. The serious collector and the merely curious are welcome to gather informally to learn from each other and swap stories about our interesting and rewarding hobby. Young collectors and new collectors are especially welcome.

The Forum provides an excellent opportunity to show off your collections and rare finds, or to ask questions about buttons in your own collection. We hope to have a selection of available collectable buttons for sale. Attending the forum, where you will find information on ways to collect OT buttons and have an opportunity to see the variety of supplies available, is an excellent way to get a good start on your new collection, or update your old one.

I get excited about this event that brings collectors together, and I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

2018 Souvenir Button Design



This year's reunion color theme is a Pantone 293C blue, black, and white. The 2018 Souvenir button features a 1917 50hp Case owned by Jacob Nelson from Lockridge, Iowa. Jacob was very proud of his engine and worked hard to research and restore it to the best machine that it could be. He loved everything about the Old Threshers steam community and volunteered as an interpreter in many venues of the steam power area. Tragically, Jacob lost his life in a road accident in March of 2017. He was 21 years old. The Engine of the Year is being displayed in 2018 by his family and friends.

This year, Old Threshers welcomes a new button designer, and incidentally, the first woman to hold that honor. Ann Klingensmith is a printmaker and a graphic designer who teaches at Iowa Wesleyan University in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Ann has volunteered at Old Threshers in the Log Village, Printers' Hall, and in the steam area demonstrations. In addition to Ann's detailed engine art, the 2018 button contains the full reunion date, "Old Threshers Reunion," and "Mt. Pleasant, Iowa" circling the 1 5/8 inch central vignette. The engine portrait is signed this year. Get out your magnifier to see all of the minute detail!

The exceptional work of the Old Threshers button design team (portrait artist, digital artists, and OT CEO) insures that our Old Threshers buttons are created with a very high standard of design not always present in similar

event pin-backs.

The 55 mm diameter button is constructed as many previous buttons have been—a plastic coated paper formed over a metal shell and held together by a silver-colored metal backing disk. The attached silver-colored pin has the loop style catch. As of late July this year, no varieties have been reported. Our sharp-eyed variety collectors, who keep me up to date on possible existing varieties for the current year, may find major or minor varieties closer to the reunion date or during the reunion.

2018 Special Souvenir Button

For the past eight years, Old Threshers has issued a Special Souvenir button. Due to the continuing popularity of these giant four-inch buttons, Old Threshers has issued a limited quantity of the 2018 Souvenir buttons in the same format. This ninth giant button makes an interesting supplemental button for the core collection. Contact the Old Threshers office for availability and pricing of this collectible button.

Official Supplements

The 2018 Volunteer button coordinates with the blue colors of the main Souvenir button. This button is a name window button featuring black printing outlined in white. A lighter blue shades gradually to white in the center of the button. The outer edge is the dark Pantone 293C blue with a narrow white accent. With the exception of the white outer ring accent, the Volunteer button layout closely resembles the Volunteer button for 2017. In late July, the 2018 Exhibitor/Staff button was unavailable for examination. In past years, this oval name-window button has closely resembled the design of the Volunteer button. An attached coordinating ribbon will identify the main Old Threshers activity area of the wearer.

BUTTONS , F R O M P A G E 9

Both of these supplemental buttons are earned for volunteer work at Old Threshers. Old Threshers has never sold these buttons. These supplemental buttons do, on occasion, show up in the secondary market; but collectors must hunt diligently for them. If you are interested in earning either or both of these volunteer buttons, contact

the Old Threshers Office, the first step in becoming involved in Old Threshers' rewarding volunteer service. Updates:

The following charts summarize updated facts about the 2018 Old Threshers Button collection. Be sure to add this important information to the inventory charts in your copy of The Elusive '54, The

Complete Guide to Old Threshers Button Collecting, third edition.



BUTTERFLY GARDENS AT OLD THRESHERS

Several farmers in the state of Iowa have banded together over the last 20 years to help save monarch butterflies from extinction. Iowa is one of 16 states included in a plan to create 7 million acres of habitat for the monarch's migration east of the Rocky Mountains.

Midwest Old Threshers can be included in that initiative. Visitors will notice a small butterfly garden south of the Hazel Grace Pierson Carousel Pavilion as well as one in the Log Village. The dry summer made it a challenge to get the gardens started, but the recent cool weather and intermittent rains have helped.

It is Iowa's vision to create 830,000 acres of butterfly habitat and plant up to 190,000 million new stems of milkweed where monarchs lay their eggs. All told about 1.6 million stems are needed in the Midwest.

The population of monarch butterflies has declined by 80 percent over the past 20 years. The office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees Illinois and Iowa, says that dozens of entities support Iowa's plan. About \$5.3 million in public and private funding is dedicated to this initiative so far.

Editor's Note: Facts for this story came from the Associated Press.

ENGINE PORTRAITS

YEAR	MODEL	OWNER
2018	1917 50 Hp Case	Jacob Nelson, Lockridge, Iowa

MEMBERSHIP/SOUVENIR BUTTONS

DATE	SIZE (Dia.)	OBVERSE COLOR	REVERSE COLOR	PIN TYPE	MARKING	VALUE
2018	55 mm	293 C Blue Black White	Silver	Silver L	-	\$1.00

EARLY BIRD/VOLUNTEER BUTTONS

DATE	SIZE (Dia.)	OBVERSE COLOR	REVERSE COLOR	PIN TYPE	MARKING	VALUE
2018	55 mm	293 C Blue	Silver	Silver L	-	Market, not sold by OT

EXHIBITOR/STAFF BUTTONS

DATE	SIZE (Dia.)	OBVERSE COLOR	REVERSE COLOR	PIN TYPE	MARKING	VALUE
2017	46mm by 71mm	165 C Soft Orange Black White	Silver	Silver L	-	Market, not sold by OT
2018	Likely will be 46mm by 71mm	Likely will be 293C Blue Black White	Likely will be Silver	Likely will be Silver L	Likely will be -	Market, not sold by OT

2018 MISS SWEET 16 PARTICIPANTS

**Samantha Miller
Kingsley, Iowa**

Parents: David Kooiman and Jana Miller



Samantha is active in cheerleading and track. She enjoys reading and writing, traveling, and crocheting. Samantha has been active at Midwest Old Threshers in the tractor registration, camping registration, corn shelling

demonstrations and preparing seating for the concerts. Samantha would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because of the meaning of a Sweet 16, as a passage to early adulthood. She would like to help welcome other girls into this stage of maturity in her life and society.

**Kaitlyn Krabill
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa**

Parents: Sarah and Jarrod Krabill



Kaitlyn is active in soccer and working at a local pizza establishment. Kaitlyn has been active at Midwest Old Threshers in the log village where she helps her grandma sell items in her tent. Kaitlyn has attended Midwest

Old Threshers every year. Kaitlyn would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because ever since she was a little girl she has always looked forward to the reunion as it was one of her favorite times of the year. Kaitlyn would like to follow in her mother's and sister's footsteps by participating in the Miss Sweet 16 contest. She would also like to give back to her kind hearted home and community, Mt Pleasant

**Aicia Bixler
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa**

Parents: Aaron and Michelle Bixler



Aicia is active in the Mt Pleasant trap team, marching band and symphonic band, volunteering at the Thrashers House of Terror. Aicia enjoys drawing, fishing and shooting bows. Aicia has been active at Midwest

Old Threshers in the steam area where she drives a steam engine. She also volunteers on the ground train and information booths during the reunion. In the fall she Volunteers for Midwest Old Thresher's haunted house, Thrashers House of Terror. Aicia would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because she would like to share her love for Midwest Old Threshers. Aicia's sister and mother also were contestants in the Miss Sweet 16 and encouraged her to do it so she could meet new people.

**Madison Campbell
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa**

Parents: Jason and Missy Campbell



Madison is active in the Jefferson Juniors 4H club, showing market beef and volleyball. Madison has been active at Midwest Old Threshers in the Pork Producers tent and helping on the ground train. Madison would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because she wants to encourage other kids like her with learning disabilities that they can be and do anything just like those without disabilities.

**Kenna Smith
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa**

Parents: Jason and Debbie Smith



Kenna is active in volleyball, softball, marching and concert band, silver cord volunteering and student council and 4H. Kenna also enjoys reading, sewing, and swimming. Kenna has been active at

Midwest Old Threshers at the United Methodist Church tent and at the Pork Producers tent. Kenna would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because she has been active on the grounds since she was a young child. She thinks it would be an honor to represent and serve her community as Miss Sweet 16. The contest will help her become more involved in such a great event.

**Lillian Pereira
New London, Iowa**

Parents: Germain and Tiffany Pereira



Lilly is active in the show choir, jazz band, trap shooting and volunteering at the Mt Pleasant Public Library. Lilly enjoys photography, playing the piano, singing, and science. Lilly has been active at

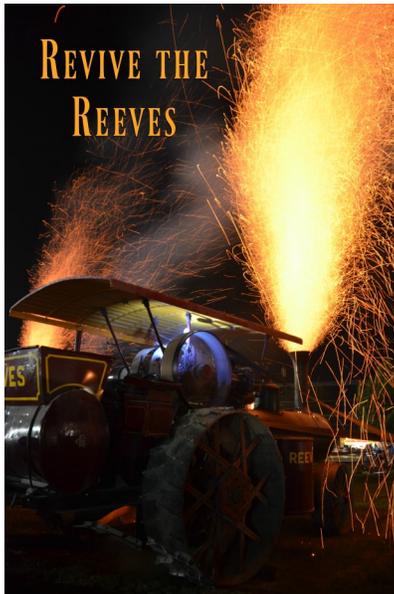
Midwest Old Threshers in performing with the Mt Pleasant Marching Band. Lilly also does some dirty work by helping clean the museums each night of the reunion with the Mt Pleasant trap team. Lilly would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 she would like to get out of her comfort zone and do more to give back. Mount Pleasant is a kind hearted community and I want to do more to make myself a more active member of the community.



Sponsored by Innovairre

Museum B—Northeast Corner
\$200 prizes for 8 blackout BINGO games
Two every afternoon at the 2018 Reunion
Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun

“REVIVE THE REEVES” RAISING MONEY FOR RESTORATION



Midwest Old Threshers is a unique museum in that its collections aren't static. They are working examples of our agricultural heritage.

One of the main attractions is the Reeves Traction Steam Engine #6853. Acquired by the Association in 1972, the 32-132 cross compound Canadian Special is showing her age.

Once the queen of OT pulling competitions, she was sidelined in fear of causing more damage to her already failing gears. Years of plowing virgin sod on the Northern Plains had taken their toll.

Visitors could still watch the flagship engine perform during nightly spark shows until last year when a blown tube

on the first day of the 2017 Reunion sidelined the engine for the duration of the show.

This summer, new tubes were put in and thanks to memorial money and other donations to the Steam Area, both injectors have been replaced. But the engine needs new gears and that is not a cheap or simple project.

The Revive the Reeves Program was started by the team of volunteers that care for the engine and operate it during the Reunion.

More information about donating to this project will be available at the Foundation Room, Steam Headquarters or by talking with its crew at the 2018 Reunion.

NEW BUILDINGS READY FOR 2018 REUNION



The new Campground Operations building received the finishing touch recently as the Old Threshers name stamped into the concrete was stained and sealed. The Fairfield Kiwanis will make this their headquarters as they register campers for the 2018 Reunion. The building is climate controlled and offers indoor plumbing. Both features will be appreciated by volunteers in November and December as they sell tickets to the Mt. Pleasant Festival of Lights. The building was made possible by a starting donation from D.P. Wilson and is in honor of Al and Melinda Husinga for all of the work they do at OT and in the community.

The new multi-purpose building will be home to the Trading Post during the Old Threshers Reunions. In the off-season, it will be used to store the busses and some of the many pieces of machinery and implements owned by the Association.



Miss Sweet 16 celebrates 50 years in 2018. More than 200 alumni will be at the Old Threshers Reunion for a reception in the northeast corner of Museum B from 9-10 a.m. on Reunion Sunday. The crowning will be at the Grandstand on Sunday at 10:30 am.

2018 SWEET 16 PARTICIPANTS

Kallie McQuiggin
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Parents: Laura Ruby and Dave McQuiggin



Kallie is in the ambassadors group at Mt Pleasant High School. Kallie also help at Ruby's Cakes make some delicious desserts. Kallie has been not been an active volunteer at Midwest Old Threshers, but has attended

the reunion since she was a baby. Kallie spent a lot of time at the ticket booth with family friends and helped her Mother when she was a coordinator of the Miss Sweet 16 contest. Kallie would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because she has always be interested in the Sweet 16 girls. She quickly understood when she was little what the contestants mean to Midwest Old Threshers and when she moved here from Dubuque she knew she had to be a part of it.

Paige Stater
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Parents: Darin and Jennifer Stater



Paige is active in the show choir, jazz band, color guard, competition cheer, football and basketball cheer, competition dance and theater. Paige has been active at Midwest Old Threshers in performing

with the Mt Pleasant Marching Band. Paige also volunteers at the Pork Producers, Methodist Church tent and the Presbyterian spaghetti and parking lot. Paige would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because Old Threshers has always been a huge part of her life. She loves meeting the people from all over the world and volunteering at the reunion. From a young age she was inspired by the Sweet 16 contestants and it would be an honor to be a part of this outstanding tradition.

Caroline Richtman
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Parents: Meg and Mike Richtman



Caroline is active in the softball, volleyball and band. Caroline also enjoys boating, organizing, working with kids, watching her siblings play sports, designing and interacting with people. Caroline has

been active at Midwest Old Threshers by volunteering at her church tent. She has also volunteered at the concerts. Caroline would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because Old Threshers because she is very proud of Mt Pleasant and believes that Old Threshers is an essential part to the growth and flourishment of the community as it brings in a lot of tourism which helps boost our economy and would be an horror to be able to represent it all.

Olivia Hiatt
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Parents: Ki Krabill



Olivia is active in the choir. She also enjoys baking and art. Olivia has been a visitor of Midwest Old Threshers, but has not volunteered at the reunion. Olivia would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because it would

be a great way to get involved in things and she could meet new people and make new friends.

Avery Woods
Long Grove, Iowa

Parents: Paula Woods



Avery is active in basketball, golf, trap shooting, service club, student government, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Avery hasn't missed an Old Threshers even though she is not from this area. Each year she comes with her grandparents and visits all her favorite areas. Avery loves riding in the Cavalcade of Power with her great grandfather in his antique car. Avery would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because she would love to represent Midwest Old Threshers and help visitors see how much history there is to enjoy.

Allyson Farley
New London, Iowa

Parents: Carolyn Farley



Allyson is active in cross country and track along with playing the tuba. Allyson has been not been an active volunteer at Midwest Old Threshers but performs with the New London Marching Band.

Allyson would like to be the next Miss Sweet 16 because Old Threshers she would like to interact with different types of people. She loves to volunteer and this is a wonderful opportunity to do so in a unique way.

Sunday, Sept. 2nd 9 am-10:00 am
Northeast Corner of Museum B

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Merlyn Keith Yoder

Merlyn Keith Yoder was born May 3, 1953, in Missouri. He was adopted by Daniel and Kathryn Yoder. He graduated from Iowa Mennonite School. Merlyn has lived in the Parnell and Wellman communities all of his life where he worked as a farm hand. He enjoyed going to the Old Threshers Reunion and displaying his antique gas engines. Merlyn died on May 7, 2018, in rural Parnell at the age of 65 years.

Merlyn is survived by his mother Kathryn Yoder of Wellman; and two sisters - Jackie Hansen of Mediapolis, and Julia Vanley of Wichita, Kansas. He was preceded in death by his father, and his grandparents - Omar and Nettie Yoder, and John and Lizzie Yoder.

A memorial fund has been established for the Wellman Volunteer Fire Department. The Powell Funeral Home in Wellman cared for Merlyn and his family.

Berniece "Bee" Haun

Berniece Haun age 88 of Marion and formerly of Dunkerton passed away May 13, 2018 after a five year battle with dementia. Bee was born October 16, 1929 in Chickasaw County, Iowa the daughter of August and Sophie (Spear) Zell. She attended school in Waterloo. On June 21, 1947 she was united in marriage to Charlie Haun at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank. To this union five children were born, four daughters and one son. Besides being a homemaker and raising five children Bee was always keeping busy outside of her everyday routine such as leading a detasseling crew for 16 years and helping at the church whenever needed. Bee also was a Scout Leader, she volunteered at Mercy Hospital and at the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion in Mount Pleasant. Bee enjoyed playing cribbage, sewing and baking. She loved flowers, collecting spoons and traveling, she traveled to every state in the continental United States by car except for Alaska and she did fly to Hawaii. But most of all, Bee loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Bee is survived by her three daughters; Darlene Farrell of Whittier, IA, Marlene (Ray) Bussey of Roscoe, IL and Lois (Steve) Snyder of Marion, IA, one son; Russell Haun of Rockton, IL, 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Jerry Johnson of Clinton, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one brother, Harold Zell, one daughter, Sharon Bergeron and two great-grandchildren; Jonathan Jarmon at infancy and Gabe Haun.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Thomas M. Boland

Thomas M. "Tom" Boland, 88, of Hannibal, MO passed away peacefully May 25, 2018.

Tom was born on July 14, 1929 in Columbus, Ohio to Frank A. Boland and Mary Murnan Boland.

Tom attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN where he played baseball for the "Fighting Irish" as a catcher. Tom graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in electrical engineering in 1951.

Professionally, Tom began his career with the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, OH in 1951. He then accepted a position with McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis, MO in 1955. With McDonnell Douglass, Tom was an electrical design engineer on the F-4 Phantom Project and a design coordination engineer on the Gemini Two-Man Space Capsule Project.

In 1963, Tom joined the Ford Motor Company in the St. Louis district office. There, he worked as a service representative, customer relations manager, and later as a field sales manager. On July 1, 1968, Tom bought into B&R Ford in Hannibal, located on south Fourth Street. From this date forward, Tom became a fixture of the Hannibal community and surrounding region. Over the course of 49 years, he served as the general manager and president of Tom Boland Ford, and most recently as chairman of the board. Driven with a passion for his community

to succeed and to be prosperous, Tom volunteered countless hours to area boards and organizations including Midwest Old Threshers where he served as director over the Midwest Electric Railway.

Tom was previously married to Mary Jo Koerner on May 24, 1952, who preceded him in death. Tom was later married to Betty Kroeger Ravenscraft on June 29, 1992, on a Monday evening in Ilasco, MO. She also preceded him in death.

Tom is survived by his six children: Kathie B. Pontikes, Ph.D. (Stel) of St. Louis, MO, Michael F. Boland (Linda) of Winnsboro, TX, Mary Glancey (Tom) of Columbus, OH, Bobby Boland (Lynn) of Hannibal, MO, John Ravenscraft (Cindy) of Hannibal, MO, Jill Ravenscraft of St. Louis, MO, son-in-law, Bill Quilling of Palmyra, MO; Tom's companion, Gail Bryant and her daughters, Haley Creasey of Alton, IL, Dani Creasey of Overland Park, KS, and ten grandchildren: Taylor Glancey, Michelle Glancey, Justin Boland (Abbie), Gabbie Wiley, Max Boland, Lydia Boland, Henry Boland, Elizabeth Beguerie, Kane Mudd, and Schyler Losson (fiancé, Amber). Tom was preceded in death by one daughter, Jeri Quilling.

Victor Wenzel

Victor Wenzel died peacefully at the Rosemount Memory Care Facility on June 16, 2018 at the age of 89. Vic was born in Eagan, Minnesota on July 20, 1928 to Albert & Caroline (Haus) Wenzel where he lived and attended grade school. He started high school in Rosemount but quit at the age of 15 to go to work. He worked for local vegetable farmers weeding onions and cleaning barns. His first fulltime job was at Haver Machine Shop in St. Paul making engines for the WWII efforts, and then at American Can Co. Vic enrolled in and graduated from Dunwoody to learn about metal and welding and was later employed at Cargill in Savage, Minnesota welding in the shipyard. He worked at the St. Paul Ford Plant, the University of MN in Rosemount and finally Fischer Construction in Farmington where he traveled building

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roads.

He met Bernice Johnson in 1949 and they married on September 1, 1951 and started their own company called Vic's Arc & Gas Welding. In the mid 50's three daughters were born to Vic and Bernice; Carolyn, Conny and Christine.

Vic was known for his collection of steam engines, tractors, cars and trucks. He could never resist an auction.

He is preceded in death by his parents Albert and Caroline, and his two brothers, Lawrence and Wayne. He leaves behind his loving wife of 67 years, Bernice; three daughters: Carolyn (Mark) Hickman of Hulett, WY, Conny (Craig) Mahoney of Rosemount, MN, Christine Wenzel of Marenisco, MI.; grandchildren: Belinda (Adrian) McClellan, Melissa Hickman, Sadie (Tyler) McCombs, Savannah Hickman, Josh (Vanessa) Horsch and Jacy Mahoney; great-grandchildren: Scarlett, Keller, & Conner and Madison & Natalie. Those who desire may make memorial donations in memory of Vic to the charity of your choice or to Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

Bill Brickey

Bill Brickey, 75, of Mt. Pleasant, June 19, 2018 at the Great River Hospice House, West Burlington, after a brief battle with glioblastoma.

William Raymond "Bill" Brickey was born December 1, 1942 in Stockport, IA. He was the son of Raymond Walter and Katherine Mary (Harris) Brickey. The eldest of 3 children, Bill grew up on the family farm with his sister Jane Brickey and brother John Brickey. Bill loved to work on cars and, as a youngster, would tinker with anything and everything, always fascinated by figuring out how things work. At 13, he built his first vehicle, affectionately called the "creek rod", using tractor and car parts. During high school, Bill had a space in the Stockport Grocery Store where he repaired radios and televisions. Bill graduated from Stockport High School in 1960.

For 2 years after graduation, Bill worked on the wheat harvest, traveling in western states. On June 17, 1962 at the Big Mound Methodist Church in Lee County, Bill was

united in marriage to Dorothy Rose Wallingford.

Bill's longtime full-time career as a mechanic began at the John Deere Dealership in Stockport. He then worked for Parson's Chevrolet in Keosauqua, Courtney's Garage and Lowden Machinery, both in Fairfield. He moved to Mt. Pleasant and, in 1965, opened his own business, Bill's Phillips 66 Service Station on Washington St. in Mt. Pleasant. In 1992, the business moved to N. Walnut St. and became Bill's Auto Service where he continued doing the job he loved until his illness began in January 2018.

A lifelong owner of classic cars, Bill was involved with the Southeast Iowa Antique Automobile Club and other clubs for many years. He enjoyed driving and displaying his 1929 Model A and 1939 Ford truck at the Midwest Old Threshers Reunion. He also restored and proudly displayed his 1957 Ford Thunderbird for several decades, including once driving it at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Those thankful for sharing in Bill's life include his loving wife of 56 years, Dorothy of Mt. Pleasant; Three children and their spouses – Robert & Laurie Brickey of Robins, IA, Susan & Dean Sammons of Rome, IA and Deborah & Chris Owens of Herndon, VA; a sister, Jane Brickey of Des Moines; Six grandchildren, – Grace & Chelsea Sammons, Salena & Ian Brickey and Liam & Garrett Owens; a niece and nephew, Jessica & Jason Brickey. Bill was anticipating the birth of his first great granddaughter in September.

His parents and a brother – John Brickey, precede Bill in death.

Those considering an expression of sympathy may, in lieu of flowers, direct memorials to the Great River Hospice House. Online condolences may be directed to www.kimzeyfuneralhome.com

Virginia Kinney

Virginia Kinney, age 88 formerly of Columbus Junction, died July 4, 2018, at Sunrise Terrace Care Center in Winfield. The daughter of Isaac "Ike" and Gladys (Dempsey) Thacker, she was born August 18, 1929, in Burlington. On August 18, 1956, she married Leroy "Jiggs" Kinney at

Nashua, Iowa; he died June 6, 2006. She graduated from high school and attended Parsons College for a teaching degree. She taught at Wyman and later Winfield. She was a member of the Belgian Draft Horse Association.

Survivors include one niece Lori Shultz of Winfield; a great niece and great nephew. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother Dick Thacker. Virginia volunteered in the North Village and in the Horse Area. A general memorial has been established.

Thomas William Sater

Thomas William Sater, 69, of Mt. Pleasant, died July 27, 2018 at Savannah Heights in Mt. Pleasant. He was born January 20, 1949 in Mt. Pleasant to William O. and Helen E. (Warth) Sater.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant. He was a 1967 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and received his bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at the School of Associated Fine Arts in St. Paul, MN.

Tom worked at Marshall Fields in Chicago for 35 years in the Fine Arts Department. He had an artist's eye and paid attention to every detail; He was a people person who enjoyed cooking and entertaining, collecting antiques, Heisey glass and sterling silver. He loved helping others. He traveled the world and especially loved Paris. He attended every Old Threshers and enjoyed working there.

He is survived by two nieces, Charlyce (Jeff) Ruth of Rogersville, MO and Lisa Sater Gately of Vancouver, WA; one great niece, Hailey Gately, one great nephew Wyatt Gately, a brother in law, Jon G. "Jack" Pugh of Greenfield, MO and a multitude of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Mary Ellen Pugh.

Memorials have been established for First Presbyterian Church, Midwest Old Threshers and Dover Museum in New London.

2018 EVENTS

August 30-September 3—2018 Old Threshers Reunion

Sept 12-15—Printers' Fair

October 12&13, 19&20, 26&27—Midwest Haunted Rails

October 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 25-27 & 31—Thrashers House of Terror

November 25-26, December 2-3, 9-10—North Pole Express—Tickets go on sale November 1st (www.mcrr.org)

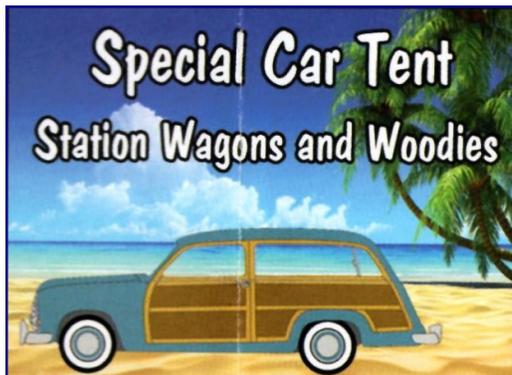
November 15-18, 22-25, 29-30 December 1-2, 6-9, 12-31—Festival of Lights



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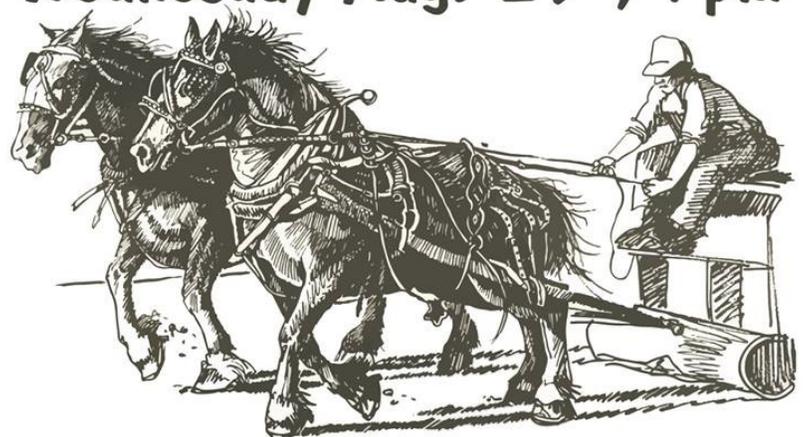
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 **bear hollow**
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 4 Shows Thur. - Sun. & 2 Shows Mon.
 West of the Paul Anderson Welcome Center

**Don Carlson Memorial
Horse Pull**
 Wednesday Aug. 29th, 7pm



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