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**Padre says:**

*“Why are farmers respected?”*

*“Because they are out standing in their field.”*

**Ag Heritage Park At Alta Vista Plans Spring Crank Up Tractor Show April 20**

“Old iron enthusiasts” are getting “cranked up” for the Spring Crank Up Tractor Show Saturday, April 20, at Ag Heritage Park on the south edge of Alta Vista.

“We welcome all tractor owners, individuals or dealers, with antique or new tractors, as well as other equipment and engines, to display for the day,” invited Connie Larson, president of the Park Board of Directors.



Hazel Zimmerman, a director who started Ag Heritage Park with her late husband Everett Zimmerman, is shown with Larson, her daughter, working on logistics for the day's activities.

Advertised and promoted heavily on 580 WIBW, the tractor show is scheduled from 10 a.m., to 4 p.m., with a “Parade of Power Cruise” through downtown Alta Vista at 9:30. There is no pre-registration required, and no registration fees will be charged.

Additional features have been planned throughout the day with Ron Schultz and Friends “jamming” bluegrass and gospel music at 11 o'clock. There will also be a special barn quilt block seminar, sponsored by the Kansas Flint Hills Quilt Trail, from 11 o'clock to 3 in the afternoon.

“Experienced quilt artists Sue Hageman of Riley and Susan Kesl of Milford will be on hand to share sample barn blocks and pattern materials,” Larson pointed out. “Ag Heritage Park’s main museum building sports two barn quilt blocks painted by Susan Kesl.”

The Alta Vista Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a biscuit and gravy breakfast in historic downtown Alta Vista from 7 to 10 in the morning. Lunch, snacks and drinks are to be available all day at Ag Heritage Park.

“In addition to the tractor show, Ag Heritage Park visitors are invited to ‘step back in time’ and tour the 40 tractors on display in the park, ranging in age from 1918 to 1960,” Larson said. “The park also features a large exhibit of horse drawn equipment, as well as other farm machinery dated from the 1800s through the mid-1960s.”

There is an 1885-era one-room school house, a two-room farm home, and a log cabin, along with other farm outbuildings. Two large museum facilities highlight vintage farm household items, miscellaneous farm memorabilia and a wide assortment of farmers’ tools.

“Ag Heritage Park offers educational and entertaining interest for young and old, male or female, and any age group. Admission to the park is a donation for park upkeep and maintenance,” Larson commented.

Information is available for the Spring Crank Up Tractor Show, and to schedule individual visits or bus tours to Ag Heritage Park on future dates, by contacting Larson, 785-532-8393, or visiting [agheritagepark.com](http://agheritagepark.com).

