

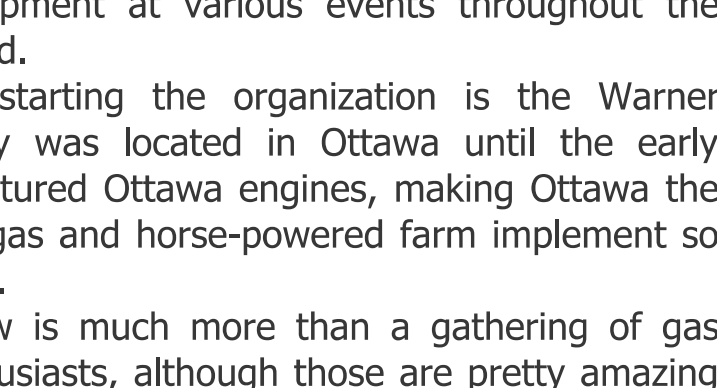
Power Of The Past Antique Engine And Tractor Show Turns Back Pages At Ottawa

"The way farming used to be"

That's the 22nd annual Power of the Past Antique Engine And Tractor Show Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10-11, at Forest park at 302 North Locust in Ottawa, announced Bob Stevanus, official of the Power of the Past Antique Engine and Tractor Association.

"The group started as a gathering of a handful of antique engine and tractor buffs in 1995, with nine members, and Lewis Reed as our first president. Through the years, we have grown to nearly 400 members," said Stevanus, adding that the Franklin County Convention and Visitor's Bureau is cosponsoring the show along with the association.

"Our organization's mission is to preserve the past, bring back the memories of days gone by, and create a learning experience for younger generations through



The Parade of Power... daily at 2 o'clock... is only one of many attractions planned for the 22nd annual Power of the Past Antique Engine & Tractor Show at Ottawa, September 9-10-11.

demonstrations of equipment at various events throughout the year," the enthusiast said.

"One reason for starting the organization is the Warner Manufacturing Company was located in Ottawa until the early 1950s. Warner manufactured Ottawa engines, making Ottawa the perfect site to see the gas and horse-powered farm implement so the past," Stevanus said.

"However, this show is much more than a gathering of gas engine and tractor enthusiasts, although those are pretty amazing when all of the engines are chugging at once," he added.

"With the passage of time, many of our younger generation have never seen or experienced farm life in its heyday. We're creating a learning experience from this event, where the future meets the past," Stevanus continued.

"We say to senior citizens in our community, come out and see the farm equipment of your youth. To the younger generation we say, observe an experience of a 'pre-computer' age. Everyone should see the Power of the Past," Stevanus assured.

The big show has been advertised and promoted heavily on WIBW, Country Legends 106.9, The BIG 94.5 Country, WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Agriculture Network.

This year will feature Oliver Hart-Parr tractors and Fairbanks Morse engines. There will be a drawing to giveaway an Oliver Model 70 tractor.

"Transportation is to be provided for those with problems walking, but there will be no RV hookups available, and no alcohol is allowed in the park," Stevanus noted.

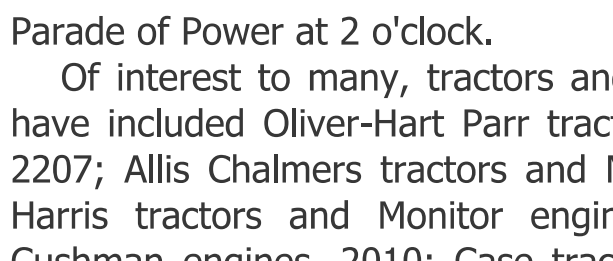
Kickoff is breakfast Friday morning Sept. 9, with the national anthem at 8 o'clock, with the same early morning schedule planned for all three days.

Likewise daily attractions from 10 o'clock to dusk are live music, threshing, horse drawn rides, antique saw demonstrations, rock crushing, hay baling, feed grinding, soap making, saw mill, rope making, operating cider press, homemade ice cream and much more.

Highlight for many is the Parade of Power every day at 2 o'clock, featuring tractors and engines paraded around the show grounds.

There'll be a free ham and bean supper Friday starting at 4 o'clock until gone,

A kiddie tractor pull is Saturday morning at 9:30, and there'll be a fund raising auction of donated merchandise beginning at 10:30.



An Oliver Model 70 tractor will be given away in a special drawing concluding the 22nd annual Power of the Past Antique Engine & Tractor Show at Ottawa, September 9-10-11.

Church begins at 8:30 Sunday morning with wrap-up of the three days after the

Parade of Power at 2 o'clock.

Of interest to many, tractors and engines featured in the past have included Oliver-Hart Parr tractors, Fairbanks Morse engines, 2207; Allis Chalmers tractors and Maytag engines, 2008; Massey Harris tractors and Monitor engines, 2009; Ford tractors and Cushman engines, 2010; Case tractors and Witte engines, 2011; Minneapolis Moline tractors and Ottawa engines, 2012; International Harvester Company tractors and engines, 2013; John Deere tractors and engines, 2014; and Orphans and lesser known tractors and engines last year.

Upcoming shows are to feature Gathering of the Orange Allis Chalmers National Show and Maytag engines, 2017; Massey Harris/Ferguson tractors and Monitor engines, 2018; Ford tractors and Cushman engines, 2019; Case tractors and Witte engines, 2020; Minneapolis Moline tractors and Ottawa engines, 2021; and IHC tractors and engines, 2022.

Details are available at www.powerofthepast.net, and www.visitottawakansas.com.

Old Albany Days Bring Nemaha County Farming Community Back To Life

"Albany is still alive."

Well, at least in a sense of the definition, but certainly Albany, the small once-incorporated community just two miles north of Sabetha in Nemaha County, will be lively with excitement this weekend.

"It's time for the 50th annual Old Albany Days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th, at the Albany Museum, right where the community was a century-and-a-half ago," announced Travis McCoy, official of the Albany Historical Society, which coordinates the annual affair.

Based on past years, Albany will be full of folks from many miles around. Population of Albany for those three days will swell many times the number who ever lived there in its best heyday.

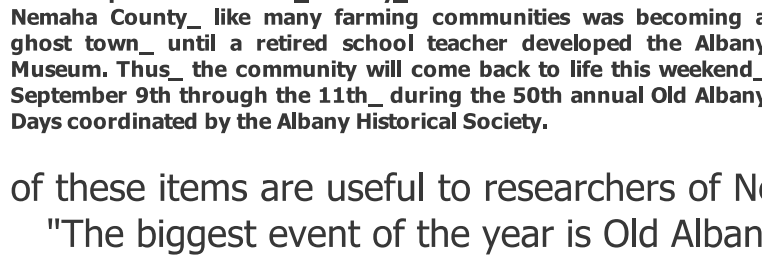
Of special significance, although little exact information has been recorded, Albany, founded in 1857, served as a station on the Underground Railroad.

However, in the mid part of the last century, the rural farming community was rapidly becoming a ghost town when a retired school teacher was inspired to develop the Albany Historical Museum.

It began with two buildings in the community: the 1867 Albany School and the Waggner house, built in the 1800s.

"In July 1965, the school and grounds were acquired by the then newly formed Albany Historical Society. Members donated most of the labor in restoring the buildings," according to McCoy.

Over the past half century, several other buildings have been built or moved to the site. There are two more school buildings, a log cabin, post office, blacksmith shop, print shop, a train depot and two retired train caboose sit nearby.



Incorporated in 1857, Albany, two miles north of Sabetha in Nemaha County, like many farming communities was becoming a ghost town... until a retired school teacher developed the Albany Museum. Thus, the community will come back to life this weekend, September 9th through the 11th, during the 50th annual Old Albany Days coordinated by the Albany Historical Society.

"We have 16 buildings total, including a 1860s settler's dugout recently constructed by volunteers," McCoy said.

There is also a large collection of local artifacts, farm machinery and old automobiles. Many

of these items are useful to researchers of Nemaha County history.

"The biggest event of the year is Old Albany Days, and we'll have food, farm equipment demonstrations including some horse drawn equipment powered by horses, kids activities, a quilt show, antique tractor pull, garden tractor pull, antique gasoline engines, model steam engines, parade, flea market, train rides and musical entertainment among many other special activities," McCoy related.

Advertised and promoted heavily on WIBW, Country Legends, The BIG 94.5 Country, WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Agriculture Network, Old Albany Days' kickoff event is the Albany Benefit Tractor Fun Cruise Friday, Sept. 19, beginning at 3 o'clock, and there'll be a carry in supper about 6:30.

Of course, museum buildings will be open for Old Albany Days, and among the demonstrations each day are corn shelling and grinding, wheat threshing, apple cider pressing, soap making, operating saw mill and a Dutch oven cooking presentation.

In addition to the quilt show, the Sabetha Fiber Arts Club plans wool spinning, tatting, knitting, crocheting and other unique home tasks of yesteryear.

Entries are still open to vendors for the flea market throughout the event, with information available by calling 785-284-3446.

Saturday's garden tractor pull is at 11 o'clock, and the antique tractor pull gets under way at 1 o'clock, with entries to open to everyone and all welcomed. The big parade is set to start at 1 o'clock, with a wide assortment of entries anticipated from many miles around.

Good eating is always a highlight of Old Albany Days, and the "cook shack will benefit the Albany Museum," McCoy emphasized.

The kids' activity center and horse team demonstrations are nearby.

Entertainment begins Saturday at 3 o'clock, featuring a historical pageant presented by local museum volunteers, high school students and teachers. Supper will be served at the cook shack following the pageant.

Church services are Sunday, Sept. 11, at 10:30, with the Dragway Hotwheels Racing, the last race of the season, beginning at 1:30.

"We welcome everybody to come to Albany during the 50th annual Old Albany Days. There'll be electric hookups for campers, but no motorized vehicles will be allowed on the grounds during the show except for those used by handicapped," McCoy said.

McCoy can be called for additional information at 785-294-1756.

Wildlife Appreciation And Conservation Days Educational, Fun Attraction For All

"Let's get these kids off the couch and outdoors."

That's Bruce Burenheide, longtime management at Bluestem Farm & Ranch in Emporia, encouraging and inviting children of all ages, even those most mature often over-exercising rocking chairs, to participate in the 14th annual Wildlife Appreciation and Conservation Days, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9-10, hosted by the business serving the Flint Hills for more than 55 years.

"We work to make this an educational and fun day for everybody and especially the children, who often just don't know, understand and appreciate the entire wonderful outdoors, especially the rich bottom land and world renowned native grassland Flint Hills," Burenheide emphasized.

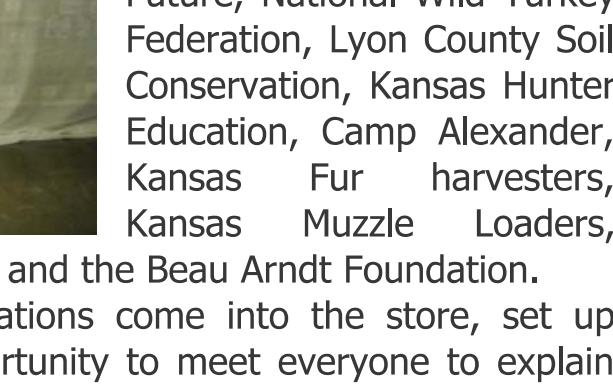
The event has been advertised and promoted heavily on WIBW, Country Legends 106.9, The BIG 94.5 Country, WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Agriculture Network. Bluestem Farm & Ranch at Emporia has been continuously advertising on WIBW since the grand opening five-and-a-half decades ago.



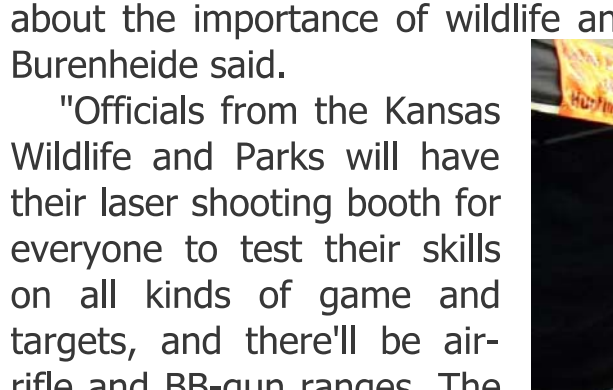
Groups planning displays this year include Ducks Unlimited, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Fishing's Future, National Wild Turkey Federation, Lyon County Soil Conservation, Kansas Hunter Education, Camp Alexander, Kansas Fur harvesters, Kansas Muzzle Loaders, Kansas State Rifle Association, and the Beau Arndt Foundation.

"These important organizations come into the store, set up booths and welcome an opportunity to meet everyone to explain about the importance of wildlife and conservation to the region," Burenheide said.

"Officials from the Kansas Wildlife and Parks will have their laser shooting booth for everyone to test their skills on all kinds of game and targets, and there'll be air-rifle and BB-gun ranges. The Kansas Bow Hunters will also have their archery shooting range here," said Burenheide.



There will be representatives from several manufacturers who offer products in the store's sporting goods department. Some of these are knives, guns, archery, wild game and waterfowl calls, storage cabinets, outer ware, ammunition and the like.



Gas-fueled grills are to be set up outdoors for a hot dog stand with beef and beans for brunch, dinner, or early supper. "All proceeds from the stand will be divided among the conservation groups," Burenheide related.

There will be drawings for prizes, with the grand prize being a Henry rifle, Burenheide stated.

Information can be found at www.bluestemfarmandranch.com.

Padre Says:

"Life is rarely exactly as we would like it to be. Instead, life is exactly as it is."

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