

Hayloft News



Menno Pioneer Power Show Sept. 20 -21

Attention Exhibitors, Vendors and Workers

Appreciation BBQ: Friday, Sept. 19th at 6PM in the Holm Building. This change is to allow the tractor pull workers to attend the event. We are hoping that exhibitors will arrive earlier on Friday and register before the BBQ. Workers will need to check in upon arriving at the BBQ.

Rock and Roll live music by the **Funky Laidback Boys**
Dance and party with us from 6 to 9PM!!

Menu – hamburgers, chips, beans, cookies, pop and water.

Exhibitors – come to BBQ even if you arrived too late to register.

School Tours - Thursday morning, Sept. 18th

About 200 area students will be attending. Exhibitors are welcome to attend this event and show their exhibit, display or demonstration. The tours are 9-Noon.

Upcoming Workdays

Saturday, Sept 6 - 9AM until done – operating the sawmill to cut lumber needed for the petting zoo building. We need about 15 volunteers to do this work.

Week of September 8 -12 – mowing, trimming of entire grounds, mow parking lot layout, place tractor yard signs, flea market layouts.

Saturday, September 13 starting at 8:30AM – Remove tractors and equipment from Craft and Gas Engine Buildings. Place them in proper locations.

Monday, September 22 starting at 8:30 AM – Clean up the grounds and store all the equipment.

Please give us a hand.

More Information at www.pioneeracres.org

Facebook – [Menno Pioneer Power Show](#)

A quote from an unknown person at Western Minnesota Steam Threshers Reunion.

"If I have a month to get ready for the show, it will take a month. If I have a week, it will take a week!"

Check list for Exhibitors, Vendors, and Campers

- **Thank you for helping make this show possible!**
- Call ahead if you have special needs.
- Use the **north gate** to enter the grounds. No main gate vehicle access will be permitted on Saturday or Sunday. Personnel will be on hand to assist you. Gate opens at 7:30.
- After you have unloaded, please **promptly** park your pickup/trailer in designated area north of the loading dock. Space is limited so please park close. The area south of the Church is for tractor pull staging only.
- Car and truck exhibits will be displayed north of the Ferris Wheel Building. The feature tractors will be north of the car and truck exhibits.
- Please **DO NOT** leave vehicles and equipment in the fire or driving lanes. It is important to keep these open for emergency vehicles.
- Think when parking to avoid boxing anyone in.
- **DO NOT PARK ON THE GROUNDS-USE THE PARKING LOTS**
KEEP THE GROUNDS LOOKING HISTORIC
- All operators need a valid driver's license. Supervise kids.
- After you have set up and are parked, please register. Enter **all** the information on the registration cards.
- The appreciation BBQ will be in the Holm Building. It is sponsored by Menno State Bank.
- **BE SAFE** and have fun!
- Do not park trailers in visitor parking.

Note to campers

- Dry camping only
- Designated camp area is south of the creek, bring extra blocks the terrain is challenging.
- Do not block the view of the Unity Church with your camper!
- Do not camp in the field south of the Church. Tractor Pull staging area only.
- Stay close to your neighbors - space is limited
- Campers who are not exhibiting or working must pay **\$20 admission** per adult for the two days.

General Notes

ALL DOGS MUST BE LEASHED

- Please clean up after your pets
- Owners with dogs not leashed or acting aggressively will be asked to remove them from the grounds

Recreational Vehicle Policy

- Please see Exhibitor Registration to obtain a **permit** or on Saturday and Sunday, see Paula at the main gate for your permit. See the regulation on the web page – www.pioneeracres.org
- All exhibitors and workers must meet the criteria and obtain a permit from registration.

Tractor Pull and Mini Rod Pull

- Pullers, please use south gate and park all trailers south of the Unity Church. **DO NOT** park trailers in the visitor parking lot.

Spread the Word

The south gate will be restricted to campers, tractor pulling vehicles and permitted recreational vehicles.

Pedestrian visitors may also pay and enter the south gate.

Remember the south field is for tractor pullers.

Projects Remaining

Log cabin chinking, rebuild red schoolhouse windows, windows for flour mill, clean and organize east fence line, new fence along the road, ADA ramp for ladies building, move and restore little house, remove scrap iron, small painting projects, facelift for west side of the church.

Nothing Happens Without Volunteers

Again, a special thank you to Mike Walter for mowing virtually all the grass this summer. He has spent several hours each week and has kept up well. He keeps Pioneer Acres looking good all the time.

Also, a special thanks to Jordan Helma for upgrading the loading dock, Jacob Schmidt and Dustin Walz for chairing the sound system project, fencing and fence line clean up. Darren Walz excavated a new burn pit and assisted with the speaker project.

These guys did a lot of work, but they could have done a lot more with more volunteers. All these jobs are big, and they are a lot bigger when no one shows up to help.

The MPHA strives to do great things for the community and area. Everything we add to the show adds to the growth of the show and the impact on our communities.

Financial Support

The MPHA board of directors, along with support from the membership of the organization, has committed to the following projects:

Petting Zoo Building – this 26 x 56 building will be constructed next to the log cabin and small house. To maintain the integrity of the historic area of the grounds the zoo will be built using vertical wood lap siding cut in the sawmill with a wood shingle roof. The proposed budget including infrastructure is estimated at \$40,000. The fund currently has \$5450.

Pioneer Acres Cultural Center – This 60 x 100 steel clad, environmental controlled, building would be located at the main entrance. It will have an entry lobby, archive room/meeting room, exhibit work area, public restrooms and a large display. This addition would allow the MPHA to conduct operations year-round. It will be the entrance building for the show and house numerous large exhibits and exhibits currently in storage. Estimated cost is \$325,000. Current funding is \$55,450.

Unity Lutheran Church – This is an ongoing fund dedicated to preserving the church. Painting and repairs are expensive. Currently a great deal of repair is needed on the west end of the church. The fund currently contains \$1318.

Forklift or Skid Steer - Currently \$2500 funded.

Other worthy projects remain unfunded. Some of these are: Expansion of the picnic shelter, expansion of the open front building, heated shop building and others.

Contact Judy Headley during the show at the Red Cross Bldg.

2025 Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 20:

7:30	Gate opens
8:00	Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast – MPHA Kitchen
8:00	Exhibitor & Volunteer Registration
9:00	Scotland Highlander Quilt Guild Display - Holm Building
9:00	Flea Market, Toy Show, Steam Building Exhibits, Ladies Building, Flour Mill & Farm Emporium
10:00 – Noon	Musical Entertainment - Holm Building Stage
10:00	Children's Rides & Mini Golf Open
10:30 - Noon	Corn Shelling & Shredding, Hay Loading & Baling, Steam Threshing, Steam Engine Plowing; Sawmill Start-up
Noon	Tractor & Car Parade (rides close during parade)
1:30 - 5:00	Musical Entertainment - Holm Building Stage
2:30	Money in the Sand Pile (toddler to age 10)
2:00-3:30	Corn Shelling & Shredding, Hay Loading & Baling, Steam Threshing, Steam Plowing; Sawmill
3:00	Antique Tractor Pull
5:00	Great Plains Tractor and Pickup Pull
	Tractor Pull Finale -Steam Engine Spark Show

Sunday, September 21:

7:30	Gate Opens
7:30 - 1:00	Pancake Breakfast/Lunch – Menno Community Club
8:30	Exhibitors/Workers Church Service
9:00	Scotland Highlander Quilt Guild Display – Holm Building
9:00	Flea Market, Toy Show, Steam Building Exhibits, Ladies Building, & Farm Emporium
11:00	Children's Rides & Mini Golf
11:30 -2:30	Corn Shelling & Shredding, Hay Loading & Baling, Steam Threshing, Steam Plowing, & Sawmill
Noon	Mini Rod Pull
12:30	Ladies Nail-Driving Contest - by Menno Lumber Co.
1:15	Children's Pedal Pull
1:45	Bale Throwing Contest
3:00	Tractor & Car Parade (rides closed during parade)
After Parade	Freedom, 50/50, Collector Toy Tractor Drawing
All Times approximate ... and subject to change ... see specific areas for exact times...	

Thank you for understanding and enjoy your time with us!