

Hayloft News



Summer 2024 Update

Projects of the Year

We have a new web page. www.pioneeracres.org. The old page pioneeracres.com has been taken down. Thank you, Lee Friesen, for years of maintaining the old site. Crystal Mensch and Dawn Walz developed the new site. Crystal continues to add to and develop the new site.

Dawn Walz is managing our Facebook and Instagram pages – [Menno Pioneer Power Show](#). She posts frequently and it is a great source to keep up with the MPHA activities.

The two-story administration building got a huge exterior face lift - siding and trim repair, paint, and new steps.

Unity Church received a new marquee and entrance was rebuilt.

Bridge deck got a full overhaul following the flood.

Holm Building constructed and made ready for the show.

Moved and took possession of the Holm collection.

The barn got LED lights installed and curtains.

Steam building received LED lighting throughout and a new air system.

New fencing by north gate.

Tons of clerical work for the organization and Show.

Projects Remaining:

Refurbish east side of the Log Cabin, rebuild red schoolhouse windows, replace south half of red barn roof and replace concrete approaches, windows for flour mill, clean and organize east fence, new fence along the road, ADA ramp for ladies building, move and restore little house, remove scrap iron, small painting projects.

Check list for Exhibitors, Vendors, and Campers

- **Thank you for helping make this show possible!**
- Call ahead if you have special needs
- **Big Change:** Use the **north gate** to enter the grounds. No main gate vehicle access will be permitted during Saturday or Sunday. Personnel will be on hand to assist you.
- After you have unloaded, please park your pickup/trailer in designated areas south of the Church or north of the loading dock (long vehicles). Space is limited so please park close.
- Car and Trucks on display will be relocated to north of the Ferris Wheel Building. The feature tractors will be north of the cars and trucks.
- 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 and pick up your BBQ tickets. Enter all the information on the registration cards.
- The appreciation BBQ will be in the Holm Building. It is sponsored by Menno State Bank. **Please do not bring desserts to the BBQ.**
- BE SAFE and have fun!

Note to campers

- Dry camping only
- Designated camp area is south of the creek
- Please do not block the view of the Church with your camper!
- Please do not block the South Gate and only use the cul-de-sac entrance to the adjacent field.
- 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 pets must be leashed at all times**
 - Please clean up after your pets
 - Owners with pets not leashed or acting aggressive will be asked to remove them from the grounds
- **Recreational Vehicle Policy.** Please see Exhibitor Registration to obtain a qualified Permit.
 - 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 church. DO NOT park in the general parking

Upcoming workdays

Week of September 9th-13th – mowing, trimming of entire grounds, mow parking lot layout, place tractor yard signs, flea market layouts.

Saturday, September 14th starting at 8:30AM – Remove tractors and equipment from Craft and Gas Engine Buildings. Place them in proper locations.

Menno Pioneer Power Show September 21 & 22, 2024

Volunteering at Pioneer Acres and Menno Pioneer Power Show

We have had several committee chairpersons retire in the past year. These committee leaders are essential for the management and operation of the show. New leaders this year are: MPHA concessions: Roberta Stoebner, Joyce Diede, and Connie Kirschenmann; Unity Church and Historic Building show staff: Del and Denise Mutschelknaus; Flea Market and Crafts: Darrel Guthmiller with Susie Martin and Bob Rieman; Musical Entertainment Director: Dan Flyger; Golf Carts: Dianne Schaeffer Kaldun; Souvenir Booklet: Judy Headley and Dave Mensch.

Most of these chairpersons have come on board very recently. Each of them stepped up to help the show in a time of need. Some of them got a late start filling worker positions and still need staff people. If they call, please give them every consideration. I also want to give special recognition to Mike Walter. He has volunteered to do all the mowing and a lot of trimming this summer. He has kept the grounds looking very neat and tidy. He has by far logged the most volunteer hours.

As the show grows and the grounds continue to develop, we need more and more volunteers to manage both the grounds and the show. The Menno Community has been ever so dedicated to helping us succeed. But our human resources are taxed to the limit. Would you faithful exhibitors please consider helping us at the show? A volunteer sign up for future years will be available at registration.

2024 Schedule of Events

Saturday, September 21:

7:30 Gate opens
8:00 Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast – MPHA Kitchen
8:00 Exhibitor & Volunteer Registration
9:00 Flea Market, Toy Show, Steam Building Exhibits, Ladies Building & Farm Emporium
10:00-12:00 Musical Entertainment in the Holm Building
10:30 – 12:00 Corn Shelling & Shredding, Hay Loading & Baling, Steam Threshing, Steam Engine Plowing; Sawmill Start-up
10:00 Children's Rides & Mini Golf
Noon Tractor & Car Parade (rides close during parade)
1:30-5:00 Musical Entertainment in the Holm Building
1:30-2:30 IHCC Chapter 21 meeting in the Steam Building.
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 Tractor & Pickup Pull
8:00 - 8:30 (dark) Steam Engine Spark Show (weather permitting) (free admission)

Sunday, September 22:

7:30-1:00 Pancake Breakfast/Lunch – Menno Community Club
8:30 Exhibitors/Workers Church Service
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
1:15 Children's Pedal Pull
1:45 Bale Throwing Contest
3:00 Tractor & Car Parade (rides closed during parade)
Following Parade - Freedom, 50/50, Farmall Super H Drawing, Straw Bale Auction
All Times approximate ... and subject to change ... See specific areas for exact times... Thank you for understanding and enjoy your time with us!