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Starting the Tractor Day Parade, which took place last Saturday, each year is the organizer of the event (pictured here) Roy Ostenaar. With the help of Steve Urness, who organizes the tractor pull, they offer the community a fun filled day with friend and family. Look for full coverage of McIntosh Tractor Day next week in the McIntosh Times.

Library Fall Book Sale Sept. 18th - 24th

The McIntosh Public Library will offer a sale of gently used and new books this fall. The public is encouraged to stop by to browse for bargains and support their local library. All funds raised will stay local to support adult and children's programming at the McIntosh Public Library.

The Book Sale will be held at the McIntosh Public Library, 115 Broadway NW on the following dates:

September 18 from 10 AM - 1 PM; September 20 from 10 AM - 3 PM; September 21 from 4 PM - 7 PM; September 22 from 12 PM - 5 PM; September 23 from 4 PM - 7 PM; September 24 from 12 PM - 5 PM



Dean Strom became a spectator this year after many years of participating in the McIntosh Tractor Parade as well as the Tractor Pull that follows. His tractor didn't start Saturday morning leaving him without wheels for the day. He enjoyed it, nonetheless, from the sidelines.



Dan Salvhus, with his wife Mary after receiving a Quilt of Valor during the Independence Day gathering at the Dierkes farm.

Why Labor Day is worth celebrating

Labor Day weekend is much-anticipated. Many people look forward to Labor Day weekend because it offers one last extended break to enjoy summer weather. Though summer does not officially end until September is nearly over, for many people Labor Day, which is celebrated annually on the first Monday in September, marks the unofficial end of summer.

But Labor Day is more than just one final chance to embrace the relaxed vibe of summer and soak up some rays. In fact, Labor Day boasts a unique history that's worth celebrating for a variety of reasons.

What is Labor Day?

The United States Department of Labor notes that Labor Day is a celebration of American workers that dates back to the 19th century. The day is meant to commemorate the contributions workers in the United States have made to the nation, helping to make it one of the strongest and most prosperous countries in the world.

Who came up with the idea of Labor Day?

Despite the fact that municipal legislation surrounding Labor Day was initially introduced in the 1880s, debate remains as to just who should be credited with proposing a day to honor American workers. Some records suggest that Peter J. McGuire, who served as general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and cofounded the American Federation of Labor, deserves the credit for Labor Day. However, the Department of Labor notes that many people believe a machin-

ist named Matthew Maguire (no relation to Peter) was the first to propose a holiday honoring workers in 1882. At that time Maguire was serving as secretary of New York's Central Labor Union, which later adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic. The first Labor Day was ultimately celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in accordance with the plans made by the Central Labor Union, which strongly

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We will be closed Monday, September 6th

in observance of

LABOR DAY

Enjoy the day with your family and friends!

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Joel Strom, Dan Salvhus, Roy Ostenaar and Kollin Ferden each received a quilt as a thank you for their service in the armed forces. These hand made quilts were presented at Dan and Darlene Dierkes on Saturday, July 3rd during their reading of the Declaration of Independence. The quilts were presented by members, Lois Boehrsen and Connie Strom, of East Polk County Quilters (formally known as East Polk Quilts of Valor).

A 1907 Patent for threshing machine improvements from Mac businessman Albert Bakken

Just after the turn of the century Albert Bakken was a business operator of a machine shop in the building later used by Ole Pearson for a Variety Store (Then becoming the Hartz Grocery Store).

In 1904 Bakken, along with his hired man, Andrew Peterson, constructed the largest threshing machine in this part of the country. It was built inside the shop and getting it out meant removing the entire front of the building.

S.H. Drew of the Bank of McIntosh owned their building. Bakken and Peterson convinced him that the old storefront was needing to be replaced anyway, and should be torn away.

The front of the shop was taken off and the machine rolled out to the site of its first job, a field located where the old McIntosh High School stands now.

Peterson rebuilt the front of the building and everyone was happy.

The threshing machine required twelve teams hauling the grain and six men pitching bundle onto the conveyor belt to keep it going at top speed.

Mr. Bakken was hired that fall by the Maple Bay Blowing Company, who manufactured blowers for threshing machines, to be their agent and they sent him to South America.

In 1905 returned to this country and ran a threshing rig out of Grafton and St. Thomas, North Dakota.

He decided, however that he liked Argentina. He tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade Andrew Peterson to accompany him. Peterson was more interested in the opportunities as a carpenter in McIntosh.

Bakken moved back to Argentina where he established

a machine shop. He began purchasing land and eventually became owner of thousands of acres of fertile farmland. One year he had over 6,000 acres of alfalfa in cultivation. Seventy workers were on his payroll.

He returned to this country to marry but took his bride to Argentina and made it his permanent residence.

The United States Patent number 857,147 patented on June 18, 1907, read in part:

"To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT T. BAKKEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at McIntosh, in the county of Polk and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Threshing-Machines; and I do hereby declare the following to

be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to threshing machines, and has for its object to improve the same in the several particulars hereinafter noted.

The invention consists of the novel devices and combination of devices hereinafter noted and defined in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrate my invention, like characters indicate like parts throughout the several views."

The patent finishes with:

"What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is as follows:

1. In a threshing machine, a pair of independently mounted

feed pans and a sieve equipped shoe, of a shaft having three cranks Set One in advance of the other, and pitmen connecting one of said cranks to said shoe and the other two cranks one to each of said feed pans, substantially as described.

2. In a threshing machine, the combination with a sieve and means for vibrating the same and for holding the same within fixed limits for longitudinal movements, of links Supporting the said sieve, link supports, and means for adjusting said link supports to vary the angularity of said links to said sieve, Substantially as described.

3. In a threshing machine the combination with feed

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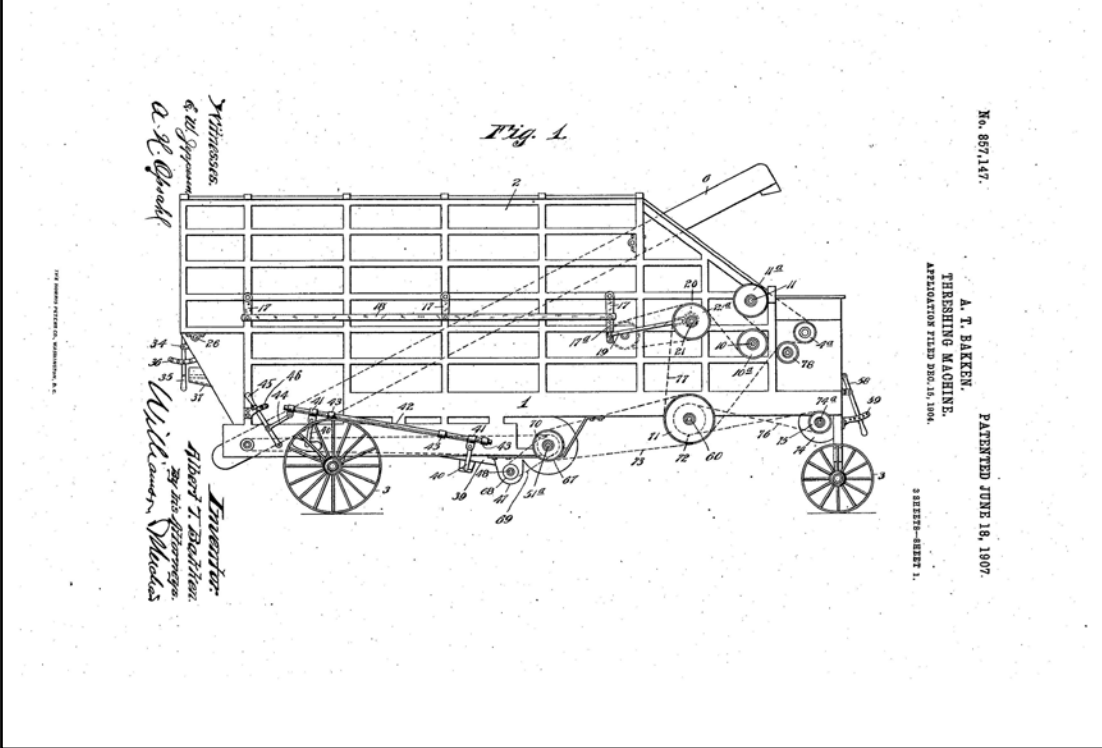
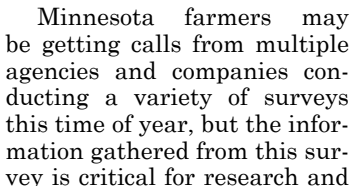


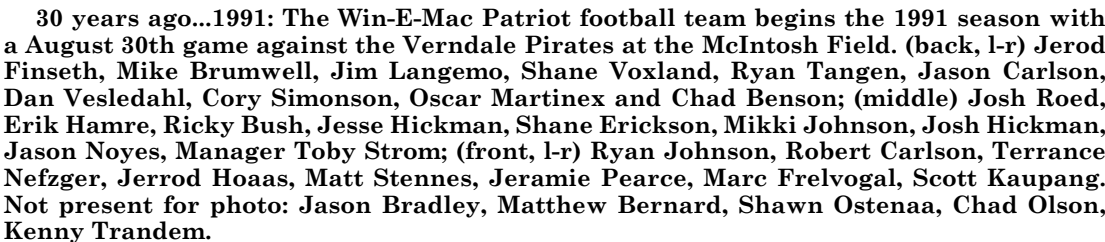
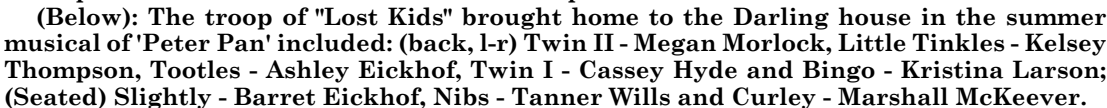
Figure 1 is a view in side elevation showing a threshing machine embodying the several features of my invention. (More figures are features on page 4.)

Farmers that have not returned their questionnaire by mail will be contacted by phone in mid-September.



If you have questions about the MDA's annual survey, or if you wish to view results of previous surveys, visit the MDA website at www.mda.state.mn.us/pesticidefertilizersurveys. Producers can also call the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at 651-261-1993 from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m., Monday – Saturday.

Jennifer Messelt is a grief specialist with Hospice of the Red River Valley.



Pioneer Day at the Polk County Museum

The heritage of the Red River Valley will be celebrated at Pioneer Day on Sunday, September 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Polk County Museum in Crookston. There will be free entertainment, demonstrations and displays. Everyone is welcome.

Lunch, pie and ice cream will be available in the Centennial Building. Randy Oberg, a professional blacksmith from Grand Rapids, will be demonstrating traditional blacksmithing techniques in the blacksmith shop.

The O'Neil family of musicians/cloggers will be in the Centennial Building at 1 p.m. Horse drawn wagon rides around the museum grounds start at 1 p.m. The horses are owned by Clayton and Kristen Vetter of Point Paradise Stables, East Grand Forks. Fiddlers Double The Trouble,



Blacksmith Randy Oberg of Grand Rapids will demonstrate traditional blacksmithing techniques in the blacksmith shop on the Polk County Museum grounds. Oberg is returning to the Polk County Museum in Crookston for Pioneer Day on Sunday, September 12.

twins Aidan and Luc Wrigley, along with their father, Rob, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, are scheduled to entertain at 2 p.m. in the Centennial Building.

The WoodPicks, perennial favorites at Pioneer Day, will be performing at 3 p.m. in Hafslo Church. The Thief River Falls based group plays an acoustic mix of gospel, bluegrass, country and Americana music with original songs as well.

The Sun Country & You Petting Zoo will be set up on the museum grounds. A free shuttle bus will run between the Polk County Museum and the Red River Valley Sugarbeet Museum's Harvest Festival.

The end-of-the-season celebration at the museum is sponsored by the Polk County Historical Society.

This childproofing checklist can help keep kids safe

It's not long before newborns who need their parents to cater to their every need become toddlers who can't wait to go exploring on their own.

Childproofing is essential in the nursery where children tend to spend much of their time, but it's necessary elsewhere in the house as well. The Children's Hospital of Los Angeles says fractures are the most common injuries among infants and toddlers as they develop a sense of curiosity and gain mobility.

Head and mouth/tooth injuries are some additional injuries curious kids may suffer during this period in their lives.

This childproofing checklist can help reduce the risk of injury.

- Follow United States Consumer Product Safety Commission crib safety regulations, which include fixed sides, a firm mattress and slats that are no more than 23/8 inches apart.

- Install UL-listed carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors on every story of the house and check batteries in detectors frequently.

- Install a temperature

guard on the water heater and never set it above 120 F.

- Cover all sharp furniture edges and corners with safety padding or specialty bumpers.

- Block all open outlets with outlet covers or safety plugs.

- Place lockable covers on the garbage.

- Install stove knob covers.

- Use latches on any drawers, toilets, doors, or cabinets within the child's reach.

- Anchor heavy furniture, such as televisions, bookshelves and dressers, to the walls.

- Install safety guards on windows.

- Pull the crib away from other furniture.

- Use cordless window blinds.

- Place gates at the top and bottom of stairs and use them to prevent access to rooms that are off limits.

- Store cleaning supplies, tools and breakable items out of reach or in a locked cabinet.

- When the child reaches 35 inches in height or can climb out of the crib, it's time to transition to a toddler bed.

- Choose toy chests or other furniture with spring-loaded hinges.

- Do not hang heavy wall art or shelving over cribs.

- Cover radiators, hot pipes, etc., with protective materials.

- Remove flaking paint and be sure to have paint tested for lead.

- Inspect the home for protruding nails, bolts or other hardware that can cause injury.

These are some childproofing measures parents can implement to keep kids safe.

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suggests that Maguire does, in fact, deserve the credit for coming up with the holiday.

Why celebrate Labor Day?

Labor Day is worth celebrating because, without the contributions of millions of workers every year, the United States would not be the success story it is and has been for more than 200 years. In addition to the United States, many countries across the globe, including Canada and Australia, have their own versions of Labor Day.

Labor Day weekend might now be seen as the unofficial end of summer. But this Labor Day weekend, celebrants and workers should remember that Labor Day also should be a time to reflect on the value of hard work.

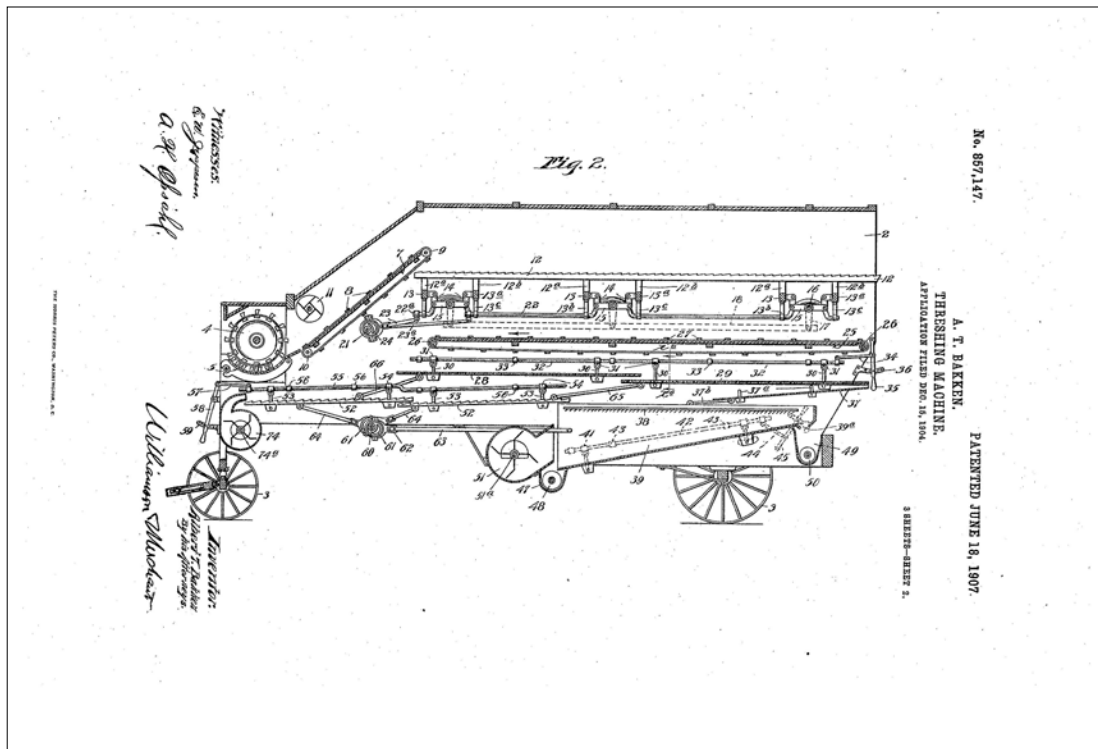


Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section taken centrally through the threshing machine illustrated in Figure 1.

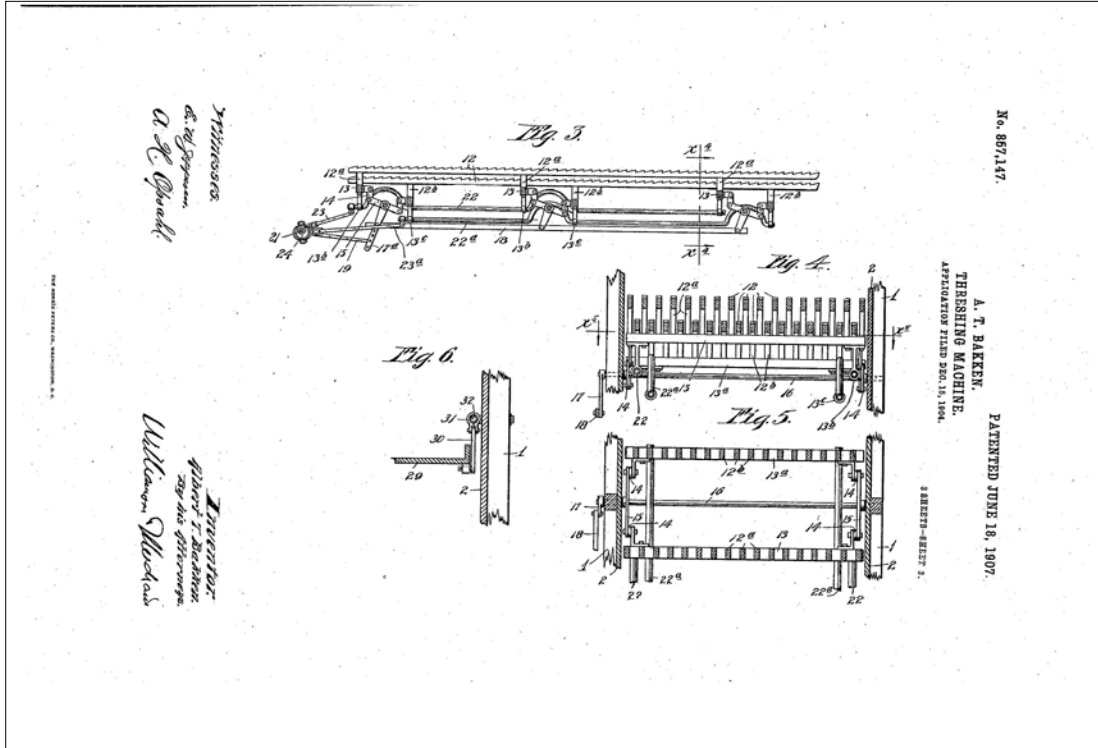


Figure 3 is a detail in section on the same line as figure 2, showing the straw rake and its vibrating mechanism removed from the machine. Figure 4 is a transverse section on the line xx of Figure 3. Figure 5 is a horizontal section of the line of Figure 4 and Figure 6 is a detail in section on the line of Figure 2, some parts being broken away.

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means for vibrating the same and for holding the same within fixed limits for longitudinal movements, of links Supporting said pans, of link supports, and means for adjusting said link supporters to vary the angularity of said links with respect to said pans, substantially as described.

4. In a machine of the character described, the combina-

tion with a sieve or similar device and means for vibrating the same and for holding the same within fixed limits for longitudinal movements, of adjusting rods, links pivoted to said rods and supporting said sieve, and means for moving said rods to vary the angularity of said links with respect to said sieve, Substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

ALBERT T. BAKKEN."

*If you have an interest in learning more about these Patents or have additional information on them, please contact the McIntosh Times at mcintoshtimes@gmail.com or 218-280-1687.



During the Independence Day gathering held at the Dierkes homestead in rural McIntosh, Kollin Ferden was presented with a Quilt of Valor from Lois Boehrnsen and Connie Strom part of the East Polk County Quilters group who makes and distributes the quilts to area Veterans.



Roy Ostenaar (pictured with Mary Pulford) was one of the Quilt of Valor recipients at the Dan & Darlene Dierkes farm for the Independence Day celebration.



Quilt of Valor recipient Joel Strom with his wife, Connie, his sons, Toby, Brady and Bobby and their families at the Dan and Darlene Dierkes home during the Independence Day gathering on Saturday, July 3, 2021.

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