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Glen Weinman’s Lifelong Passion Floods Arnold Streets with History

For local resident Glen Weinman, turning 80 wasn’t a time to slow down, it was a deadline to get a fleet of agricultural history moving.

After celebrating his 80th birthday on March 1, Glen spent months planning, wrenching, and painting for the Arnold Fall Festival parade on September 19. His initial goal was ambitious: get eight vintage tractors up and running in time for the event. He blew right past that target, successfully rolling out a massive lineup of 18 entries made up of meticulously restored tractors and classic pickups.

The sprawling convoy that moved down the Arnold parade route represents decades of mechanical evolution and sheer hard work. Glen’s successful entries included: The John Deere Collection: 1934 John Deere A, 1937 John Deere B, 1945

John Deere B, 1949 John Deere D, 1954 John Deere 40, 1963 John Deere 3010, and a 1968 John Deere 4020; The International & Farmall Heritage: 1937 International F-20, 1938 International F-14, 1952 International M, 1953 Farmall International H, and a 1959 International Cub Cadet 185; Classic Trucks & Tractors: 1947 Diamond T Truck, 1950 Massey Harris 55, 1952 Ford 8-N, 1965 Oliver 77, 1968 Pontiac, and a 1990 Ford 1720.

Glen’s passion for this machinery runs deep, tracing back to his childhood. As a young boy, mowing hay with a 77 Oliver and raking with a John Deere B, pulling the equipment using a traditional rope trip handle. In those days, operating the machinery was an art form in itself. Starting the John Deere meant physically turning the heavy, external flywheel by hand. Glen fell in love



Glen and Connie Weinman stand in front of a 1965 Oliver 77 and an Oliver manure spreader that took on a new life at the Arnold Fall Festival. Cleaned out by the boys, the spreader was transformed into a rolling garden, packed to the brim with vibrant flowers grown and tended by Glen all season long.

with the distinct, rhythmic pop-and-purr of the classic two-cylinder John Deere engine—a sound he has worked tirelessly to preserve.

While Glen spends countless hours cleaning, restoring, and painting in

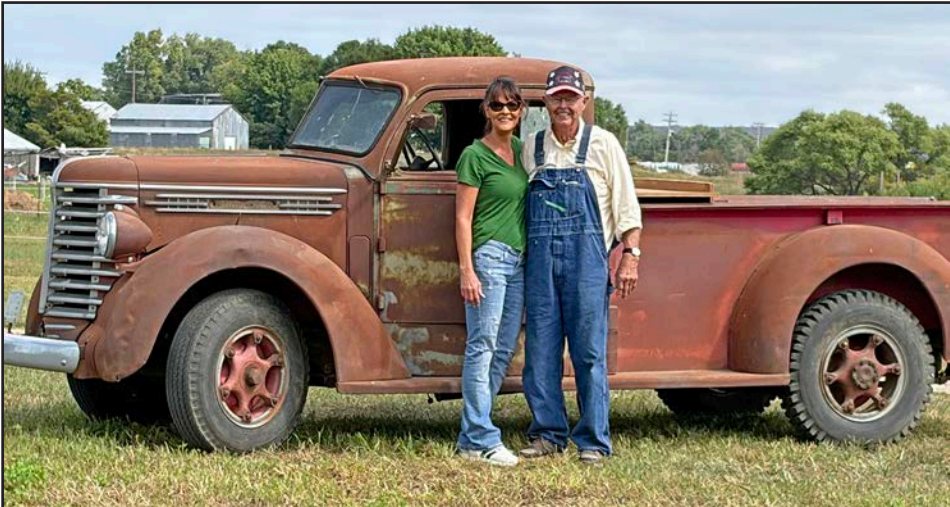
the shop, his ultimate joy comes from the parades. He makes it a point to catch a couple of events every summer, but he never misses the local celebration in Arnold.

Bringing 18 vehicles to life on a single afternoon is no small feat. To get the entire fleet down the parade route, it took a village. A dedicated crew of family members and

neighbors stepped up to drive the entries, turning Glen’s lifelong passion into a proud, shared community milestone.



Representing the distinct sounds and grit of mid-century farming, this lineup features a 1949 John Deere D, a 1950 Massey Harris 55, and a 1953 Farmall International H - just a small sample of the massive fleet Glen Weinman prepared to celebrate his milestone year.



Glen Weinman and Traci Weinman pose proudly in front of a restored 1947 Diamond T Truck.

Junk Jaunters Roll Through Town

The Nebraska Junk Jaunt was good to Finch Memorial Library last weekend, as more than 200 treasurer seekers were flipping through the pages of about 1,000 books that were put out for sale in the library’s basement. And it wasn’t only books - 25 puzzles also sold.

“It was fabulous,” said Library Board member

Rose Bierman. “We raised over \$700.00, and another person is coming in today to look over the older books, so it could be more.”

Thirteen vendors - the most in recent years - began setting up on Wednesday to catch jaunters entering the main loup, across central Nebraska. The massive garage sale

covers 300 to 500 miles, and Arnold benefits as jaunters enter and exit for over four days.

License plates in town were spotted from Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, and from all over Nebraska.

Other vendors reported some good sale days, and enjoyed meeting all of the people.



Junk jaunters look over items at vendor #1’s location on Sunday.



East Side of Block Nearly Complete After Week Two

Paulsen, Inc., came close to their target of completing the east side of the downtown sidewalk renovation project within two weeks. On Monday, they only had to complete one small section in front of Four County Boutique, where a water line was replaced. In their nine working days, there was only one rain delay. Replacing old curb stop valves also caused a slight delay. On an interesting note, through Superintendent Eric Holmberg’s research, the stops dated back from 1930s to the 1940s.

Beginning on Monday, Paulsen’s began removing the sidewalks on the west side of the 100 block of South Walnut Street. A narrow section of sidewalk along the buildings will remain in place to provide pedestrian access to businesses. On Sunday, October 4, beginning at 1:00 p.m., the remaining sidewalks and ramp at Reed’s Food Center will be removed. Temporary access structures will be put in place to provide access to businesses until construction is complete. During this phase of construction, one-way traffic going north will be permitted through the 100 block of South Walnut Street. Parking will be available on the east side of the street. Pinnacle Bank customers may enter through the door on the south side of the building or call ahead for curb service. At other downtown businesses, front-door access will remain available until October 4 at 1:00 p.m., when the remaining sidewalks and ramp will be removed. Temporary access structures will be put in place at that time. Beginning October 4, grocery pick-up at Reed’s Food Center will be available in the alley, along with regular in-store shopping. Please check with individual businesses about access during construction.