

PROGRESS 2008

Nelson Pioneer Farm celebrates 50th anniversary

The Nelson Pioneer Farm is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, and the Mahaska County Historical Society is planning a big year of events to commemorate this milestone.

Roy and Lillian Nelson donated the farm, along with the house and barn, in 1958. The farm is located at 2211 Nelson Lane, 2 miles northeast of William Penn University on the East Glendale Road.

The Nelson Pioneer Farm is the first museum in the state of Iowa dedicated to the pioneer farmer, and the house and barn are on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Nelson Pioneer Farm Museum will open its doors for the season on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There's free admission all day. The day starts

at 9 a.m. with a flag raising ceremony and the singing of the national anthem. After that, people can roam the grounds and tour the 18 historic buildings. People can view antique farm machinery, tour a log cabin, view the mule cemetery and tour a one-room school. There is also a genealogy library and a military room.

Also, the annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year, the festival will celebrate the farm's 50th anniversary.

"There's a lot of history for young and old," Farm curator Pam Howard said. "People can roam at their leisure," she added.

The farm is a favorite stop for school groups for students in second-

through sixth-grades. In those cases, Howard says she and her staff provide guided tours and dress in authentic pioneer garb. They also do this for guided adult tours, which arrive on motor coach, by appointment.

Regular business hours for the Nelson Pioneer Farm Museum are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday; and new for this year, Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$7 per adult and \$2 for ages 5 to 17. Mahaska County Historical Society members enter for free. The museum closes for the season on Oct. 11.

For more information, call Pam at 672-2989. The farm also has a Web site at www.nelsonpioneer.org and its email address is nelsonpioneerfarm@pcsia.net.

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About You Catering also has a portable smoker that can be used at events such as Fridays After Five.

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July 30-Aug. 3	Anniversary Tour - Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky
Aug. 16	Legacy Five - Oskaloosa
Oct. 15-18	Fall Gospel Festival - Meramac Caverns
Nov. 14-16	Midwest Singing Convention - Sioux Falls
Dec. 6	Journey Bound Christmas - Des Moines