

TYDEN FARM No.6 HAPPENINGS

Tyden Farm No. 6 Tours

2015 Was Our Year to Shine



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Greetings from Tyden Farm No. 6 Tours. This is our first newsletter, please enjoy.

From Mickey Mouse to some folks from the Ukraine, Tyden Farm No. 6 outside of Dougherty, Iowa had the makings of a great place in northcentral Iowa.

Among the sea of green, a blue motor coach was spotted as well as a television crew from Utah. We saw how a dilapidated hog house could be turned into a state of the art museum and a Big Red Barn would stand as a majestic reminder of how a young man from Sweden

could dream big dreams and make them come true. Welcome to the adventure of Tyden Farm No. 6. We've been waiting for you.

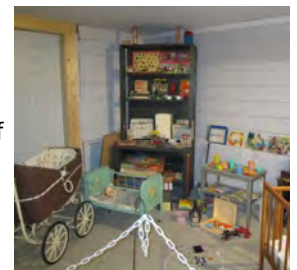


Thanks to financial help from Emil's family an unused hog building was turned into a facility that could be used to enrich the lives of the Tyden Farm tourists. Since this was no longer a building used for animals, it was the perfect place to display vintage

Expanding Our Horizons

clothing, toys and more. The building has a handicap accessible rest room and air conditioning for the warm, humid Iowa summers. In late February and early March, the first two business meetings were held on Tyden No. 6. That was a possible future plan for the room in the Big Red Barn. Since it was still too cold to move the

museum items over from The Big Red Barn, we held the meetings in the heated museum, which was a perfect location. What a success! Between the two meetings, around 70 people attended. They enjoyed catered meals from Hy-Vee and many of them participated in a tour before the meeting.



Getting Ready for the Tour Season



March & April were busy months. Judy was busy getting the gardens planned out for the spring. Since we have Themed Gardens, this takes a lot of time and planning. Tyden Farm No. 6 is very fortunate to have Marge, Nancy, Faye, and

Olivia to help with the vast array of gardening and tours. These ladies are known as, "The Garden Girls" and are a Godsend for Ted and Judy. The gardens are probably the biggest and most time consuming entity for the Tyden Farm. Without the "Garden Girls", proficiency on weeding and proper watering, the farm scape wouldn't be as magnificent.

We also were busy moving the items from the Big Red Barn over to the Hog House Museum. We were amazed at how well everything fit and how fast we filled it up!!! We are able to

show the power point of the Sears House in the museum also, which works out well during our tours. This gives the group a chance to cool off and to sit and rest a few minutes before going out to the gardens.



Hidden Treasures

*If BYUTV
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LEARN
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CAN YOU*

In April, a group from BYUTV, "Brigham Young University" had an idea to do a segment on modern farming for their television show in Utah. They came to Tyden Farm No. 6 expecting to see how a modern Iowa farm is operated. 6 1/2 hours later, they left with a new understanding of what it takes to manage a legacy. Tyden Farm No. 6 is in fact a modern farm with unique history thrown in. They expe-

rienced their first Iowa tenderloin in a local bar and grill. They couldn't believe it was served breaded and in a bun, but pro-

nounced it delicious.

To see more about their adventure in Iowa, go to byutv.org, click on Storytrek and then click on Hidden Treasures to see the 10 minute video.



It's Time for Mickey Mouse!!!



In 1988, Ted, his father Dick, and brothers Joe and Rick Pitzenger and their families, were led on a Disney journey for the beloved mouse named Mickey. How did this happen, you might ask?

They rented a farm West of Dougherty owned by Walt Boehlje. He was approached by Disney to plant the silhouette of Mickey Mouse's head in a field of corn. They needed a field

that was a square mile in size and could be seen by jets as they flew over. This was a 60th birthday card from Minnie, Donald and Goofy to Mickey. Several towns came together and hosted a celebration with the Disney characters. A lot of planning and hard work went into this from all who were involved, but what fun! So, why bring it up now almost 30 years later? In May, 2015, Jerry from

Buena Vista University thought a documentary would be an amazing project to make to relive a time when Disney came to Iowa and a mouse named Mickey brought people together. Jerry and his crew are hoping to have this project completed in 2018 for Mickey's 90th birthday. It truly is a small world after all. Watch our facebook and website for updates.

Ukrainian Visitors



On July 27, Ted, Judy and boys had a very unique opportunity to host farmers from the Ukraine. 5 Ukrainians, 2 farmers from New York and a couple of farmers from South Dakota visited Tyden Farm No. 6 to

learn more about soil health and fertility along with soybean production. The Ukrainian visitors manage over a million acres between them. Ted shared a short history on Tyden Farm No.6. that they got a kick out of seeing the equipment that is used in their country and that we consider antiques. Ted, Phil and Ian shared their knowledge of the needs for soil health in the top 6 inches of the soil and their practices of tillage using vertical tillage and GPS. They also provided an opportunity for a hands on demonstration by showing them the equipment and field results. The Ukrainians were intrigued

by the rich, farm soil of Iowa and the tremendous work it takes to operate a family farm in the Heartland.



Debi Durham Visits Tyden Farm No. 6

On June 23rd, Debi Durham came out for a tour. She is the Director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority and promotes Iowa as an ideal place to live, work, and visit. She spends a great deal of time traveling around

the state and getting to know and to invite businesses and travelers to discover what Iowa has to offer. She enjoyed her visit with us and we were so happy to have her here!



“It Takes an Iowan”

On Aug. 18th, Ted and Judy attended the Iowa State Fair. Silos and Smokestacks, along with the



Grout Museum, had interviewed them, Ian and Phil, in May to be part of their traveling exhibit on Iowa’s contribution to the world. They talked to them on how their two sons will be taking over the farming as they retire. The exhibit is called “It Takes an Iowan”.

Listed is the schedule where it can be seen in 2016:

- Dysart Historical Society, Dysart, IA
Apr. 12-20
- Heartland Acres, Independence, IA
Apr 25-May 31
- Iowa Dairy Center, Calmar, IA
June 1-25
- Floyd Co. Museum, Charles City, IA
June 28-July 16



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Visit the Past with a Touch of the Present

On a tour at Tyden Farm No. 6 you will discover one of America's true unsung innovators. After Emil Tyden, a Swedish immigrant's arrival in 1882 he would invent the Tyden seal during his railroad days and patent the Viking sprinkler system while manufacturing in Chicago. You'll also learn about Emil's service as a "dollar a year man" during World War I, and how he transformed 8 farms in north central Iowa into grand operations between 1915 and 1938. These farms provided employment to many locals during The Great Depression, serving as just one example of Col. Tyden's kindness throughout his many endeavors. One of those farms, Tyden Farm No. 6, stands today as it did in 1936, when it was built. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. During your visit you will view a 20 minute documentary on Col. Tyden and the farms and tour the impressive building and antique equipment used on these farms. You visit the hog house turned into a climate controlled museum of a 1940-50's farm family. Wander the whimsical gardens and see what a summer kitchen was like in the 1920's. You can include demonstrations of spinning, butter making etc. and a catered meal. If you want to know more about modern farming that can also be a part of the tour. Complimentary cookies and drink are always served as was customary on the farms of old.

Other Tidbits of Interest

Judy and Marge spent a couple of days visiting the area FFA groups, talking to them about volunteering during our tours. They showed them the 20 minute documentary on Emil Tyden and the impact he had on our history. They are always looking for volunteers to help out during the tour season.

The 50 min. documentary was completed and Ted & Judy had a showing at the Greene Community Center on June 14th. They sent out special invites to the families of those who were in the documentary and had worked on a Tyden Farm. It was fun hearing stories that they remembered when they had either worked on the farms or had heard the stories when they were young. Ted and Judy gave each family a DVD to show their appreciation. They had a second showing that same afternoon, which was open to the public. The 50 minute DVDs are on sale for \$20.00.

General Tours are open to the public and have been held once a year, but they are

think of having 2 in 2016. One as an opening tour and one as a closing. If you have visited in the past, this is the perfect time to bring a few friends and visit Tyden Farm No.6 again because we are always changing. **Reservations are required.**

In September, we had our first **Motor-coach Tour** from southern IOWA We had about 30 people. We have had that many on our tours before, just never arriving on a motorcoach, so we were

very excited! We love meeting different people from all over.

Please check us out on our Facebook page and our website for additional news and dates and times of the General Tours for 2016. We would love to see you again!

**See You Soon,
Ted , Judy, Boys and Staff**

