



## Going up!

The exposed timber beam front entrance to the new senior assisted living complex went up last week. The complex is located in the former hospital building in Elbow Lake.

## Protect songbirds

(StatePoint) Songbirds are not only beautiful, they are a vital component of the ecosystems they inhabit. If you have a garden, you may have observed this in action.

Unfortunately, millions of wild birds are killed annually colliding with windows in the U.S. alone. But your family can take action to prevent it from happening on your own property. Here's how:

- Make windows visible to birds: Special decals that reflect ultraviolet sunlight to your home's windows, particularly those windows that are highly reflective of open sky, have been proven to substantially reduce the likelihood of bird strikes. Those from WindowAlert feature patterns that give the appearance of slightly frosted translucent glass, but glow like a stoplight for birds, and the brand also makes a high-tech liquid called WindowAlert UV Liquid, which can be applied between decals for greater protection. More information can be found at <windowalert.com>.

- Be mindful of birdfeeder placement: Birdfeeders are a lovely way to attract beautiful birds to your yard, while giving them a place to rest and refuel. Remember though, bird strikes tend to occur near bird feeders, as feeding birds are easily frightened and are apt to take wild, evasive flight. To avoid this from happening, be sure to use window decals, as well as to position feeders closer than three feet or farther than 30 feet from windows. Surprisingly, the safest placement is attached to the window itself. Assess the birdfeeders in your yard and make changes as needed.

- Consider other hazards: Other ways you can protect birds on your property include gardening organically, keeping pet cats indoors or in an enclosure and growing native plant and flower species suited to pollinating birds.

"With a few small home updates this season, your family can save the lives of wild birds and be better stewards of the environment," says Spencer Schock, founder of WindowAlert.

## Goodbye summer? Elizabeth Maua Taylor

August rushes by like desert rainfall,  
A flood of frenzied upheaval,  
Expected,  
But still catching me unprepared.  
Like a matchflame  
Bursting on the scene,  
Heat and haze of crimson sunsets.

Like a dream  
Of moon and dark barely recalled,  
A moment,  
Shadows caught in a blink.  
Like a quick kiss;  
One wishes for more  
But it suddenly turns to leave,  
Dragging summer away.

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is your neighbor –  
someone you can  
trust and someone  
who's here for  
you when it  
matters most!



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# 54th Annual Donnelly Threshing Bee

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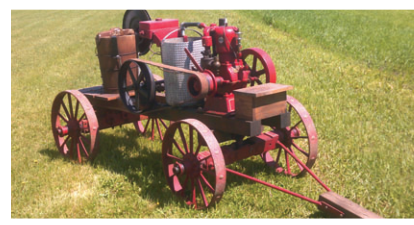
Threshing Bee Buttons  
are good for both days!

Buttons are required for admission to the grounds for ages 16 and older. Advance sale buttons (\$7.00 each) are available from Donnelly businesses through Friday, August 23, 2019. Regular price buttons (\$8.00) can be purchased at the gate on August 24 & 25.

No bicycles allowed on the grounds. No pets allowed, assistance animals are the only exception. Golf carts must provide proof of insurance. Register at the depot.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

5:00-7:00 p.m. . . . . Community Supper on the Threshing Bee Grounds (button required) (grilling by West Central Cattleman's Association)



### SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
Team Registration 8:30 a.m.  
Tournament Play begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Please enter through west gate of the grounds.  
**EVERYONE** (16 and older) buys an admission button.  
Questions: Contact Mitch Daly 320-287-1759

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00-9:00 a.m. . . . . Pancake Breakfast Served in the steel building.  
7:00 a.m. . . . . 5K Fun Run Registration Begins at Rod & Gun Club Shoot Site  
8:00 a.m. Donnelly Threshing Bee 5K Charity Fun Run  
8:30 a.m. . . . . Softball Tournament Registration  
9:00 a.m. . . . . Softball Tournament Begins  
9:00 a.m. . . . . Tractorcade leaves from Donnelly Coop  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. . . . . Antique Tractor Pull Registration & Weigh-in. No drivers under 16 allowed.  
11:30 a.m. . . . . Kiddie Parade Line up at west gate.  
Noon-1:00 p.m. . . . . Bean Bag Tournament Registration  
1:30 p.m. . . . . Kiddie Tractor Pull Near the Big Top. Ages 4 and under, 5 & 6, 7 & 8.  
2:00 p.m. . . . . Antique Tractor Pull  
2:30 p.m. . . . . Bean Bag Tournament  
6:00-7:00 p.m. . . . . Pure Country Band Playing live music on the grounds.  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Coronation on the Depot Stage  
9:00-10:30 p.m. . . . . Pure Country Band Playing live music on the grounds.

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00 a.m. . . . . Open Air Church Service Music by Tom & Pearl Horning of Chokio. (Under the Big Top)  
10:00-11:00 a.m. . . . . Classic Car Show Registration Aanerud Field  
10:30 a.m. . . . . Tractor Games  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. . . . . Classic Car Show Aanerud Field  
1:30 p.m. . . . . Big Parade with Machinery Parade  
2:45 p.m. . . . . Car Show/Parade Winners Announced  
3:00 p.m. . . . . Horse Pulling Contest Pony Pull plus Big Horses.  
Raffle Drawing follows Horse Pull



### Exhibitors Welcome!

Spaces available – first come, first served.  
**GENERAL INFORMATION**  
E-mail: donnellythreshingbee@runestone.net  
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Website e-mail: donnellythreshingbee@outlook.com  
**EXHIBITING MACHINERY OR GENERAL INQUIRIES**  
Barry Gades . . . . . 320-795-2437  
Greg Greiner . . . . . 320-246-3325  
Harry Kruize . . . . . 320-246-3337  
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