Tractor convoy kicks off Dickson-Murst Day at the Farm

Hayrides, vintage thresher, and tractor convoy all part of Dickson-Murst Day at the Farm

Visitors can experience a bit of farm life from yesteryear at The Conservation Foundation's Dickson-Murst Day at the Farm on Sunday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Montgomery.

The day's activities will start off with a convoy of tractors driven from the Plainfield area, which will then be on display during the event.

Vintage farm equipment, such as corn shellers, cob

grinders, and a Port Huron Steam Engine running the 1909 threshing machine used to separate seeds from the stalks and husks, will be demonstrated to show how these labor-intensive farm standards were used. Antique tractors and cars also will be on display.

While settling into one of the many red chairs, benches, and rockers scattered around the farm, visitors can enjoy some bluegrass music while feasting on food items available from the Country Kitchen.

Kids will have plenty to do playing in the corn sandbox, petting animals in the barns, and testing their skill with the kiddie tractor pull. There'll be hayrides around the farmstead, pony rides for a small fee, and water conserving rain barrels will be available for sale.

This event is sponsored by Allied First Bank in Oswego and is made possible by the support of the Dickson-Murst Farm Partners, a volunteer group of The Conservation Foundation, who maintain the farm buildings and organize special events such as this to raise money through donations and food sales.

Parking and admission are free. Dickson-Murst Farm is located at 2550 Dickson Rd., Montgomery, south of Route 30. For more information, call (630 272-0686.

The Conservation Foundation is one of the region's oldest and largest not-for-profit land and watershed conservation organizations, with more than 4,000 members. Founded in 1972, TCF has helped preserve more than 35,000 acres of open space, restored and cleaned miles of rivers and streams, and educated thousands of kids by engaging them in nature and the outdoors.

TCF's mission is to improve the health of our communities by preserving and restoring natural areas and open space, protecting rivers and watersheds, and promoting stewardship of our environment.

Work is focused in DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will Counties to preserve and restore nature in your neighborhood. Find out more at the conservation foundation.org.

**PHOTO:** Tractor rides are popular with visitors to The Conservation Foundation's Dickson-Murst Day at the Farm in Montgomery on Sunday, August 19 from 9 am to 4 pm. Food, music, children's activities, and vintage farm equipment demonstrations also will be part of the day's activities.