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***5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sublette Tri-County Tractor Ride Scheduled for August 9-10***

*Event Includes Three Tractor Rides and a Day of  
Entertainment at the John Deere Historic Site*

**GRAND DETOUR, Illinois (July 22, 2008)** – The Sublette Tri-County Tractor Ride, scheduled for August 9-10, 2008, is expected to bring over 150 antique and classic tractors to the Franklin Grove and Grand Detour, Illinois, areas, making it one of the largest tractor rides in the region.

On Saturday, August 9, all tractors and riders will assemble in Franklin Grove, to begin a 50-mile journey to White Pines State Park in Oregon, Illinois. The general route will leave Franklin Grove at 9:00 a.m., meander down Daysville Blacktop to Oregon, where riders will stop for lunch while parking tractors on Highway 64 along the Rock River. They will then head to White Pines State Park where all tractors will be on display overnight near the park entrance. Dinner and entertainment is planned for the evening.

On Sunday, August 10, all tractors participating in the ride will depart White Pines at 9:00 a.m. for a 10-mile ride to Grand Detour. The route will include the back roads between Mt. Morris and Grand Detour. On arrival in Grand Detour, the tractors will be displayed at the John Deere Historic Site until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Also on Sunday, the Historic Site will host a children's tractor pull and corn eating contest from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. A concession stand will also be on-site. Admittance to the John Deere Historic Site for the day is \$3 for ages 12 and older.

Tractors and riders will return to Franklin Grove on Sunday afternoon. The 35-mile ride will leave Grand Detour at 3:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately 5:30 p.m.

The Sublette Tri-County Tractor Ride was originally organized by Dick Roemmick and will include tractor enthusiasts from at least five Northwest Illinois counties. For more event details, or to register for the tractor ride, please contact Deanna Barker at 815-849-5577 or Lynn Timmerman at 309-748-7957. There is an \$85 fee for participants, which includes the entrance fee for three rides and all food stops.

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