

Jacob's Journey by Cathy Werner

Charlie and Linda Dinkel own and operate a small organic dairy farm outside of Long Prairie, Minnesota. They own about 350 acres, of which about 250 are farmable. They also make their own [quite tasty!] maple syrup, labeled as, Sweet Tree Farms Pure Maple Syrup.¹

Their five children are Emily 20, Rebecca 18, John 15, Jacob 13, and Carolyn 11. "Since we home school," Linda said, "we have more flexibility with our school day, and all of our kids are able to help a lot on the farm."

"Jacob is a farm boy, through and through," stated Linda. "From a very early age, it was apparent that Jacob was the child [in the family] most drawn to farming," she declared. "By the age of 3, he could name all of our tractors, what implements were used for what purpose, and what the neighbors owned too!" Linda reminisced and explained, "When Jake was about four years old, they were pulling into his Grandpa Dinkel's yard and he asked his dad, Charlie, about something that was different between the [International] 826 and the 806 tractors." Linda could not recall the exact details, but laughed and asked, "What four year old in his right mind notices, or even cares?" Then a big smile appeared on Jacob's face. Linda chuckled, "That is the first time that I said, 'Oh, this is a farm kid!"

Jacob has driven tractors since the age of eight, first driving an International 574 tractor. Jacob rapidly named off their other tractors. "We have a 574, 684, 826, 856, 1066, 806, [Jacob counted on his fingers], and the Super H too. And we have a backhoe Ford Major, and my Grandpa's Ford 8N." Jacob was all smiles as he said, "My favorite thing to do is to drive the [International] 826 tractor pulling a disc." He also enjoys "Following my dad around, seeing what he does." To no surprise, Jacob's dream is to take over the family farm. "We hope someday that we can help make that dream come true!" Linda added.

Jacob is very proud that his great-grandfather's first tractor is still in the family. He explained, "Great Grandpa [Louis Dinkel] went to town to trade horses for the 1952 Ford 8N tractor, and almost got in an accident on the way to town. My grandma (Veronica Dinkel) said he had a heck of a time getting used to it, and spent the first couple of days saying 'whoa' to get the tractor to stop." According to Jacob's grandmother, Veronica Dinkel (who still lives on the farm outside of Long Prairie), "Jacob's great Grandpa [Louis Dinkel] bought the tractor and used it on his farm near Browerville, Minnesota."

Linda explained, "In the early 1950s, Jacob's Great Grandpa Louis quit farming and sold the Ford 8N tractor to his son, Romaine (Jacob's grandfather). Grandpa Romaine gave the tractor to Charlie, Jacob's dad, in exchange for some work."

Charlie knew that the Ford 8N could have tracks put on it. With tracks, the Ford 8N could be used to get into the woods to collect maple sap during snowy winters. He heard that Palmer Fossum, a Ford tractor collector from Northfield, Minnesota, might have the tracks or know where to find them. Palmer knew a fellow with a set and tried to buy them with no avail. He gave Charlie the contact information, and as luck would have it, Charlie called and the fellow decided to sell the tracks. The tracks were put on the tractor and it was used a few times, however, the tractor never seemed to run quite right. Linda said, "A couple different times over the years we had mechanics look at the tractor, but they never quite found the problem. Charlie thinks that the year we ran the tractor, some fuel was left in the tank, and the problem might be from it sitting too long or not being run enough." Jacob and Charlie had talked about fixing this tractor up several times before, but because of the nature of running a dairy farm, there never seemed to be time to repair it.

Jacob was leaning forward in a chair, playing a computer game. His mother, Linda, noticed a lump on his back but did not worry too much about it. "We passed it off to a Little League tumble," she said. "Bumps



and bruises are typical of boys.” A few weeks later, the bump was still there, so Linda made a doctor’s appointment for Jacob at the Long Prairie clinic. He was referred to see a surgeon at the clinic, who ordered a CT scan of the lump on Jacob’s back. The preliminary diagnosis was Ewing’s sarcoma. The surgeon wanted Jacob to go to Mayo Clinic [Rochester, Minnesota] right away. An appointment was scheduled for Jacob to have blood tests and an initial consult with oncologist, Dr. Carola A. Arndt, M.D. Jacob’s blood was clear of any cancer! However, Dr. Arndt advised the family that she thought the growth was cancerous. The diagnosis confirmed a type of cancer called Ewing’s sarcoma.

The Ewing family of tumors includes cancerous tumors that affect soft tissue or bone. It is a rare disease that most often occurs in children or young adults. The most common type of Ewing tumor grows in or near bones, most commonly the large bones in the leg and the upper arm bone, but can also occur in other bones or tissue. The first sign of Ewing sarcoma might be pain in a bone or joint. The individual might think the pain and swelling comes from a sports injury or sprain. However, a doctor should evaluate the symptoms if the pain does not go away in a reasonable amount of time.²

Jacob had a bone marrow biopsy and surgery to implant a port for chemotherapy treatments. The course of 14 chemotherapy treatments spread over about 28 weeks. Treatment alternated between a 48-hour treatment and a 2-hour treatment for 5 days in a row. Another drug followed chemo treatments every 3 hours, for three treatments, which actually made this a 6-day treatment. According to Linda, the chemo can be hard on the liver and kidneys, and the purpose of the drug is to prevent problems. Treatments were about two weeks apart, which meant that Jacob and Linda drove to Rochester every other week. “Eventually, Jacob would not be able to keep on an every-two-week schedule of chemo because he would be too tired and anemic,” Linda explained. “Fortunately, there was a 10-day break between treatments where we could go home to Long Prairie.”

Since treatments required them to be away from home so much, Linda set up a *CaringBridge* website for Jacob to keep the communication lines open with family and friends. Linda posted frequent updates on the site to inform others about his progress and encouraged others to write on the website as well. “I read every message to Jacob. They mean a lot to us, especially when we hear that you are praying for us,” Linda stated.

Charlie and Linda Dinkel and family approached the Ewing’s sarcoma diagnosis with a positive attitude, strong faith, and unwavering hope and optimism. “We continue to rely on faith and trust in God, the best medical care anywhere, and the overwhelming support, prayers, and help of our friends and family,” Linda said.

They received more great news—Jacob’s bone marrow was clear of cancer! “We realize now how incredibly blessed we are that we found the cancer before it had a chance to spread,” Linda exclaimed. “It is amazing just how healthy Jacob is, except for the cancer. The last time he had been in the clinic in Long Prairie for anything,” Linda said, “was when he was two years old!”

They went to Rochester for a treatment. Jacob started losing his hair. Within a few days, he had enough and buzzed it off. Linda said, “Actually, Jake kind of likes it.” Linda was going to shop and asked Jacob what he wanted her to buy for him. “Jacob said that he wanted insulated coveralls.” Linda declared, “There’s a true farmer for you!”

By the end of the September, Jacob’s tumor could not be seen anymore...in fact, there was no tumor at all! “Jacob would have blood draws more often now, because after three chemo treatments, they need to keep a closer watch to make sure his blood counts do not get too low between treatments,” she explained.

Jacob was scheduled for surgery to remove remains of the tumor, which would require him to be in the hospital over Thanksgiving. Linda and Jacob drove to Mayo Clinic for Jacob’s blood work and CT scan. Linda gleamed as she explained, “We got a, “Hello-how-are-you, you-can-go-home-for-Thanksgiving” from the oncologist! This was great news! Jacob was happy that he could be home for Thanksgiving. “On Thanksgiving eve day, Jacob was reveling in his reprieve...hurrying to get school done so he could shoot pigeons, shoot hoops or play on the Wii with siblings and cousins,” Linda said.

Jacob was able to be at home for Thanksgiving! After Thanksgiving, he returned to Rochester for the surgery, which lasted about 3 hours. “The remaining tumor (1.7 cm in diameter) was removed, along with a

margin of good tissue,” Linda explained. Some of his ribs were removed, due to the position and size of the tumor. “They found no cancer cells beyond the walls or edges of the tumor, and they’re fairly certain that radiation would not be required. **I think we can say Jacob is cancer-free!**” Linda exclaimed.

Other complications developed. Jacob had chest fluids from a “leak” from a lymph gland. He was put on a no fat diet (fats cause lymphatic liquid production). The volume of the chest fluids was decreasing; however, the surgeon said it would take surgery to fix the leak. There were three options: to wait; surgery to mend or cauterize it; or a new procedure where a radiologist closes it. Jacob also got an intestinal infection, which was treated successfully with antibiotics. He also developed a staph infection. The complications resulted in a 17-day hospital stay for Jacob. He went home for a few days and was right back again to begin the 48-hour chemo treatment.

Jacob was able to be at home for Christmas! Jacob’s recovery was slow, but sure. Linda said, “All in all, things are going well. It’s so good to see some of that mischievous spunk coming back!” Jacob’s next treatment was scheduled in February, which would mark 10 down, four to go.

Collaboration. One of the key elements of Jacob’s journey is collaboration. Jacob’s journey is about people meeting people, and working together to reach a common goal. Things that *seem* impossible *can* become a reality.

Linda started a chain reaction that drew people together. She contacted Make-A-Wish Foundation. “Part of me hates to admit that a “thing” could lift someone’s spirits so much...A wish is something more than a want. It embodies more of who that person *is*,” she stated. After thoughtful consideration, Linda decided to apply to Make-A-Wish³ on Jacob’s behalf.

Jacob qualified for Make-A-Wish. Two wish granters/volunteers, Dennis Odonnell and Jim Wensel, coordinated the wish experience. They interviewed Jacob and got to know him and his family at their home in Long Prairie, Minnesota. Dennis Odonnell is from St. Joseph, Minnesota and Jim Wensel is from Rice, Minnesota.



Pictured: Jim Wensel from Rice, Minnesota is a Wish Parent and Volunteer for Make-A-Wish Foundation Minnesota. He concluded, **“Most people can buy most anything they want, but only Make-A-Wish has the special touch of making special things magical.”**

~Photo by Cathy Werner

Jim Wensel serves on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Chapter of Make-A-Wish Foundation. He explained that he was a Wish Parent. “My son, Michael, had his wish granted on April 20, 1993. His wish was to meet Shaquille O’Neal. Michael and our family went to Orlando to meet Shaq.” A couple years later, Jim became a volunteer for Make-A-Wish Minnesota, and have been a volunteer ever since. He has met with over 140 children in northern Minnesota who have requested a wish. Jim explained, “Most people can buy most anything they want, but only Make-A-Wish has the special touch of making special things magical.”

Jacob’s wish was to restore his Grandfather’s first tractor. “After we thought about how Make-A-Wish could pull that together, we realized so many things would have to happen,” Linda said. Jacob decided that it just seemed easier to wish for a 4-wheeler, because there, you write a check and you go buy it.” Jacob said his wish was for a 4-wheeler. Jim Wensel explained, “The consumer products safety commission does not permit a dealer to sell an ATV for the use of a child under the age of 16.” Instead, Jacob made a wish to restore his great-grandfather’s first tractor. Jim Wensel confirmed, “Jacob is a true farm kid at heart.”

Linda’s brother, Rick Reimers from Sun Mountain Sports, told Linda early on that if Jacob’s wish for a 4-wheeler was not granted by Make-A-Wish, he would buy it for him. Jacob was overwhelmed with joy when he found out! Linda said, “For the first time in ages, Jake dressed up in his winter coveralls, went outside, and

plowed snow with the skid loader.” Jacob and his dad, Charlie, picked up the 2010 Kawasaki ATV. Jacob’s Uncle Billy put a winch on it. Jacob could use his new 4-wheeler for farm work and for fun!

Jacob’s wish was approved by Make-A-Wish. After hearing the great news, Linda emailed Rob Rinaldi, Publisher and Editor of *Ford Tractors N-News* in East Corinth, Vermont.⁴ Linda explained that her 12-year-old son, Jacob was diagnosed with cancer. She said that he was doing extremely well with treatments and that the prognosis for a complete recovery was excellent. Linda explained that Jacob’s wish to have his grandfather’s first tractor restored (a Ford 8N) was granted and requested help to find someone in Northern Minnesota to talk to about the Ford 8N tractor, specifically someone familiar with painting old tractors. Rob forwarded this email to Char Hamblin of Northfield, Minnesota, because he thought she might have some ideas for finding someone in central Minnesota to get involved. Char explained, “Rob Rinaldi knew my dad, Palmer Fossum. Following the passing of my dad, Rob and I were in contact because of a follow-up article in the 8-N News he wrote. We have stayed in touch ever since.” Char’s dad, Palmer Fossum of Northfield, Minnesota, passed away on December 14, 2007 at the age of 80. He was a well known Ford tractor collector and enthusiast.

Char talked with Linda and with Jim Wensel of Make-A-Wish about the tractor restoration. They discovered that Char’s dad, Palmer, had helped Linda’s husband, Charlie, find the tracks for Jacob’s grandfather’s first tractor (Ford 8N). Could this be providence? Linda told Char that others had contacted her about restoring the tractor. Char’s offer was accepted Linda said, “Because It just feels right.”

Char explained, “I took a personal interest in collaboration of the Ford 8N restoration, because of my family background, and the fact that I have my Grandpa Bennie Fossum’s 1950 Ford 8N tractor (all original).” Char collaborated with many different people to reach the goal.

CUTLINE: Char Hamblin. Char took a personal interest in collaboration of the Ford 8N restoration. She said, “This tractor could provide his livelihood for many years to come through use on their organic farm like tractors have done for my family.” ~Photo provided.



Char Hamblin contacted Jeff Fox, who owns a body shop nearby. He immediately replied, “Sure, I’d love to be part of this!” She also contacted Bill Becker, President of Rice County Steam and Gas Engines, Inc., who could think of three guys off the top of his head who would offer their shops for the repairs. Jeff Fox contacted Dan Christopherson at the Northfield NAPA store, who offered to donate paint for the tractor. Bill Becker said Lindahl Tire in Cannon Falls offered to donate new rubber for the tractor. According to Char, “The generous offers in that first day were coming out of the woodwork!” In addition, her brother, Loren Fossum, would provide many of the used Ford tractor parts.

Jacob had his last chemotherapy treatment on April 21, 2010. “It doesn’t even seem real yet...we won’t be coming back to Rochester for hospital stays,” Linda exclaimed. “Jacob is in great spirits!” He will have a few more appointments, such as physical therapy to help strengthen the muscles in his side and back to compensate for the removed ribs. According to Linda, “Jacob’s immune system would remain depressed for three months. The doctors do not want him to do any fieldwork or return to the barn until July. “That was a bitter pill to swallow for Jake...especially the field work part,” Linda explained. “There are molds that exist in the ground that he should not be exposed to yet, on the scale that field work would produce. But, he should be back to normal after about 3 months of a breathing treatment for the lungs,” she added.

One week before Jacob had his last chemotherapy treatment, the Ford 8N tractor was hauled from the Dinkel farm in Long Prairie to Joe Hollinger’s shop in rural Dundas (south of Northfield, Minnesota) for restoration.

Jacob and his family thought it would be a long time before the tractor restoration was finished. Linda said that if the tractor was done, maybe Jacob could drive the tractor in the Rice County Steam and Gas Engines parade next year. They will be pleasantly surprised, because members of the club set a goal to complete the restoration by July 9, 2010!



CUTLINE: The 1952 Ford 8N awaits restoration. Char Hamblin (in front of tractor) and Bill Becker meet with the crew to discuss a plan of action. ~ Photos by Curt Piper

Bill Becker, President of Rice County Steam and Gas Engines, Inc. coordinated the parts and workers. He stated that all of the tin was stripped from the tractor and taken to Loren Fossum's (Northfield). "The carburetor was rebuilt and tested, the exhaust manifold was replaced, the engine was compression checked and found to be in good condition, all of the bent 3-point parts were straightened and reinstalled on the tractor, and the front axle bearings and bushings were replaced," he said. Other parts required were "a set of stay chains and a pin for the stabilizer bars for the 3-point, a full set of gauges including a tachometer and cable, key switch and light switch, steering wheel, under-hood tool box, wiring harness (both ignition and lights), and battery hold down clamp," Bill reported. "A new muffler, rear rims, and a radiator would be included in the reassembly."

The collaborative crew (club members) worked diligently on the restoration. The collaborative crewmembers are Curt Piper, Roger Caron, Hoss Lancaster, Chuck Peterson, Dick Sundahl, Carl Harvey, and Joe Hollinger. They met almost every Monday at Joe Hollinger's shop to work on the project. As best stated by Dick Sundahl, "The tractor was getting a cosmetic and mechanical restoration. The whole tractor was involved in the restoration that represents the original factory 8N Ford tractor. The crew also worked together to update the fuel and ignition system to factory original," Dick explained.

"We all have our specialties and work as a team helping one another. A tremendous amount of teamwork is involved and each person has talents. The purpose of working on this project comes from our hearts," Dick remarked. He extended a big thank you to the Hollinger's for providing the building for them to work in.



Linda, Jacob, and his 10-year-old sister Carolyn were anxious to meet the collaborative crew and wanted to see the progress on the tractor. They were staying in Rochester because Jacob's port would be removed the next day. Arrangements were made for them to meet the crew at the Hollinger's. Introductions were made. The camaraderie was wonderful, and everyone had a great time! This was a day of celebration for Jacob—it marked the end of his treatments and a new beginning for Jacob and his Grandfather's tractor. Jacob took a moment to pose with the crew.

CUTLINE: Pictured L to R: Roger Caron, Carl Harvey, Jacob Dinkel, Chuck Peterson, Dick Sundahl, and Curt Piper. Not pictured: Hoss Lancaster and Joe Hollinger. ~Photo by Joe Miller, www.joemillerphotography.com

Dick Sundahl reported, “Jeff Fox has a body shop and completed the painting. He [Jeff Fox] had it [the Ford 8N tractor] steam cleaned rather than sandblasted.” Bill Becker picked up the tractor from Jeff Fox and delivered it to Joe Hollinger’s. Bill said, “By June 28 we should have the rest of the parts and reassembly will begin. New tires will be installed and the grill guard and half-track bogie arms sandblasted and painted. We were unable to find a good set of fenders and a good hood, so we ordered new replacement ones.”

“Everything appeared to be on schedule. It would not be possible without the successful coordination of keeping this project in motion, plus the great teamwork of assembly,” Dick said.

Char Hamblin contacted Nancy, owner of Northfield Auto Body about priming and painting all the sheet metal. “Initially it was thought only the fenders and hood needed painting, but had since learned also a front grill, front bumper, arms, lights, and fender frames would also need painting,” Char explained. “By June 28, the tractor body was painted and the mechanical and electrical systems were in the process of being put back together,” she added.

Bill Becker said, “We are still waiting for the hood. The tires were removed from the rims and the rims, along with the rear wheel centers are at Christensen Sandblasting in Cannon Falls (another donor!). These will be delivered to Northfield Auto Body for painting,” Bill stated. “As soon as the rims are painted, Lindahl Tire, also of Cannon Falls, will mount the tires and they can be installed on the tractor.”



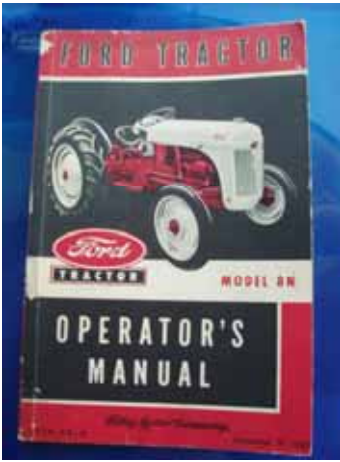
CUTLINE: Dick (seated) and Roger Caron.

Collaboration saves the day! “A lot more scrambling probably happened in the last week before the tractor was given to Jacob,” concluded Bill Becker, RCS&GE club president. “We ended up with no hood for the tractor for awhile. I talked to Dan Christopherson, owner of Napa in Northfield. He turned it over to his employee, Matt Jaeckels, who miraculously found a new hood and grill sitting in a warehouse in Illinois!” He located them on Friday, July 2. This left only one week before the tractor was to be done, and the parts need to be painted yet! The hood and grill were air freighted and delivered it to Northfield Auto Body and painted.

Just when things were going well, the tractor developed an oil leak in the rear end. Becker reported, “It has been repaired, but another one has raised its ugly head. We will chase it down and fix it.” Bill stated with assurance, “We should be able to have the tractor running again after one more full-day of work.”

Bill Becker and the collaborative crew pulled it off--the tractor was restored! The Ford 8N was unveiled July 8 at the Hollinger’s shop. The collaborative crew and several others attended. Everyone was anxious to hear the tractor run for

the first time after its restoration. The tractor glimmered under the shop lights and was quite impressive looking. After a little bit of fine-tuning and a few adjustments, the tractor ran perfectly and was off to the gas pumps for its first fill of gas. The tractor was loaded for transport to Long Prairie Golf Tournament the next day.



The final details. A tractor manual was provided by Loren Fossum. "It should cover all tractors from 1949 until the end of the series." A set of wrenches for the tractor, a Lifetime membership to Rice County Steam and Gas Engines, Inc., and RCS&GE hats and tee shirts were gathered together to present to Jacob with his tractor.

CUTLINE: Ford Model 8N Operator's Manual provided by Loren Fossum.

CUTLINE: RCS&GE President Bill Becker signs the tractor manual.



On Friday, July 9, the tractor was hauled to the Long Prairie golf course and stowed away at the far end of the golf course, out of sight. The annual Make-a-Wish Foundation's golf tournament was held at the Long Prairie Country Club. Jim Wensel spoke for few minutes about Make-A-Wish, introduced Jacob Dinkel and his family, and told the story about Jacob's wish. A few of the RCS&GE club members anxiously awaited by the tractor for the call to drive the tractor up to the clubhouse. Anticipation mounted and everyone was excited!

When the call came, and RCS&GE club member, Roger Caron drove it up the narrow, winding blacktopped road to the clubhouse. Jim Wensel escorted Jacob and his family outside the Long Prairie Golf Club.

Jacob was speechless, smiling as he shook his head in disbelief! He was overwhelmed with joy. Tears were in his eyes and in the eyes of several others. Jacob scaled the steps down to the blacktop where the tractor was parked, hopped on the tractor seat, fired it up, and took a short jaunt. All the while, grinning from ear to ear, Jacob backed it up to where he started. The million-dollar look of surprise on Jacob's face and the tears of joy proved that wishes really DO come true. Jacob's Journey is now complete. He is cancer-free and his Grandfather's first tractor is restored. Our wish for Jacob is to be healthy and to remain cancer free for life.

"Jacob is thankful to Make-A-Wish. It has given him a lot of enjoyment just thinking about what he



might wish for." Linda added, "It [Make-A-Wish] is a wonderful program that truly gives each child something else to focus on during such a scary, unpredictable time."

The tractor restoration took 86 days from the start date of Wednesday, April 14, 2010 to finish date of Thursday, July 8, 2010. Each crewmember estimated the number of hours they worked on the tractor, for a grand total of well over 300 hours.

Coincidentally, since August 26, 2009, Jacob spent 86 days in the hospital, according to Linda's calculations. In addition, Jacob had 47 chemo treatments, rode 7,000 miles and spent approximately 110 hours in the car!

Following the 1952 Ford 8N's debut, Make-A-Wish Foundation continued with the fundraising golf event. A tasty dinner was served to 150 people and 108 golfers attended the Make-A-Wish Scramble fundraising event. It was a very successful event, with over \$18,000 raised for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Jacob's Journey was also a success, thanks to a culmination of faith, family, friends and collaboration. Many goals were met and what seemed impossible became a reality!

What motivated you to help on this project?



Dick Sundahl spokesperson for the Collaborative Crew admitted, “This certainly fit my needs, as I was also being treated for cancer and found it to be great therapy to work on tractors. I felt the project would be very special because the recipient was another cancer patient who would benefit from support like I receive from my family and friends. What people do for you, you do for others.” Dick explains his personal connection:

The project was a winning situation in many ways. I enjoyed working with other club members. Hoss Lancaster also worked on the tractor during part of his long recovery from an illness. Most of the time, I worked on the tractor on my own schedule. I would return home from a radiation treatment at Mayo in Rochester in the afternoons and go out to Joe Hollinger's to work on Jacob's Ford. I would also bring parts home and work on them in my shop.



Bill Becker, RCS&GE's club president, took a personal interest in helping on this tractor restoration project. He explained, “I have my Grandfather's tractor in a shed at home and every time I walk by it or drive it, I try to think of the pride he had after finishing a day's work with that tractor. Rice County Steam and Gas Engines, Inc. mission statement is **'Preserving a bit of yesterday for tomorrow.'** Our mission can't be complete if when we get to tomorrow, nobody appreciates it.” Bill concluded, “Restoring this tractor for this young man gives us the opportunity to insure that someone will be there in the future to appreciate the history we leave behind.”



Roger Caron expressed, “I was just doing the job for the boy.” He added, “I restore tractors myself—I have Internationals and this was a Ford...just something different.”

BEFORE



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DONATIONS FOR THE TRACTOR RESTORATION:

Make-A-Wish Foundation, several businesses and individuals made the tractor restoration possible. They gave selflessly of their time and expertise, donated labor and materials, and collaborative efforts were all in good faith. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals involved with this project:

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Rice County Steam & Gas Club members who worked together on the restoration were Roger Caron, Carl Harvey, Chuck Peterson, Dick Sundahl, and Curt Piper, Joe Hollinger, and Hoss Lancaster. Bill Becker and Char Hamblin were collaborators on the project from start to finish.

In addition, thank you to all of the many wonderful people who pitched-in along the way.

The selfless, collaborative efforts of many people set the course for a triumphant finale to Jacob's Journey.

¹Sweet Tree Farms Pure Maple Syrup. Sweet Tree Farm, Rt. 2, Box 145, Long Prairie, MN 56347
or call daytime: (320) 732-3470. www.sustainablefarmingcentralmn.org/market.html

²Information is from the *Mayo Clinic* website at <http://www.mayoclinic.org/ewings-sarcoma/>.

³For more information about Make-A-Wish Minnesota, see their website at www.wishmn.org.

⁴Ford Tractors N-News website (www.n-news.com)

3 Generations of the Dinkel family with their 4th Generation Ford 8N

~Photo by Cathy Werner



Veronica (Jacob's grandmother), Charlie (Jacob's father), and Jacob.
They are proud of Jacob's Great Grandfather Louis Dinkel's 1952 Ford 8N tractor