

This post is to inform the public about a new building that is going to be constructed at the Wapello County Fairgrounds in Eldon, IA. The owner of the new building is a non-profit organization called the **Work Horse Barn, Inc.** This is a new organization, whose goals are to preserve the history of the *working horse*, in areas such as farming and transportation. The new building will house many pieces of equipment and wagons that would have been used prior to the 1940's, some as early as the mid 1800's.

The Work Horse Barn, Inc has signed a 99-year lease with the Wapello County Fair Board. This lease states that the Work Horse Barn Board will rent the ground that the building is being constructed on. The building will be owned and managed by the Work Horse Barn, Inc.

The building will be used for displays and for demonstrations. It will be open to the public during the Wapello County Fair, Gothic Days, and the Old Iron Show. It can be open for private viewing and for field trips.

We do not have a completion date set yet. The initial dirt work is starting during the week of July 24<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we will have to remove 3 trees, but trees can be replanted. The Work Horse Barn has been given a generous donation of equipment and money from The Horse & Buggy Museum, Biggsville, IL.

We are excited to bring the history of the work horse to the town of Eldon, and to the neighboring communities. Thank you to the Wapello County Fair Board for allowing us to construct this building on the fairground property.

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