

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides At Potato Days

Come out to meet the Haffingers: Nevada and Chance, the mule team of Kit and Rita or John and other equine members of the RRH&SC at the corner by the Barnesville Police Station on Front Street from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Friday, August 23 and 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 24.

Potato Days is a harkening back to the days before much automation when potatoes were handpicked, bagged, stacked and hauled away by horse-drawn wagons. Just look at the schedule to see all the spud related contests to know why we celebrate the potato!

The wagon rides weave through historic streets driving by houses and structures more than 100 years old. Self-guided brochures are available to accompany the wagon tours.

For two days each year, The



Horse drawn wagon rides are provided both Friday and Saturday of Potato Days by the Red River Harness & Saddle Club.

Red River Harness and Saddle Club provides wagon rides to the people attending Potato Days, a club tradition dating back more than a decade.

Teamsters care for and

maintain the health and training on their equines year round in order to provide safe and happy wagon rides for Potato Days, and other events. Polly Thorsness, officer of the RRH&S Club and resident of rural Barnesville, has been providing wagon rides since 1998.

The RRH&SC started providing the rides with multiple teams in 2011, and has done so every year except for a couple including the pandemic.

The RRH&SC also participate in the parade, usually bringing up the rear, with at least one wagon and multiple outriders, one of whom is the day's event leader, known to the group as the wagon master.

The Wagon Master for the day or event is the 'go to' person on



horseback should any need arise during the event. Look for the wagon master at the beginning of the RRH&SC wagons at end of the parade.

Please don't be disappointed if the club doesn't throw candy from the horse-drawn units. No one wants children leaping out in front of moving horses to capture a tiny piece of candy.

SPUD JOKE

What do you call a lazy baby kangaroo?

Answer:

A pouch potato.



People enjoy petting the horses almost as much as the wagon ride!

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