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# Governor joins Anderson 400 sales team

## Site ceremony draws more than 100 to possible corporate HQ

By Mark Ridolfi  
NSP Assistant Editor

Tractors toiled wagonloads of well wishers up steep field roads to a Mississippi River bluff in Princeton where Gov. Kim Reynolds hopes one day to return and snip a ribbon on a corporate investor's new Quad-City headquarters.

On Aug. 28, she joined local leaders to pose with golden shovels to commemorate the certification of the Anderson family's 400 acres as Iowa largest environmentally friendly corporate campus site.

The dry ground proved too hard for even a ceremonial dig.

The family hopes a single corporate group will bring bigger shovels to carve out a campus but leave the creek bed, wetlands and rock features intended to distinguish the Anderson 400 from every other cornfield development site in Iowa.

"What business wouldn't want to locate here and look at this view every single day?" Reynolds told *The NSP*. "By being a part of an environmentally sustainable certified business park, it really is an incredible opportunity to share this natural beauty with a lotta, lotta people."

And the governor pledged to join the Iowa Economic Development Authority and private contractors poised to make sales calls.

"I think I will. That will be easy to do," the governor said.

The site was annexed into the city of Princeton a year ago. The site is on the far eastern edge of the North Scott School District. The River Highlands rural county subdivision immediately south is in the Pleasant Valley district.

The certification and zoning preserves wetlands and requires environmentally sustainable distinctions, including lighting shielded from hitting the night sky, and limits on tree removal.

The Andersons hired contractors who completed studies of endangered species and archaeological artifacts so the buyer won't have to.

More than 100 guests, contractors and local officials joined Paul and Marijo Anderson and their family for the ceremony. Scott County Board chairman Tony Knobbe drove one of the tractors ferrying spectators up the hill.

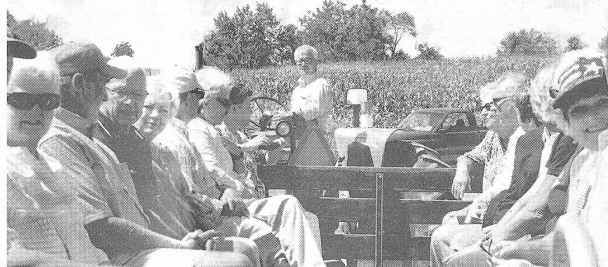
He was joined by county supervisor Ken Beck.

State Sen. Chris Cournoyer, state Rep. Ross Paustian, LeClaire mayor Ray Alen, Bettendorf mayor Bob Gallagher, and Eastern Iowa Community College chancellor Don Doucette also attended.

Marijo Anderson recognized Princeton mayor Roger Woomert, council members Karen Woomert and Kevin Kernan, city clerk Katie Enloe and deputy clerk Patty Morgan.

Also making remarks were Iowa Economic Development Authority Director Debi Durham and Quad-City Chamber of Commerce director Paul Rumler.

The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by North Scott FFA students, and selections from the high school chorus.

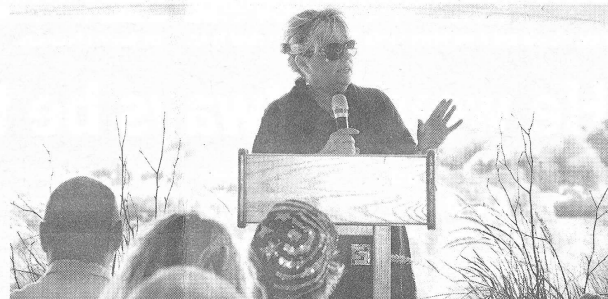


Scott County Board Chairman Tony Knobbe pilots a wagonload of guests to the Anderson 400 site ceremony.

NSP photos by Mark Ridolfi



Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds poses with a shovel. Find a video of her NSP interview with this story online at northscottpress.com.



Marijo Anderson welcomes guests to the ceremony overlooking the Mississippi River.

# Hein's Walcott farm joins Iowa's Heritage list

Mike and Kay Hein's Walcott farm joined the list of 1,360 Iowa Heritage farms recognized farms held by the same family for at least 150 years.

Their farm at 3406 240th St., Walcott, was founded in 1866.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation president Craig Hill and vice-president Joe Heinrich honored 485 Iowa farm families with Century or Heritage Farm designations at the Iowa State Fair. The program celebrates farms that have been owned by the same families for 100 and 150 years, respectively.

"When you consider the inherent

risks that farmers assume every day, the '80s recession, and the current trade concerns, it is incredible to think of the challenges these families had to overcome to keep their farms for 100 or 150 years," said Secretary Naig.

The Century Farm program began in 1976 as part of the nation's bicentennial celebration. This year, 332 Century Farms and 153 Heritage Farms were recognized. A full list of families who received Century and Heritage Farm designations at the 2019 Iowa State Fair is available at [iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritage-farm-program](http://iowaagriculture.gov/century-and-heritage-farm-program).

To date, more than 20,060 Century

farms and 1,360 Heritage farms have been recognized across the state of Iowa.

### New Heritage farms

Four Muscatine family farms were added to the Heritage list:

Elder, Mark F. & Marsha L., 2053 Davis Avenue, Nichols. Founded 1856  
Hargrafen, Corinne, 260th Street, Lets: Founded 1869

Idle Family Farm Irrevocable Trust, William, Darren McGowan, Trustee, Founded: 1173 - 217th Street, Nichols. Founded 1867

McIntire, Phillip & Peggy, 1443 Hwy. 70, West Liberty, 52776, Founded 1868.