Belgian Team To Appear In E-Town, East Earl

GREENDALE, Wis. — Country's Reminisce Hitch, the first six-horse hitch ever to walk the entire distance across the United States from Maine to California, will soon be making an appearance in Lancaster County.

The hitch will be at the Elizabethtown Fairgrounds in Elizabethtown, Pa. on Saturday, May 25. During the appearance, the six champion Belgians will be harnessed and driven by David Helmuth, allowing him and his wife. Vikki, to show local folks firsthand why this team was named the "No. 1 Six-Horse Hitch in America.

The horses will be on display from 12 p.m.- 5 p.m. At about 3 p.m., David Helmuth will present a short program and, weather permitting, the horses will be in harness for driving around 4 p.m.

The hitch is owned by Country and Reminisce, two of nine magazines published by Reiman Publications of Greendale, Wis.

Throughout its travels, the hitch has always recognized and honored senior citizens — even its bright red wagon exhibits a bold "We're Pulling for Seniors!" slogan. In turn, seniors feel a special affinity for the big horses, often harking back to the days when they or their family worked the land with draft horse teams.

Typically, Helmuth gives away a number of prizes at each performance — to the oldest person attending, to the person who traveled the farthest, etc. He also answers questions from the crowd and reminisces about the team's unhurried walk from Kennebunkport, Maine to San Diego, Calif.

In all, the 16-month trip through 18 states covered more than 3,800 miles, and the horses walked every step of the way. The team and crew averaged about 10 miles a day, six days a week, resting on Sundays. They made special stops at senior centers all along the route

Since that historic trip, the hitch has traveled even farther in their colorful semi-trailer — last year their travels around the United States covered 23,000 miles, almost equaling the distance around the earth.

The giant Belgians, which weigh over a ton each, have thousands of enthusiastic fans who closely followed the accounts in the Reiman magazines describing the team's trek across America. Many of the magazines' subscribers have come to know each horse by name and regard them as "their" horses.

As a result, the editors often refer to the horses as "the only sixhorse hitch in the world co-owned by over 12 million people!" These "owners" often drive hundreds of miles to see, meet and pet the giant steeds, and this will likely be the case when the hitch appears in Elizabethtown.

The team's cross-country walk along rural roads was aimed at recognizing senior citizens. In all, they gave rides to more than 50,000 people — mostly seniors in the hitch's custom-made red wagon, adding meaning to the wagon's bold slogan.

During their upcoming visit to Elizabethtown, David and Vikki will chat with the crowd about their trip, answer questions about the horses and their custom-built wagon and semi, and autograph copies of the book and the video detailing the trip.

The hitch will then be at Good's Store in East Earl, Pa. on Memorial Day, May 27.

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Vikki and David Helmuth, shown here with the Dalmatian hitch mascot, are in charge of the daily operations of Country's Reminisce Hitch. They were married during its 1993-1994 journey across the United States, and regard the rest of the trip as the most memorable honeymoon imagin-





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