

Cass River Water Trail

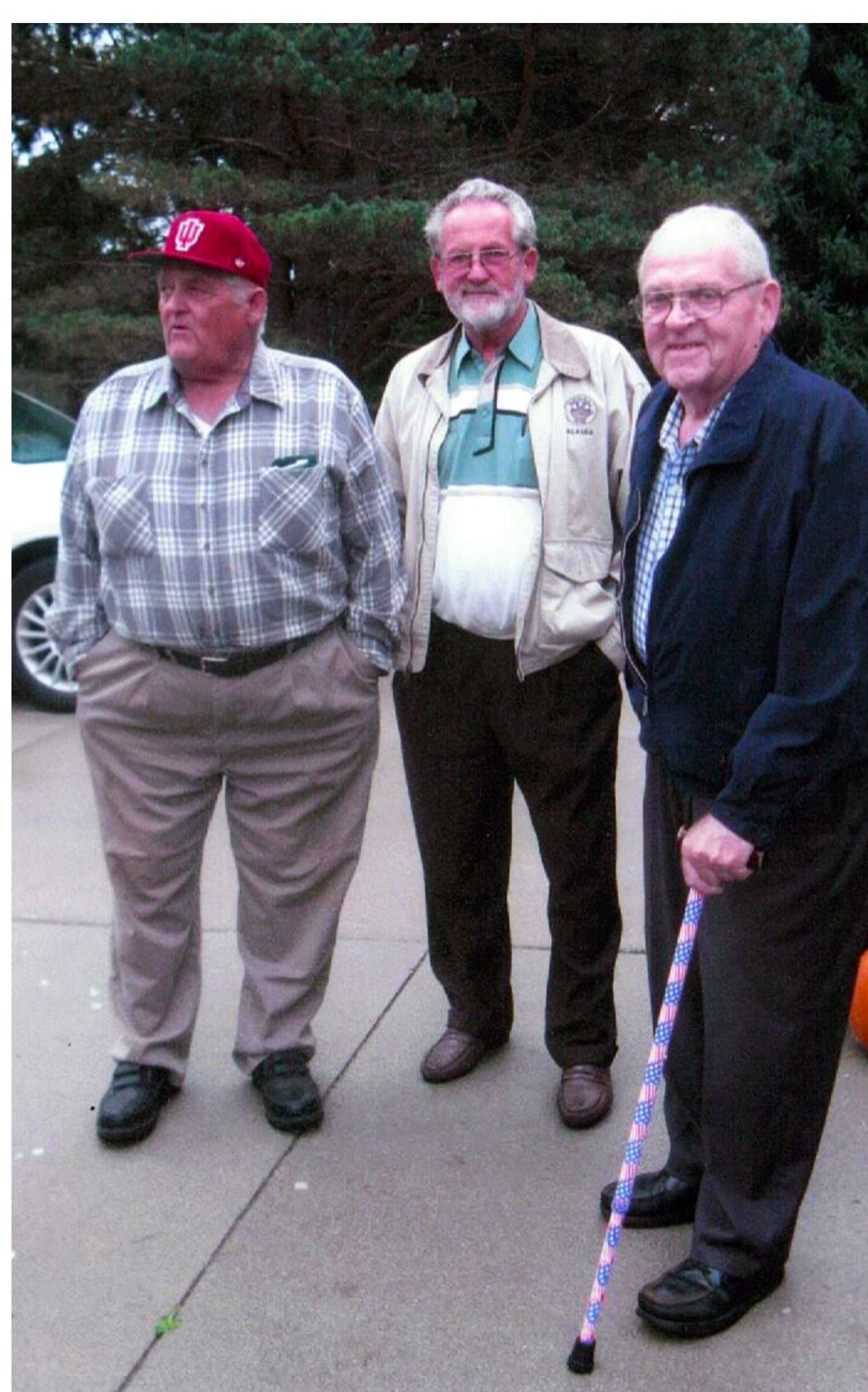


History of Hoffmann Brothers' Farm



The Hoffmann Brothers' Farm started in 1951 when the Hoffmann family took over the property from the Rudd Family. In 1967, brothers Lee & David bought the farm from their father and worked the farm as a family business. They farmed the land with the normal crops of corn, beets, and soy beans. They also had crops that were sent for processing such as tomatoes (200 acres), cabbage (100 acres), and peppers (40 acres) most of which were handpicked. They raised Dairy and Beef cattle until 1974. They also had one of the biggest strawberry and pumpkin patches around and folks would come from all over to pick their own strawberries. They would sell the pumpkins during Halloween and later turned the old barn into a Haunted Attraction for visitors. They opened a commercial vegetable and fruit stand in 1970 and would sell a variety of produce, flowers and such until 1998. This was a staple of the Bridgeport Township community. In 1988 Lee's sons Jeff & Andy took over the farm. In 1998, the son's uncle and aunt John & Betty Hoffmann purchased two lots of the farm to start John's vision of the Rolling Hills Development. Then in 2005 they purchased the remainder of the Farm and continued the vision of Rolling Hills to become a focal point of the Bridgeport Community. The Famous White Hoffmann House was built in 1905 and it was torn down in 2006 to make way for more development opportunities.

The Hoffmann Farm is well remembered by many of the Bridgeport Township residents as a place to get some of the best produce in the area.



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