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## Oldest Grain Elevator in Iowa Gets A Lift Guess How Much It Weighs

ROSS - The owners of the last wooden grain elevator in Audubon County, and possibly the oldest one left in Iowa, are conducting a contest to guess how much the elevator weighs when it is lifted next week by Heartland Building Moving out of West Bend.

Bob and Janet Nelson, owners of the Ross elevator which was built by Civil War Veteran Charles Stuart, received a \$25,000 matching grant from the Iowa Barn Foundation and



of the elevator is roughly 25'x30', and not counting the foundation, 60' high.

During the turn-ofthe-century, galvanized steel was put over the original lap siding to prevent fires from locomotive steam engine sparks. Many all-wood elevators were lost due to the sparks and replaced with the more modern cement structures.

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