## February 2025

Supporters of the St. Clair County Farm Museum:

It is time once again to prepare for the St. Clair County Farm Museum's annual Fall Harvest Days at Goodells County Park. This community event is an opportunity for our members and volunteers to share and demonstrate lumber sawing, threshing, blacksmithing and other farm related chores typical of past farm families lives. Tractor displays and events, steam traction engines and hit- miss engines are highlighted along with many activities for kids. The Museum buildings are open all three days to showcase how families lived and worked on the farm in years past. Your 2024 Fall Harvest Days sponsorship will help us continue this educational and family friendly event.

The Farm Museum formerly known as the St. Clair County Historical Farm began in the early 1960's with the original mission of "Preserving a bit of yesterday for tomorrow." In 1967 the organization was incorporated as the St. Clair County Farm Museum with the same mission. The Museum is located on the site of the former St. Clair County Poor Farm with original Poor Farm barns housing the Museum artifacts. The barns are part of the St. Clair County Park system and are leased to the Museum in exchange for offering public days from April through October. Museum volunteers conduct tours by request for other non profits groups, family reunions, and school field trips throughout the year.

As a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, we receive no money from County tax dollars or the County Park system. We rely on fundraising events like pancake breakfasts, sales of food at our concession stand and donations, to help cover utilities, expenses, and continue the maintenance of our equipment and artifacts. We also rely on sponsorships to help us continue offering high quality events such as the Fall Harvest Days.

We are asking that you consider supporting us in our efforts to host the 41st anniversary of the Fall Harvest Days on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Enclosed is a sponsor sheet which indicates the various levels of sponsorship and highlights how you will be rewarded for your contribution at each level. Please consider helping us maintain this event and the Museum for future generations.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact us a 810-334-6355

Thank you for your generosity,

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