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Farm Museum Newsletter

ST. CLAIR COUNTY FARM MUSEUM
 "PRESERVING A BIT OF YESTERDAY FOR TOMORROW"

FALL HARVEST DAYS

Now that the 2025 Fall Harvest Days is behind us we can focus our attention on the next big event which is Pumpkin Fest. However, we do need to take a look back at FHD and pass out some kudos to the many people who made this a successful event.

First and foremost are our sponsors for this year. The presenting sponsor is **AIS Construction Equipment Corp.**



Without their help, meeting our financial obligations of FHD would be difficult. Other spon-

sors at various levels include:
Marysville Truck and Equipment,
Rosseel's Equipment,
Compression Fueling Services,
Morgan Composting,
Bob's Welding and Fabricating,
Ageless Machine Works,
Ball Equipment of Richmond,
Leslie Tire,
Pink Elephant Bar, and
Pat's Auto Shop, Inc.
Ac - Dc Electrical Contractors
Week's Meat Market

Thank you to all of this year's sponsors for their financial support.

Next is all of the Museum members and volunteers who work so hard to make this an enjoyable event. We can't even begin to list all of the names of the people that work tirelessly to provide this event but with that being said, thank you to all who put forth the efforts to make it work.

The concession stand workers, the kids activity area, the sawmill workers, the threshing crew, the shredder rides, the engine display, the people mover crew, the dairy barn staff, the side by side raffle ticket organizers, all those people who roam around and do what ever is needed, and all of the exhibitors who show up with tractors and displays and the vendors. If I have left out a bunch of workers, I apologize but thanks to all. It takes all of us!

A special thanks to the Museum Board of Directors and the Fall Harvest Days committee for their planning and leadership throughout the year. Your generosity of providing a BBQ meal to the members on Saturday was a very nice gesture. It was delicious and very much appreciated.

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MEMBERSHIP

The Fall Harvest Days show marks that time of year when the yearly general membership expires and the new year begins. This year, we had 25 people join the ranks of members and we would like to welcome them all to our group. We hope that they can become involved in some way to help move this organization forward. There are plenty of ways to get involved whether it be helping in the concession, helping at one of the breakfasts, helping to restore equipment, working at the sawmill, or just being together with other members. There is

always a way to fit in. The next big event is Pumpkin Fest and there is a multitude of opportunities to help out.

We did have several renewals of memberships but several past members have yet to renew. We are asking that every member fill out a new member application form so that we can update our membership list with accurate information. Important also is to include emergency contact information to be saved in a central location...just in case. Life members, also please complete a new form which can be found on the FHD page on the Museums web site.

THANK YOU

Active Tree Experts

Thank you to John Meyers, owner of Active Tree Experts in Richmond for his donation of timber for the use of Ben Risney Wood Carving at the St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair. Active Tree has also donated many logs to the Museum for use in our sawmill demonstra-



Ben Risney working on a chain saw carving

tions. And thank you to Dennis VanNuck for facilitating the donation to the Museum.

Progressive Saw & Tool

Thank you to Progressive Saw and Tool Co. in East China for sharpening the blades for the edging machine. This machine came out of dormancy after many years and was used to trim the edges of boards in a demonstration at the St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair and Fall Harvest Days. And thank you to Tod Tuttle for spearheading the effort to get this machine up and running.



Bob Sullivan & Tod Tuttle run the edger

4-H and Youth Fair

Now that the fair is in the rear view, it's time to give a big thank you to everyone who made this a successful week. To all of the cooks, servers, and organizers at Melanie's Diner, all of the sawmill and steamer crew - and the morning after clean up crew, the Museum workers and all involved in setting up equipment displays, and the Raffle workers, we can't thank you enough. Also a shout out to the St. Clair County 4-H groups and the St. Clair County Fair Board for allowing the Farm Museum to participate in this week long event. A record setting day on Friday shows that when the "village" works together, amazing things can happen. Thank you to all, including the visitors who enjoy our efforts.

Photos

Thank you to Marty Victor for sharing his many photos used in this issue.

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Membership Meetings

- October 21, 2025
- November 18, 2025
- No Dec. Meeting

Board Meetings

- October 1, 2025
- November 5, 2025
- December 3, 2025

Keeping in touch with the Museum happenings has never been easier. Information can be found on the Museum Facebook page or on the Museum's web site. As always, please consider joining us at one of our events.

UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS

Pumpkin Fest

Please lend a hand at Pumpkin Fest held on the first three weekends in October. It's always a fun time.

BOD Elections

Elections for seats on the Board of Directors this year will take place at the November membership meeting with nominations being held at the October meeting. Up for reelection this year are Keith Barnhart, Melissa Wilson and Terry Dunn. Two additional seats will be filled

as per a recommendation after a review of the Museum bylaws. If you are a member in good standing and are interested in serving on the BOD, you must attend the October meeting to be nominated.

Breakfast with Santa

December 7th is the date for our fund raiser breakfast with set up on Saturday the 6th. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help out.

THANK YOU

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Wheat Binding

Thank you to the binding crew of Glen, Terry, Larry, and Landon Schade, Terry Dunn, Ray Theut, Fred Peasley, Scott Eisele and Kyle Slifco for their hard work binding and loading three loads of wheat shocks used in the thresher demonstrations at Fall Harvest Days.

Labels / Signs

Thank you to Elizabeth VanNuck for the labels and



The corn maze is ready



The Bluewater Nternational T-Trak train club is always a welcomed attraction to the FHD show

signage used on the people movers at Fall Harvest Days.

The People Mover Crew

A huge thank you goes out to the drivers of the people movers who assure visitors to the Fall Harvest Days have a safe and enjoyable ride. Thank you to Mark Polley, Tom Gunst, Christian Gunst, Jim Van Nuck, and Jacob Newman

Plywood Donation

Thank you to **Ever Sharp Tools, Inc. (EST)** of Ira Township for their generous donation of plywood. Two times, they have donated plywood which is being used for repair of the Bull Barn floor. And thanks to Dennis VanNuck for facilitating these donations and working on the install.



The St. Clair County Farm Museum Presents:



Fall Pumpkin Fest and Corn Maze



2025

Take a wagon ride to the farm's pumpkin patch, pick a pumpkin, try to not get lost in the Museum corn maze

Stroll through the museum buildings

Corn Stalks For Sale



Concessions Available
Spinning Demonstrations
Kids Activities
Hand Corn Shelling
Face Painting
Barrel Train Rides

Wagon Ride to the Pumpkin Patch includes one pumpkin per person- \$5.00, Corn Maze - \$5.00

October 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19
Saturdays & Sundays 12 noon -5pm

While Supplies Last

Find the Farm Museum at:
Goodells County Park
8310 County Park Drive
Goodells, Mi. 48027

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Please consider joining to help us preserve the heritage of the farming communities of rural St. Clair County

SCENES FROM FALL HARVEST DAYS



Featuring Ford and Michigan Engines



Rt. Laundry day in the kids area



Straw is fed into the baler



Landon stacks the bales of straw



Guy and Jim of the Bluewater Area Woodturners try their hand on the Museum's Moak lathe



Gaige prepares to stack the lumber

SCENES FROM FALL HARVEST DAYS



Thank you to Mark Pederson and St. Clair Collision for providing monster truck rides



Learning about farm life in the kids activity area



The shingle mill and branding are always a favorite. Thank you Louis and Kevin



The bean soup and sweet corn is always a big hit



Unloading the corn from the new corn crib for shelling at the FHD




The St. Clair County Farm Museum Presents:



Breakfast with Santa
 Sunday, December 7th., 2025
 9 am - 1 pm

Visit with Santa
Kids crafts
Raffles
Bake sale

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
 Sausage, Drinks

Location:
 Goodells County Park
 Community Center

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The mission of the St. Clair County Farm Museum is to provide an understanding of our heritage, add to our areas cultural base and enhance regional tourism. This is achieved by acquiring, preserving and presenting agricultural and domestic equipment and related artifacts in structures and settings which will portray the origin and evolution of farming and rural living from when the area was first settled until about 1960.

The museum is a 501c3 charitable non profit organization which is operated entirely by volunteers. The museum always welcomes new volunteers to join us in achieving our mission. An agricultural background is not a requirement to become a member. Please join us at our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Community Building at Goodells County Park.



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