



# Summer 2014 Newsletter

*Dedicated to educating the public and preserving the rural heritage of Illinois.*

## June 7<sup>th</sup> Tractor Drive Banquet Memories

Thank you to the Peterson Farm Bros, the Tractor Drive Participants, Banquet Guests, Helpers and Sponsors (listed below) for making this a Successful Event!



Tractors Drivers, Start your Engines!



Nathan, Greg, Kendal, and Laura With Charlie and Mary Greer In front of the 1912 Case.



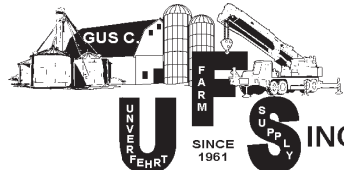
Chairman Irl Engelhardt Talks!



Peterson Farm Bros Performing!

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show August 7<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

The Museum will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> annual quilt show August 7<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>. This is held in conjunction with the American Thresherman Show which is scheduled for August 13-17<sup>th</sup>. Visit the Museum and marvel over the lost art of quilt making. A quilt is in the frame and you can watch the work in progress. Both historical and new handmade and machine pieced quilts are on display. Check out the other exhibits in the Museum, also.





### Summertime is Ice Cream Time

Stop by the Museum and see the vintage ice cream freezers on display. One of the early freezers has a glass container. The exhibit shows a cow stanchion, automatic milking machine, cream separator, butter churn, milk stool, and the freezers. It will make you crave homemade ice cream. If you milked cows in your younger days, the exhibit will bring back memories, but you probably will not yearn for those days. The family had no flexibility when they milked. They were tied down to the farm.

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Thank you to Jerry Volk, Marblehead, OH for loaning us some of his collection of freezers for this exhibit.

Robotic milking technology is now becoming the norm and some of the most common reasons are for a lifestyle change, staffing problems, and to increase productivity. It is a decision-making process that should not be rushed. Cost is a big factor.

### Alexis Aquirre and his Father, Jean, from France

chose the Museum as a place to see on their visit to the United States in July. They were very fascinated by the displays in the Museum. Jean and Alexis are heavy equipment mechanics. They had never seen a 1912 Case Steam Engine like the one in the background.



### The Museum was a recipient of a \$25,000 Community Facility Grant in 2012

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