



# Winter 2017 Newsletter

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

## Southern Illinois



**The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum wants to say a big Thank You to Asgrow/Dekalb and Jonathan Schneider for the donation of \$5,000 for 2017 and for the \$4,000 donation for 2016. Jonathan is the District Sales Manager for Asgrow/Dekalb in Southern Illinois.**

Jonathan is a member of the elite class of the 2018 Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation whose mission is to develop knowledgeable and effective leaders to become policy and decision makers for the agricultural industry. Congratulations Jonathan on being chosen to be a part of this Foundation! You are very deserving of this honor.

Jonathan, also a Certified Crop Advisor, is an integral contributor to his family's diversified dairy, grain and hay operation. His commitment to his community stems from his early and continued involvement in the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Okawville. He is involved in the Addieville Area Jaycees, where he has served in nearly every officer's position and was recognized as "Outstanding Local President of the Year" by the Illinois Jaycees. He attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where he earned his Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in Agribusiness Economics.

He and his wife, Krissy, and their two children Hudson and Annley live in Venedy, Illinois.



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**We want to say a big Thank You to the Union Pacific Foundation for their donation of \$5,000 for 2017.**

Union Pacific has been a proud supporter of the Museum since 2011 making a total of \$22,500 in donations.

In 2016, UP invited the recipients to be their guest on the Chairman, President, and CEO Lance Fritz's train at Union Station for the distribution of the checks with a reception following. It was a memorable day.

## **Tractor Enthusiasts!**

Please join us Sunday, June 4, 2017,  
For an afternoon drive through the  
countryside and good fellowship with  
your tractor friends!

Sandwich and salad luncheon  
Served between 12:00 noon – 1 pm

Tractor Drive will follow at 1:15 pm

Cost is \$20 participant and \$5 for guest  
For info call 618-357-8908 or  
618571-1854

You do not have to preregister!

# THANK YOU from the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum

The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum would like to thank all the individuals and companies that have helped the Museum get to where we are today. Whether your gift was monetary or an exhibit that was donated or on loan, we could not have done it without you. These names are on the donor wall at the entrance of the museum.

## Rend Lake College Summer Kids Camp 2017 Explore, Learn, and Have Fun at the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum

We will be hosting a kid's camp class, July 11, 2017, from 9 am to noon. Participants must be in the third to sixth grade.

The student will be given a guided tour of the Museum, get to make a rope for themselves on an early 1900's rope making machine, and learn how ice cream used to be made (and of course get a sample). Students will participate in a scavenger hunt at the end of the camp. Each participant will receive a shirt from the Museum. Sign up at <https://www.ric.edu>.



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1pm-5pm Sunday

or by appointment

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