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Upcoming Events!

August 16th - 26th: Toy Tractor Show and Quilt Display
August 19th: Spinning Wheel Demonstration
December 3rd: Christmas Open House 1:00 – 5:00
December 3-31st: Christmas Lights and Decorations



Rend Lake College Summer Kids Camp 2017

It was a fun, learning experience for 6 students at our Rend Lake College Summer Kids Camp. They learned how to crank an ice cream freezer (and then got to sample it), sit in the desk in a one room school, (and decided they like their desk better), got to pump and play an antique organ, ring an old school bell, and so much more. They all want to come back and bring their families. They were a great bunch of students that were very interested in their heritage.

The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum would like to thank all the individuals and companies that have help 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.

Thank you from the Illinois Rural Heritage Museum



June Tractor Drive

The 9th Annual Tractor Drive was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who participated and to sponsors: Crop Production Services, First National Bank, Gus C. Unverfehrt Farm Supply and Knight Hawk Coal and Steve Carter. There were 41 tractors that participated this year. A luncheon was held at the Rural Heritage Museum before the 1:15 leisurely drive through the countryside full of tractor talk with great friends.



The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum would like to give a special thank you to **Steve Carter and Knight Hawk Coal** for the donation of \$5,000. Knight Hawk Coal began surface mining in 1998 with a crew of 17 and has since grown to five surface mines, two underground mines and two carbon recovery operations, with a crew of over 400 and the Lone Eagle dock on the Mississippi. The museum is very grateful to receive support from Mr. Carter and Knight Hawk.



The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum would like to give a special thank you to **Crop Production Services Southern Illinois Division Mike Doody and Brent Briscoe** for their donation of \$5,000. The Southern Illinois Division consists of 17 plants spanning the Eastern Indiana line to the Mississippi, as far North as Route 16. The support of CPS is greatly appreciated!

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