



# Winter 2018 Newsletter

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

The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum would like to introduce our new Chairman of the Board, Josh Maschhoff. Josh is Director of Productions at The Maschhoffs located in Carlyle, Illinois. He is a part of the sixth generation working at the Maschhoff's, which has recently been ranked as number nine in pork production worldwide.

The Maschhoff Family owns several pieces of steam equipment with a 1912 80 hp Case Steam Engine being on display at the Museum. They also have a slaughterhouse exhibit on display at the Museum.

Josh came on the IRHM Board as a Director, May 30, 2015. He succeeds Irl Engelhardt, who has served as Chairman since 2008. Irl will continue to serve as a Director. The Board would like to thank Irl for a job well done.

Josh's degrees include a BS from the University of Illinois, 2007, MS from Purdue University, 2014 and a MBA from Indiana University, 2014.



**New Chairman, Josh Maschhoff**



**Maschhoff's Case 110 plowing**

Josh's interest in his heritage can be seen as he operates the families 1911 Case 110 Steam Engine at the American Thresherman Show, which is held the third week in August at the Pinckneyville Fairgrounds. The date for the 2018 show is August 15-19. The show puts on a working display of antique equipment, while here at the Museum we have a static display.

After the Friday night tractor pulls at the Thresherman Show, the Case 110 gives a very impressive spark show. Josh, and his father Dave, and brother Ryan are the operators of the Steam Engine.

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



**Wayne Keller joined our Board of Directors** last September. He is a Founder of buyafarm.com, registering the name in September 1998. He has been a real estate agent since 1990. In 1997, Wayne had an idea to use the internet to market rural real estate, and he soon added aerial photos, maps and other information. From this initial idea, buyafarm.com has become a major success. It has grown into Buy A Farm Land and Auction Company LLC with approximately 20 agents licensed in Illinois, Missouri and Indiana. Buy A Farm specializes in the sale of farms and recreational lands.. Wayne's interests are farming, flying and photography. He combines all three with his job. His daughter Brenda has been with him since the beginning, and in 2014 his wife Jamie and son-in-law became agents.

### New Exhibits Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that we will soon have a mining display here at the Museum. Before the EPA changed the rules, this area was booming with coal mines. SIU-C had a training program that was designed to improve coal miner safety and productivity by using a Dragline Simulator. The program was designed to train 5-6 operators in a 10 day period with each trainee received 15 hours of training. Southern Illinois University – Carbondale is donating it to the Museum. We are contacting other companies related to coal to see if they might have something to add to this mining exhibit.

Another exhibit that will soon be completed is a replica of a 1930-1940's Farmhouse. This exhibit is being made possible by a donation from Murphy-Wall State Bank in Pinckneyville.

**Please check Our Facebook Page for updates!**

**Thank you to Bill Riechmann** for serving on our Board of Directors from 2008 to December, 2017. Your input was very beneficial and valuable to the growth of the Museum. We wish you major success as your business grows.

### Our Pillars



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