



Winter 2014 Newsletter

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

The Museum celebrates an Old Fashioned Christmas

Christmas trees and lights were strung in the Museum in preparation for an old fashioned Christmas celebration. An open house started the festivities on December 1st with Santa visiting the Museum. Pictures were taken with Santa but not all the little ones wanted their picture taken. A collection of nativity scenes, lighted village, old Christmas ornaments, and toys from the 1950-60's were on display. Remember when children received a puzzle, book, or a game for Christmas. Those were the simpler days!!



**Not a
Happy
Child**



Farm Credit of IL donates a \$1,000 check to the Museum on December 6, 2013.

Left to right: Kelly York, Robby Gilliam, Mary and Charlie Greer, Mark Kabat, and Dennis Miller.

The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum thanks all of those who donate to help us keep the Museum operating.

6th Annual Tractor Drive and Banquet

June 7th, 2014 at Illinois Harvest, LLC., 5355 Goldeneye Rd, Pinckneyville, IL

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Has the snow and cold weather got you wishing it was summer? Start thinking about our early summer event and get your mind off of the cold weather. We are so excited to announce that the Peterson Farm Bros. will be our guest speakers for the evening. The brothers are from Central Kansas and are telling the world all about farmers and farming. The younger generation is listening because to them the boys make learning about farming educational and fun. The banquet is open to the public and we welcome all that would like to come out and hear the brothers perform and talk about their rise to fame.

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Original Illinois Flag on Display at Museum

Did you know that the first Illinois Flag did not have the name Illinois on it? The first flag was designed by a lady in a D.A.R. Chapter in Rockford, IL. It became official on July 16, 1915.

While serving in Vietnam, Chief Petty Officer McDaniel of Waverly, IL became concerned about the design of his Illinois State Flag. It was one of many State Flags that hung in the mess hall. Without the name on it, it was questioned as to what state it belong to. He requested that the design of the flag be changed to include the name. A bill to amend the original act of 1915 was signed by Gov. Ogilvie and a new design was accepted including the name on July 1, 1970. The flag includes the emblem of the Illinois State Shield on a white field with Illinois printed below the emblem.

Tractor Drive *continued*

The Petersons recognize the potential of their notoriety and realized they could put a lot of information out there. By educating viewers, they hope to reach two main goals. First, to inform people about modern-day farming, where food comes from and how it is made. The second goal is to show the positive sides of agriculture. On average people are three generations removed from the farm so they have little knowledge about farming. The videos are entertaining and the younger children are watching them and are being educated about farming and how the farmer feeds the world.

The Illinois Rural Heritage Museum invites the public to come out for an evening of family entertainment. Your attendance will help support the Museum. More information will be in the next newsletter.

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