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Gracie Nazel, Emcee of our very first Canine Costume Contest at the Pumpkin Festival!



Last year's Pumpkin Festival drew huge crowds, and this year, we have even more parking available!

Pumpkin festival is bigger, better than ever

The word is out about the success of our Country Pumpkin Festivals and we are expecting nearly 200 vendors on both days this year. We were so overwhelmed by the response last year, we had a lot of surprises – including a shortage of parking. Thanks to our neighbors, we'll have plenty of planned parking this year (and more portable toilets, as well). The East lot will be handicapped parking only, so either drive to the lot just past the big red barn (gravel drive) or look across the street where you can find parking spaces.

Once again, admission and parking are free. There will be free face painting and craft bags for the kids; free hayrides (it's a bumpy but fun ride), games like pumpkin checkers and pumpkin tic tac toe! No pumpkin is more than \$5 and there will be hundreds of them again – all sizes and shapes.

This will be a perfect time to start Christmas shopping because there are some absolutely fantastic handmade items for everyone on your list. There will be several food vendors this year as well as hot dogs, chili, hot and cold cider, soft drinks and bottled ice tea and water in the big red barn. The popular freshly popped popcorn will be for sale and there will be an apple dipping station if you want caramel (or other flavors) apples.

Sales of the items in the barn help keep Heritage Farm running. And proceeds of the festival go toward our effort to bring a log cabin that was once on the underground railroad to the property. The farmhouse museum will be open both days and our guides will love to show you around.

There are two special events on Sunday – at 11 a.m. the young dancers from Ignite Dance Studio are scheduled to perform in the barn. At noon Sunday, our very first Canine Costume Contest will be held. Emcee, 8-year-old Gracie Nazel, will introduce the dogs and their humans on the tarmac behind the barn with plenty of grassy seating right below so everyone can see.

Thanks to BillJac Foods Inc., we will have 4-oz. snack packs for the first 50 dogs and two 14—pound bags of dog food for the winners of the 16 and younger-17 and older division. Each first place handler will receive a \$20 gift certificate from Kelly's Café. And there might be some other prizes (but who knows? It's our first year).

Registration for the costume contest begins at 11:30 – there will be a table at the side of the barn where you can sign up. Bring your cameras!

Farmers market season ends

The farmers market season is winding down and the market at Heritage Farm is no exception. The last market was Oct. 8 and we are happy to report this has been a banner year. There have been lots and lots of new produce and food vendors as well as a huge variety of arts and crafts.

Crow Hill Farm from Shreve Ohio has filled a spot we've wanted to provide since we began four years ago – meat and cheese. As an all-natural farm, the grass-fed animals that come from Crow Hill antibiotic, hormones. GMOs, and tenderizer free – and it is delicious.

Many of our regular customers have become fans of the maple flavored breakfast sausages and smoked, nitrate free bacon that actually tastes like good old-fashioned bacon. They have a variety of cheeses made at the farm right next to Crow Hill. They also have fresh produce in season and bakery.

We were going to miss them so much, we're happy to learn they have decided to deliver during the winter months. So, if you are spending more than \$50, they will bring your order to you. For these months you can order ground beef, whole roasting chickens, one-inch thick pork chops, bacon, bratwurst, maple breakfast links, Hawaiian bratwurst (yep, pineapple), mild Italian, smoked sausage and a special blend with salt, pepper and sage.

Crow Hill will be at the Pumpkin Festival at Heritage Farm 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 15. Stop by, give their products a try and get an order sheet. If you miss it, you can call them at 330-317-1901.

In addition to some great new vendors, many of our favorites from the very first year have been here every week – and we have been so lucky to have wonderful weather every Sunday.

April Barczyk and her parents, Ed and Sandy, have a huge variety of items from homegrown fresh veggies to varieties of garlic and potatoes to handmade pasta and delicious bread. For the second year in a row, Sandy has brought plants to the farm during the last few weeks and takes donations which she donates to the Historical Society. This year, we will use the funds raised to pay for winterizing our new children's garden plants and trees.

Upcoming events:

The last meeting of 2017 of the Brunswick Area Historical Society will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 at Spring Mist Farm, 691 Pearl Road. We will be wrapping up the year's activities and hope to have an update on how close we are to raising the \$18,000 needed to bring the log cabin here. The first meeting of 2018 will be Jan. 25 with the place to be determined. We hope to see all of our members there. If you are not already a member, please fill out the form below to join. Every membership helps us keep Heritage Farm as a place to keep our past alive.

Build it and they will come

Our butterfly garden planted by the Wild Ones organization in early June has blossomed above and beyond our expectations. We have dozens of monarchs and some other kinds of butterflies who have been "decorating" the air around the garden since early September. It's beautiful!

Wish list:

While we have a large collection from the 1830's to the 1930s, we don't have an antique phone – it's kind of fun to be able to tell young people why we say we are "dialing" the phone.

We need someone to keep our web page up to date. We need help cataloging the items being donated to the farm. Both jobs can be done from home. Call 'Sam' Boyer at 330-288-8728 if you would like to give it a try. Our hope is to get all our paper items into digital form so people can use the information for research.

We are still in need of mannequins? We could especially use small full figure mannequins because our oldest dresses have those tiny waists that women used to have way back when. We have just two right now plus a 1920s version (complete with wax face, glass eyes and real hair that we call Scary Mary) that is slightly larger and a modern version on which we could only fit a 1930s dress.

We are especially interested in a mannequin with legs that we might use to fit our woolen swimming garment on. Yes, wool! There are "shorts" underneath the skirt of the swimsuit and we'd love to be able to share that with our visitors. We also need children's mannequins for the child's bedroom.

We are, of course, looking for funding to bring a log cabin to the farm, so any donation is gratefully accepted and counts as a charitable donation to our 501c(3) organization.

Saying thanks:

As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, we remember some special friends who lent us a hand or made a donation this year...

Thanks to Homestead Insurance for providing a whole lot of pens for the visit of about 180 eighth graders from Edwards Middle School. Before they arrive, the students will fill out a "shopping list" of what they will bring on their trip west in the 1800s. At the farm, we'll find out who would have survived and who would not.

Thanks to Cindy Scarpino and Kelly Ciphers who put down their hairstyling tools this year to help out with food service in the barn on many Sundays.

Thanks to the folks at Advance Auto Parts for providing a new battery for our antique tractor.

Thanks to Ben Mihalek, our events coordinator, for donating all the popcorn and flavors this year. All the money from popcorn sales go toward our log cabin project. Ben is proprietor of Evergreen Cottage Christmas Shop, during market and festivals. He also has donated several of the tents we use for the festival (which, by the way, was his idea!)

Thanks to Evelyn Szalay who previously donated a knife sharpening wheel. This time she brought us her crib from 1931 that her mom told her was a hand-me-down. We've added it to the children's bedroom and filled it with vintage dolls.

Thanks to Anne Phoenix and Mike Jones for donating an antique baby buggy.

Thanks to Carol Foote who has been opening the farmhouse museum on more Sundays than ever this year. (And she bakes cookies so the kitchen smells good, too).

B-W Junior Dustin Smith continues to help us out as a docent every other Sunday as he works toward his history degree.

Thanks to the family of Carl Perkins, a former Kingsbury Road resident. They donated his hand-stitched record of service in WWII. It's really amazing and we are anxious to get it up and on display. We'll be working on some new displays over the winter, so be sure to come back when we start our open houses again.

Thanks to Lin and Greg Crane for their help and donation to the log cabin fund.

This will be the last issue of the Curator for 2017. Look for another edition in January, 2018.

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STUDENT/SENIOR 65+ \$10

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