

Saginaw County Agricultural Society News

Supporting the Saginaw County Fair and Agriculture

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Newsletter Debut

Thanks to everyone that attended the annual meeting. We requested e-mail addresses and several of you responded with those addresses. We are committed to changing and improving our communications with the membership at large.

This newsletter hopefully will be the start of that effort. We do need your help though. We will not be able to send these newsletters via mail. We will be sending these newsletters via e-mail and they will be available at the fair office. Unfortunately we only have a few e-mail addresses and we need you to share this information with other members. Please encourage others with e-mail addresses to send their e-mail addresses to saginawfair@yahoo.com and they will be added. (We will at no time share those addresses with any outside organizations.)

Our goal is to update the membership with the happenings at the fairgrounds and any other pertinent information.

Pennie Tomac, director

Calendar of Events

November 28-29-30	Santa's Village
December 6-7	Santa's Village
December 11	Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, 7 pm
December 13-14	Santa's Village
December 20-21	Santa's Village

Coming dates:

February 8	Chesaning Model Airplane
February 21-22	Chesaning Business Expo
July 26	Greyhound Trials
August 4-8	Saginaw County Fair

Santa's Village

Turning the Exhibit Hall into North Pole U.S.A

Santa's Village will soon be coming to the exhibit hall at the Saginaw County Fairgrounds. The Steam Train 1225 will depart from Owosso and make its way to the North Pole *aka Saginaw County Fairgrounds* twice each day to deliver passengers of young and old alike to experience the enchantment of the North Pole. Tickets (6 and older-\$ 9) are also available for those who would like to share the experience without riding the train.

Santa's Village features:

- Christmas Magic Shows daily
- Holiday rides for the kids (and adults)
- Giant Slide (remember the Polar Express Slide?)
- Huge model Railroad Display
- Kris Kringle Carousel
- Holiday crafts for kids
- Food
- Free entertainment
- Visit with Santa
- Kris Kringle Mart including: The Chocolate Lady, Sand Art, Handmade Soaps and Lotions, Lehmann's Apple Barn, Scrapbookers, Make a Bear and the Jewelry Ladies

Plan a visit to Santa's Village and create a special memory and tradition with the kids and grandkids.

Santa's Village runs 10:30 to 7:30 each day. 📅

Help Needed

Anyone interested in helping with Santa's village is welcomed to help set up each Saturday morning starting about 10 am until the start of Santa's village. Help is needed with setting up Christmas trees, 'causing a snowstorm' (spreading the fake snow), putting up decorations, and stringing Christmas lights and other similar activities. The only requirement is a Holiday Spirit.

Help will also be needed during Santa's Village with different activities like: Letters to Santa, Cookie Decorating, and Kids' Crafts. Also help is needed to sweep the floors about 7:30 each day of the village and other cleaning chores.

Needed: Old Christmas cards for the kids crafts
For more information about helping contact Bev or Dean Newton at 989-213-2950 or Francis or Sandy Sloan at 989-845-6202

Board of Directors:

Newly elected:

Lois Frederick	Teresa Kayden
Francis Sloan	Kim Wahl
Keith Frederick	

Current Board Members:

Dean Newton	Jim Askins
Pennie Tomac	Dick Borm
Sara Engelhardt	Donna Felton
Terry Henne	Victor Ludu
Dennis Mahoney (appointed to replace Ed Benkert)	
Tom McDonagh (appointed to replace Fred Clark)	

Current Officers:

President:	Dean Newton
1 st Vice President	Francis Sloan
2 nd Vice President	Dennis Mahoney
Recording Secretary	Sara Engelhardt
Treasurer	Teresa Kayden

Committee and Chairs will be published in a future letter.

Website: www.saginawcountyfair.org

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Past Year Activities

During the annual meeting we discussed some of the activities and improvements that happened on the fairgrounds during the past year. We would like to repeat those in more detail here.

- A **new horse barn** 60' x 192' funded by donations from the following: Citizens Bank, Frank Anderson Foundation, SVAA, Bear Truss and Carter Lumber
- **Black topped walks** to the livestock barns funded by Community State Bank
- **Black top** for the handicap parking area funded by a grant from the Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation
- **Lights** for the parking area from an anonymous donor
- **Finish Flooring** in the bathrooms and showers by an anonymous donor and volunteers
- **Finish Flooring** in the kitchen area by volunteers
- **Walk in Gate** near the grandstand area by memorials to Ed Byrnes
- **Enclosed Electrical Area and Storage Room** by memorials to Ed Byrnes
- **Addition of Gravel to the Drives**
- **Renovation of Horse Stalls** by volunteer labor

During the year we also hosted:

- **2 mud bogs** and we are currently planning more for this coming year
- **Consignment Auction** we were able to have some of the items that we no longer use be placed in the hands of individuals that are able to restore, display and save those items.
- **Afghan Hound Trials** –They were impressed with the grounds and the opportunity that they had to lay out a course for the dogs to run and demonstrate their skills
- **Chesaning Business Expo** – promotes the businesses in the area and will be back for next February
- **Harvest Festival** – we hosted a car show, a Farmer's Market, kids activities, rides for the kids, A hog roast, Fireman's challenge, Rib Cook-off, Largest Pumpkin Contest, Baking Contest.
- **Several Horse Shows**
- **The Fair**

Flea Market Planning

Several members brought up the idea of having a flea market on the fairgrounds. We would like suggestions and also few members to help form a committee to work on it.

Also if you have any other ideas, we are open to suggestions.



Wish list

Since it is the season for Christmas lists we have a wish list also. We are looking for donations for the following items:

Office Supplies:

Office Chairs (2 or 3 needed)

Copy paper

Colored paper!!!!!!!!!!!!

Manila folders

Envelopes - # 10 business

9" x 12"

6" x 9"

Transparent tape

Organizing trays

Vertical file

Ink jet business card blanks (the ones that you do on a computer and print)

Paper clips, large and small

Cleaning products

Liquid Hand Soap

Kitchen Supplies:

Electric Stove

Cabinets

Towels

Dish clothes

Paper plates

Paper towels and a paper towel holder

If you would like to donate any of these items they can be dropped off at the office Tuesday and Thursday 10 am to 2 pm.

If you would like to make a donation of money toward any of these items that would be appreciated also.

Giant Pumpkin Corner

Featuring pumpkin of course

Quick Pumpkin Spice Cake

½ cup butter, softened

1 cup sugar

1 cup cooked pumpkin

1 cup flour

½ teaspoon soda

1 teaspoon ground cloves

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

½ cup dried cranberries

½ cup chopped nuts (optional)

Dash salt

Cream butter and sugar. Blend in pumpkin. Add flour, soda and spices. Mix well. Add cranberries and nuts. Mix well. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350° F for 50 minutes or until tests done. (*This recipe does not contain eggs.*)

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