

Saginaw County Agricultural Society News

Supporting the Saginaw County Fair and Agriculture

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From the Editor:

My goal when I was elected to the Board of Directors two years ago was to work on the communications between the Board of Directors and the members at large. The first step was the addition of the web site prior to last year's fair. We are also using email for more communication between the board members.

Now we are debuting a bimonthly newsletter but we NEED E-MAIL ADDRESSES from all of you that have them. We do not have the money to mail the newsletter to all of the members on a regular basis. If you have an email address or a son or daughter who has one that would pass along the information please send those email addresses to saginawfair@yahoo.com. This newsletter will be sent out every other month to all those on the email list. In addition it will be available on the website. Those who only have mail will be getting it on a less frequent basis.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. This is our 2nd issue and those that are receiving this by mail are also getting a copy of the 1st issue.

Pennie Tomac, director

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Fair Convention:

Each year the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions holds its annual convention in Grand Rapids. It is a chance to meet other fair board members, attend educational sessions, learn what is happening at other fairs and attend a large trade show where potential entertainment and other support services explain their businesses.

Saginaw County Agricultural Society usually sends a couple of representatives. This year Teresa Kayden, Val Newton, Sara Engelhardt and Pennie Tomac attended. We were able to attend sessions from livestock updates to reporting to the state to promotion and advertising.

One item upcoming is a more uniform reporting requirement to the state. Because of it you may find some changes in the fairbook this year and next.

We had an opportunity to visit with several companies that host entertainment activities. We were able to talk with five different rodeo companies, three different horse pulling groups, truck and tractor pulling, monster truck, lawn mower races and theater groups just to name a few. We are seriously considering adding lawn mower races to this year's grandstand show line up.

Also under consideration are a rodeo, horse pulling, and the Figure Eight derby. We have an Activities Committee that will be working on the different entertainment for the fair. If you have any suggestions or would like to be part of the committee let us know.

Calendar of Events

February 8	Swap Meet sponsored by Chesaning Model Flying club
February 21-22	Chesaning Business Expo
July 26	Greyhound Trials
August 4-8	Saginaw County Fair

Swap Meet

The Chesaning Area Model Flying Club is hosting a Swap Meet on Sunday February 8th from am to 3 pm. Tables are available for rent for \$ 20. Admission to the Meet is \$ 5 for adults and kids are free.

They will feature Helicopters, Airplanes, Kits, Radios, Boats, Cars, and All RC Hobbies.

For more information contact: Marshall Emmendorfer at 810-348-6390.

Chesaning Business Expo

The Chesaning Business Expo will be back February 21 and 22. They will again feature the "Taste of Chesaning"

This is an opportunity to meet and greet the businesses in Southern Saginaw County. Find out what is new. Meet the businesses and ask questions. This is a great opportunity to gather a lot of information in just one spot.

Giant Pumpkin Corner

Featuring pumpkin of course

Pumpkin Cheese Coffee Cake

2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups pumpkin
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/4 cups flour
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt

Filling:

1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese
1 egg
1 tablespoon sugar

Topping:

3/4 cup flaked coconut
1/2 cup chopped pecans
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

In a large mixing bowl, beat sugar, eggs, pumpkin, oil and vanilla. Combine the flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt; add to egg mixture and mix well. Pour into a greased 13 in x 9 in x 2 in baking dish. In a small mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, egg and sugar until smooth. Drop tablespoonfuls over batter; cut through batter with a knife to swirl. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over top. Bake at 350° F for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Yield: 12-15 servings.



Santa's Village

If you missed Santa's Village you missed a great event! The last weekend definitely felt like the North Pole with the snow, wind and the cold.

This year the attendance to the village was up over last year. Except for the first train (which was added late) all the trains were sold out, even with additional cars added. Also the number that attended the Village without riding the train increased greatly.

We have people attend from Chicago, Grand Rapids, Detroit, Ohio and throughout the state and Midwest. The comments that we receive are very positive with many of them referring their friends to the Village.

I talked to some of the local people who rode the train and they were impressed with the whole experience even though they did not have any small children. It was fun watching the kids that came in their pajamas and acted out the movie "Polar Express".

If you have not had a chance to attend Santa's Village we encourage you to do so. Bring out the grandkids or children and experience the joy of Christmas.

We can always use some more elves (helpers). We can use volunteers to take charge of the "Letters to Santa", the Crafts Area and Cookie Decorating. We can also just use volunteers for a day or two to work in those or other areas.

Meet your Directors:

We want you to get to know your board of directors and feel free to contact them if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Dean Newton, Board President

Dean is the new board president this year. He has worked for Cicinelli and Sons driving truck for 20 years. Dean and his wife Bev have been involved with the fair for many years. They have three daughters and one son, all of whom have been active in the fair. Their children have had many opportunities and experiences because of their activities with the fair and he wants more kids to have the same opportunities. Dean believes that the fair provides a variety of good activities for kids. His goal for this year is to increase attendance, develop bigger and better displays and he would like more kids to get interested in the fair.

Francis Sloan, 1st Vice President

Francis wanted to thank everyone that worked on Santa's Village. Next year he hopes that more board members and Ag Society members will want to get involved in a great event. He was appointed to the board a year ago to fill a vacancy and agreed to the position because he believes in the fair and wants to make it better. His goal for this year is to make the fair succeed and have a positive balance. He wants a good family activity in the area. He and his wife Sandy are the retired owners of Sloan Septic.