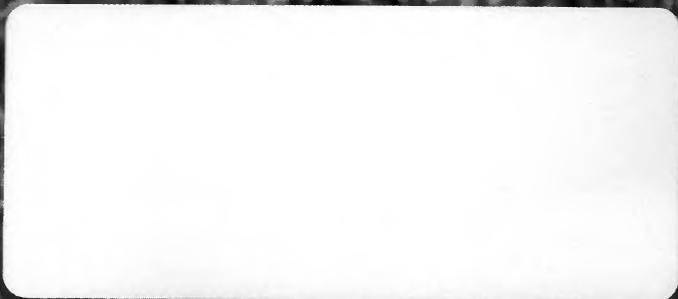


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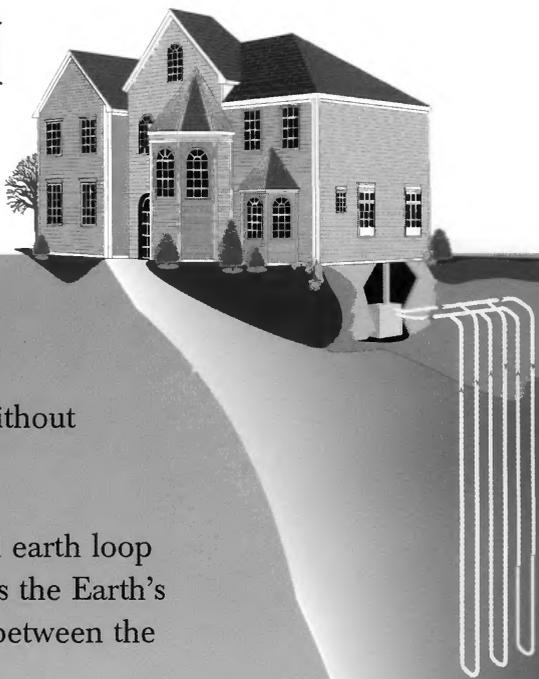
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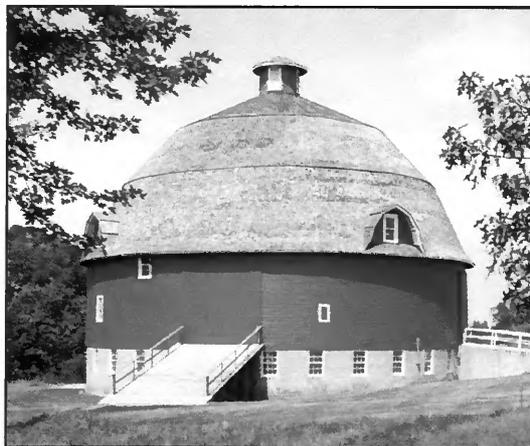
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# Illinois COMMENTARY

## Cooperatives empower today's farmers and consumers

How can you gain more control over your own destiny? The answer is by working together cooperatively. Co-ops empower farmers and consumers.

October is Cooperative Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the advantages of consumer-owned cooperatives. It all started right here in Illinois when members of Co-op Trading of Waukegan had the first celebration in 1924. Since then, it's grown to a national celebration recognizing the contributions the 48,000 U.S. cooperatives make to their communities.



John Croft

We recognize many products today as the highest quality without realizing they are brought to us by cooperatives. Some are Sunkist oranges, Welch's grape juice, Land O'Lakes butter, SunMaid raisins, Ocean Spray cranberry juice and Prairie Farms ice cream. These familiar products are brought to us by cooperatives.

Other co-op examples include those that provide electricity, telephone service, water, farm supplies and credit unions (cooperatively-owned banks). A myriad of other products and services are brought to us by businesses owned by the people who use them. In this country today, cooperatives can be found in every area where people take the initiative to help themselves and control more of their own destiny.

Cooperatives are member-owned and controlled and when there is a profit, members benefit rather than the money going to outside investors.

In many ways a cooperative is like any other business, but in several important ways it's unique and different. A cooperative belongs to the people who use it - the people who have organized to provide them-

selves with needed goods and services. A cooperative operates for the benefit of its members.

Every week we hear about businesses merging and getting larger. You may wonder how cooperatives measure up in these times of rapid change. I would suggest that cooperatives are ideal because members control them primarily through the election of their board of directors. In turn, employees have an extra incentive to change as the needs change because their customers own the business.

Cooperatives have been leaders in implementing new technology and services. Examples are precision farming practices and genetically-enhanced products that help farmers safeguard the environment. Another is the creation of new markets for identity-preserved grain and specialty crops. The markets for two well-known specialty crops - cranberries (Ocean Spray) and almonds (Blue Diamond), have been enhanced by member-owned cooperatives.

The cooperative idea is certainly time-tested. In 1752, Ben Franklin established the first successful cooperative, which still exists today. Over the years our ancestors have worked together to accomplish many things they could not have done alone. Cooperation in such activities as threshing rings, quilting and husking bees, and barn raisings added to their success. People sought to improve their lot by banding together and working cooperatively.

Although times continue to change, we can embrace the same cooperative values based on self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative employees and members believe in the ethical values of honesty and integrity, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, people recognize this self-help type of business is a good model for the future. The result is that more new cooperatives have been formed in the past five years than in the preceding 50. As a cooperative member you should be proud of your heritage and the role your organization plays in your community.

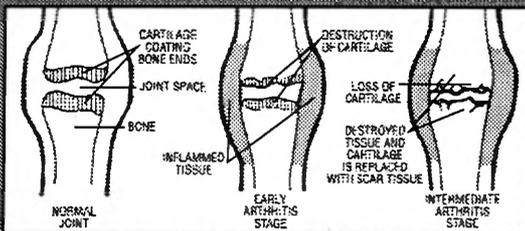
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other consumers saw demonstrations of the latest technology, like fuel cells, geothermal heat pumps and a solar/fuel cell car. Kyle Finley's enthusiastic Live Line Demo entertained and educated fair-goers with a safety demonstration using actual high voltage distribution equipment. Finley, a former Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative lineman, has an energy level that drew large crowds as he fried hot dogs, zapped balloons and tripped fuses with explosive results.

The Touchstone Energy Balloon, manned by Cheri White, the National Women's Division Hot Air Balloon Champion, and her crew made several appearances, including a flight over the fairgrounds.

Touchstone Energy is an alliance of local, consumer-owned utilities across the country committed to providing high standards of service to customers, large and small. Launched nationally by electric cooperatives in 1998, Touchstone Energy cooperatives represent America's largest network of energy providers, comprised of more than 560 cooperatives in 38 states, serving more than 16 million customers every day.

Illinois Touchstone Energy cooperatives are: Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative in Elizabeth; Corn Belt Energy Corporation in Bloomington; McDonough Power Cooperative in Macomb; Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative in Paxton; Menard Electric Cooperative in Petersburg; Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative in Winchester; Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. in Auburn; Shelby Electric Cooperative in Shelbyville; Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative in Mattoon; EnerStar Power Corp in Paris; Norris Electric Cooperative in Newton; Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Mt. Vernon; Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Incorporated in Waterloo; Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association in Steeleville; SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Eldorado; Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Dongola; Soyland Power Cooperative in Decatur; and Southern Illinois Power Cooperative in Marion.



*Kyle Finley's Live Line Demo energized fairgoers of all ages, including this youngster who learned about electric safety firsthand.*

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## Sports travelers well worth recruiting

A new state-funded study shows that sports fans attending Midwest events spend nearly twice as much as a typical leisure travel party, indicating that Illinois communities interested in reaping the benefits of tourism should consider hosting sporting events.

The first-ever Sport Event Travel Survey commissioned by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, Bureau of Tourism showed that travel parties spent an average of \$945 each time they traveled to an Illinois sporting event, compared with \$536 for a leisure trip.

This is good news for the many Illinois communities hosting sports events and those looking for new opportunities to capture a share of tourism dollars. Travel done exclusively for the purpose of attending or competing in an organized sporting event was estimated as a \$44 billion industry in the U.S.

Sports fans tend to spend more mainly because they travel in larger groups, enjoying the outing with family or friends whether attending a professional, minor-league, collegiate or youth event, and stay longer.

This July alone, Illinois hosted the John Deere Classic at Deere Run in the Quad-Cities; the LPGA U.S. Women's Open Championship in Lake County; the National High School Rodeo Championships in Springfield; the Bassmaster's Classic fishing tournament in downtown Chicago; and the training camp for the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams in Macomb.

Also, the Touchstone Energy cooperatives of Illinois and Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative (CMEC) helped sponsor the Cal Ripken Baseball World Series in Mattoon this summer. Teams from all over the world came to compete.



*Illinois' Touchstone Energy cooperatives helped bring sports tourism dollars to Mattoon as one of the sponsors of the Cal Ripken Baseball World Series. Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative employees hosted this team from the Pacific Northwest and a team from the Netherlands.*

Two employees helped host teams. Char Bailey, CMEC service representative, hosted the Pacific Northwest Regional Champion team and Brad Tucker, CMEC journeyman lineman, hosted the Netherlands team.

## Does your vote count?

**So, the elections are coming up, and you think that your one vote doesn't make any difference one way or another? Wrong. Think about this:**

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**Closer to us in time and place: In 1960, John F. Kennedy won over Richard M. Nixon by a margin of less than one-third of one vote per precinct. In 1994, Rep. Sam Gejdenson won re-election to his House seat representing the Second District of Connecticut by 21 votes out of 186,071 votes cast.**

**In a nation of nearly 260 million citizens, of whom more than 170 million are eligible to vote, can it really be possible that an individual vote makes a difference? The answer is an emphatic "Yes!"**

## FERC to investigate volatile energy market

In its last formal meeting before its annual August break, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission took several far-reaching actions on electric power issues. The commission ordered its staff to undertake an investigation of bulk power markets to determine whether power markets are working effectively and, if not, what is causing any problems.

High on the commission's list of questions to be answered by the investigation is whether volatile price fluctuations can be moderated by FERC actions. The question is if the commission "should take within its jurisdiction to correct any market behavior, operation, design, or structural problems."



## Plug into safety

There are so many electrical appliances and so much equipment on the market today, and every one of them seems to have a special plug. What are they, and what do they do?

Computers, faxes and other electronics almost always have a three-prong plug. That third prong provides a path to ground for any leaking electricity, to protect the equipment and help prevent the user from getting a shock. NEVER remove the ground prong on a three-prong plug. If your outlet is just a two-prong type, have it replaced with a grounded outlet.

Even two-prong plugs are a bit different today; one prong is usually larger than the other. This is called a polarized plug, and it ensures that the plug is inserted correctly in a socket to reduce the risk of electrical shock. Don't try to force the plug into the socket. If it won't go in easily, simply turn the plug the opposite direction and try again. Chances are, it will fit the second time.

Many appliances designed for use in bathrooms, such as hair dryers, now sport a big box-like plug on the end. This plug may be an appliance leakage circuit interrupter (ALCI), an immersion detection circuit interrupter (IDCI), or a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Although each works a little differently, they are all designed to shut off power to the appliance in unsafe conditions, particularly if the appliance is submerged in water. But that doesn't mean that if you drop your hair dryer in a sink full of water, you can safely reach in and get it out. To be safe, you should still unplug the appliance first and carefully remove it. And even with these special plugs, appliances used around water should always be plugged into a GFCI wall outlet, too.

*Source: National Electrical Safety Foundation ([www.nesf.org](http://www.nesf.org))*

## Federal historic preservation tax credits available

Are you planning to rehabilitate a barn, apartment complex, or office building? If so, you may be eligible for a federal income tax credit. The historic rehabilitation tax program is a federal incentive to encourage the owners of income-producing historic properties to rehabilitate them while preserving their historic features. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 established a federal income tax credit equal to 20 percent of the rehabilitation expenditures.

To qualify, the property must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, be a contributing structure in a National Register Historic District, or be located in a historic district designated under a local preservation ordinance (both the ordinance and the historic district must be approved by the state historic preservation office). The structure must be income producing, and the owner must spend an amount equal to the adjusted basis (purchase price minus land value and depreciation, plus improvements). Finally, the completed rehabilitation must be certified by the National Park Service as having respected the building's historic features.

Since the beginning of the tax program, more than \$700 million in historic rehabilitation work has been completed in Illinois. The largest tax projects in the state have exceeded \$50 million.

Any type of historic property is eligible for the historic tax credits provided it is income producing. In Illinois, projects have varied from rural barns to downtown high-rises.

For additional information, write Resources Protection Section, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507, or phone (217) 785-5027.

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Then for more co-op information go to the following sites:

- [www.coop.org](http://www.coop.org) - International Cooperative Alliance has a unique section called Co-ops 4 Kids. They welcome anyone to e-mail an addition to the 50 Fun Facts about Co-ops. There is also a Co-op Kids Postcard Exchange you might want to encourage young readers to go on line and check it out.
- [www.cooperative.org](http://www.cooperative.org) - National Cooperative Business Association has The Whole Co-op Catalog of publications and videos online.
- [www.ncb.com](http://www.ncb.com) - National Cooperative Bank has just created an e-commerce position that will have a direct effect on this site. Keep watch on developments. Under the publications section is the useful document, "A Day in the Life of Cooperative America."
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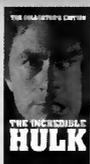
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# THE BARNs OF ILLINOIS

## THE VANISHING ICONS OF OUR AGRICULTURAL PAST

Story by John Broux • Photos by Derek Squires

The Parker Barn



*"It takes a day to tear these structures down, but it takes years to restore them."*

*...David Jeffery*

They have seen the disappearance of the buffalo and the passing of the Indians from the plains of Illinois. They have seen the retirement of the horse and plow and the coming of the tractor. Yet like the buffalo, the Indians and the workhorse, their silhouettes are disappearing from the Illinois prairie skyline.

They are the old wooden barns that your grandparents and great-grandparents used to stock hay, house livestock and store farm equipment. Illinois historians have dated some barns along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers to the 1820s. Many of

these structures were made of logs, similar to cabins, of single- and double-crib design. Some of these early structures were also homes for the families, while they cleared the land and began farming.

As farming evolved, so did the barns, becoming

much larger structures now seen along the countryside. There are several types of barns, including the Dutch barn, the New England barn, and the Pennsylvania barn among others. As these structures age and deteriorate, it's much simpler to demolish them and build more modern, metal buildings. However some landowners and historians are working to restore and possibly save these magnificent structures.

One such case is the Parker barn, south of Carrollton in Greene County, just off Route 267.

Partners Garry Pregler and David Jeffery are working to restore the structure as close to its original condition as possible. The farm is served by Illinois Rural Electric Cooperative.

The land was settled by the Parker family in the 1830s, and the barn was built prior to 1859, but the exact date is unknown. The home, built after the barn, was used as a stagecoach house on the Springfield to St. Louis route. An adjacent carriage house is also still standing on the property.

The barn was built as a labor saving structure, as carts loaded with grain could back into the basement and unload grain. The present day stalls were originally used as corn cribs, storing crops of corn, oats and other grains. Hay chutes were also built into the structure, making the transfer of bales much easier from the top floor to the bottom.

"Our plans are to restore the barn as close to the original as possible, but still have functionality for today," said Pregler. The eastern arm of the barn's foundation has deteriorated so much, and is not considered salvageable, according to Pregler. The men have kept most of the barn in good shape, however the completion is still some time off.

"It will take a good five years to get things done the way we want it to be," said Jeffery.

The two main factors, according to the men, are time and money. As both have jobs off the farm, their time is somewhat limited. And money, as with most farmers, can be sparse, especially for remodeling

barns. But the men are determined to finish the project. "It takes one day to tear these structures down, but it takes years to restore them," Jeffery said.

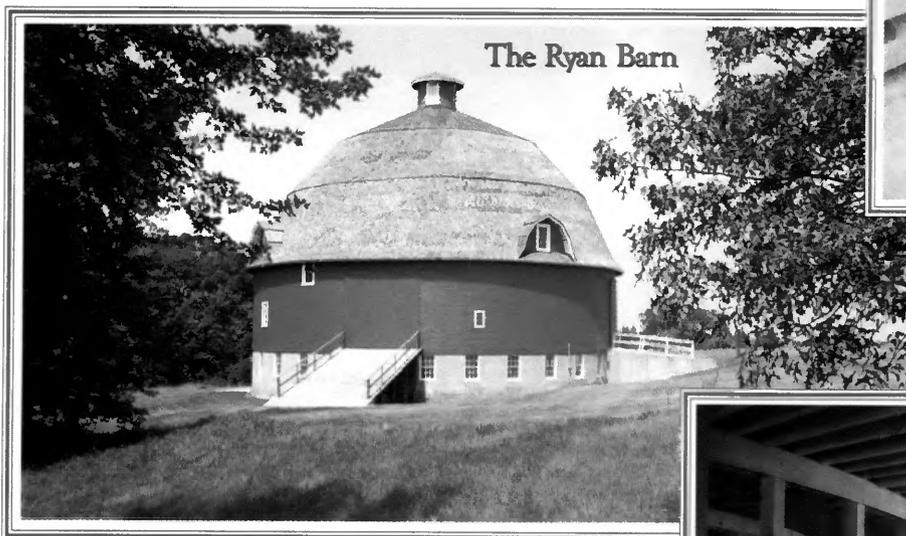
The Parker barn is an example of private owners trying to restore a historical structure. However another barn, the Ryan Round Barn near Kewanee, has its own caretakers and has received aid from the state. It's served by Corn Belt Energy Corporation, on the cooperative's western border with Farmers Mutual Electric Company in Henry County.

"With the help of Rep. Dick Mautino, and with great assistance from the state, money was provided to re-roof the barn," said Loren Truninger, vice-president of the foundation. The state later came back and laid a new floor in the barn.

The barn was constructed under the planning of a Dr. Ryan around 1908. He purchased the surrounding property as a summer retreat from his Chicago-area home. Dr. Ryan is said to have



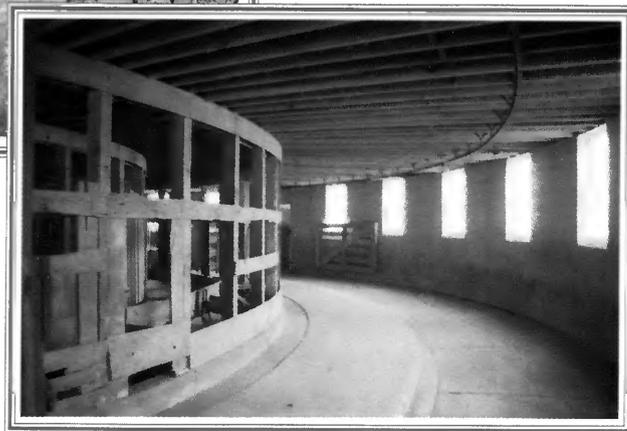
*"It was an engineering wonder for it's time."  
...Loren Truninger*



The Ryan barn is in Johnson Sauk Trail State Park, seven miles north of Kewanee, and has been restored as closely as possible to its original state. Through the Friends of Johnson Park Foundation, and from help from state agencies, the barn is structurally sound.

Formed in 1984, the Friends of Johnson Park Foundation was started by concerned citizens who heard rumors that the barn was to be torn down. The group felt there was too much history in the structure and fought to save it. When the state learned the group was serious about preserving the structure, it chipped in.

been a brain surgery specialist, a pioneer in the plastic surgery field and was a native of the Kewanee area. His hobby was raising Black Angus cattle, imported from Scotland, and he needed a barn to house them. With the help of two other men, the doctor began to construct the barn, which, according to Truninger, was an "engineering wonder" for its time. The Foundation has been told it is the country's largest "true" round barn with a silo in the center.



Hay was stored in the upper level of the barn, and when full, held 250 tons. The main floor was used for the storage and maintenance of farm equipment while the lower level housed the cattle.

The ceiling of the barn had a circular track on which a carrier with a fork was attached. As hay wagons





waste. With all of these labor saving devices, one can see how the barn was ahead of its time and why the Foundation wanted to preserve it.

The state has helped in restoring the floor and roof of the round barn, but Truninger says that as the barn is not on the National Registry, there are no federal sources to help in its restoration. Pregler and Jeffery agree. However funding is not impossible to

or historical significance behind them," Swallow said.

A requirement of some funding programs for rehabilitation is being listed on National Register of Historic Places. Swallow equates this process to writing a term paper for college.

The process is comprised of four steps. The first is the preliminary staff review. Applicants are required to submit detailed information and photos of the property, showing its significance and structural integrity. This information is reviewed and the Illinois Historic Preservation staff evaluates the materials for a possible recommendation to continue with the process. If an applicant is encouraged to continue, a nomination form along with suggestions on how to complete it is sent to them.

The second step involves completing the nomination form and returning it to the Preservation Agency for review by the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council, which meets quarterly.

In the third step, the council will review the nomination and if it suggests the site for the registry, it moves on to step four, where the nomination is sent to the Keeper of the National Register at the Department of the Interior. This person must act on the nomination within 45 days. Once a site has been placed on the National Register, many new avenues of money are available to sites.

As farmland and space become more valuable, some people are seeing the value in the old buildings and are trying to save them. With a little effort, these places can be restored. And like the buffalo and the locomotive, even the old barns can be preserved so that the children of tomorrow will know the legacy which has gone before them.

*"The most successful restorations have a special architecture or historical significance behind them."*

*...Ann Swallow*



backed into a main level entrance, the fork would drop, pick up a bale of hay and deliver it via the circular track to its storage place in the upper level. When this was full, extra hay could be stored on the main level.

The main level had two granaries, which delivered grain to the lower level by chutes in the floor. Silage was blown into the silo on this level by a chopper blower powered by a steam engine on the outside.

The lower level is graded so that the facility is self-draining, with liquid wastes running into underground slurry tanks. The ceiling of this level had two tracks, one to help feed the livestock and the other to remove

get, according to Ann Swallow, survey and national register coordinator for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

"Many of the programs are geared toward public-owned structures, or an adapted reuse of a building," she said. She went on, citing the turning of an old historic home into a bed and breakfast, using an old railway station as an office building, and other similar operations. "It depends on how you are going to use the structure," she said.

"The most successful ones are distinct, and have a special architecture



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The applicant must be a non-profit corporation or organization, a local municipality, county government or other unit of government, or an independent developer, joint venture association or corporation. Historic preservation projects must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated by a Certified Local Government. Minimum loan amounts range from \$10,000 - \$25,000 to a maximum amount of \$2,000,000 - \$5,000,000, depending on the type of project.



The rounded-roof plank-frame barn typically was used for livestock and dairy operations. Construction of the frame is achieved by bolting together rafters built by spiking together several smaller individual planks.

### Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois (LPCI)

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LPCI, a statewide advocacy organization, has a small grants program for endangered buildings. Funds can be used to physically stabilize deteriorated buildings, feasibility studies, engineering studies, etc.

This grant program funds "brick and mortar" preservation projects for properties listed individually or in historic districts in the National Register of Historic Places or designated by Certified Local Governments. Projects will be funded on a matching basis, with the local share at least 40 percent of the project cost. The new program started July 1, 2000.



A rare type of barn found in Illinois, the Italianto barn, is a square structure with bracketed eaves. This particular barn is found north of Chatham on Route 4.

### Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois State Museum

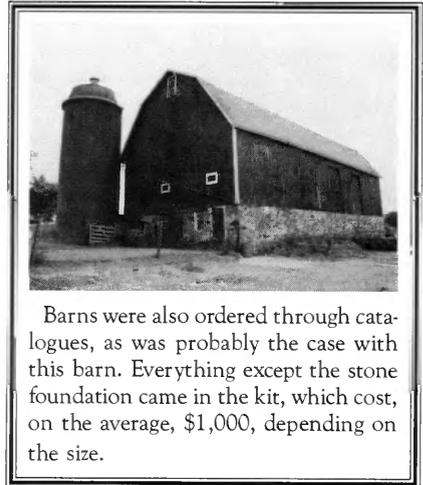
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This grant program provides operating funds and capital project funding to museums that are operated by or located on land owned by a unit of local government. The museum must be in existence two years, and have professional staff. A minimum grant of \$10,000 is available for operating expenditures and it must be matched locally on a 1:1 basis.

### Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs

*Tourism Attraction Grant Program*  
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This program funds historic projects which are heritage tourism related. The property must be open to the public on a regular basis (at least five days a week.) You must be able to show that the project will result in visitors staying overnight in hotels in Illinois. Projects are funded on a 1: 1 (50/50) matching basis, and the maximum grant is \$100,000.



Barns were also ordered through catalogues, as was probably the case with this barn. Everything except the stone foundation came in the kit, which cost, on the average, \$1,000, depending on the size.

### National Trust for Historic Preservation

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The National Trust has a variety of grant programs for non-capital projects, including the Preservation Services Fund which provides funding to non-profit, public agencies, or educational institutions for consultant services, educational programs, or conferences. Loans for capital projects are available through the National Preservation Loan Fund.



An example of the Pennsylvania barn, usually built into the side of a hill. The lower level is primarily used for stabling livestock with a ramp leading to the main level and the haymow.

# AROUND YOUR HOME

## Help prevent farm machinery traffic accidents

Each year there are traffic accidents in Illinois involving agricultural equipment. Since 1986, at least 23 people have been killed in accidents involving farm machinery on public roadways.

According to Dr. Chip Petrea, University of Illinois Farm Safety Specialist, the deceased were

primarily from the non-agricultural driving public. As far as the movement of farm machinery on public roadways is concerned, left turns across the opposite lane of traffic is a particularly hazardous situation.

The odds for an individual to be involved in a farm machinery accident are increasing for several reasons. Motor traffic



**Bill Brink**

increases each year, and fewer people have farm backgrounds and know how to use caution when approaching farm equipment on the highway. Also, farms are larger now, so operators are on the road more and traveling greater distances. Equipment has also become larger and can extend more into the opposite lane of traffic.

An important safety factor to reduce farm machinery accidents is the lighting and visibility of farm machinery while it's on public roadways. The Illinois Vehicle Code mandates tractors and self-propelled equipment to have the following lighting requirements:

- Lighting is required from 30 minutes before sunset to 30 minutes after sunrise.
- There should be two white lamps set as wide apart as possible on the front of the vehicle, visible from at least 1,000 feet to the front of the vehicle.
- There should be two red lamps set as wide apart as possible on the rear of the vehicle, visible from at least 1,000 feet to the rear of the vehicle.
- There should be at least one flashing amber signal lamp on the rear of the vehicle, mounted as high as possible and visible from at least 500 feet.

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When towing equipment, the following are applicable:

- If towed implements or wagons obscure the two red rear lamps of the tractor, the rearmost towed implement must have two red lamps mounted on it.
- Only the rearmost towed implement or wagon of those coupled together needs to have the flashing amber light.
- It's also recommended that the extremities of towed equipment, such as field cultivators, discs and other wide equipment have reflectors mounted as far out on the extremity as possible. These reflectors or tape will assist drivers in seeing that portions of the equipment extend beyond the width of the tractor.

The slow-moving vehicle emblem (SMV), which is the fluorescent orange triangle, is required for moving "implements of husbandry" on public roadways. The SMV is used to warn approaching vehicles to slow down. If a car is traveling at 55 mph when 400 feet behind a tractor traveling at 15 mph, it takes only seven seconds to reach the tractor and a possible collision.

Therefore, it's critical the SMV emblem be clean and visible. If wagons or implements being towed obscure the SMV on the tractor, then the rearmost wagon or implement needs to have a SMV in place in addition to the lighting requirements.

The SMV emblem, because of its reflective nature and shape, can be found in many inappropriate places, such as roadway entrances, mailbox posts, etc. This will decrease the value of the SMV emblem and should not be used for those purposes.

Kits containing reflective materials and instructions to mark implements are available at a cost from your local county Farm Bureau Office, equipment dealer, or chemical supplier. The Illinois State Police would also be a good source of information regarding the Illinois Vehicle Code.

If farmers increase the visibility of their farm equipment and drivers slow down and take more precautions on the highway, hopefully the number of farm accidents on public roadways will decrease and lives will be saved.

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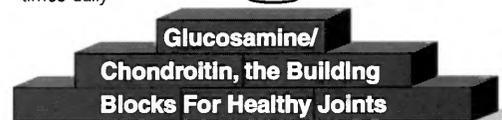
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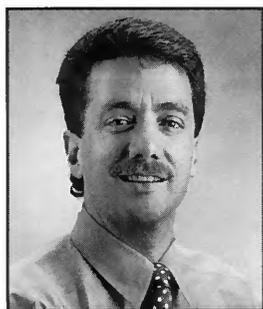
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# Your YARD AND GARDEN

## Fall color – Why and how leaves change colors

The beautiful crisp days of fall, and all those beautiful colors, will soon be here. We can wax poetic that Jack Frost will get out his paintbrush and start dabbing his palette on the leaves. However, there is no Jack Frost, nor Jane Frost, nor any other little nipper frosts, though you can be nipped by frost, and



David Robson

David Frost might interview you sometime.

Fall color makes or breaks the autumn. When the vivid reds and oranges are coloring the trees, we ooh and aaah, just like we do when we watch fireworks. People will get jealous when their trees don't turn, blaming it on the tree and some insidious government plot.

Color is dependent on basically two factors – weather and plant type.

No matter what you do, a birch just won't turn red. It's not in its genetic make-up. Getting orange from the tree is just as hard. In most cases, you're stuck with a yellow and then the ubiquitous brown all trees share.

On the other hand, sugar maples will turn the oranges, yellows and reds. Red maples, which are different from Norway maples, such as 'Crimson King,' have a strong red color in the fall, which is their major asset and the reason so many are planted.

Okay, now bear with me. We're getting into the whys of the fall colors.

The fall colors come from five major pigment groups.

First, there's green. That color is a product of chlorophyll, the primary pigment in photosynthesis. Without it, plants don't grow. It's usually present in all leaves, even those that don't look green during the summer.

Yellows are attributed to xanthophyll pigments, better known as one of the few "x" words you can use

in Scrabble or crossword puzzles.

The oranges, as well as the yellow and red colors, are a result of the presence of carotenoid pigments. Think carrots and winter squashes. The showy shades of dark red scarlet and crimson are due to anthocyanins.

The least noticeable pigments seen in fall are the tannins, which are responsible for the deep browns of oaks and most other plants once all other color is drained out.

Light, water, temperature and nutrition influence the amount of color that develops each fall and so does the soluble sugar produced by the plant.

The yellow colors are there all season. It's just that chlorophyll is so much more vivid and abundant that it masks the xanthophylls and carotenoids. However, as the temperatures get cooler and it gets darker earlier, the green starts breaking down, and exposes the yellows.

That's why yellow is one of the predominant fall colors, and also the first one to show up.

A light frost will destroy the chloroplasts and essentially remove the chlorophyll. But the yellow pigments can keep producing some sugars.

Sugar accumulation in the leaves is the most important factor in production of anthocyanins and the intensity of the red and orange colors. Trees and shrubs kept healthy during the summer with full sun and adequate nutrients and water have the greatest potential for intense fall color from anthocyanins.

Whether the color develops depends on fall weather conditions. Sunny fall days followed by cool (40-45 degrees F.) nights favor accumulation of sugars in the leaves.

This means a great show. Indian summers, with the quick October frost, followed by warm days, are ideal.

Cloudy autumn days and warm nights result in decreased sugar production and a movement of sugar out of the leaves, resulting in less fall color. The yellows may remain, but the reds have left for another year.

Finally, when all the colorful pigments have broken down, the tannins remain, turning the leaf brown.

Why and how leaves fall off the tree doesn't really have an impact on plant color. That's next year's topic.

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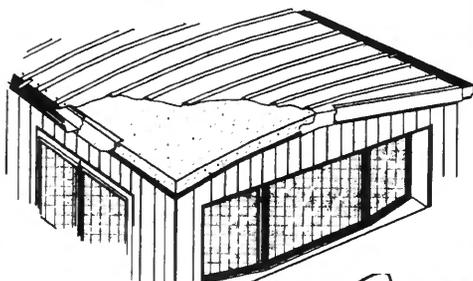


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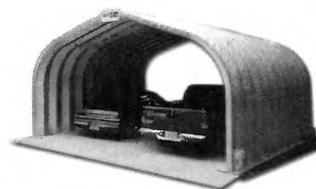
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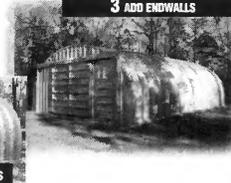


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- Peg J.

**A:** Front-loading clothes washers (horizontal axis) are superior in most ways to the typical top-loading ones that are more popular in the U.S. In Europe and most of the rest of the world, efficient front-loaders are predominant. With a more international market, front-loaders are designed with very high-quality materials for a longer life.

By design, front-loaders wash and rinse much more effectively than top-loaders. Using less water, less detergent and less energy to heat the water, the annual savings of operating a front-loader compared to a top-loader can be as much as \$100. Also, the gentle tumbling washing action, as opposed to the beating action of an oscillating agitator, minimizes damage and premature fading of your clothes.

Instead of filling a tub with water and using a plastic agitator to move the water as in a top-loader, a front-loader uses gravity. As the tub spins on a horizontal axis, the clothes gently tumble through the sudsy water. An automatic sensor determines the proper water level for the size of the load.

Since the tub is only partially filled with water, the clothes actually fall through the air from the top of the tub as it spins. This allows them to fan out before they reach the water and swish through it again. There is very little clumping of clothes so they are thoroughly cleaned.

Many of the models have built-in adjustable water heater elements that can raise the wash water to as high as 200 degrees. This improves cleaning and is ideal for washing children's clothes and during cold and flu seasons.

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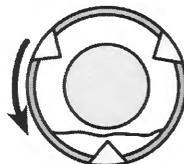
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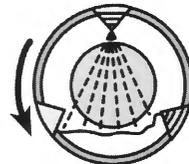


### Sample of efficient washing/rinsing cycle

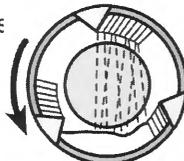
1. Clothes soak in sudsy water



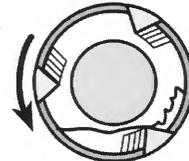
2. Special fins pick up sudsy water



3. Other fins ladle water to shower clothes even more



4. Clothes gently tumble through water



Front-loaders wash/rinse better with less water

With a horizontal axis and no agitator, a front-loader can spin several times faster (up to 1,600 rpm) than typical top-loaders to rinse out more detergent residue. Most of the models include special shock absorbers and suspensions to minimize noise and vibration. An electronic brain senses if the load is unbalanced. If so, the tub automatically stops, rotates back and forth to even out the load and then spins again.

For effective rinsing, some models use an electronic suds sensor. If too much is still present, the washer automatically runs through several extra rinse cycles until the suds are adequately cleared. You may also select models with manual settings of up to seven rinse cycles per load. Depending on the fabrics and load size, you preset the number of rinses.

Other than the improved washing and drying effectiveness, a front-loading design allows the washer

and dryer to be stacked on top of one another to save floor space. This is important in today's more efficient, compact houses. Also, the ease of access to the clothes in a front-loader for the physically-impaired is a consideration for the elderly.

If you really prefer a top-loader, select one of the new designs that use the lifting washing motion. Instead of using an agitator, these use a wash plate to create a unique wave-like motion to gently lift and bounce the clothes through a waterfall of sudsy water. It fluffs up the clothes for very effective cleaning and rinsing. By eliminating the agitator, there is also more room for a larger load of clothes.

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There are also combination space-saving front-loading washer/dryers that do both the washing and drying in the same unit from start to finish. You put in the dirty clothes and take out clean dry clothes. Most of these use a condensing-type of dryer so that they do not have to be vented outdoors. They just need an electrical outlet and a cold water faucet. Portable models on casters are available that have small built-in heaters to warm the wash water.

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Quinn Pence, Dallas City

My husband and I were walking with our two-year-old grandson when a dignified lady stopped us and cooed, "Isn't he adorable! How old is he?" Before I could answer, my husband quickly answered, "I'm almost 32."

Amanda Henschen, Edwardsville

A farmers last will  
I leave:

- To my wife, my overdraft at the bank - maybe she can explain it.
- To my banker, my soul - he has the mortgage on it anyway.
- To my neighbor, my clown suit - he'll need it if he continues to farm as he has in the past.
- To the ASCA, my grain bin - I was planning to let them take it away next year anyway.
- To the county agent, 50 bushels of corn to see if he can hit the market - I never could.
- To the junk man, all my machinery - he's had his eye on it for years.
- To my undertaker, a special request - I want six implement and fertilizer dealers for my pallbearers. They're all used to carrying me.
- To the weatherman, rain and sleet and snow for the funeral, please - no sense having good weather now.

Philip Ray Corzine, Karnak

The small-town boy had been sent to his farmer uncle to remain for two or three months. Hardly two weeks later, he showed up at home again.

"Willie, what have you come home for?" the parents inquired. "We sent you to your uncle's for a summer's stay."

Willie answered, "I know you did. But, you see, it's this way: The first week there, they killed a pig and ate it. The second week, they killed a sheep and ate that! Then, yesterday, the hired man died and - I thought it was time to come home!"

George Kottwitz, Edwardsville

One day last summer, my eleven-year-old son and I were taking lunch to his father in the field. We drove by a field of pretty tall grasses and my son said, "Do you think that field is suicide?"

Of course he meant government set aside but while laughing, I thought "suicide" is probably the better word.

Kim Bryant, Norris City

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## American Legion Auxiliary, Saybrook

### Spinach Dip

Sheila Mahon

2 pkgs. chopped spinach  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 C. chopped onion  
1/2 C. chopped celery  
1 can mushrooms, undrained  
1 (8 oz.) pkg. garlic cheese  
(you may sub with Monterey  
Jack cheese and garlic powder)

Melt cheese, soup and mushrooms in a double boiler. Sauté rest of ingredients. Mix together. Keep warm (you can put it in a Crockpot to keep warm). Use a round loaf of bread and cut out the middle. Pour dip into the bread.

### Pasta Salad

Angela Enghausen

1 pkg. pasta (any)  
1 to 2 C. bacon bits  
1 bottle Ranch-style dressing

Cook pasta, drain and rinse with cold water. Put in serving bowl. Stir in Ranch dressing and bacon bits. Chill.

### Corn Pone Pie

Becky Short

1 lb. ground beef  
1 onion, chopped  
Salt and pepper  
1 can red beans  
1 can tomato soup  
1 can tomato juice or tomatoes  
1 box Jiffy corn bread

Cook ground beef and onion until light brown. Add beans, tomato juice and tomato soup. Put in casserole dish. Prepare corn bread and spoon over mixture. Bake at 400° in oven until corn bread is golden brown.

### Beef Stroganoff

Della Tipsord

2 lbs. beef fillet  
Flour  
3 med. onions, sliced thin  
4 T. butter  
1 lg. can sliced mushrooms  
1/2 pt. sour cream  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Paprika  
1 T. Worcestershire sauce

Cut beef in thin 2-inch strips. Sprinkle with flour. Cook onions in butter until golden. Add meat and stir gently until meat turns gray. Add drained mushrooms. Simmer for 45 minutes. Season with salt, pepper, paprika and Worcestershire sauce. Lastly add sour cream and heat thoroughly. Serve over hot rice or wide noodles.

### Salisbury Steak

Ruby Bane Morris

2 lbs. ground beef  
1/2 C. onion, chopped  
3/4 C. cracker crumbs  
2 eggs  
Salt, pepper, chili powder  
(to taste)  
1 can tomato soup  
1 can celery or mushroom soup  
1 can chopped mushroom  
(if desired)

Make beef into patties or balls. Put in baking dish. Heat soups together and mushrooms. Pour over meat. Bake for 1 hour at 350°, uncovered.

### Peanut Butter Cookies

Juanita Youngblood

1 C. sugar  
1 C. light syrup  
1 1/2 C. peanut butter  
4 1/2 C. Special K cereal

Bring sugar and syrup to boil. Add peanut butter and Special K. Drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper.

## Blender Cheesecake

Mrs. Florence Chaney

## Baked Doughnuts

Ethel Gibbens

**Crust:**1 C. graham crackers  
or vanilla wafers2 T. sugar  
1/4 C. butter, melted**Cake:**2 C. sour cream  
2 eggs  
1/2 C. plus 2 T. sugar1 T. lemon juice  
1 tsp. vanilla  
3 (3 oz.) pkgs. cream cheese

**Crust:**Mix ingredients together and press into a 9-inch spring bottom pan and chill.

**Cake:**Blend the first 5 ingredients in blender until smooth. Gradually add cream cheese while blender is on. Blend until smooth. Pour mixture into crust and bake for 45 to 50 minutes at 350°. Serve chilled.

1 1/2 C. milk, scalded  
1/3 C. shortening  
1/4 C. sugar  
2 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. nutmeg1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
2 pkgs. dry yeast  
1/4 C. lukewarm water  
2 eggs, beaten slightly  
4 1/4 C. flour, sifted

Pour hot milk over shortening. Stir in sugar and spices. Let cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water. Add to first mixture, then add the eggs. Mix well. Add flour and mix thoroughly. Cover and let stand until doubled in bulk (about 1 hour). Turn dough on a well-floured board. Shape into a ball (dough will be very soft). Roll out lightly to about 1/2-inch thick. Cut with floured 3-inch doughnut cutter. Place about 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Let rise until doubled in bulk (about 20 minutes). Bake at 425° for about 10 minutes. Cool and ice or decorate if desired.

## Willing Workers of Findlay

## Cheese Soup

Lynne Farris

## Italian Beef

Angie Bricker

2 C. milk  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can cream of potato soup  
1 can mixed vegetables, drained  
1/2 lb. Velveeta cheese  
1/4 lb. Cheddar cheese2 to 3-lb. rump roast  
1 packet Good Seasons  
Italian dressing mix

1 packet Lipton onion soup mix

Melt cheese in milk. Add soups and drained vegetables. Cook on medium heat in crock-pot. If desired, you may replace Cheddar cheese with all Velveeta cheese.

Place roast in crock pot and sprinkle mixes on top. Cover and cook on medium-high until tender (approximately 4 to 5 hours). A small amount of water may be added to make juicier.

## Orange Fluff

Lynda McClain

## Steak Teriyaki

Connie Dotson

1 box orange Jell-O  
1 box tapioca pudding  
1 can mandarin oranges,  
chopped  
1 box vanilla pudding (cook kind)  
3 C. boiling water  
1 (8 oz.) carton Cool WhipRound Steak  
1/8 tsp. garlic  
1/2 tsp. ginger  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1 T. brown sugar1 T. meat tenderizer  
1 T. oil  
2 or more T. water  
1/2 C. soy sauce

Add Jell-O and puddings to boiling water and bring to a boil again. Add mandarin oranges and Cool Whip. If desired, you may also add crushed pineapple (drained). Chill.

Mix ingredients together in a small bowl. Cut up round steak into small or medium-sized pieces. Place round steak into a plastic bag and pour mixture over it. Place in refrigerator for 3 to 6 hours. Turn bag over once so both sides of meat becomes coated. (The longer the meat soaks, the stronger the taste becomes.) When ready, meat can be grilled.

## Sweet and Sour Green Beans

Marilyn Scott

## Chocolate Pinwheel Cookies

Pam Perry

4 slices bacon  
2 T. sugar  
1/2 tsp. salt  
5 T. vinegar  
6 C. cooked or canned  
green beans  
1 thinly sliced onion  
1/2 C. water1 C. butter  
2/3 C. sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla  
2 C. flour  
3 T. cocoa

Fry bacon until crisp. Remove from skillet, leaving drippings. Add water, sugar, salt, vinegar and onion to pan and mix well. Add green beans and cook 15 minutes. Crumble bacon on top just before serving.

Cream butter in bowl. Gradually add sugar and vanilla. Cream until light and fluffy.

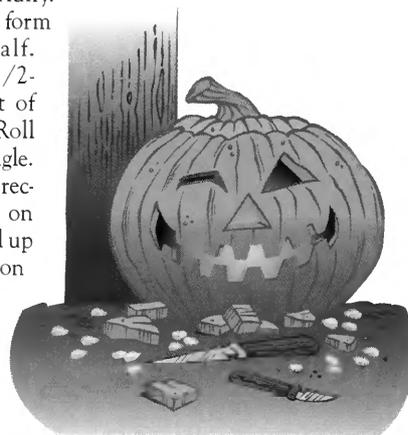
## Chicken Casserole

Ruth Massey

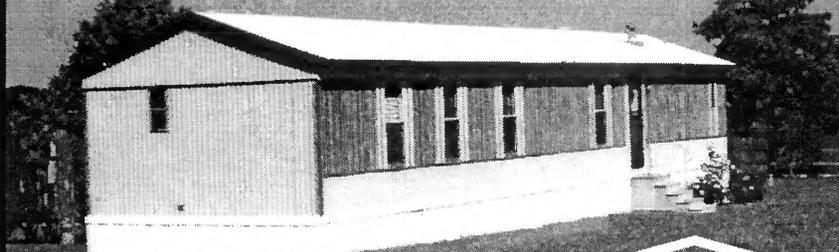
Gradually add flour to form dough. Divide in half. Blend cocoa into 1/2-dough. Sprinkle sheet of wax paper with flour. Roll cocoa dough into rectangle. Roll plain dough into rectangle (same size). Put 1 on top of the other and roll up like you would cinnamon rolls. Cut into thin slices and bake 5 to 6 minutes at 400°.

1 (3 lb.) chicken, precooked  
and cut up  
1 pt. chicken broth  
1 (7oz.) box macaroni,  
uncooked  
1/2 lb. Velveeta cheese, cubed  
1 small onion  
1 can cream of mushroom soup  
1 can cream of celery soup

Mix all ingredients in large bowl with lid. Cover. Let set in refrigerator overnight. Pour into greased 9X13-inch baking dish. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350°.



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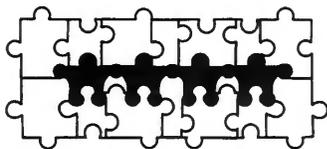
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**1-5, Pumpkin Works** in Paris. Eight mazes, a madhouse museum, hayrides, a bonfire, arts, crafts, food and more. (217) 275-3327.

**1 and 8, Annual Family Fall Festival** of Sacred Heart Church in Oconee. Enjoy horse-drawn hayrides, a petting zoo, pumpkin and face painting, crafts and bake sales. Plenty of food will be available, including pork ribeye and Bar-B-Que sandwiches, kettle corn, caramel apples, homemade ice cream and fresh apple cider. (217) 539-4527.

**1, The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Rendezvous Air Show** at the Capital Airport in Springfield. Music, food and fun. (217) 789-4400.

**1-31, Lazy U Farm Pumpkin Patch** in Tiskilwa. Enjoy hay rides, a corn maze, a petting zoo, a campfire, homemade apple pies, fall crafts and Halloween movies. (815) 646-4551.

**1, The Sixth Annual Round Barn Bazaar** at the Halsey Farm south of Charleston. Local crafters and artisans will offer fall and Christmas items. (217) 345-4518.

**1-11/5, Madison County Historical Museum's Millennium Celebration**, Edwardsville. (618) 656-7562.

**6-7, Candlelight Tour of New Salem Historic State Park** in Petersburg. Experience touring the homes of New Salem after dark. (217) 632-7705.

**6-8, "You Can't Take It With You"** at Southern Illinois University's McLeod Theater in Carbondale. At first, the Sycamores seem mad, but it's not long before we realize that if they are mad, the rest of the world is madder! (618) 453-3001.

**6-8, Superman Jet Rally** at the Metropolis Airport in Metropolis. A national event with entries from 18 states and three foreign countries. Model jets with speeds of 200 mph. (800) 949-5740.

**6-8, Pumpkinfest** at the Decatur Civic Center in Decatur. Live entertainment, a craft show, a carnival, food, pumpkin decorating, pumpkin putt, scarecrow building and more. (800) 331-4479.

**7, Apples, Pumpkins and Gourds Galore** at the Early American Museum in Mahomet. Enjoy a harvest fest with apple treats, cookies, stories and games. Decorate a pumpkin to take home. (217) 586-2612.



**7-8, The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois State Corn Husking Contest** in Monmouth. Food, crafts, antiques, and corn collectibles. (309) 729-5261.

**7, The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Little Egypt Festival** in Salem. This event will feature a model boat race, a car show, a pet show, a child's big wheel race, a horse show, hamster drag races and more. (618) 548-0060.

**7-8, Octoberfest** at Pheasant Hollow Winery in Whittington. Enjoy fine wines and music by Bob Pina at the piano. (618) 629-2302.

**7-8, Apple of Your Eye Antique Farm Implement Show** at Apple Basket Farms in Barry. See how Grandpa and Grandma farmed in the old days. (217) 335-2670.

**7-9, Cache River Wetlands Jaunt** in Vienna. Bike, hike and canoe, and get a close-up view of wetland and forest wildlife, ancient cypress-tupelo swamps and fall color. Bicycle rides will include multiple routes through the Cache River Wetlands and surrounding area; hikes will also highlight swamps, forests and bluffs; canoe routes will meander to Eagle Pond and the State Championship bald cypress. (618) 634-2231 or (800) 248-2231.

**7-8/14-15, Knox County Scenic Drive** in Galesburg. Come share the beauty of autumn in rural Illinois at Walnut Grove Farm and seven other locations. Stunning fall colors backdrop historic buildings, streets and farms offering hearty foods, everlastings, fall produce and hand-crafted wares. Basketmaking, blacksmithing, woodcarving, potato digging, cider-pressing and folk music. (309) 343-2485 or (309) 289-4770.

**7-8, Carbondale Community Art Festival** at Evergreen Park in Carbondale. The theme of this year's events will be "Homecoming and the Arts," and will feature all types of art, music, food, activities for children and a two-mile-long art clothesline exhibit. (618) 457-5100.

**13-14, Family Weekend Craft Sale** at Southern Illinois University's Student Center in Carbondale. Each year, the Family Weekend celebration brings lots of excitement to the Student Center. Hundreds of parents, students and members of the Southern Illinois community take part in many campus events, including their favorite - the craft sale. (618) 453-3636.

**13-14, Octoberfest** in Steeleville. (618) 965-3134.

**13-14/20-31, Boo at the Zoo** at the Scovill Zoo in Decatur. Hundreds of jack-o-lanterns, trick-or-treat stations and train rides. Dress up or come as you are. (800) 331-4479.

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**13-15, Outdoor Camp for Women** in Decatur. The camp is designed for women, novice to the experienced camper. Participants will canoe, learn to use a map and compass, cook over an open fire and hike under the moon. Everything except sleeping bag and personal items will be provided. (217) 423-7708.

**14, Alternate Resources for a Healthy Environment Expo 2000** at the Olson Conference Center, Western Illinois University in Macomb. Speakers, vendors, exhibitors, entertainment and door prizes. (309) 837-3150.

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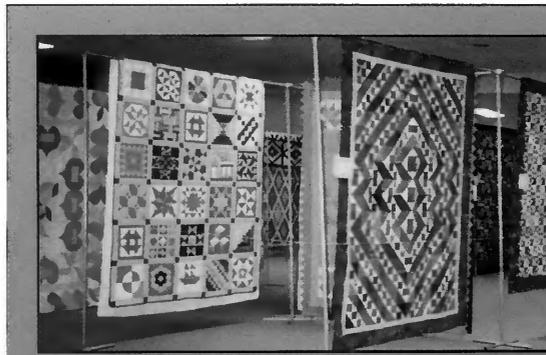
**15, The Third Annual Apple of Your Eye Car Show** at Apple Basket Farms in Barry. (217) 335-2670.

**16, "Jekyll and Hyde"** at Southern Illinois University's Shryock Auditorium in Carbondale. This hit Broadway musical is an evocative tale of romance and the epic battle between good and evil. A whirlwind odyssey pitting man against himself is set into motion when the brilliant Dr. Jekyll's medical experiment backfires, giving life to Edward Hyde, his evil alter ego. (618) 453-ARTS.

**21, Harvest Festival** on the town square in Auburn. Native American living history, hot air balloon rides, a chili cook-off, a flea market, a craft fair, city-wide garage sales, old-time music, a Halloween window painting contest and a car cruise. (217) 438-3405.

**21, Chocolate Temptations** at Red Rooster Inn in Hillsboro. A day of chocolate indulgence with demonstrations, contests, tastes and crafts to satisfy your sweet tooth on Sweetest Day. (217) 532-6332.

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**21-22, Harvest of Quilts III** at Benton Civic Center in Benton.

**21-22, The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pike County Color Drive** in Pike County. Beautiful calico quilts join hand-made baskets and smooth-as-satin rubbed wooden bowls as crafters offer their wares to visitors. Individual towns offer old-fashioned activities for all ages to enjoy with their families. (217) 335-2670.



**21-22, The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pike County Color Tour** at Apple Basket Farms in Barry. Drive the scenic rolling hills and sample the county's hospitality. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, a farm animal petting zoo, country crafts, ham and beans with cornbread, homemade chicken and noodles, fresh baked apple pie, apple donuts, U-Pick apples and pumpkins and a large corn maze. (217) 335-2670.

**21, Goblin Gala fundraiser** at Buchanan Center for the Arts in Monmouth. (309) 734-3033.

**21-22, Bald Knob Cross Cook Out** near Alto Pass. Come to see arts, crafts, a flea market and more.

**26-28, Spook Walk** in Bluford. Escorted 1/4-mile tours through woods. (618) 732-8601.

**27-28, Mardi Gras Halloween Celebration** in Pinckneyville. A night parade, a queen pageant, a craft fair/flea market, free entertainment for all ages,

and games of chance. Other featured activities include the Harvest Moon Bar-B-Q Cook-off, the High School Band Field Show Competition and a Pet Show. (618) 357-3243.

**27-31, "Dracula"** at the Historic Lawford Theatre in Havana. This new adaptation restores the suspense of Bram Stoker's classic novel to the stage. Rich with both humor and horror, this play paints a wickedly theatrical picture of the famous vampire. And you won't want to miss the midnight performance on Halloween. (309) 543-GRRR.

**27-31, The Third Annual Farmer Jack's Haunted Hayride** at Apple Basket Farms in Barry. For the brave and not so brave at heart. Ride through 140 acres of orchard for the time of your life. (217) 335-2670.

**28, Louisville Fall Festival and Parade** in Louisville. (618) 665-3348.

**28, Flora Halloween Parade** in Flora. (618) 662-5646.

**28, Boo-tiful Saturday** in Geneseo. Join Victorian Geneseo for spooktacular fun. There will be safe, fun family activities for all ages to enjoy. Come in costume or regular dress and be prepared to have a good time. (309) 944-2686.

**29, Feline Frenzy** at Dickson Mounds Museum in Lewistown. This Halloween program looks at the domestic cat in history and as a family pet, and at native wild cats like the bobcat and cougar. (309) 547-3721.

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