



**SOUTH LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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Here it is show time! We have made some changes, we will have a live broadcast from Indiana 105.5FM on Saturday from 10:00am to 12:00pm, with a week of advertisements before the show. With a lot of hard work and effort from Jim Burk we will have a new FM Public Address system for the show. Thanks to Jack Wehner and Ira Kirby we will have 20 new billboard signs on the street. We will also have advertisement on WJOB the week before the show. Hopefully this will create a large turn out.

We've been working on a Letz Mill at the building; it will be at the show in her work clothes for the first time in many years. If you missed our last meeting, Nettie Cilek brought in the quilt for this year's raffle. It's a beautiful Amish quilt. You won't want to miss a chance to get this one. You better buy your tickets early!

As always it takes the effort of a lot of volunteers to make the show successful. **We need help with: Wednesday and Thursday set up and hauling; Pie Kitchen; Gates; People Movers; Fencing the Fairgrounds; and Monday clean up.**

Please remember items for the auction. This year the auction will be Saturday at 7:00pm after the pork chop dinner.

In closing, please keep in mind our members that are under the weather.

Dale Bieker

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## **BOARD CHATTER**

The board has been working on getting the show together. Since this is the newsletter prior to the show, I thought I would talk about some of the changes that we have made. We have replaced some of the advertising signs that we have been using. They are pre-made, and are meant to be viewed from a vehicle. We still have some of the old signs to put up as well. Some of those signs are very old and have seen better days. So be sure to pay attention to them when they go up. If you would like a sign put up by you or on your property please contact a board member! It was also brought up to purchase more property adjacent to ours. The board will recommend that the club does not do that, but if you feel that we should please voice your opinion. We decided to return to the pork chop dinner instead of the chicken dinner that we had last year. We are also making our own cookers to use to grill the chops. The cost of the dinner will be \$8 this year. Hope to see you there. We have also updated our website at [www.SLCAHS.org](http://www.SLCAHS.org) and we have added a facebook page as well. If you facebook or knows someone that does, please look us up and "like" us. This is a way for us to advertise to the younger crowd that uses technology. We changed our advertising profile this year and are using the radio to advertise our show instead of the newspapers. So listen to 105.5 FM the week of the show for our ads and we will have a live remote from the show on sat.

## **IT'S PIE TIME AGAIN!**

Within the next couple of weeks you should be hearing from Julie about donating pies. The pie booth is one of our main sources of income for the show, last year we made \$2500 from the pie booth. If you don't get a call and you would like to donate a couple of pies this year, please call Julie Fritz at 219-662-9204. You could also just bring them to the show on any of the days. Don't forget, they need to be fruit or nut pies, nothing that need to be refrigerated please. They need to be in disposable pie tins and we will be asking for your name when you bring them in. If you are interested in working in the pie booth, we have 2 hour shifts and can always us workers including teens, please contact Julie as well. If you are working in the pie booth, don't forget you need to wear a hat or head covering of some sort such as a scarf or visor.

Our customers always love the basic pies, apple, cherry, blueberry, peach and rhubarb; but they also love the unusual ones as well with mixed fruits or fruits like raspberries, and blackberries. Usually the pie booth is quick paced and the time moves quickly. We also have early morning spots and early evening spots. So, get those pie crusts made and rolled and find a great recipe for a fruit or nut pie and bring it in. People always say, "OH, this is dark just like my mom made" or "This pie crust is light just like my mom made". They basically love pie, don't you?



## **OLD HAND TOOLS**

Do you have old hand tools; quilt racks and small advertising items that are lying around the house? During the show we have a nice display of these things in the Fine Arts building. Jim Bohling is in charge of this area of the show and could use some other things to put out and show off. If you have any of these types of things, like small hand grinders, hand tools or anything used by farmers that need a table to display, please bring them down or contact Jim Bohling for further information. His phone number is 663-8441.

## **PEDAL TRACTORS**

We are also looking for some pedal tractors. This year we will be putting together a track for the little tikes to ride a pedal tractor around. It will be located in the back of the beef barn, we think, and will provide the little pedal tractors for them to tool around a track in. Most youngsters when they see a pedal tractor will automatically get on it and start pedaling. We are looking for some more tractors to use for this. So, if you have one that you would like to donate or let us use for the weekend please let us know. You can contact Jim Bohling for further information. If it needs some restoration, we will do that as well. So something else for your kids or grand kids to do at the show, so bring them along!

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Have you paid your membership lately? If you haven't paid your dues this year, it's likely that your dues are due.

There are about 80 people that are delinquent on their membership due this year. Please use the membership form on the back of this newsletter and contact Irene Doty about this important step in remaining a member of the society. It will keep this exciting newsletter coming to your door!

## **QUILT RAFFLE**

This year's quilt is once again a beautiful Amish made quilt. It has an ivory background with the quilt blocks made of dark mauve and greens. There is the sunbonnet sue and her Amish husband with their house in the center and the story of their life around it with something different in each square. There will be tickets for it at the show and tickets will be mailed to you for purchase. If you don't want to purchase the tickets or sell the tickets please get them back to us so that we can sell them at the show. If you would like more tickets to sell please contact Nettie Cilek at 663-3149 for more tickets. There is also a beautiful multi-colored afghan to be raffled as a second prize as well that was donated by a member of the club. The quilt raffle is also an important fundraiser for the club with a beautiful prize in the end!



## **AUCTION**

Oh, the consignment auction at the show! We have moved it around, tried different things and once again we are moving it. The auction will be going back to Saturday evening at 6 pm after the pork chop dinner. The morning auction didn't seem to work out as well with everyone and we had lot of suggestions to move it back to Saturday evening. So we will. But don't forget, consignment auctions are just that, we NEED STUFF to sell. That means if you have some stuff around the house you want to get rid of, bring it to the auction and we'll get rid of it for you. Please bring it to the fairgrounds on Thursday, Friday or Saturday during the show and fill out an auction form and your work is done. For more information please contact Dale Bieker at 219-923-3317.

## **ADVERTISING**

You may notice that we are changing our advertising for the show this year. In the past, we have used predominately newspaper advertising along with our signs and flyers, this year we are trying a different direction. We have paired with Radio One Communications and will be advertising on the radio. We will have spots on Indiana 105.5 FM the county station the week prior to our show. We will then be doing a live broadcast from the show on Saturday to help bring people into the show. So listen to 105.5 for more information about the show!

## **TRACTOR PULLS**

The antique tractors pulls went really well last year with the sled that the guys from the club made, so we decided to have them again this year. They will be held at 6pm on Saturday evening after the pork chop dinner and they will be held again on Sunday morning after the church services around 9:30 am. John Berens and his crew of guys work very hard to pull these off. Some of the things that they do that makes the pulls interesting to watch is the team pull, where 2 tractors team together to pull the sled. Only original tractors are allowed to pull, there are no big "Modified" tractors in this pull, but there are bring and strong tractors that do participate, so come and see if they can be stopped.

## **LOOKING TO HELP?**

Are you interested in helping out at the show, but don't know what to do or who to contact? There are many places that can use some help at the show, like the gate taking money, the pie booth, selling raffle tickets and shirts, registration, the pork chop dinner and the kiddy ride and pedal ride. Some of these places require you to only sit and take money or answer questions and some involve more active participation. Any one with a phone number in this newsletter can help put you in touch with some one that can use some help with something at the show. It's fun to volunteer, try it sometime! Get involved!



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Do you know someone in high school that needs community service hours? If you know someone in the Crown Point High School you do! They can pick up hours working at the show and having fun at the same time. As the members of the society get older we need those young legs and strong arms to help us out. There are a variety of things that need to be done, and they can potentially get all the hours that they need for their high school years in one weekend. They or you can contact Julie Fritz or Dale Bieker for more information. Both guys and girls are welcome; there are things for both to do!

## **SET UP AND CLEAN**

I know that no one wants to hear about this subject but it needs to be said! There are a lot of things that need to be done on Wednesday and Thursday prior to the show to set it up. Fencing needs to be placed, the sawmill set up, the sound system installed and signs placed as well as pie booth set up. All these things need people to help, so if you can help out on Thursday come on down and lend a hand. The real need though is on Monday, we are all tired and crabby but the fairgrounds need to be picked up, equipment put away, signs taken down and everything reversed, consider taking Monday off and coming down to help us out. Usually there are half the people to clean up as put it up, but we need help then.

## **PARADE TIME**

The club participates in some of the area parades. We just placed 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Lansing Good Neighbor parade. If you are interested in driving your tractor in the Crown Point 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade please contact Dave Fritz prior to June 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in driving your tractor in the Lowell Labor Day parade please contact Dale Bieker for more information. It's great advertising for the show and a good way to spend some time on your tractor and show it off!

## **NEW RAFFLE**

We added a raffle this year and will be offering a Ford pedal tractor up for raffle. The tickets will be available where you buy your t-shirts and memberships in the show pavilion across from the pie booth.

## **NEW ENTERTAINMENT**

We will be having some new entertainment this year, the band GUNS 'N HOSES will be performing on Saturday from 3pm to 7pm during the pork chop dinner. They are a local band made up of police officers and firefighters. Stop by and see them. When you are there get a pork chop dinner, only \$8 this year for a great grilled chop and all the fixens to go along with it. If you are interested in helping out at the gate or anywhere please call Julie Fritz at 662-9204.



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