



MACOUPIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sneak a Peek at Festival

Fall Festival 2024 (September 21 and 22) is upon us and we can expect some exciting changes.

MCHS and Macoupin Agricultural Antique Association are bringing horse drawn carriage rides to Fall Festival. That's right, for just \$5 per person, **A Day to**



Remember Carriage Rides, from Worden, IL, will provide fun rides on Saturday, September 21. If they do well on Saturday, we can expect them back Sunday, September 22.

Mike Kohr will be at the large Tipi providing a look inside the early lives and culture of Native Americans who lived in western United States. His presentation, **“Stories from the Plains,”** will be open to all ages both days of the Fall Festival 2024.



Mike has been presenting on behalf of what he and others learned at the “International Brotherhood Days” on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1993. The gathering was led by Severt Young Bear, keeper of the drum, of the traditional Porpucine Singers who performed the music in the movie “Dances with Wolves”

and “Thunderheart” where the group had a cameo role. “Moccasin networking” (telling the stories) has a

strong focus on the Lakota, Nakota, Dakota, (aka the Great Sioux Nation), who lived freely in North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and other areas in the west and upper Midwest.

Come sit by the Tipi and listen and learn more about important history of America .

This program is the second in a series of educational offerings from the Macoupin County Historical Society. Chief White Winnebago, (George (Jerry) Savage) of the Ho Chunk Tribe, who was instrumental in getting Mike to our fall festival, was our guest to a standing room only presentation on the grounds in August of 2023.

MCHS is doing a **raffle** for this beautiful child's table and chairs, made and donated by Jim Alderson. Tickets can be purchased at the MCHS Gift Shop, the Ruyle Genealogy Building or the Blacksmith shop any Wednesday or during the Fall Festival, September 21st and 22nd. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing will be held at 3:00 September 22 during the festival.



Carlville Bee City Youth will have an educational table at the Little Red Barn near the Master Gardeners' gardens.

The middle school and high school Youth Bee Team will be unveiling some of their plans for 2024 to be more environmentally friendly and promote the importance of pollinators in our yards, gardens and farms. They will have free handouts with “mansion” honey and T shirts for sale! The new local school leaders are Mary Behme., CHS and Lila Kahl, CMS.



Heavy Rains Damage Museum

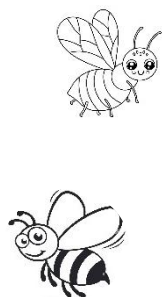
The heavy rain we received in Carlinville the day before the Spring Festival caused flooding on the grounds and in the basement of the Anderson Mansion. Though the Anderson House was closed, the Board pulled together a one day festival instead of two. The grounds were very soggy and there was much standing water. Sales were generally good Saturday, but overnight most vendors made plans to leave. In fact, by mid-morning Sunday, no vendors remained. The sawmill and blacksmith shop continued to operate and Treasures Market was open.

Following the rain and festival, the board also



coordinated the work to have wet, damaged boxes, etc. removed from the basement of the Anderson house. Some items were saved and relocated. But ten trailers of items had to be discarded. The basement area was then treated professionally to eliminate mold and to disinfect. Two new commercial de-humidifiers have also been installed. The basement is now empty, clean and dry.

Insurance was not expected to compensate for the damage.



Pawelczak Team Removing Bees

FFA, Master Gardeners Target Little Red Barn

Jeff Hammann and the Carlinville FFA are shown here getting the " Little Red Barn" ready for the Fall Festival.



To show our appreciation, MCHS will be donating \$250.00 to the FFA Chapter from a grant we received from Lotus Wind Energy.

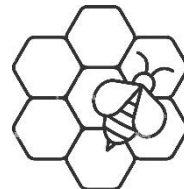
FFA members involved with this project are Dominik Genetti, Charlee Dugger, Abbie Heusing, Hallee Kaburick, Liz Hammann, and Mr. Hammann.

Macoupin County Master Gardners have been working hard on the new Victorian Garden near the " Little Red Barn" at MCHS. The barn is now bright red again and the blooms are beautiful all the way around! Check it out at the Fall festival, Sept. 21-22!

Bees Be Gone

The honey bees living in the eaves and soffits of the John C Anderson home had to be evicted before the old roof could be removed and the new roof put on. While some bee experts advised us to leave the bees alone, as they were not causing a problem, most roofers disagreed. Already hesitant to put in a bid for the three story plus tower structure, contractors insisted the bees be gone.

And so the board of directors expanded their research and contacts with professionals and others in the community and decided to launch the "bee relocation" project. The Mike Pawelczak Team stepped up to capture the bees and their honey.



The work was scheduled for mid-August and was expected to be a one to two day process. Members, Beekeepers and others interested in honeybees and the MCHS were encouraged to visit the grounds to watch or be a part of the project.

The captured bees have all been happily relocated to one of three locations in the county. The "Mansion" honey will be sold at Fall Festival in the Gift Shop and near the Little Red Barn at the Carlinville Bee City Youth table.

“People Hauler” Put to Work

MCHS introduces its "people hauler" this fall thanks to Rodney Eichen. The people hauler belonged to Rodney's father. The past 2 years the Carlinville FFA has worked on rebuilding it.

A few volunteers showed up one Sunday recently to test it out and plan a route. Many of our guests face challenges at walking distances, especially to and from parking. Other visitors are unaware of EVERYTHING that takes place on the grounds, and this will give them the full experience.



MCHS has an active print shop, general store, tractor club, parade, active sawmill, church service, Treasures Market, blacksmiths' forge, tipi, school, plus full demonstrations of harvesting our field, sorghum making, broom making, weaving and more!!

Raising the Roof

A membership drive and fund raiser for a new roof was kicked off in July with a “Drive through lunch and dinner” cooked by the famous “kitchen crew.” The food was outstanding. In fact, several came for lunch and back again for dinner. The question now, is “when is the kitchen going to do it again?” We’ve been hearing this request in the community! Great job, kitchen crew and volunteers who handled orders, took money and helped to make the event a success!

Brooms on Breckenridge Reports

The Brooms on Breckenridge group now has eight rows of broomcorn planted in the Victory Garden on MCHS grounds to harvest during the Fall Festival.



At press time, members were waiting for the local shop to finish welding repairs on their broomcorn threshing machine. They are still trying to figure out the second broom kickwinder, which is in Barn #2. They now have two complete handled broom making sets (kickwinder, sewing vice, and cutter).

Broom makers have held get-togethers this summer to make brooms for both the J. C. Anderson broom displays at the Fall Festival and also for stock to sell at the Festival. They made plans to join the broom makers at the **100 Years of Horsepower Show** in Belleville on August 29th, 30th, and 31st to sell their stock and to give demonstrations.

Brooms on Breckenridge is planning on monthly broom making classes from October till May. The cost is \$10 per class to pay for materials. More information on times will be announced. The group’s long-term goal is to have an operation broom-making building on the grounds that is self-sufficient.

Like us on Facebook at the “Brooms on Breckenridge” page to see what the MCHS broom group is up to. For more information on meeting times, etc., contact Sue Barto or Rod Eichen (page 7).

Join us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/MacoupinCountyHistoricalSociety

Township Lays Road

The Carlinville Township has started work on the property for a new road. Some trees and limbs had been removed and a base of rock was started at press time.

Property belonging to the MCHS has an easement dating back to September 9, 1905. The dirt road from Breckenridge to the old house is actually platted as “Central Avenue.” The road will make it easier for MCHS to access that area and increases the value of our property.

The road will not be our responsibility to maintain.

It's time to start that
Christmas Shopping at the
MCHS Gift Shop. Stop in early
for memorabilia, fall and winter
décor, hand-crafted treasures
and more!

Cleaning It Up



Progress was made on the barn cleanup this summer. The first barn is completely down with minimal cleanup remaining on it. This will open up an area for the corn elevator to come up to the crib from the west, putting corn into it during the Fall Festival 2024.

The second barn shouldn't take much to sort through and scrap out now that we have the Kentucky coffee tree with a mulberry growing inside it moved away from it.

Thank you to Devon Hughes, Colton Hughes, Joe and Jake Perkins, Andy Osborn and Dave Klaus (for use of the skid steer with grapple).

Venture out west behind the country church and tipi during the show and see the corn crib being filled and the broomcorn being harvested.

For vendor contracts, download
from webpage:
Mchssociety.org

Theme Announced

For Fall Festival 2024, the Anderson House will be decorated in homemade brooms. The MCHS group *Brooms on Breckenridge* is busily creating a variety of brooms for this event, in addition to training new members in the craft at the monthly meetings. Similar brooms will be for sale in the Country Store.

Because of the torrential downpour at Spring Festival, the John C. Anderson House was closed. So, the display of antique clocks planned for Spring Festival remains on exhibit through Fall Festival. A few of the more interesting clocks are offered for sale by their owners. Contact information accompanies those clocks.

Ameren Tours and Advises

Audy Schmedeke, Paul Mihalek and Mary Tinder met with a representative from Ameren for a tour of the buildings on site to see how we might become more energy efficient. The good news is we are doing many things right.

The group discussed several suggestions and incentives and reviewed both short-term and long-term improvements. The recommendations and incentive plans discussed are now in the hands of MCHS board members for further consideration.

Lost & Found, etc.

Volunteers Needed to decorate a room in the J. C. Anderson House for Christmas Market. See the list of rooms available at Fall Festival or contact us at 217-854-2850. "Tidings of Christmas and Joy" is the theme.

Wanted: a person or team to repair plaster in the museum. Contact by text or voicemail: Janell Ramey (page 7)

Still Time to Reserve your booth for Fall Festivals. Contact Nancy Mihalek, vendor coordinator, or download a contract from our Web page.

Wanted: A sketch artist to demonstrate and sell at Fall Festival. Contact Nancy Mihalek (page 7)

Wanted: Several volunteers to "adopt" a room to dust and vacuum once a month. Flexible schedule. Contact the curator and leave call back number.

Free: Parking in the field west of the museum during Fall Festival.

Wanted: Your name, e-mail address and phone number if you would like to receive our newsletter.

Reminders: The decorating theme for Fall Festival 2024 will be *antique and vintage clocks and homemade brooms*. Check out the Anderson Museum.

Wanted: Volunteers to sit in a room of the museum during Fall Festival. 1-2 hour shifts. Contact Julie Anderson (217-971-0320)

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“Mansion” Honey For Sale



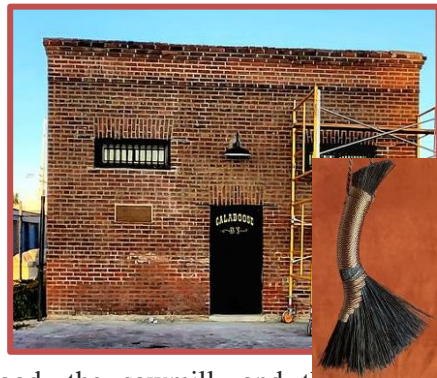
In the Gift Shop

Don't forget to check the Treasures Market at Fall Festival!



Monthly Program Recruits Members

MCHS welcomes our new member, Bob Beard. Bob attended a recent monthly program and joined MCHS shortly after. He was introduced to the society by a tour provided by: Deb Wiles, Mary Tinder, Paul Mihalek and Greg Brown. Bob's interests are broad but especially in wood, the sawmill, and the history available in the library/genealogy department.



The Calaboose (Old City Jail on Plum Street, Carlinville) is owned by Bob and he is renovating it. It will include a library with books purchased from our Genealogy Library the day he joined MCHS.

MCHS offers programs the first Monday evening of the month. These free to the public presentations include musical performances or speakers, especially on local history.

We encourage you to invite some friends and attend a few times. Announcements are found on WSMI and Facebook concerning times and topics.

**Blacksmith Shop Is Open
Wednesdays 10:00-2:30
Every 4th Saturday**

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**Don’t Forget
Clocks AND Brooms
Fall Festival Themes**

Macoupin Agricultural Antique Association Reports

All corn and soybeans are growing well for MAAA and MCHS cash crops. The corn will be harvested during the Fall Festival, using antique farm machinery. Demonstrations include filling a corn crib, threshing wheat and harvesting broom corn.

The sorghum will be used at the Fall Festival to make sorghum molasses. We are looking for a new sorghum press for the sorghum molasses demonstration. The current sorghum press was put in place in 1989, when the sorghum shack was built.

Three wagons of wheat bundles are in the shed to use with the Belle City Threshing machine at the Fall Festival.

Anyone with an interest in the way farming used to be done is welcome to join MAAA. Please, like and follow us on Facebook at Macoupin Agricultural Antique Agricultural Association.

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**Museum Office and
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217-854-2850**

**Fall Festival Decorating
Theme in the museum
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Antique and Vintage
Clocks and
Homemade Brooms**

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What are the best times for you to help _____

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Vendors!

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Contracts on website:

Mchsociety.org

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