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A Rainy Saturday in August saw our Third Annual Farm Festival

Even the rainy skies and muddy lane couldn't keep some 200 visitors, craft demonstrators, house tour docents, and volunteers from enjoying a day at the historic Dreibelbis farm. A few of our expected vendors or craft demonstrators had to "bale out" to protect their animals or delicate items. We'll look for them next year! Though parking was tight



because the alfalfa field couldn't be cut in wet weather, nobody got stuck in the mud. The only thing the tractor had to tow was the hay wagon. A soggy, educational, and fun time was had by all! Even with the wet weather, our non-profit association raised just over \$900 to help defray the costs to maintain and share this gem of an historical and natural resource.

Another way local Berks County friends are supporting the historic farm are by sending us their receipts from Redners' Markets. The store donates 1% of those total sales to DFHS. If you would like to participate, sign up at any Redners' Grocery Store for a Pump Perks Card and use it whenever you purchase anything at Redners'. Save your receipts and send them to us at 140 Valley Rd., Hamburg 19526 or simply bring them to the next DFHS activity. This summer we've taken in about \$75. Thanks everybody!

Raising the Roof: Thursday, Sept. 25—Saturday, Sept. 27



We're finally ready to replace the 7,000 sq. ft. barn roof damaged during Hurricane Sandy. Supplies have been ordered; and a professional roofer is on-board to lead our crew. **What we need are volunteers!** Some will tear off the old roof, some will be screwing down the metal roofing. Others will raise metal panels to the roof level. Some will stay on

the ground, gathering materials. A few will serve as breakfast and lunch cooks. This big job could be done in two-and-a-half work days, if we have the help we need. If interested, call Mark!

Bluebirds on the Farm

Before Autumn paints the farm in the hues of harvest, we simply have to share a nice little bit of Nature News. Volunteer Brian Moroney set up Bluebird Boxes along the edges of some of our fields early in spring. As this photo shows, the effort was met with a hearty approval.



Though not near as numerous as years ago, the Eastern Bluebird seems to be making a comeback across the range of its habitat. Bluebirds are voracious insect consumers, quickly ridding a garden or field of insect pests



The Historic Dreibelbis Farm is located outside of the village of Virginville along Rte. 143.
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