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Adams County Bicentennial and McKinley Family offering 1930s Ag Museum Open House

Quincy, IL — In celebration of the Adams County Bicentennial, guests will have the chance to step back in time to explore the roots of local agriculture at the 1930s Ag Museum.

These special events are hosted through a partnership between the Don McKinley Family - owners of the 1930s Ag Museum - and the Adams County Bicentennial Commission. Organizers are offering this event for free to the public, however reservations are required as space is limited. Choose from the following dates/times: Saturday, June 21 at either 10:00am or 2:00pm, or Sunday, July 20 at 2:00pm. Each tour will take approximately 90 minutes, and is open to those 12 years of age or older. The 1930s Ag Museum is located at 1435 Boy Scout Road in Quincy, Illinois. Tickets are first-come, first-served and may be acquired by visiting www.AdamsCo200.org.

Guests will have the opportunity to learn first-hand what farming looked like in the early 20th century through authentic displays, demonstrations, and historical context. The museum, founded by Don McKinley, is situated in rural Quincy, IL, and showcases a collection of antique John Deere machinery from the late 1920s to 1940, period farmhouse items, and a timeline of agriculture equipment dating back to 10,000 B.C. Emphasis is on the evolution of farming machinery and practices.

“This is a unique chance for our guests to connect with the past and gain a deeper understanding of our county’s agricultural heritage,” said Ag Museum family member Connie Bergman-Palmer. “It’s a perfect tie-in with the Bicentennial celebration and commitment to honoring the people and traditions that helped build Adams County.”

About Adams County Bicentennial: The Adams County Bicentennial celebrates 200 years of history, resilience, and community spirit in Adams County, Illinois in 2025. Through a diverse range of events and initiatives, the Bicentennial aims to honor the county’s heritage and engage residents and visitors alike in celebrating its contributions to the region.

For more info about Adams County Bicentennial visit our website at AdamsCo200.org. You may also contact the Adams County Bicentennial Committee at AdamsCo200@adamscountyil.gov.

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