

News from Genoa Main Street



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10 Miles of Ag-Power Colors on Parade

Back Roads Tractor Run Route Announced

Organizers of this year's Genoa Back Roads Tractor Run have outlined a 10-mile route north out of downtown Genoa north to Melms Road and back into downtown Genoa.

More than 25 tractors are already signed up for the run on Saturday, September 27, as part of Genoa's Harvest Moon Festival sponsored by Genoa Main Street, Inc. The run is sponsored by Nesler/Krueger Farms.

North at Noon

Tractors and drivers will arrive downtown Saturday morning, parking along Main Street where they can be viewed until noon. At 11:45 drivers will assemble for a safety briefing in the parking lot of Citizens First National Bank. At noon tractors and drivers will depart downtown turning north on Washington Street, then west on Second Street. Turning then onto North State Road, the tractors will go 2.6 miles, turning east on Melms Road for 1.5 miles to Eisenhower Road. The tractors will then turn south to Birch and go east to Harrison. They will go south on Harrison to Ash Road, turning west on it and back to North State Road and south into Genoa.

For the final leg of the run, the tractors will turn east on Second Street to Brown Street. Turning south they will pass City Hall and the Genoa-Kingston "Fire Barn" where escort vehicles will bring them down Main Street turning north on Monroe Street and east via the alley to a parking lot across from the former city hall at approximately 1 p.m.

There, the drivers will break for lunch provided by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and display their tractors for the balance of the afternoon.

Spectators wishing to see the parade of tractors returning to downtown should grab a spot on Main Street before 1 p.m.

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Other Festival Events

Open Air Market – Saturday, September 27, kicks off with the market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring fresh produce, flea market treasures and new products, the markets have been popular all season long.

Live Entertainment – Rick Bianchi and Ed Wesemann will entertain Open Air Market shoppers with a variety of music during the day starting at 11 a.m.

Outdoor Museum – Main Street will become an outdoor museum for the week before and including Harvest Moon Festival. On display will be historic collections of local residents. Antique toys, dolls, handmade wooden tractors, clothing and other items will be found in windows up and down the street. Each display will be accompanied by a sign explaining the items and identifying the owner.

Grape Stomping – Be sure to try your hand, or rather feet, at grape stomping. Vineyards are one of the newer additions to northern Illinois agriculture, and we are proud to have a winery call Genoa home. Learn how to stomp grapes during Harvest Moon Festival on Saturday, September 27, sponsored by Prairie State Winery.

Free Recipe Book – Visitors to downtown can collect free area recipes and bind them into a book through out Harvest Moon Festival. Free recipe pages are available at participating businesses and can be picked up all week. Each business will have a different recipe and the recipes will change daily. By visiting different businesses and on several different days, it will be possible to accumulate many of Genoa's traditional favorites. You also can pick up front and back covers and bind your book.

Make Your Own Scarecrow – Visitors will be able to make a take-with scarecrow on Saturday. Everything you need will be provided for \$20.

Animals on Display – A variety of animals will be on display where visitors can enjoy seeing them.

Custom Aluminum Products and Re/Max Classic are joint sponsors of Harvest Moon Festival.

Genoa Main Street, Inc. is a volunteer organization dedicated to preserving Genoa's historic heritage and small town wholesomeness while promoting economic development and downtown improvements.

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The enthusiasm of drivers and spectators alike at last year's impromptu tractor run during Harvest Moon Festival led planners to schedule this year's 10-mile Back Roads Tractor Run on Saturday, September 27. More than 25 drivers and their tractors are scheduled to appear. Drivers will receive a Back Roads Tractor run T-shirt and lunch courtesy of Genoa Main Street, Inc. and tractor run sponsor Nesler/Krueger Farms.