4th Annual CHAUTAUQUA & BARN DANCE

• Evening Schedule •

Walkabout – On The Farm
3:00 – 5:00 P.M. Converse, Engage, Enjoy
Take a leisurely stroll, stop by for coffee and cider, meet our friends.

4:00 – 6:30 P.M. Registration
See Jenn, Becky, Patti, and Sherrill at the Registration Table

Chautaugua – In The Tent
5:00 – 5:30 P.M. Welcomes
Liz And Karl Klessig (Welcoming You to the Farm)
Jim Kettler (Thanking Our Local Team)
Michael Strigel (Recognizing our Sponsors)
Dick Cates (Introducing our Special Guest)

5:30 – 6:15 P.M. Will Allen, Founder & CEO
Growing Power – An Organization Inspiring Communities To Build Sustainable Food Systems That Are Equitable And Ecologically Sound, Creating A Just World, One Food-Secure Community At A Time. Will Allen is widely considered the leading authority in the expanding field of urban agriculture, using training methods he has developed over a lifetime

Rural Celebration – In The Barn
6:30 P.M. Harvest Buffet
Locally Sourced Food & Refreshments
7:30 P.M. Barn Dance
Music By The Buffalo Joe Band Along With Raffle Drawing

Our Keynote Speaker

Will Allen, son of a sharecropper, former professional basketball player, ex-corporate sales leader, and longtime farmer, has become recognized as among the preeminent thinkers of our time on agriculture and food policy. The founder and CEO of Growing Power, Inc., a farm and community food center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Allen is widely considered the leading authority in the expanding field of urban agriculture. At Growing Power and in community food projects across the nation and around the world, Allen promotes the belief that all people, regardless of their economic circumstances, should have access to fresh, safe, affordable and nutritious foods at all times. Using methods he has developed over a lifetime, Allen trains community members to become community farmers, assuring them a secure source of good food without regard to political or economic forces. In 2008 Mr. Allen received the prestigious MacArthur “Genius grant” for his efforts to promote urban sustainable food systems. Later, in 2010 Mr. Allen joined First Lady Michelle Obama as she launched the White House’s “Let’s Move” campaign to address issues affecting American youth and the risk of obesity and later that year was also recognized as one of TIME magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in the World. Since then, Mr. Allen has received numerous awards and recognitions, including the James Beard Foundation Leadership Award in 2011 and the NCAA Theodore Roosevelt Award in 2012, which is the highest award the National Collegiate Athletic Association can bestow on a former collegiate athlete.

About Growing Power

Growing Power was started in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1993 by Will Allen, a 2008 winner of a MacArthur “Genius Award” who has long worked to produce and deliver healthy food to low-income communities. It is a national nonprofit organization and land trust supporting people from diverse backgrounds, and the environments in which they live, by helping to provide equal access to healthy, high-quality, safe and affordable food for people in all communities. Growing Power implements this mission by providing hands-on training, on-the-ground demonstration, outreach and technical assistance through the development of Community Food Systems that help people grow, process, market and distribute food in a sustainable manner.

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Partnering for Progress
Celebrating our Rural Communities

September 22, 2012
Saxon Homestead Farm • Cleveland, Wisconsin
A collaboration to conserve farmland and natural resources, support beginning and continuing farmers, and sustain vibrant, rural communities to improve rural life in Wisconsin.

Host
Saxon Homestead Farm is a fifth-generation, family partnership by Robert Klessig and Kathleen Block-Klessig, Karl and Elizabeth Klessig, Gerald Heimerl and Elise Klessig-Heimerl, and their families. The farm combines rotational grazing, dairy cattle, dairy steers and seasonal calving as the agricultural operation's foundation. It is dedicated to creating high-quality milk from an efficient and profitable production system; animal comfort; land, water, and environmental stewardship; and family and employee well-being.

Benefiting Organizations
Gathering Waters Conservancy's mission is to help communities, land trusts and landowners protect the places that make Wisconsin special, and was a key partner in the effort to get the Working Lands Initiative passed into law. As the service center for Wisconsin's 50-plus land trusts, Gathering Waters has long recognized the need to empower land trusts and local communities to protect farmland.

Saxon Homestead Farm
15621 South Union Road, Cleveland, WI 53015
Saturday, September 22, 2012

Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP) is the leading environmental advocate on the waters of northeast Wisconsin fostering stewardship in the planet's largest watershed and taking action to champion the environment. As a diverse group of people, it uses education and coordination to support local communities’ efforts to maintain or improve our natural resources’ health. LNRP builds partnerships, provides funding, promotes a forum for discussion and supports activities advocating a balance between land use and natural resource management, conservation and protection.

Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers (WSBDF) is a program of the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems and Farm and Industry Short Course. In addition to the U.W-Madison location, it offers distance-learning education at ten sites throughout Wisconsin. The WSBDF emphasizes business planning and pasture-based farm management. Experienced grazers, business leaders and U.W. faculty lead seminars. Coursework demonstrates how pasture-based farming is the low-capital approach to farming and how the pasture-based system protects soil, water and wildlife resources.

Celebrating the Future of Farming
This year's Barn Dance recognizes the importance of providing opportunities for young people to enter our farming communities.

Through the Working Lands Initiative, Wisconsin will protect our farmlands from over-development thereby providing the land resource for future farmers.

Through the curriculum at the Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers, new and existing farmers are taught pasture-based methods that reduce the capital investments necessary to enter farming while protecting our precious land and water resources.

Through Wisconsin’s Green Tier Program, farmers utilize environmental management systems as an integral part of their business plans again sustaining our land and water resources for future farmers.

Our Partnership
The Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership (LNRP), Gathering Waters Conservancy, The Wisconsin School for Beginning Dairy and Livestock Farmers, and the Saxon Homestead are collaborating in their efforts to conserve farmland and natural resources, to support beginning and continuing farmers, and to sustain vibrant, rural communities that improve rural life in Wisconsin.

Please join us in encouraging our policy makers, our land management agencies, and our rural citizens to link the resources, organizations, and local leaders to work for a sustainable future for rural Wisconsin.