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Old Barn Gets Second Chance at Schuster's Playtime Farm, Part II.

On June 23, 2007, an 1886 timber-frame barn experienced a rebirth as it was raised the old-fashioned way at Schuster's Playtime Farm in Deerfield. The old Lemke barn was first erected in Cold Springs Township, just north of Whitewater.

Craig Roost dismantled the barn in May and then led the team of 35 volunteers (and entertained the 450 spectators) during the late June barn raising. People as far away as Washington state came to witness the building and one volunteer worker got up at 2 a.m. to drive down from St. Paul so he could help with the build.

Since that day, the barn has had to take a back seat to the only round barn in the county. The round barn was in desperate need of repair and took all summer to get its new roof and cupola on. Meanwhile, Don and Theresa Schuster, owners of the farm, had to field the question, "when are you going to finish the timber frame barn?" And field questions from many of the volunteers, when are you going to finish it, I want to help with the roof (or the siding), to see it to the end."

Those volunteers (and others interested) will get that chance on September 15th, (rain date, September 16th) starting at 8:00. September 15th also marks opening day for fall festivities at Schuster's Playtime Farm with produce, fall decoratives and farmtastic fun.

The barn raising event is free and open to the public.

For more information, please go to www.schustersplaytimefarm.com