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October is Co-op Month - Turn to page 3 for a special message from your board of directors.

A Taste of Autumn at the Tranquility Corn Maze

By: Meagan Moellers

Most 12 year-old boys are.... well.... as the saying goes "boys will be boys." But Bryan Bachmurski really went above and beyond expectations of his age with his creative design and inspiration behind the Tranquility Corn Maze near Calmar. Bryan is part of a youth group trying to raise funds and resources for their activities. So he decided to take the initiative to create a family-focused corn maze along with a variety of fall produce for purchase, including pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and squash. There is also a thrilling spook house and good old-fashioned hayrides.

The name itself perfectly describes the Bachmurski country farm. Bryan and his father Jim moved here from New

York a few years ago and they decided that Iowa is truly peaceful and calm. When the opportunity came to start an autumn corn maze on their land, it only seemed fitting to call it "Tranquility" which was also the name of the business that Jim owned out east.

The Bachmurski's set-out to do it right, hoping maybe if enough visitors make the trek out to the maze this year, it will become an annual event. The pumpkins are big, the spook-house is frightening, the corn maze is exciting and the hayrides provide a relaxing finish to the festivities. A great fall day for kids and families! If people from as far away as Kansas, Montana, and Colorado can come to enjoy the autumn activities, you should really make an effort to experience it for yourself! It is well worth the drive. School groups are also encouraged to take the adventure together.

The corn maze is open to the public and can be found at 2057 Skyline View Road - just off the Middle Calmar Road. The road may be curvy, but just follow the signs and you'll arrive at the right spot nestled in the wilderness of Winneshiek County!

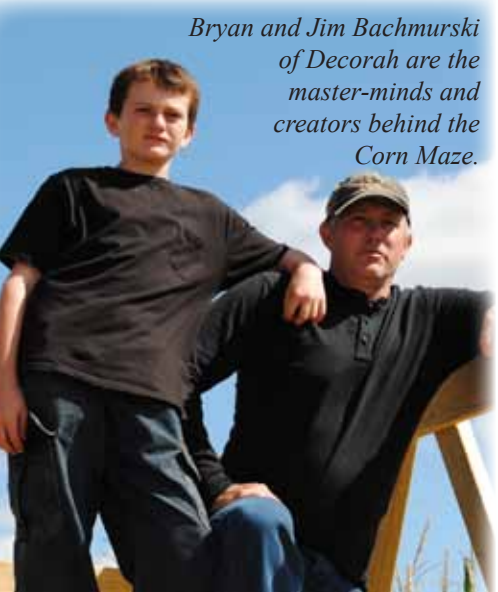
Open through October 31
Monday-Thursday ... 11 am - 8 pm
Friday 11 am - 9 pm
Saturday-Sunday 9 am - 9 pm

Prices
Adults \$5.50
Children 6-12 \$3.50
5 and under Free



Bryan Bachmurski proudly showcases the field of pumpkins that he raised and tended all summer for the Tranquility Corn Maze project. Bryan designed the layout for the 7.3 acre corn maze and his dad helped him convert it to scale on graph paper early this spring. With a lot of hard work and dedication, their dreams became a reality when they opened on August 28.

Bryan and Jim Bachmurski of Decorah are the master-minds and creators behind the Corn Maze.



Visitors are encouraged to take seat on a straw-bale to enjoy a picturesque view of the Northeast Iowa countryside on a wagon-ride for just \$2. A special thank you to neighbor's Ron and Mary Oyløe for their use of the tractor and wagon to make the hayrides possible.