

# St. Clair County Farm Museum

“Preserving A Bit of Yesterday for Tomorrow”



New Farm Museum branding on the Port Huron Steam Engine complements of Mr. Mark Casey

## 2023 Annual Report

# Community Involvement

Throughout the year, the Farm Museum members partner with other organizations to create brand awareness for all organizations. It is often heard from visitors that they were unaware of the Museum and from first time visitors that Goodells County Park existed. In an effort to bring awareness to the County Park system and to the Farm Museum, members volunteer to help out other organizations by having the concession trailer with the new wrap available at various events. Horse shows, 4-H and Youth Fair, Antique Fire Apparatus Flea Market, as well as the Museum's own events are just a few of the venues where we provide delicious food at a reasonable price. In addition to this marketing of our "brand", we publish a quarterly newsletter, advertise on Facebook and our website, and this past year have provided rack cards to all 14 of the Michigan Welcome Centers. A local sign painter has volunteered his time to paint the Museum name on various pieces of equipment in our effort to "spread the word".

## Sperry's Santa Parade



## 4-H Club Awareness Day at Pumpkin Fest



Youngsters and parents check out the various displays provided by 4-H clubs

# Community Involvement

## Pantry Project



Day on the farm benefiting the Pantry Project with Sawmill Creek and the Rustic Ramblers 4-H Club

## 4-H and Youth Fair



Museum members demonstrating the Port Huron Engine and sawmill along with static displays of equipment

# Events

The farm museum is host to several events throughout the year. Some of the events raise funds to keep the museum in operation while others are held to benefit the visitors to the museum. Volunteer members work through the year to promote the farm museum at Goodells County Park in an attempt to increase awareness of the museum and park and to fulfill its mission to provide an understanding of our heritage, add to our areas cultural base and enhance regional tourism.

## Fall Harvest Days



Youngsters helping with threshing



Enjoying a cup of bean soup



Taking a ride on the people mover



Equipment on display

## Pumpkin Fest



Partnering with 4-H at Pumpkin Fest



Enter for fun!

# Events

## Breakfast with Santa



A little chat with Santa



Enjoying a meal

## Easter Bunny Breakfast



Waiting for the Easter Egg Hunt



A quick pose with the star of the day

## Sleigh Days



Warming by the fire



Waiting for riders

# Museum Projects

Each year volunteer members tackle items on the long list of projects at the Museum in an attempt to expand and maintain the collection. Shown below is a sampling of the projects that were worked on or completed this past year. Thanks to Kyle, Matt & Terry for their efforts on these projects.



Ford F5 Medical Center farm truck. Front clip is sent out for a rebuild, wiring and exhaust completed. Next the truck is to be sent out for a paint job and the wood bed constructed.



Ford loader tractor repairs continue by replacing parts damaged by accidental fire



John Deere 60 restoration completed



Farmall A restoration completed



Ford 2N before (left) and after (right)



# Brand Awareness

Farm Museum members often hear visitors say, “Oh, I didn’t know this was here”. In an attempt to create awareness of the Farm Museum and Goodells County Park, the membership has embarked on a mission to advertise the good things happening in the park. In addition to the advertising for the Fall Harvest Days, the Museum spreads the word through other sources. Below are examples of the method we use to create brand awareness.

Inspired by a stop at a Michigan Welcome Center near Monroe, the rack card shown at right was designed and is now distributed to visitors at all 14 welcome centers in the State.



## St. Clair County Farm Museum



Our mission is to provide an understanding of our heritage, add to our areas cultural base and enhance regional tourism. This is achieved by acquiring, preserving and presenting agricultural, domestic equipment and related artifacts in structures and settings which will portray the origin and evolution of farming and rural living from when the area was first settled until about 1960.



1922 Ransley Oil Pull



1918 Port Haron Threshing Co. Engine

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## Museum Events

- **Sleigh Days** — Take a horse drawn sleigh ride around the county park in a vintage cutter.
- **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny** — Enjoy a pancake brunch with all the fixings. Greet the Easter Bunny, hunt for Easter eggs, and enjoy kids crafts.
- **Museum Open Days** — Stroll through the barns and view the vast collection of items depicting early life in St. Clair County. Open on select weekends in summer.
- **Plow Days** — Bring your vintage tractor, or your lawn chair, and participate in the preparation of the fields for planting.
- **Fall Harvest Days** — 3 days of interesting demonstrations of farm related chores, lumber sawing, tractor displays, tractor events, blacksmithing, threshing, music and much more.
- **Pumpkin Fest** — Take a wagon ride to the pumpkin patch and select a pumpkin.
- **Breakfast with Santa** — Enjoy a pancake brunch with all the fixings. Greet good old St. Nick, enjoy kids crafts, raffles and more.

\* Free Events

For more information and dates, visit the museum website



Compass # 30091495

6/1/2023

The very talented, Mark Casey, volunteers his time to demonstrate his craft and help us promote our name by lettering signs of all types



The quarterly newsletter is published and distributed and contains interesting articles about people, places and events at the Farm Museum



# Farm Museum Field Report

## 2023 “Year of the RAINS”

We started the year leveling the tile project in the parking meadow for 4-H.

Our farming year started with plow day where we had 7 tractors in the fields plowing, disking and dragging. We prepped the ground for the pumpkin patch and corn maze along with fields 4 & 5 for the Seed and Soul Society and for our sweet corn plot. Rain on the day before plow day made it a very trying day.

We planted a small corn maze and pumpkin patch when the spring rains began to fall.

We got everything in the ground where it was growing very well when it started raining again during the 4-H fair.

In the fall of 2022, we planted wheat in fields 3,6 & 7 for a total of 34.5 acres to harvest. We used our old binder in the tower field to bind enough to thresh at our Harvest Days Show. We were able put on several very good demonstrations of old time threshing. Not having enough dry days in a row to be able to combine the balance of the wheat, it sprouted and was not worth running.

The water standing in the pumpkin patch caused our pumpkins to rot from sitting on the saturated ground. We did salvage our corn maze and pumpkin patch weekends by buying pumpkins so everyone that wanted a pumpkin was able to get one. We also partnered with 4-H and the other user groups for good times on the weekends even if we had to battle the mud. No one complained!

In mid February 2024 we finally got enough frost in the ground that we could use a one row New Idea corn picker to harvest about 200 bushels of ear corn. This will be used at our shows in several of our other pieces of equipment to demonstrate corn processing.

### Fert & Chem

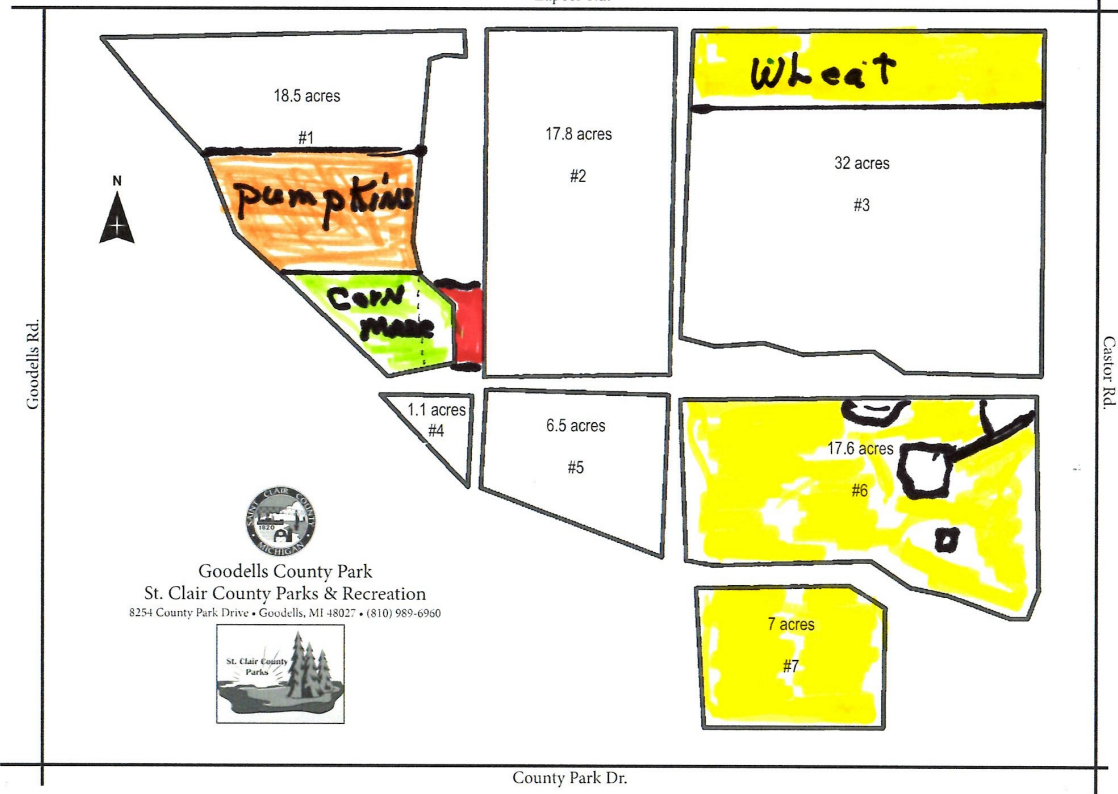
5/18/2023	Urea	1000 # for wheat
5/26/2023	Fert- Pumpkins	1070 # pumpkins
5/26/2023	Corn Starter	2740 # Corn
5/18/2023	Perfect Match	5 gal wheat
5/18/2023	Jackhammer	2.5 gal wheat
5/18/2023	Perfer	2.5 gal wheat



# Goodells County Park Farm Fields



Lapeer Rd.



# Pumpkin Fest & Corn Maze 2023 Financial Report

## DONATIONS

Cash	\$3000.00
Corn Seed	\$1200.00

## EXPENSES

Fuel - Farm	\$350.00
Seed - Pumpkin	\$734.00
Spray	\$98.50
Fertilizer	\$1408.76
Spreader	\$50.00
Pumpkins	\$2495.00
Misc. Lube & Repairs	\$275.00
Fuel for Truck	\$394.00
Gas for Rides - 221 gal.	<u>\$713.00</u>

Expense total \$6519.92

INCOME FOR MAZE & PUMPKINS \$5847.00

SPONSOR CASH \$3000.00

Income total \$8847.00

Expenses \$6519.92

Net total \$2327.08

# 2023 Financial Report

2023 Annual	Debit	Credit	Profit/Loss
Advertising	\$ (1,879.79)	\$ -	\$ (1,879.79)
Concessions	\$ (20,740.83)	\$ 40,845.36	\$ 20,104.53
Donation		\$ 275.00	\$ 275.00
Easter	\$ (1,419.40)	\$ 4,709.00	\$ 3,289.60
Farming	\$ (19,159.56)	\$ 14,174.13	\$ (4,985.43)
Fall Harvest Days	\$ (43,458.77)	\$ 35,676.95	\$ (7,781.82)
Membership	\$ (32.40)	\$ 1,260.00	\$ 1,227.60
Project	\$ (3,070.16)	\$ -	\$ (3,070.16)
Santa	\$ (1,731.69)	\$ 2,270.67	\$ 538.98
Sawmill		\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
Sleigh Days	\$ (395.53)	\$ 1,165.00	\$ 769.47
Steam	\$ (647.17)	\$ -	\$ (647.17)
	\$ (92,535.30)	\$ 101,176.11	\$ 8,640.81

