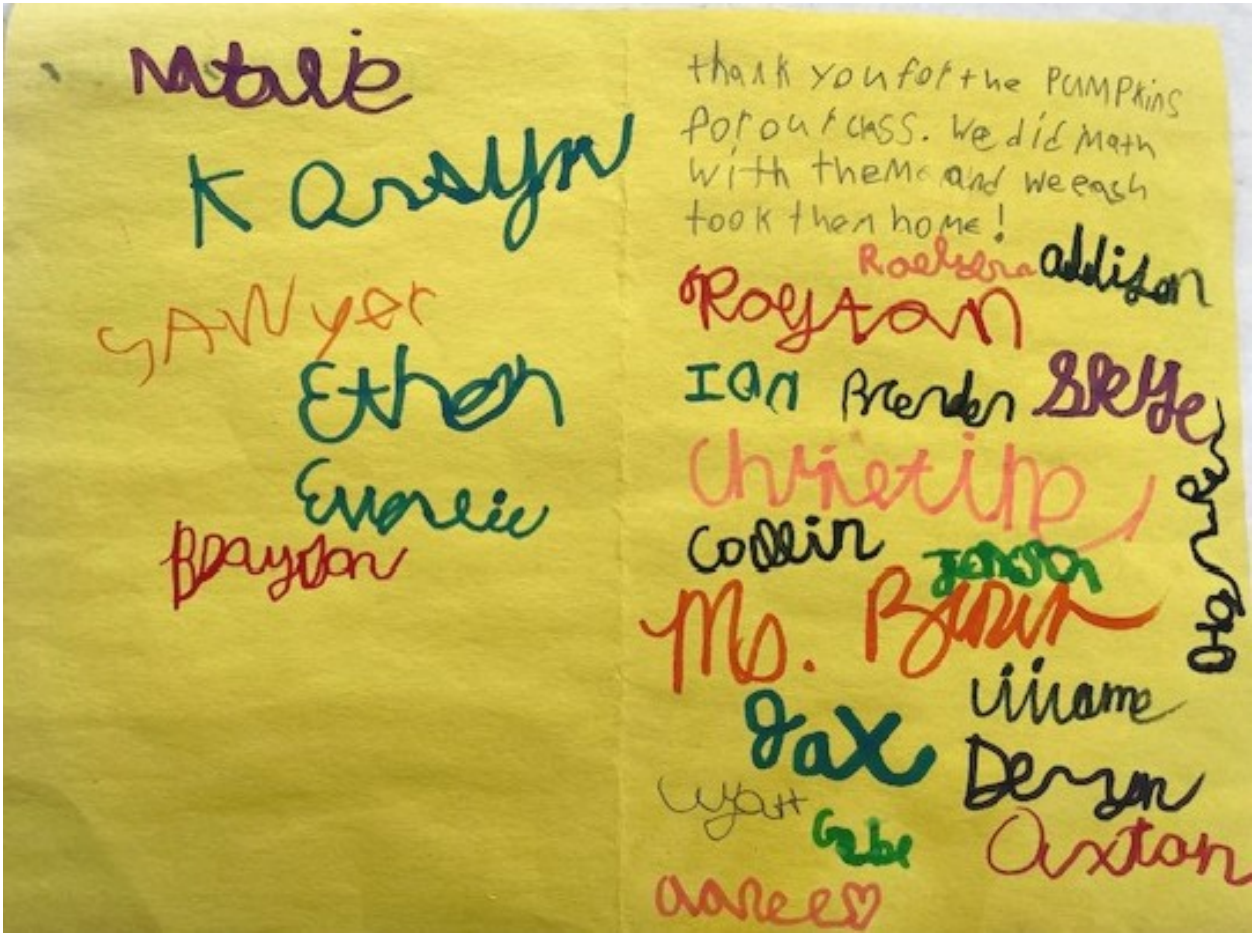


St. Clair County Farm Museum

“Preserving A Bit of Yesterday for Tomorrow”



TO: Mr. Sullivan.



Thank you card for pumpkins donated to students at Michigamme Elementary School

2024 Annual Report

Community Involvement

The Farm Museums volunteer members work throughout the year to help other organizations while helping to bring awareness of the Museum. Much of this involvement is through providing a concession stand at various events, operating the people mover and barrel train, or demonstrating the equipment at the Museum. Volunteer members work to provide these services while raising much needed funding for the operation and maintenance of the Museum collection. Below are a few examples of our community involvement.

Earth Fair 2024



Kids enjoy the barrel train ride at Earth Fair

Yale Christmas Parade



Photo courtesy of The Yale Expositor

Museum's people mover used to bring Santa to town

Heritage Vintage Market



A ride around Goodells County Park on the people mover

Plow Day



Plow day not only helps the Museum prepare the fields for planting but offers the opportunity to have visitors experience the preparation of the planting season.



Community Involvement

Pantry Project - A Day on the Farm

The Pantry Project is a cooperative effort between the Museum, Rustic Ramblers 4 - H club and Sawmill Creek Farms where the Museum prepares concessions for visitors to the farm. Visitors can enjoy a day on the farm in a fun way by seeing displays, enjoying various activities, and getting up close to animals at the petting farm all while helping local food pantries.

Model T Club



A Model T and Antique Car Club traveled to Goodells County Park to take in the activities at Pumpkin Fest and tour the Museum

4-H and Youth Fair



Sawmill demonstrations at the 4-H and Youth Fair

Sweet Corn Donations

Sweet corn grown at Goodells County Park this year was in ample supply providing plenty for our Fall Harvest Days event. 100 dozen ears were sold and approximately 500 dozen donated to homeless shelters, Churches and soup kitchens.



2024 Corn Maze from 2500 feet

4 - H & MIHA Horse Shows

The Farm Museum provides concessions for the various 4 - H and Michigan Interscholastic Horsemanship Association horse shows held at Goodells County Park



Our youngest members helping in the sawmill

Community Involvement

Project R.E.D.



The Museum provides meals and equipment displays for the Michigan Farm Bureau's Rural Education Day



The Museum provides equipment displays for Project RED visitors to enjoy

Photogenic Barns



The Farm Museum barns provide the perfect backdrop for all types of photography. Engagements, weddings, senior pictures, or the occasional person who drives by always seem to find a wonderful view.



Thank you to the St. Clair County parks and Recreation Commission for allowing us to share this facility.

Events

Volunteers work throughout the year to fulfill the mission of providing an understanding of our heritage, adding to the areas cultural base and enhancing regional tourism. In cooperation with Goodells County Park, the Museum is host to several events throughout the year some which are fundraisers while others are held to provide events for the enjoyment of the visitors.

Fall Harvest Days



Aerial view of Fall Harvest Days



Maiden voyage of Tommy's Minneapolis Moline Tractor



Special needs Scout troop on their annual visit to Fall harvest Days



Even the youngest can learn chores



Antique car show at FHD



Youth pedal pull participant

Pumpkin Fest



Showing off the harvest



Crowds on a nice October day



Rides to the pumpkin patch

Events

Breakfast with Santa



Breakfast tables



Pictures with Santa

Easter Bunny Breakfast



Visitors enjoying a good breakfast



That pesky bunny sure is photogenic

Sleigh Days

Unusually warm weather and a lack of snow cover forced the cancellation of the sleigh days event 2024. 2025 has more than made up for it.

Wheat Harvesting



Harvesting wheat with the 1930's International binder

Although not a heavily attended visitor event, the harvesting of wheat which is used for threshing at the Fall Harvest Days brings out a good crew of volunteers both young and old.



Glen Schade operates the binder

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.



The blacksmith shop in the T Barn had its debut at Fall Harvest Days. This area is continuing to evolve and grow to be a premier area of the Museum



The back portion of the T Barn will soon house the Museums collection of hit & miss engines and be opened for public access.



The recently restored Economy engine, one of several being restored



Restored apple cider press



The Farm Museum in cooperation with parks maintenance excavated and filled the Bull Pen area to create a display area for some of the Museum collections



(left) Young members learning restoration skills by rebuilding a hit & miss engine



(right) The Museum acquired a collection of petal tractors with the intent of hosting a kids tractor pull at various events

Brand Awareness

Michigan Barn Preservation Network



The photograph of the Farm Museum barns at Goodells County Park was submitted and selected to be included in the MBPN 2025 barn calendar.

MDOT Rack Cards

Rack cards continue to be distributed to Michigan's Dept. of Transportation welcome centers

Member Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter is distributed to members and other interested parties. Both printed or emailed versions help to "Spread the News" about events at the Museum.

Tractor Lineup



Having tractors on display at Goodells County Park helps to create awareness of the Farm Museum as well as giving visitors an opportunity to see these historic machines up close.



By taking our raffle sales team to various community events, promotion of the Farm Museum is accomplished by making people aware of Goodells County Park and the Museum as well as providing the opportunity to win the grand prize.

Putting Our Name Out There



Utilizing the talents of Mark Casey, the Museum continues to spread our name by lettering on equipment seen by the public.

FHD Raffle



Farm Museum Field Report

2024 - Already for a New Year

We started out at Plow Day with a misty, rainy day. But 2 guests and 2 of our own turned the ground over and had a lot of fun! We fit the ground and then it rained! By May 20th we had sweet corn planted (3 – ¼ acre plots of sweet corn) and we were getting ready to plant the corn maze. 7 acres of corn maze (it's big) Then it rained!

Between storms we were able to plant pumpkins; 2 patches, over 6000 seeds- all one seed at a time!

Then Mother Nature settled down and we had a very good growing season.

The sweet corn did really good and the first batch was ready to pick for our Fall Harvest Days Show! We had a very good crop and sold about 100 dozen ears. And then donated roughly 500 dozen to homeless shelters, churches and soup kitchens!

The pumpkins are getting bigger and bigger and are starting to attract the attention of some of our four legged neighbors. But we had a lot of pumpkins (we thought) but we had a lot of pickers too! So many that we ended up buying some and ended up with left over's. We were able to give them to Special Needs kids at Garfield school and to the kids at Michigamme who sent the card shown on the cover of this report. We gave rides to the pumpkin patch and corn maze for the first 3 weekends in October. Lots of smiling faces and even some of our people said they had fun.

We have our fields ready for spring activities; PICKING ROCKS, (Yes, somebody planted them while I wasn't looking, plow day, sweet corn, pumpkins and a corn maze. And yes, we are going to find a place to put some vegetables.

We are ready for spring field work, the drainage ditches are dug, and the rocks are lying on top just waiting for warm dry days.

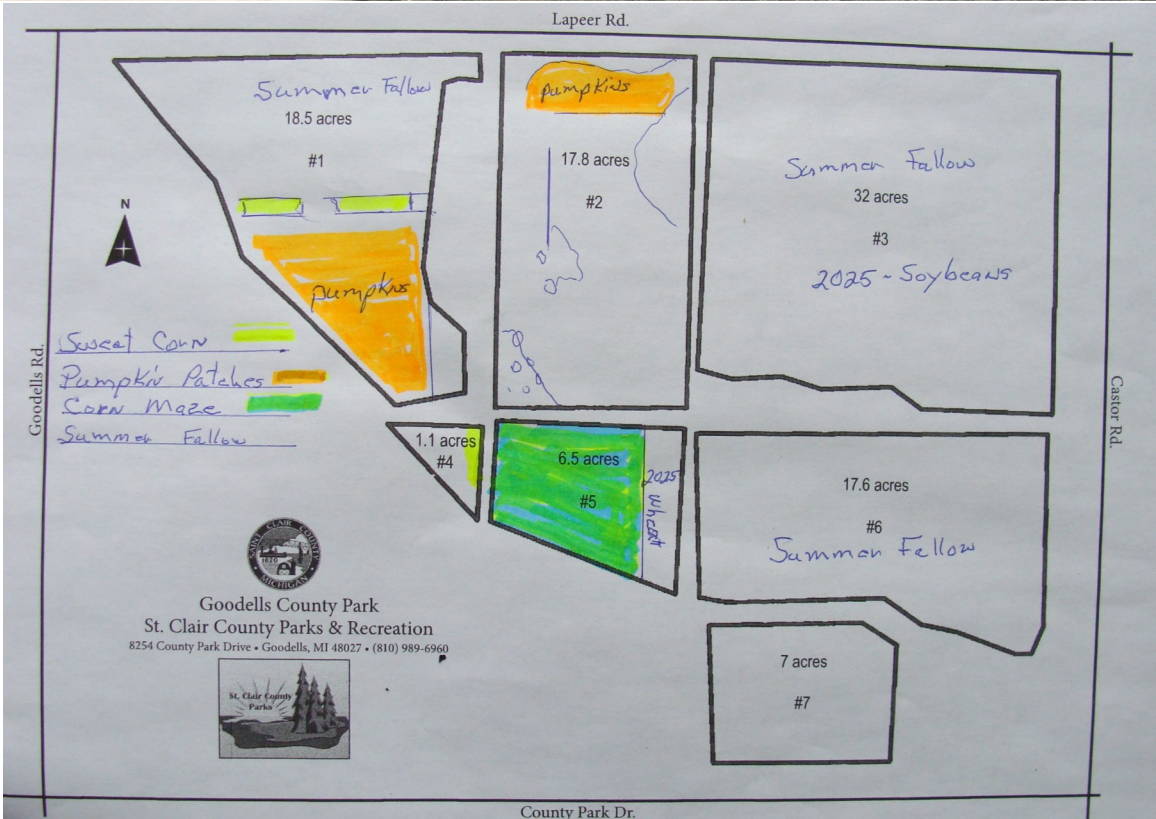


Wet conditions for plow day

Fert & Chem

5/18/2024	Urea	1000 #	Wheat
5/18/2024	Fert- Pumpkins	1250 #	Pumpkins
5/18/2024	Corn Starter	2750 #	Corn
6/10/2024	Perfect Match	1 qt.	Wheat
6/10/2023	Jackhammer	1 qt.	Wheat
6/10/2023	Perfer	1 qt.	Wheat
6/19/2024	Roundup	1 qt.	
6/19/2024	Jackhammer	1 qt	

Goodells County Park Farm Fields



2024 Financial Report

2024 Annual	Debit	Credit	Profit/Loss
Advertising	\$ (1,927.22)	\$ 797.00	\$ (1,130.22)
Concessions	\$ (29,749.57)	\$ 59,487.41	\$ 29,737.84
Donation		\$ 1,007.50	\$ 1,007.50
Easter	\$ (983.89)	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 252.11
Farming	\$ (9,519.22)	\$ 1,630.00	\$ (7,889.22)
Fall Harvest Days	\$ (37,233.66)	\$ 34,304.00	\$ (2,929.66)
Membership		\$ 1,580.00	\$ 1,580.00
Projects	\$ (2,768.13)		\$ (2,768.13)
Raffle		\$ 11,729.58	\$ 11,729.58
Santa	\$ (787.23)	\$ 782.00	\$ (5.23)
Sawmill	\$ (36.99)		\$ (36.99)
Sleigh Days			
Steam			
	\$ (83,005.91)	\$ 112,553.49	\$ 29,547.58

