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The Cobblestone Farm Association *founded 1974*

The Log Cabin has undergone restoration by the Toth Brothers. They removed all the old chinking and replaced it with a lime sand mixture that should last for a long time. Some of the logs had to be refaced – with timber that was cut in the 1830s. After the refacing the logs were treated with boiled linseed oil and mineral spirits. This will keep the bugs and water out of the logs and hopefully the Cabin will be on the site for a long time. The Cabin was finished in time for the PLP program to use its restored home. The City operated the program last fall and hopefully will operate it in the coming fall.

Continuing with the restoration theme, the City hired an Architect to survey the site. This was done in November and we received the report in January. They went through all the buildings on the site and proposed a schedule of what needs to be done and when. Roof replacement and window work were at the top on the list. We have heard from the City that the roof work is set for 2013. Other areas in the Parks Department need roof work, so bids were needed for all of the work. The Association also contacted a restoration company (Preservation by Design) to review window requirements. This company did the restoration work on the windows at the Renschler Farm House in Saline. We have heard from Preservation By Design and they came and looked at all the windows. All agreed that they did need some work and they would be happy to take the job.

The Ticknor-Campbell Farm

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Then the unthinkable happened – we had an attempted break-in and one of the windows in the west sitting room was torn out. The City asked us if we had someone in mind to fix it. We answered - Preservation By Design. They were selected by the City to do the work and the window was returned and reinstalled the first of January.

The newest thing at the Farm is the Cobblestone Farm Market held every Tuesday from 4-7pm on the grounds of the Farm. We have had upwards of 300 people on a Tuesday. There are activities for the kids, fresh vegetables, breads, crackers, crafts, and music. Come join us for food and fun. The Market operated until November 20. It will reopen in May 2013.

The other events at the Farm - Winter Evening, Annual Meeting, Spring Clean, Independence Day, Craft Show, Hallow Harvest, and Country Christmas – were all a success. Some large and some small, but everyone involved had a good time.

This year we had more than expected responses from people who were having weddings at the Farm. We offered a two hour block of time for \$75. We also had a number of tours scheduled for the farm. One special tour was the History Mystery Tour sponsored by Saline Senior Center in cooperation with Saline Historical Society, Pittsfield Historical Society, and Cobblestone Farm Association. A great time was had by all.

Please come and join us for 2013. The more people we have, the more things we can do for the community.

George Taylor - President

