

Janet Sehl

The 2008 Otsego County Fair is dedicated to Janet Sehl, a long time volunteer of the Otsego County Fair.

Janet is the wife of the late Audie Sehl. She has three grown children, John of Trinidad, Colorado; Jenna and Jamie and granddaughter Emma of Gaylord. She is employed at Jay's Sporting Goods and Power House Gym.

At the 2008 Michigan Fair Convention, Janet Sehl was presented with a plaque honoring her as the "2007 Volunteer of the Year". Janet was chosen from among eighty-six Fairs in the State of Michigan. *Congratulations, Janet!*



She has been involved with the Fair for eighteen years, sixteen of them as a spouse of board member Audie Sehl. Audie passed away suddenly in January 2006 and Janet was asked and filled his spot on the board for the remainder of the year.

Janet's support of the Fair is truly remarkable; she is always a willing participant. She made 800 sandwiches with her daughter's for Kid's Day at the Fair; collected money at the Queen's Pageant; was in charge of gates, carnival bracelet booth and grandstand workers; helped with planning and volunteering for the Haunted House, Vegas Night, Big Ticket camping fundraisers; showed up at work bee's and did whatever needed to be done; planted flowers; watered flowers daily; pulled weeds in the flower beds, helped with painting of the Commercial Building and so much more.

She made so many significant contributions to the 2007 Fair but the one that stands out the most is the great job she did on the north and south gates. Janet was the chairperson of the gates and carnival bracelet booth. She has to find the volunteers to work at these spots, do the scheduling, train the girls, make sure they have cash to start the day, run change during the day, pick-up money and handle any problems in these two areas. She asked the local High School Cheerleaders to assist her. We've had people taking money at the gates in years past but they were letting to many people in for free because of excuses like; I left my pass at home, I'm here to pick someone up or I'm here to help in a booth, etc., which was evident when the revenue at the gates went up 20% the first year and 10% this past year. Janet and the girls don't have an easy job.

The Otsego County Fair Board and Associate Members would like to "THANK YOU, JANET" for your countless hours of volunteering at the Otsego County Fair. What would we do without you?