

SCCA News

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2008, A Year in Reflection

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What a great year to cover the Shade Community Center as the newsletter editor! I enjoyed reporting on the many festivals and activities of the center, some new and some encore productions.

Thanks to the tireless work of our dedicated officers and board members, fundraising was successful and fun and kept our coffers in the black.

We'll elect our new slate of officers in December and thank them for volun-

teering to serve. Please come out to vote on December 10.

Please make a point of volunteering to help in whatever way you can to make 2009 just as successful a year of community spirit.

Thanks to all who helped me with articles and recipes. I'll be turning over the job of newsletter editor to Gail Jordan, but you'll hear from me again. —SJH

Recent Celebrations at the SCCA

Roger and Ruth Hawk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August hosting a party at the Community Center. They write:

We wish to thank each and everyone who came to our party, sent cards, and for the many phone calls. All of this made our day "very special."



There were over 90 in attendance. We didn't dream of this day 50 years ago. To have four wonderful children, their mates and ten super grandchildren is what has made our lives so great.

Love to all,
Roger & Ruth

Charles and Helen Brozak Chase celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at the Chase Church, Alexander Township on July 26, 1958.



The following are pictured in the photograph: Dave Willoughby, Austin Willoughby, Dave Chase, Carol Chase Willoughby, Linda

Chase King, Tyler Willoughby, Jim King, Sherry Chase, Elaina Chase, Erica Chase, Evan Chase, Charles Chase, Helen Brozak Chase, Jacob King, and Caela King.

The Joseph Jackson and Leona Love Sprague Family held the 'Sprague Reunion' this fall at the Community Center. The Sprague family has a long history of reuniting at the Athens County Fairgrounds, beginning in the 1930s, so this was quite a break from tradition, and we hope they enjoyed the amenities at the center.

"J.J." and Leona are buried at Graham's Chapel Cemetery, Lodi Township. Among those attending were first cousins Don Sprague, Virginia Williams Brooks, Virginia Sprague, Zelma Sprague Fasone, and Aldine Beck. Relatives traveled from northern Ohio, Florida, Georgia and Massachusetts.

A wedding reception was held at the Center to honor the marriage of Lucy Swartz and Stephen Kasler. Lucy has donated many plates, serving dishes, and silverware to the Center. Thank you very much!

Schedule of Events

Dec. 5—Decoratting for holidays 10am

Dec. 6—Christmas party 6pm

Dec. 10—SCCA meeting 7pm

Dec. 11—SCCA meeting 7pm

Dec. 12—Jammin' in Jerseyville 7pm

Dec. 13—Recycling 8am-noon

Mondays Family night 6-9pm

Kids' Art 6-7:30

Dancercise 7:30-8:30

Mondays & Tuesdays

Open Computer Lab 6-9pm

Library 6-9

Wednesdays Open Gym 7-10 pm

Thursdays 11-2 Center and

Library Open

Potluck at noon

Shady Ladies at 1:00

Dec. 31—New Years Eve Party TBD

Jerseyville Festival, a Rousing Success!

by Gail Jordan

Apparently, the fourth time is also charmed. Much planning, many volunteers and great fall weather contributed to the most successful Jerseyville Festival yet. Making apple butter, pressing cider, holding a cornhole tournament, decorating pumpkins, watching Civil War Re-enactors, learning about the art of chair-caning, and being awed by a chain-saw sculptor were new events that enhanced some of our traditional offerings including Queenie the Jersey cow and her cow-patty bingo game, hayrides, and Glen Anderson's ropemaking.

The time consuming preparations--peeling bushels of apples for the apple butter, making gallons of home-made noodles, baking dozens of corn muffins-- followed by home cooking on Saturday surely contributed to the satisfaction and enjoyment of everyone who attended.

If that weren't enough, then the variety of musical entertainment, exhibitors, vendors, and demonstrations certainly must have done the trick.

For their countless hours behind the scenes, Chair Jer-

ry Foster wants especially to thank the committee members: Brian Taylor, Ray Baker, Boyd Ruth, Amy and Ralph Calvert, Gail Jordan, Brenda Ruth, and Stephanie Hysmith. And we all have Jerry to thank for pulling everything together and managing a huge number of details.

Jerry also wants to acknowledge the numerous other volunteers who jumped in to help. We hope that no one was forgotten when this very long list was posted on the board in the cafeteria. Special thanks to AEP for sponsoring the cornhole tournament prizes, to the several sponsors who made possible broadcasting all day by WEAQ radio, to the Leo Club and Alexander high school football team for all their help on the day of the festival, and to Dan and Janet King for allowing parking in their field.

Our home-grown festival is becoming one of the most popular fall festivals in our region and we hope to continue the tradition for the benefit and enjoyment of our community for years to come.

Enjoy the photos and the memories!

Halloween 2008

by Robin Krivesti

The Annual Halloween party was again a huge success with over 400 people attending. We gave out 386 treat bags to those that took part in the costume judging. This year we had live beings in the haunted

house to scare those who dared to enter, and the game room was filled with children until the pumpkin pond was completely emptied of every toy and treat.

Many people won goodies from the wonderful donations we received from many local businesses, and a public thank you appeared in the November 10 issue of the *Athens News*. Jamie Sweeney, winner of the 50/50, generously donated the money back to the Halloween party.

I would like to thank all the people that jumped in and helped in the planning, set-up, clean-up and working that night. We couldn't have done it without

Winners of Costume Judging

Newborn to 2 years

Noah Merza, Brooklyn Metts, Trevor Sweeney

3-4 year olds

Bradley Metts, Ava Green. Quint Grueser

Kindergarten-1st grade

Tyler Robinson, Ryan Barley, Mason Reeves

2nd-3rd grade

Hunter Krivesti, Caleb King, Maria Riffle

4th-6th grade

Wyatt Radford, Andrew Atkins, Taylor Grueser

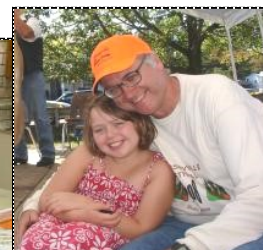
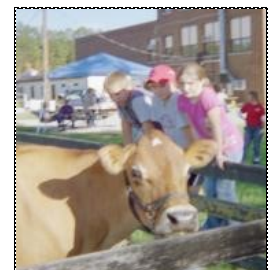
Jr High—High School

Amber Driggs, MacKenzie Sams, Michael Gabriel

Adults

Jenny Metts, Rachel Williams, Polly Gabriel





Shade-Lodi History & Genealogy Page

A Lifelong Love of Bees

The Shade-Lodi History Association meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30 in the History Room on the second floor of the Shade Community Center. Open to everyone interested in history especially Lodi Township and surrounding area or just interested in stories of the past.

Contact Brenda Ruth for more information: 696-0070

The November 18 meeting features Gini Coover speaking on the natural greenhouse.

The December 16 meeting will be a holiday get-together.

The Shade-Lodi History & Genealogy Association were extremely fortunate to have as their recent guest speaker, Jack Cantrell, local beekeeper and owner, with his wife Dixie, of Cantrell Honey & Candles, Possom Hollow, Lodi Township, Shade, Ohio. (of special note, Witham School is close to the Cantrells.) He spoke to the group on the history of beekeeping, the labor intensive effort that is involved in maintaining healthy bees, raising queen bees, and the crucial role of honey bees.

Honey bees are responsible for every third bite of food we eat, in that many vital crops, vegetables and fruits depend on honey bees for pollination. Farmers worry when bee colonies decline, and it's not due to the lack of honey. Bees are very susceptible to mites. In 1986, Jack lost all of his hives due to the Varroa mite. They attach themselves to the body of the bee and the bee can't fight them off. One method Jack



devised to solve this problem is to shake powdered sugar on the bees. The mites jump from one bee to another, are unable to attach themselves to the bees, and fall through a screen where they can be safely destroyed.

The type of honey is derived from the flower the bee visits. This year was the best year for locust honey. Did you notice that the locust trees had many more blossoms this spring? Jack often plants buckwheat fields for the bees to use. Buckwheat flowers make a very dark honey, and the darker the honey the more nutrients it has. Jack tried sunflower honey but he did not like the flavor. However, local birds all enjoyed that experiment. He told us the best and most expensive honey is from the Tupelo tree which grows in only two counties in Florida. The cost is \$28 for 22 oz. of honey. (In the recent film *The Secret Life of Bees*, one learned that bees which visit elderberry flowers produce purple honey!)

All bee hives must be registered by the State of Ohio and undergo thorough inspections by the County Bee Inspector. Jack is a member of the Athens County Beekeepers Association. For more information on bees,

Donations to the Shade-Lodi History & Genealogy Association

1. Hand-held late 1800 to early 1900 school bell from the Witham (Withem) School Lodi Township donated by the Sapp Family. (See related story about the school and the Sapp family).



(close-up of bell)



(3) Shade High School athletic letters worn by Merle Hawk and a 1965 Shade School yearbook, donated by Willa Jean Hawk.

Lindley Inn Resident has Shade Connection

Recently, the Community Center received guests from the senior living community Lindley Inn which is located in The Plains, Ohio. Thanks to staff member Nikki Betts, the residents were able to enjoy the beauty of the gymnasium quilts, the quilting room, the display of graduate pictures, and local Veterans' pictures in the cafeteria.



One of the visitors was Janice Gwinn Sapp, a 1937 graduate of the first graduating class of Shade High School. She presented the Shade-Lodi History & Genealogy Association with a hand-held bell used at the one-room school located on Possom Hollow Road, named Withem (Witham) School.

In 2006, Janice and her husband Dale donated a 1915 picture of children in front of the school. Those (continued on page 5)

Holiday Get-Together

The Shade-Lodi History & Genealogy Association invite everyone to a Christmas Get-Together on December 16, 2008 at 6:30 pm in the history room at the Shade Community Center.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Announcements

In Memoriam

Flo Ervin, sister of Marcella McGrath, died on October 16, 2008 after a long illness. She was a kind and lovely lady, and we'll miss her.

Evening Activities Aboard

In the early part of each week, we have several activities going on at the Center between 6-9pm. On Mondays the gym is reserved for use by kids with their parents or grandparents, and we would like to see more members taking advantage of this opportunity—that we call Family Night.

The Kids' Art program is also on Mondays from 6-7:30, and Dancercise is from 7:30-8:30.

The computer room with its high-speed Internet access is now open on both Mondays and Tuesday from 6-9pm, so please feel welcome to come in and surf the web or get personal instruction on basic use of a variety of computer applications.

Either Monday or Tuesday evening is a good time to drop by the Center and check out a book or video from the impressive collection in our library. Please encourage your friends and family to take advantage of these opportunities to enjoy the Center.

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children were: Floyd Young, Gene Young, Harold Sapp, Nancy Gilfery, Leo Grim, Florence Meeks, Mary Douglas, Leo Cain, Everett Meeks, Rex Meeks, Bertha Sapp, Clara Gilkey, Grant Gilkey, Herbert

Cain, Dawson Meeks, Roberta Sapp, Guy Sapp, Cleo Williams. Ethel Steinmetz (later Williams) was their teacher. After hearing about this picture Harriett Sapp Kovach (first cousin to Dale) added that her father Clyde attended Witham School also. Even though the structure is no longer standing, there are large rocks with student's initials carved in them.

The Sapp family migrated to Lodi Township in the 1840s. Alexander and Hattie Van Nest had

Shade Joins the Web



The Shade Community Center and Shade Senior Citizens Associations can now consult their own website to learn of upcoming activities and enjoy photos of previous functions.

Paul Grim was kind enough to design and post our new website. Type in the following address: <<http://www.shadecc.org>>

Comments and suggestions are welcome. Send them to Gail Jordan at <jordan_g@hocking.edu>.

Holidays at the Center

Will Santa Claus make his annual appearance at the Community Center this December? Find out on Saturday, December 13th beginning at 6pm at the Christmas Potluck and Party.

The Association is providing the meat, so you just need to bring a covered dish and yourselves. There will be music, games and art for the kids. Parents are to bring a gift for Santa to give to their children. Please help us decorate the Center for the holidays beginning at 10am on Friday, December 5.

We'll ring in the New Year on December 31. Please check for more details later in the month though posters in the Center.

fourteen children: Pearl, Earl, Guy, George, Emerson, Clyde, Harold, Adah, Roberta, Bertine, Vera, Bertha, Mary, and Ella. Dale's parents were Pearl & Nellie Meighn Sapp. His siblings were Fred and Francis.

It is noteworthy that Dale was a member of the last graduating class of 1936 from Lodi High School before it changed to Shade High School in the 'new' brick building. Dale (now deceased) remembered the high school students carrying books from the old stucco building to the brand new school. He said it was time for a new school because the walls were crumbling around the students.

Who's Who

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Jammin' In Jerseyville

December's Jam will be on Friday, December 12.

Come jam or just enjoy the music from 7pm to 10.

Bring friends and family. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

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Free advertising (for now) for that special item you are looking for or treasures you'd like to pass on to someone else. There's an envelope on the white board in the cafeteria in which to place ads, or send them to the new editor, Gail Jordan, at <jordan_g@hocking.edu>. Be sure to include your name and telephone number.

For Sale

Hallmark collectible ornaments. Most are in the original boxes. Include the Star Trek series (1993-99), the Noel Railroad Series (1989-98).
Six Star Trek Movies (VHS) starting with *The Motion Picture to the Undiscovered Country* (never opened)
1998 Pewter Locomotive (commemorates the 10th anniversary of Keepsake Mini Ornaments)
Two Star Trek Mugs
For details and pricing, call 740-249-4260

To Give Away

Antique oak rabbit hutches. Double rows, numbered 1-6.

Previously owned and utilized by Ethyl Steinmetz Williams. Will help move. Call 696-1157.