

## *2015 Fall Speaker*

### *Series Set*

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** begins the first of the programs sponsored by the historical society. Brian Gray, glass curator for the Portage County Historical Society, will speak on “Decorative Glass” as he shares his expertise on early area glass factories and glassware. If you have early glassware, and time allows, Brian will evaluate it and give you some of its history.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** will find John Saxe (of Saxe Road fame) sharing some of his many stories and his personal connections to families in the Suffield and Mogadore areas. A gifted speaker, he has many memories of early local history.

### **November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Nicole Kline from Kline Honey Bee Farm will be discussing the benefits of honey as well as the farm operation.



### *Township website a positive for Suffield*

The newly updated township website is providing residents and other visitors a much needed source of information about our town, including official business items, events, important information of local interest and a wealth of subjects related to Suffield. Thanks to Jeff Childers, John Yeargin, and Jim Lutz, the website is becoming a major source of communication with over 12,000 visits. The web address is [www.suffieldtownshipohio.com](http://www.suffieldtownshipohio.com). Check it out for current and historical information regarding our town!

### *Plant Sale a Success!*

Thanks to all who donated perennials and especially to Zeller Farms who supplied some annuals for our main fund raiser.

### *Seasons of Suffield*

The historical society is working on a 2016 calendar featuring scenic views of our township representing spring, summer, fall and winter. Some stunning photos have been submitted, but we would love to have additional pictures so that our final product will represent the best of Mother Nature here in our community. If you have a picture that captures these seasonal moments, please consider sharing it with us. It may or may not be used, but we would love to view it. Our deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>. We reserve the right to postpone the calendar until 2017 if enough quality pictures are not available in time for our deadline. Please contact Judy Calcei at 330-606-5127 or Nancy Wise at 330-628-2823 for additional information. Wanda Durick and Alice Collins will also be working calendar.

### ***A look back in time...***

Glancing through the program from the 1952 Suffield Township Sesquicentennial and Homecoming Program, the "Twilight Pageant" featured the following presentations;

Indian Settlement, Coming of the White Man, White Man's Cabin, Covered Wagon, First Child Born, Worship, School Civil War, Wedding, The coming of the Automobile, Square Dance, General Store, First World War, P.T.A., Fire Department, Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Trustees, Garden Club, Depression, Second World War, War Mothers, Route 224, and Fireworks!

It was quite a production. We wonder what major topics we would add to a "pageant" that would cover the 63 years since residents celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> year of our founding! Food for thought.

The historical society has photo albums featuring pictures of our 200<sup>th</sup> celebration. Beautifully

put together by Mary Gregory, you are welcome to look through them and bring back memories of an exciting event from 2002!

### ***"Remembering Our Coach...Ned Novell"***

With the sounds of football practice underway at Field and Mogadore High Schools, some of our readers may well remember Ned Novell, the colorful and successful coach from Mogadore during the 1950's. Suffield High School graduate, Ned along with Suffield graduate Walt Evans, began what has become known as the start of the Mogadore power teams. 1955 Mogadore alumni, Gino Calcei and David Robinson have written a book recounting their memories of playing under Ned. The book documents his tenure at Mogadore in addition to his military career and love of racing. Filled with pictures and personal stories from many of his former players, the book is a history of an era in local sports that will bring back memories for those who

heard of Ned. If you are interested in a copy, the nine dollar cost covers the cost of printing. Please call Gino Calcei@330-606-5127.

Good Luck to all the fall Falcon teams! If you remember how unsafe and unsightly the old bleachers were at the stadium, you will enjoy the newly purchased pre-owned bleachers which were installed over the summer. What a great change! Thank you.

### ***Looking Ahead...***

***Suffield High School Reunion*** - Hartville Kitchen - Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Call 330-699-4355 for info!

***Fire Station Open House*** - Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

***Historical Society Museum Open House*** - Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

***Election Day*** - Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

***A Visit with Santa*** - Suffield League-

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the town hall with Santa arriving via fire truck at 6 p.m.

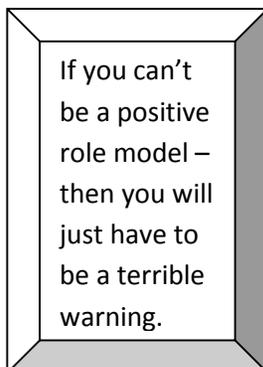
## *Town hall projects!*

The Suffield Historical Society is currently planning on several projects which we hope will enhance our community. The first is to provide curtains for the stage in the town hall. Bev Persons and Pat Mettle are exploring several ways to cover the stage opening and mask the storage areas on the stage. The second project involves planning and purchasing new shrubs for both the front of the town hall and around the veterans' memorial which is currently undergoing repair. We look forward to completing these projects in the coming year.

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The Suffield United Church of Christ welcomes Pastor Gary Friend as their interim pastor. Pastor Friend is a resident of Wooster, and we welcome him to the Suffield UCC.

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### **The Suffield Township Fire Department**

has been an asset to the community since 1942. Although the main task of the fire department is found within fire suppression and emergency medical services, the fire department and its personnel assist the community through a wide array of other services. The department also responds to motor vehicle accidents, odor investigations, obstructions to roadways and water rescues, as the department is a member of the Portage County Water Rescue Team, where we provide a fully equipped dive rescue truck and boat to water emergencies throughout the county.

To keep up with this wide variety of emergencies, the fire department members engage in regular training sessions to

maintain proficiencies in all aspects of services. It also offers free blood pressure checks, wellbeing checks, lift assists, and vehicle lock out assistance to Suffield residents. Our personnel are able to provide standby services to local law enforcement agencies as well as other fire departments in the event of large scale incidents. The fire station is always open and manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The community room is available in times of disaster such as power outages or other emergencies. The community room is also available for nonprofit township based groups. The Suffield Fire Department is here to serve our community. Keep up to date with fire department events through the township website [SuffieldTownshipOhio.Com](http://SuffieldTownshipOhio.Com) or the fire department facebook page.

***Until we need them, we can't really appreciate all the fire department does.***

### **Trustee Treasure Hunt!**

*After much research and investigation, Jeff Childers has put together the history of Suffield trustees starting with some of the earliest 'officials' through the current trustee group. Along with the timeline, where possible, Jeff has found photographs of many of our governing officials. He is still in need of the trustees from 1903 – 1906, 1907, and 1910. If you have any information about those individuals who were elected or appointed during those years, please contact Jeff through the township website. He would like this history of Suffield's officials to be as complete and accurate as possible.*

*We thank you, Jeff, for your willingness to take on this project. His efforts can be seen online at the website and a hard copy will be available at the historical society museum.*



### **From Curator to Genealogist**

*Robert "Bob" Longbottom has been named genealogist for the Suffield Historical Society. His passion for tracing the history of families is well known, and he has a data based featuring thousands of names. His knowledge on how to approach the study of family history is vast, and he is willing to assist anyone who needs help. It is important that families know their background/history and it is a project that shouldn't be put off. Contact Bob at 330-628-4435.*

### ***Do You Remember??***

*When we were in school, pizzas, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee, and McDonald's were unheard-of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent.*

*In our time grass was mowed, Coke was something you drank, and pot was something you cooked in.*

*For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condominiums; a chip meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware; and software – well, software wasn't even a word.*

*We were before CD's, DVD'S, voicemail and e-mail, twitter and face book.*

*On summer evenings we loved to play Hide and Seek, Red Rover, Hot Potato, Kick the Can and catch lightning bugs in a jar!*

*A 13" black and white TV in your room meant you were rich!*

*Chewing gum in class, passing notes, and running in the hall were the main disciplinary problems!*

*Being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited you at home!*

***Those were the days!***

