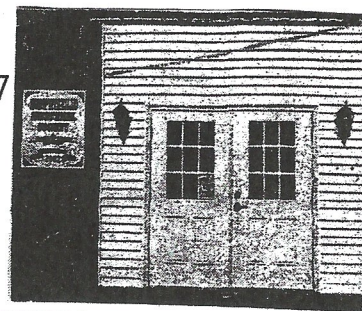


# Suffield Heritage Sentinel



## *Speakers Set for Spring Series...*

On **February 20, 2017**, the Suffield Historical Society welcomes author and stoneware expert **F. Robert Treichler** who will speak on *A History of Northeast Ohio Stoneware*. Of special interest will be the pottery and potters from the Mogadore and Springfield areas. He will have his books available for sale, and if you have a piece of stoneware, bring it along. He may be able to tell where it came from and other interesting facts regarding the item.

Programs begin at **7PM** at the fire station community room.

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** will feature local residents **Jeff Kisamore and son Dustin Kisamore** who will share their hunting adventures in Newfoundland and right here in Suffield. Both are accomplished hunters and have many stories to share.

A favorite presenter at our *Speaker Series*, **Brian Ebie**, will be here on **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. A master organist, Brian will share several videos of his travels around the country playing on a wide variety of organs including at the Mormon Tabernacle in Utah. Of local interest, Brian will talk of his work in restoring the organ at St. Joseph's and the restoration and dismantling of the

pipe organ at the former Mogadore Christian Church.

On **May 15<sup>th</sup>** a fitting conclusion to our Spring programming will feature **Chief Bob Rasnick** who will reflect on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our fire department. Chief Rasnick has served for 33 years and will share highlights of the fire department's history celebrating the many changes and volunteers who have made the Suffield fire department so highly regarded.

*The Suffield Historical Society welcomes all to come to these programs. A brief meeting begins at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments are served.*

## Museum upgrades!



Thanks to the efforts and skills of **Ralph Wise, Tom Mencer, Gary Apitz, Ken Durick and Gino Calcei**, and with Bob Longbottom as part-time “supervisor”, the museum has a new look. A partial wall has been built with additional counter and cabinets for storage. Some furnishings have been rearranged and new wooden bookshelves are being built to replace the metal shelving. These changes will enhance our museum in both aesthetic and practical ways. Thanks to the efforts of the planning committee members **Ralph and Nancy Wise, Bev Persons, Gary Miller, Gino Calcei and Tom Mencer** for their work on this project.

## *Plant sale location changed...*

This year our annual plant sale will be held in front of the historical society museum. Closer parking, fewer steps, and easier access for volunteers and buyers, the sale will feature high quality annuals and perennials.

The cost of maintaining the museum runs about \$1000 per year, so this fund raiser is needed to defray our expenses. Thanks to the many of you who donate plants. We really appreciate your contributions.



**MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**From 9 am until 1 pm**

## **Are you online?**

*We are curious to see how many of the folks who are on our mailing list are able to go to the Suffield Township website and access our historical society newsletter. Each mailing costs us approximately \$125.00. We would really like to know if you would be willing to go online to get our newsletter. The township website is a wealth of information regarding what is going on in our local governing body, the schools, other organizations, and additional news of local interest. Our link is at the bottom of the page and if you click on the historical museum (the old fire station), our newsletters are there. Please let us know if you are on our mailing list and would be willing to receive it online!*

*Call any of the officers. Phone numbers listed on back page.*

## Remembering the FFA

As snow returns to Suffield, we thought you might enjoy reading about the Future Farmers of America, a popular club in the late 1930's and 1940's and into the '50's. Below are some of the rules for initiation into the organization:

*This attire must be worn during the week starting Monday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Have right sleeve rolled up.*

*Wear overalls with left leg rolled up.*

*Wear two different kinds of shoes.*

*Carry all your books in a burlap bag.*

*Wear a red bandana around your neck.*

*Have a green lima bean behind your ear.*

*Wear red lipstick.*

*Have a tablespoon tied around your neck.*

*Wear two different kinds of socks.*

*Write an essay on how to pickup potatoes.*



Richard Swinehart, Calvin Eyre, Jerry Shanafelt, James Demboski, Kenneth Howard, M. L. Fox, John Hertzog, Richard Knapp, Donald Goodson, Raul Wancik, Hubert Horning, George Federonick, Raymond Griggy, Carl Trares, Richard Just, Owen Kisamore, Jim Paulus, Francis Wohlwend, Oscar Klodt, James Cook, John May, Harry Wise, Jack Butler, Herman Strahler, Al Kisamore and teacher Harry Kirkbride. These are just a few of the names of the Suffield students in the program. The Suffield chapter of the FFA geared its school work to an all-out effort to help the farmers of the community meet 1943 production goals. They are raising baby chicks, dairy cattle, potatoes, and corn and are devoting a large amount of class time to the repair of farm machinery.

## *Scholarship applicant accepted!*

Field High School senior, Becky Stayer, has been accepted to apply for the Suffield Historical Society's \$250 scholarship. Becky's project will be to assemble and present the history of the Stayer family in a written format. It will join a growing library of written family histories that serve to complete the resources found in the historical society. Longtime community members, the Stayer families have been actively involved in Suffield with the early members attending Suffield elementary and high school and the later generations graduating from Field High School. We look forward to her project and upon completion, she will be presented with her award at the May meeting/program.

*Taken and reprinted  
verbatim from our  
archives ....*

*From the 1925  
Speedometer (The  
Speedometer was a  
county wide yearbook  
publication featuring  
pictures of each senior  
class, faculty,  
extracurricular groups,  
and general  
information of all the  
schools in the county.)*

#### **Suffield Athletics**

*The High School began  
athletics with a football  
team. It was a newly  
organized team and only  
won two games. Mr.  
Wagoner was their coach.  
Suffield had both a boys'  
and girls' basketball team.  
The boys won five  
scheduled games and the  
girls won two. The boys  
had a team last year but  
this was the first year any  
of the girls played. Virginia  
Bigler coached the girls  
and Paul Shanafelt  
coached the boys.*

#### **The Lunch Room**

*The lunch room is a great  
convenience in Suffield*

*School. Something hot is  
served every day. Some  
days wiener sandwiches  
and cocoa and milk are  
served. Sometimes  
meatloaf sandwiches are  
served instead of wieners.  
On one of the last three  
days of the week, soup or  
beans, cold sandwiches  
and milk and cocoa are  
served. One day each week  
the Domestic Science girls  
serve a dessert. The work  
was begun by Mrs. Jenkins  
and Mrs. Martin in the first  
semester. In the last  
semester the work was  
carried over to Miss  
Simcox. Each day one of  
the older girls were(sic)  
sent down to the lunch  
room to help serve. In the  
last semester most of the  
food was donated and the  
proceeds were given to the  
school.*

*On the Board of Education  
Visitation Day last fall, the  
party of school inspectors  
made of school boards  
from the entire county,  
managed to arrive at  
Suffield just at lunch time.  
Our culinary department  
was equal to the occasion  
and served every visitor a  
"square meal" that won*

*generous and freely  
expressed praise.*



#### **Literary Societies**

*The Literary Societies of  
Suffield High School have  
not been very successful.  
Each English class  
organized a society. Every  
Friday one of the three  
would give a program.  
Pupils who did not give  
their parts were fined 25  
cents, unless some good  
reason was given. Also  
they were expected to give  
their part at the next  
program. This did not work  
very well because a few  
persons neither paid the  
fine nor made up their  
parts.*

#### **Obsolete Phrases...**

*Don't touch that dial!*

*Gee whillikers!*

*Jumping Jehoshaphat!*

*Our best bib and  
tucker!*

*Living the life of Riley!*

## **It's time to join and/or renew your membership !**

### *Membership Fees:*

**Student - \$5**

**Adult - \$10**

**Senior Citizen (62+) \$8**

**Family \$ 20**

**Lifetime - \$100**

**Senior Citizen 80 plus - Free**

**Send your tax deductible check to Nancy Wise, 1410 Waterloo Rd., Suffield, Ohio 44260**

### ***Officers for 2017***

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*Program Chair - Gino Calcei - 330-606-2077      Curator - Pat Mettle - 330-247-8566*

*Board of Trustees - Pauline Persons, Charles "Buzz" Sollers and Gary Miller*

**Suffield....A Great Place to Live! Join us as we look to our past to learn what has helped shape us today!**

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### ***Coming Events***

***Laugh at the Lake – March 4<sup>th</sup> For information call 330-628-1580***

***Historical Society Plant Sale - May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Museum  
Donations of plants are welcomed! Bring them either day by 9am!***

***Memorial Day Parade – May 29<sup>th</sup>***