
SUFFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for these fun filled and educational events

No events have been planned for the fall. Check out our spring schedule in the next newsletter.

Membership Reminder

Not sure if your membership is current? We've recently updated our membership directory and will be sending reminders to those with expired memberships.



Announcements

We will postpone our officer elections until November of 2021. If you are interested in serving as an officer or a trustee of the board please contact us.

Our museum will be open on the following days from 1pm to 4pm.

Saturday October 10
Sunday October 25
Saturday November 14
Sunday November 22

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suffieldtwphistory@gmail.com

President- John Saxe
Secretary- Gail Reinhart
Treasurer- Elizabeth Vence
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Message from our President

Sitting here on this late August evening, I am thinking about how things are SO different than they were one year ago. Our community, our state, our nation is experiencing days that we would've never dreamed of. In the midst of this all - we each have our own unique perspective as to what our response (and responsibility) should/should not be. One day in the future, we will have opportunity to share our memories of these "trying times" with our children/grandchildren/great grandchildren.

I encourage each of you - regardless of your point-of-view, to write down your thoughts and feelings of this time; set-aside mementos and objects (masks?) that were integral to these days; gather together anything that would better help you to communicate to future generations - just what it was like to live as Ohioans and Americans during these chapters of history.

If you are like me, there are times where when you feel as though these days will NEVER come to an end. But just like the Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918/1919, one day things did return to a more "normal" sense of living - yet with new insights, new "habits", new discoveries and new awareness of so much. When we exit this tunnel in which we currently find ourselves - may we reflect back on the historic moments we have passed through - and may we find ourselves better equipped to live life to its fullest, as well as be prepared to share with future generations what we will have learned.

Blessings to each of you who hold Suffield Township near and dear to your heart!

Respectfully,
John

Recipe Corner

Green Tomato Pie By Paula Deen

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 20

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¾ cup butter-flavored shortening
- ½ cup cold water
- 1 ¼ cups plus 1 teaspoon for crust and more for sprinkling sugar
- 2 tablespoons tapioca flour
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- ¼ cup raisins
- 5 or enough to fill pie crust, thinly sliced green tomatoes
- 1 slightly beaten egg white

Directions

For the crust:

Sift together flour, salt, 1 teaspoon sugar and baking powder into a bowl. Cut shortening into flour mixture with a pastry cutter or fork until mixture resembles cornmeal. Stir in ¼ cup of the cold water, then add remaining ¼ cup and mix until combined. Cover dough and allow it to rest in refrigerator for 30 minutes. Divide dough in half. Place on lightly floured board and pat out. Using a rolling pin, roll out 1 piece of dough to the size of a 9-inch pie pan. Put crust in pan and trim off excess dough around the edge. Roll out second ball of dough for pie crust top.

For the filling:

Preheat oven to 425

Mix 1 ¼ cups sugar, tapioca, zest, cinnamon, nutmeg, and raisins in a large bowl. Lay tomato slices in pie crust. Sprinkle mixture over tomatoes. (Overlapping will occur but tomatoes will shrink in size when baked.) Gently lay top pie crust over filling, tucking in the extra crust around the edges. Pinch dough with fingers or butter knife to seal edges. Using a knife, make 4 to 6 slits in top of crust to allow steam to escape. Brush top with egg white and sprinkle with a little sugar to give your crust a shine.

Place pie in the preheated oven and bake for 25 minutes. Reduce temperature to 350 and continue to bake for 20 more minutes. Cool on wire rack.

God Made a Farmer

By Paul Harvey

And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board." So God made a Farmer.

I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon - and mean it." So God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, "Maybe next year." I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pains

from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours." So God made a Farmer.

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So God made a Farmer.

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bails, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with five-mile drive to church.

Somebody who's bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what Dad does.' So God made a Farmer.

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Looking Back...

We regret there is no story to share this edition. However we do hope to have one for you next time.

If you have a story, memory, or history you would like to share, we would be honored to print it in our newsletter.

Please send memories to the address below or email to suffieldtwphistory@gmail.com

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Fun Facts

- Pteronophobia is the fear of being tickled by feathers. It's also a fear of feathers themselves. The word "ptero" is the Greek word for feather, and "phobia" is also Greek, meaning fear.
- If you lift a kangaroo's tail off the ground it can't hop. Kangaroos use their tails for balance whilst hopping, so if you elevate their tail, they would have no balance and fall over.
- Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun. Bananas go through a process called "negative geotropism." Instead of growing towards the ground, they start growing towards the sun. The fruit grows against gravity, which gives the banana its familiar curved shape.
- A sheep, a duck and a rooster were the first passengers in a hot air balloon. You read that right - in 1783, the first hot air balloon was launched carrying a sheep, duck, and a rooster.
- A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born. You would think this would make them hard to spot, however since eggs are laid by the tens of thousands, it would be hard to miss a massive cluster of pea-sized octopuses!

Source: www.factsite.com



Did you know...

The Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin. Her [birthday](#) is March 9, 1959, when she was first displayed at the New York Toy Fair. ([barbiemedia.com](#))

Sliced bread was first manufactured by machine and sold in the 1920s by the Chillicothe Baking Company in Missouri. It was the greatest thing since...unsliced bread? ([chlicotheneews.com](#))

The Empire State Building in New York was the tallest building in the world from 1931 until 1971, and was the first building of over 100 floors.

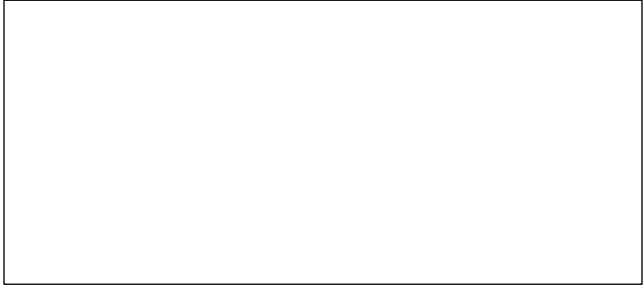
There's a world record for the holder of the most world records: Ashrita Furman, who's set more than 600 records and currently holds more than 200. His records have ranged from fastest mile on a pogo stick, longest time to hula hoop underwater and greatest distance travelled on a bicycle balancing a milk bottle on the head. ([guinnessworldrecords.com](#))

Source: [www.parade.com](#)



For renewing your membership!

We appreciate YOUR support!



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