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The Many Barns of Ohio

Submitted by Gail Jordan

In **"The Barnbuilders: An Architectural Legacy in Ohio's Rural Landscape"**, Tom O'Grady showed members of the Shade-Lodi History and Genealogy Association last year how the cultural types that settled different regions of Ohio each built different types of barns. Tom, who previously had given programs on Indian mounds and the canals in Ohio, is President of the Athens County Historical Society and Museum, and he is a long-time Professor of Astronomy at Ohio University. Many years ago, Professor Hubert Wilhelm got Tom interested in barns, and he shared his passion with us, arousing our interest as well.

Of the many different styles of barns, three are most common in Ohio: In northern and southeastern Ohio, which were settled by New Englanders, "Yankee" or New England barns predominate. These can be identified by their side entrances and 3-bay construction, where one bay was for storing grain, one bay was for

storing hay, and the middle bay was a threshing floor.

In central Ohio, German or Pennsylvania Dutch barns predominate. These are also known as "banked barns", since they are typically built into a slope so that there is a ramp up to the threshing floor. There is an overhang on the opposite side for shelter of livestock, as animals were kept in the lower level.

Southern or Virginia barns predominate in southern Ohio. These are characterized by entrances from the gable ends; some have sheds on each side and are called "Transverse Southern Barns".

Tom showed dozens of photographs of barns that he has visited all over the state. These included many fine examples of the main types noted above, as well as many others such as unusual stone, round, octagonal, double, and western Ohio hybrid barns.

The original barn builders came into Ohio along Indian trails, and their craftsmanship is renowned. Tom noted that original barns were so well built that the additions made years later deteriorate before the barns themselves. He also commented on how important barns were to livelihood, "Fine barns built many fine houses; no house ever built a barn!" Old barns house remnants of the primeval forest that once covered the North American continent. Tulip poplars and American Chestnuts provided much of the very dense, hard, and strong wood that early settlers used to frame their barns.

When we build, let us think we build forever. Let it not be for present delight nor for present use alone. Let it be such work that our descendants will thank us for, and let us think, as we lay stone upon stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labor and wrought substance of them, "See! This our fathers did for us." --John Ruskin (1819 - 1900)

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SCCA News

Lost In Lodi Enduro

Sox Brookhart Memorial

March 29, 2015



On March 29, 2015, the parking lot of the Shade Community Center will be buzzing with racers dressed in motorcycle gear, trucks pulling trailers hauling gas cans, campers lined up from the night before and locals on their four wheelers in anticipation of the 10:00 am start time of the Lost in Lodi Enduro Race. Lost in Lodi was started in 2011 and is a part of the Appalachian Championship Enduro Series (ACES) which follows the traditional enduro format. Racers will be weaving their way through approximately 80 miles of Lodi Township. Spring rains make for a challenging ride for competitors and muddy entertainment for those watching. Proceeds from the race support the Richland Area Volunteer Fire Department. If you would like more information on this annual event in Lodi Township, contact Greg Meeks at 740-590-1897 or Kevin Brown at 740-590-3490.

Voted ACES "Favorite Enduro of the Year" for 2012 and 2013.

Route 33A Yard Sale

The SCCA will be sponsoring a yard sale Saturday June 6th for residents of Lodi Township, Old Route 33 and surrounding area. We hope to get this yard sale started as an annual event similar to the County Road 24 Yard Sale. Everyone is welcome to participate by either hosting a yard sale at their residence or renting a space either inside or outside at the Community Center, for a nominal fee, to cover advertising.

Around the middle of April to the first of May, information sheets will be available for participants to list items that they will have at their sale & their location. A list of all of these locations will be available at the Center the day of the yard sale to let people know what roads/areas are having a sale.

I will also post information on the SCCA Facebook page, the What's Happening in Athens County Facebook page, the Lodi General Store and other places around Athens, etc. If anyone has questions or would like to help out, I am at the Center from 10-4 on Tuesdays or call 740-662-6844.

So start getting your stuff together, the yard sale is only about 12 weeks away and it will be here before you know it!

Teresa Winning

Honored Volunteer

The Honored Volunteers for the March – April Newsletter goes to the **Lodi Creative Critters 4-H Club**. The Lodi Creative Critters have been an integral part of the Shade Community for 29 years. Not only do they support the goals of the 4-H motto (To make the best better), they also believe in the importance of community and community service. Serving at the Shade Community Center Valentine's Dinner has become an annual tradition for this club. On Valentine's Day, the kids and their parents all come together to help the Shade Community Center with their Valentine's Dinner. Looking like professional waiters and waitresses dressed in their white shirts and black pants, these kids take their jobs seriously.

In addition, the Lodi Creative Critters have helped with the Chinese Auction, the Easter Egg Hunt and the Shade Alumni Banquet. This year's members include: Cloverbuds: Presley and Caden Teel, Abby Sanders, Brayden Marcum, Landon Taylor and Lane Atha. Members: Courtney and Tiffany Allen, Brian and Nicole Baringer, Sharon Bolin, Bryson and Colby Carsey, Addison, Gabe, Grant and Olivia Dorst, Abigail and Ashton Guthrie, Damen Hanning,, Kimmy King, Hunter Krivesti, Trent Llewelyn, Jordan Marcum, Chris Murray, Ethen Richmond, Halee Robinson, Abigail, Jackson and Audrey Ross, Ben Sanders and Brock Shaner. Advisors are: Kenny, Chase and Rhonda Meeks, Kayla Nicholson, Josiah Sifford, Matt Atha, Jessica Marcum and Todd Yant. Congratulations to the **Lodi Creative Critters 4-H Club!**



Easter Egg Hunt

The SCCA Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 22 at 2:00 pm. Please contact Robin Krivesti at 740-590-1965 if you would like to donate candy that will fit in an egg or wrapped to be set out alone, or to volunteer to help. Volunteers the day of the event are appreciated and should be there at 12:40 pm.

Valentine's Dinner 2015

Everyone Had a Great Time!



Valentine's Dinner 2015 Continued

Thanks to all the many individuals making the SCCA Valentine's Dinner a successful annual event for the Shade Community

Submitted by Fran Moxley, Teresa Winning, Pat Davidson and Jerry Foster

Bad weather didn't keep over 250 attendees away from this year's Valentine's Dinner! "Remember Then" gave an awesome performance to an absolutely packed gym. Good music, good food, good friends ... what more could anyone want for Valentine's Day!

Pulling off this large of an event is not easy, but the crew was, as usual, amazing. Fran Moxley, Kitchen Chair and Jerry Foster, Committee Chair and the Valentine's Committee would personally like to thank all of those who spent many hours preparing the food, setting up, decorating the gym and then helping put everything away until next year.

In addition, a special thank you goes out to the Lodi Creative Critters 4-H members, leaders and parents for serving and clean up. They received many compliments throughout the evening by committee members and guests. Pat Davidson would like to especially thank the kids' parents for their excellent help with clean-up after dinner: "They allowed several of the Association volunteers to enjoy the meal and music more than they've been able to do in the past. It is deeply appreciated!"

Thank you to

Kenny and Janet Bell, Roberta Henderson, Peggy Rist, Pat and Joe Davidson, Joyce Pae, Debbie McAdoo, Nikki Foster, Heather Grove, Grace Dorst, Manuel and Rose Grueser, Jerry and Tammy Foster, Fran and Phil Moxley, Sean Bobo, Marvin Marty, Norma Shaner, Beverly Guider, Greg Gilders, Roger Howard, Alex Couladis, Gail Jordan, Teresa Winning, Brenda Ruth, Craig, Brenda, Addison and Gabe Dorst, Robin and Hunter Krivesti, Trent Llewelyn, Damen Hanning, Halee Robinson, Ashton, Abby and Steve Guthrie, Colby, Bryson and Pam Carsey, Audrey Ross, Bryan Nicholson, Jordan Marcum, Jackson, Abby, John and Joni Ross, Brock Shaner, Ben, Abby, Scott and Angie Sanders, Brian Baringer, Ethen Richmond, Chris Murray, Kyle, Presley and Caden Teel, and Kenny and Rhonda Meeks.



History News

The Grueser Family

Submitted by Gail Jordan

A scrapbook, "My Autobiography" composed by Mark A. Grueser when he was in school, provided much information about the roots of the Grueser family for the November 2014 SLHGA program.

The Gruesers in this area trace their ancestry to Peter and Mary Grueser, who were both born about 1805 in Bavaria, Germany. They immigrated to the United States and settled in Orange Township, Meigs County, Ohio. Their son John, who was born in 1845, and his wife Mary Ann Gress Grueser were the parents of Charles Grueser. Charles, who was born in 1872, married Elizabeth Lieb in 1895. Charles and Elizabeth were the paternal grandparents of Manuel and Malcolm and their brothers.

Mark William Grueser was born in 1907 and married Mary Katherine Goett in 1941. They had six sons: Mark A., Michael, Manuel, Max, Matthew and Malcom.



Charles and Elizabeth Lieb Grueser and their ten children.
The boy in the front row is Mark William Grueser.



The maternal grandparents of the boys were
John and Edith Graber Goett, shown below.



Grueser's attending the November program.
Malcolm, Max and Manuel in center of back row.

2014 SLHGA Christmas Party Quiz - Answers

1. "Patchcock" is a way of preparing poultry or game for roasting or grilling by removing the backbone and flattening it out before cooking.
2. According to a weather saying, "thunder with snow" means that it will snow seven days later.
3. Thomas Edison invented the first Christmas Lights, when in 1880 he strung electric lights around the outside of his Menlo Park Laboratory.
4. "Cordwainers" are shoemakers who make fine soft leather shoes and other luxury footwear; the word is derived from the leather produced in Córdoba, Spain.
5. "Hew" means to strike forcibly with an ax, sword, or other cutting instrument, as to chop a tree.
6. A "zimmerer" is a frame carpenter.
7. The name of the famous Nelsonville brick is "Star Brick".
8. It is believed that the glazed brick inside the Center came from McArthur Brick Company.

Submitted by Gail Jordan

Regular meetings of the Shade-Lodi History and Genealogy Association are held on the third Tuesday of each month and begin at 6:30 pm. Following are planned programs for the next few months:

March - Sewell Family

April - 100th anniversary of the end of the Civil War

May - Albany and the Underground Railroad

History News Continued

Black/White ... Fight, Fight

Written by Tracy Hanning

My first introduction to basketball at my high school alma mater was in the late forties when the players wore those sharp black and white warmup slacks and jackets. They were a class act and won a lot of ballgames in their cracker box sized gym. I remember names like Roger Williams, Johnnie Niggemeyer, Barney Henderson, Bob Hawk and Bill Knight. Those boys looked like they were ten feet tall to me as they went through their warmup drills like the Harlem Globetrotters.

My parents always went to the home games, and after the games I was one of the young urchins who would take over the court in their sock feet and shoot baskets. If no basketball was available, we would improvise with a wadded up ball of paper; we didn't mind, it was still fun.

The gym was so small, the feet of the bottom row of spectators were actually in the field of play. This meant that to in-bound from the sideline, a player would have to stick his foot into the crowd to be out of bounds. The bleachers were only three rows deep and the three jump ball circles nearly overlapped. The scoreboard at the Shade gym was on the stage end and was part of a wooden scorer's desk with large numerals mounted on wire loops. Students eagerly did the number flipping when points were scored. The foul lane in those days was only six-feet wide and the preferred shot from outside was the two handed set shot while the preferred foul shot was the underhanded shot.

There were nine teams in the Athens County League at that time, and they too had small cracker box sized gyms. The perennial favorites were the Ames Bern Greenies with their green and white colors coached by Charley McAfee. They always seemed to have a good team year after year. Their gym had balcony seating on one side that was accessed by a folding wooden wall in an upper school hallway. Buchtel York's blue and yellow mascot was the Bruin, and their gym floor was unique in that the wood blocks were set on end, like a butcher block. J-T stood for Jacksonville-Trimble and the Cardinals carried red and white colors. Rome Canaan's Spartans' colors were red and black as were the Albany Red Devils. The Carthage Troy Trojans sported orange and black and their backboards were smaller with the top corners lopped off at an angle. Waterloo's colors were black and yellow and The Plains Indians uniforms were blue and gold. The Shade Panthers had the most unique color combination in my opinion, simply and boldly, black and white. There were four other public high schools in the county that participated in other sports leagues. Those were Athens, Nelsonville, Glouster and Chauncey Dover and were big enough to field a football team. There were no football sports in the Athens County League.

Tournament time was always full of excitement for the Athens County League. The brackets would be drawn up each February and play would begin at the Men's Gym on the Ohio University campus in Athens. The gym was so big compared to the cracker box sized gyms, it was easy to get turned around and forget which end was your basket. That actually happened to one of Shade's players, Andy Hudnall. Even though Andy's teammates tried to stop him, he plowed ahead anyhow and made a basket for the opposing team.

There was a little excitement one year when the Panthers were hosting Tupper's Plains, a school from nearby Meigs County. A player by the name of Caldwell made a breakaway drive for the south basket where his only defender was Shade's Robert Gwinn who, in defense, turned his hip toward the driving Caldwell. The hip flip elevated Caldwell who flew up into the air and came down with a thud on the maple hardwood. It was an obvious flagrant foul and Gwinn was kicked out of the game.

The biggest skirmish at a Shade sporting event happened one night in 1953 when Leon Henson and an opposing player got into an argument near the west sideline. Unbeknownst to the opposing player, Leon's dad, foolishly, stepped out onto the court and struck the boy from behind on the side of the head. As you would imagine, all hell broke loose at that point. I can still see Ruby Elswick swinging her purse at someone. Play was suspended after the crowd settled down, and, from then on, a security guard was present at the Shade basketball games.

There was a time of absolute hilarity on the hardwood one year when a touring outfit scheduled "Donkey Basketball" at Shade High School. The company provided the rubber-shoed donkeys and the community provided the riders. I can recall Jack Ruth, Joe Perry, my dad and others having the time of their life and of course the fans enjoyed it as well, especially when the donkeys either refused to budge or bucked off their riders.

Perhaps the best player to don the black and white was a 1954 graduate, Merrill Oxley. He was the local LeBron James of his day. Merrill stood about 6'2" and was a coordinated athlete who excelled in all sports. He played the key position in basketball and had an excellent turn-around jump shot that was an automatic two points. It was not uncommon for Merrill to score into the thirties and forties, but there was one game against Harrisonville where he eclipsed the fifty point barrier.

A regular opponent for the Shade Panthers basketball team was BIS, short for Boys Industrial School from Lancaster, Ohio. These boys were incarcerated for bad behavior of some sort, and the atmosphere was always different when they came to play. There was never any trouble, but they came without any fans, so all of the cheering was one sided in favor of the home team.

I played basketball as did my two older brothers for Shade High. The teams I was a part of were not that successful except for a fourth place team trophy in the eighth grade. The trophy was the smallest one in the school trophy case, but I felt a sense of pride in that little trophy nevertheless. My younger sister was on the cheerleading squad for the Panthers last team before consolidation with two other school districts. She was one of the last Panthers to cheer, Black/White...Fight, Fight.



Tracy Hanning was a 1958 graduate of Shade High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Ohio University in 1962 and a Master's degree from Wright State University in 1971. After a full teaching career, he owned and operated a small business in the Dayton area specializing in residential roofing.

SCCA Minutes – January 14, 2015

- Members present: Pat Davidson, Rose & Manuel Grueser, Norm Shaner, Alex Couladis, Robin Krivesti, Fran Moxley, Marvin Marty, Heidi LaJohn Marty, Candice Birch, Rhonda Meeks, Peggy Rist, Jerry and Tammy Foster, Gail Jordan
- Pat Davidson led the Pledge of Allegiance
- Fran Moxley swore in new officers: Marvin Marty, President; Peggy Rist, Vice President; Alex Couladis, Treasurer; Pat Davidson, Recording Secretary; and Heidi Marty, Corresponding Secretary.
- The minutes of the December 10 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve, Rhonda; second, Fran; all in favor.
- Treasurer's Report: Alex distributed the year-end 2014 statement, which shows the Association broke even for the year. Current balance in the checking account is \$14,748.63. In conjunction with buying more Jerseyville t-shirts to fill orders, Gail donated \$200.
- Vice President Report: Peggy distributed the calendar for January. A few additions were made: Marvin announced that the Lost in Lodi Enduro Run is scheduled for March 29. Heidi will hold Craft Night on the first and third Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Marvin stated that the Lost in Lodi race will be held on Sunday, March 29. The committee wants to use the gym for registration, check-in, handing out trophies, etc. The committee will provide smoke detectors for riders, landowners, and community members. They are searching for vendor(s) for concessions; Pam Bond of the Lodi General Store will provide the Saturday evening dinner of baked steak.
- Corresponding Secretary: Fran will send out two cards of thanks for recent donations.
- Maintenance report: Gail and Jerry were occupied in a different part of the building, serving concessions to the wrestling meet (Alexander vs. Athens), so there was no maintenance report.
- Seniors Association: Rose announced that meetings are on hiatus until the weather improves.
- Electric Service Aggregation: In November, voters in Athens County and incorporated entities voted to join together for electric service aggregation through AEP Energy. Current service is provided by AEP Ohio. After a thorough discussion, Peggy Rist moved that the Association opt out of the aggregation; second by Alex; motion passed. Pat will call AEP Energy to opt out.
- Rhonda reminded everyone that the township levy providing funding for the Center's utilities and insurance premiums will expire in December 2015. Discussion included: the possibility of using a different category of levy, which might allow more descriptive wording on the ballot (Community Center category); should the levy be increased or decreased? It was agreed that Rhonda would get more information about the category of levy and ballot wording, and the subject would be further discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- The Rental Agreement Review Committee has been unable to meet due to weather.
- It was decided that the Executive Committee meeting will be held Thursday, January 29, 7:00 p.m.
- Alex moved to adjourn; Robin seconded; all in favor.



Respectfully submitted,
Pat Davidson



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library) Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm Crafts 7:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Trustee's Meeting 6:30 Township Building Fossil Rock Road	10 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	11 SCCA Meeting 7:00 pm 	12 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library) Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm SCCA Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Jammin' In Jerseyville 7:00 – 10:00 pm 	14 Recycling 8am—noon 
15	16	17 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm	18	19 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library) Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm Crafts 7:00 pm	20	21
22 Easter Egg Hunt  Lodi Creative Critters 4-H Meeting 2:00 pm	23	24 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm History Meeting - 6:30 pm 	25	26 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library) Sr. Poltuck/Bingo 5:30 pm Open Gym Basketball	27	28
29 Lost in Lodi	30	31 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm SCCA Executive Meeting 7:00 pm 7:00 pm			30	31

April

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19	20	21 Open Computer and Library 6:00—9:00 pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm History Meeting 6:30 pm 	22	23 Open Center: 11—2: (Computer, Home Ec, Library) Open Gym Basketball 6:30—9pm SSCA Potluck/Bingo 5:30 pm	24	25 Contra Dance 7:00 – 11:30 pm 
26 Lodi Creative Critters 4-H Meeting 4:00 pm	27	28	29	30		

Upcoming Events:

Shade Community Center: Shade Alumni Banquet – May 9,
Shade/Lodi Route 33 Yard Sale – June 6, Jerseyville Festival - October 3
Shade Senior Citizens Association: May 2 – Athens County Township Association Dinner

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In Memoriam



A special thanks to Paul and Cheryl Powell for their donation of trash pickup from the community center.

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SSCA Officers for 2015 (from left to right)
Heidi Marty – Corresponding Secretary, Peggy Rist – Vice President, Alex Couladis – Treasurer, Pat Davidson – Secretary, Marvin Marty – President

Welcome New and Returning Members

Beth & Andy Szolosi
Leslie Schaller & Tim Foran
John & Amy Ruth
Susan Abramowitz
Robert Weaver
William Isaacs
Gini Coover
Paul Harper
Lauren & Tom Miller
Cameron & Sara Foster
Kandice Legg & Todd Allen
Leroy & Lureen Bailey
George & Charlotte Benz
James & Margaret Frost
Frank & Lainie Cargould
Boyd & Judy Ruth
David & Georgianne Woodruff

Donations

Beth & Andy Szolosi
Barbara Brake
Gini Coover
Paul Harper
Lauren & Tom Miller
Doris Dillinger
Robert Weaver
Cameron & Sara Foster
Leroy & Lureen Bailey
Frank & Lainie Cargould
Marjorie Gibbs
Myrtle Stover

Shade Exchange

WANTED: Old hay, square or round bales (too old or rotted to feed to animals) for mulch. Fee negotiable. Will pay more if delivered.

2. WANTED: Used downdraft style wood stove. Tempwood model is my first choice.

Call Gini at 740-594-4147.

From the Editor

Please help make the SCCA News a better service for you, our members. Newsletters will be printed bi-monthly, Jan.—Feb., Mar.—Apr., May—June, July-Aug., Sept.—Oct., Nov.—Dec.

Submit a recipe, photos, a short article, your "buy, sell, trade or give away" requests or ideas by the 15th of Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov. to Rhonda Meeks, Editor, at rhondameeks23@yahoo.com. Only written requests will be accepted.

Respectfully, Rhonda Meeks

Cook's Corner

Polar Vortex Chili

By Fran Moxley

One package frozen Skyline original chili

One or two cans of kidney beans, depending on your preference

One cup salsa, your choice, I use Pace Chunky Medium, but if you don't like it spicy, use mild....

heat and eat....

Strengthening Lives In Our Community

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SCCA Draft Minutes – February 11, 2015

- Members present: Ray Baker, Norm Shaner, Rhonda Meeks, Jerry Foster, Fran Moxley, Robin Krivesti, Glenna Grim, Heidi Marty, Roberta Henderson, Grace Dorst, Manuel Grueser, Tom Winning, Jr., Teresa Winning, Marvin Marty, Pat Davidson, Steve Kane.
- Marvin Marty led the Pledge of Allegiance
- The minutes of the January 14 meeting were approved with one minor correction. Motion to approve, Ray; second, Fran; all in favor.
- Treasurer's Report: In Alex's absence, Marvin distributed the January statement. After ignoring the most recent purchase of kitchen equipment (which will be offset by funds from the Coen bequest), the Association broke even for the month. Current balance in the checking account is \$15,030.32.
- Vice President Report: Peggy distributed the calendar for February and March. A few additions were made: The Seniors Association will serve the Athens County Trustees Dinner on May 2nd; the Alumni Banquet will be held on May 9th; the Community Yard Sale is scheduled for June 6.
- Fran reported that she sold five cookbooks recently, and received an email from Stephanie Hysmith with compliments about the cookbook. Stephanie and her husband, David Mould, have moved to Charleston, W.Va.
- Corresponding Secretary: Heidi reported that we have received several new and renewing membership forms. Heidi suggested that the Association give membership cards to people when they pay dues. After a brief discussion, Fran moved that the Association issue membership cards which will be printed in the computer room; Heidi seconded; motion passed.
- Maintenance report: The lock on the single gym door has been repaired; the malfunctioning boiler was repaired; the replacement pump motor (for the boiler circulating pump) has been received and installed, but now the formerly functioning pump needs repair. Jerry has received a replacement for half of the sign hanging on the front of the building; this will replace the half which blew off in an earlier windy storm, and will be hung when weather permits. Rhonda reported that the Township Trustees have agreed to fill potholes and spread gravel on the Center's parking lot (this was done on Feb. 11); they will also plow heavy snow if we get any. Heidi reported that the carpet in one of the second-floor rooms needs cleaning. Marv will ask Captain Steamer to give an estimate on the job.
- Seniors Association: Manuel reported that there was no meeting in January, and will be on hiatus until weather improves.
- Youth Wrestling: Season is done. Gail reported (via email) that we collected \$1,300 net income in concessions and our share of the admission at meets; \$507 of that total was collected at the meet with Athens, which is a record for a single meet.
- There was a continuation of the discussion about the township levy which provides funding for the Center's utilities and insurance premiums, which will expire in December 2015. Rhonda has learned from the County Prosecutor's Office that we cannot use more descriptive wording on the ballot (Community Center category is not appropriate for our situation). Issues yet to be decided: should the levy be increased or decreased? Should it be listed as a renewal (based on the property tax rate which was in effect when the levy was first approved) or as a replacement (based on the property tax rate which will be in effect in January 2016). Property taxes are expected to increase, so this is an important issue. It was agreed that the subject would be further discussed at the March SCCA meeting, but decisions must be made at that time due to the lengthy approval process to get the levy listed on the November ballot.
- The Rental Agreement Review Committee distributed proposed changes. It was agreed that the content of the Agreement will be discussed at the March meeting, after people have time to read and consider the proposed changes. Peggy mentioned the need to make the Agreement form available for short-notice renters. Marv suggested an outdoor display case. Jerry moved that we install an outdoor display case; the motion was amended to say pricing of such cases should be researched; Heidi seconded the motion; it passed. Jerry and Robin agreed to get pricing. Heidi reported that she has talked with a local artist who is interested in possibly renting studio space at the Center. She will get more details.
- Marvin reported that the Lost in Lodi committee is still looking for someone to sell concessions on the day of the race (Sunday, March 29). After some discussion, it was decided that Heidi would organize a group of volunteers to prepare and sell hot sandwiches, popcorn, soft drinks, etc.; proceeds will go to the Center.
- Rhonda reminded everyone that the deadline to submit materials for the upcoming March-April newsletter is Friday, February 20. Fran suggested that the Honored Volunteer for this issue be Rhonda's 4-H club, in recognition of their many valuable contributions to several fundraising events, such as the upcoming Valentine Dinner. All agreed.
- Marvin suggested that we put up a suggestion box at the Lodi General Store, to solicit input from the community about activities or services which could be offered at the Center. All agreed.
- Jerry suggested upgrades to the first-floor hallway, to improve its appearance and to make it easier to see the class photos hung on the walls. He proposed adding two light fixtures, replacing all ceiling tile, and painting the ceiling suspension gridwork. Norman moved the project be done as proposed; Teresa seconded; motion passed.
- Valentine Dinner: will be held this Saturday, Feb. 14. Jerry reported that he has stopped accepting reservations as of today (Feb. 11). In 2014, we had seating for 230; this year we need seats for 249. He expects to serve approximately 280, including volunteers.
- Ray moved to adjourn; Teresa seconded; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Davidson