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The Historical Society hosted two meetings between some current members of Boy Scout Troop 41 and some past members to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Troop 41. The outcome of those meetings made it into the Troop 41 Newsletter—June 2019: 70th Anniversary Edition. If you want to read the wonderful stories that were shared go to the troop's website at <http://www.troop41sg.org>.

Scouting values transcend time as Sugar Grove troop celebrates milestone anniversary

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Troop 41 hosting special events to commemorate its history

By CHRIS WALKER
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SUGAR GROVE - In 1949, Harry S. Truman was president of the United States and the village of Sugar Grove wasn't incorporated.

A lot certainly has changed in the past 70 years, but one thing that has remained a constant is the Boy Scouts of America Troop 41 in Sugar Grove, which was founded in 1949.

"I think scouting is still the same," said Dave Seraphin, chaplain and former scoutmaster. "The same values we picked up many years ago, these new Scouts do, too. Boyhood has not changed. The boys are still the same as they were 30 years ago. A boy is a boy is a boy. He's fun to work with. He goofs around. He gets very serious. They do the same pranks today that they did way back then."

Troop 41 has recognized its wonderful, long history with a few special 70th anniversary events already this year, including fireside chats in April and May at the Sugar Grove Historical Society and most recently a Family



Former Scouts Bill Lye (from left), Cliff Frantz, Rick Johnson, Dave Seraphin, Dave Frantz and Bill Gramley. Sugar Grove Boy Scout Troop 41 is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

Photo provided

2019 Quilt Raffle

Vickie Frantz has created yet another masterpiece.

\$20 for 5 chances to win and \$5 for one chance.

Drawing is Dec. 2, 2019



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Library Moves to New Quarters



Mrs. Grace McCannon Head Librarian checking card file in the new Library Building.

The Sugar Grove Public Library first opened its doors on July 22, 1962. It occupied a small 12 x 18 room at the front of the Sugar Grove Community House familiarly known as the Men's Smoking Room. This first Library was a community effort. Each organization within the community sent a representative to form the sponsoring committee. At this first committee meeting it was decided that a community Library was feasible and necessary. Numan Williams served the committee as Chairman pro-tem with Lois Graham, Esther Lind, Grace McCannon, Ruth Kreighbaum, Arthur Crow, Frank Novotny, Willis McCannon and Vern Graham members of the committee at large. From this meeting came the first volunteer Library Board with Frank Novotny serving as President, Ruth Kreighbaum as Secretary, Willis McCannon as Treasurer, Lois Graham, Esther Lind, Doris Bolster and Arthur Crow as Board members.

During its first two years the Library was strictly supported by private contributions. On April 2, 1963 the people of Sugar Grove Township voted to make the Library a tax-supported body. Tax funds for the operation of the Library did not come until June 1964.

The Library grew quickly and by November 11, 1964 moved to larger rooms in the basement of the Community House. The Library has continued to grow! Starting with 446 books on its shelves, the Library today has 7,500 volumes with circulation growing from 100 per month to 1,200 per month. At the present time there are 450 registered borrowers.

With the sudden spurt of growth in Sugar Grove and the increased demand for Library services that such a spurt brings, the current Library Board has looked at many solutions to the present over crowding problem. After many hours of discussion and consultation, the Board purchased the Carter Wilson residence at 129 Main Street to be converted for use as a Library. During the winter and spring months of 1971 remodeling and necessary renovations were made and now moving to new quarters is at hand. The Board would like to have the move made by July 1 if all goes as planned.

Since the Library first opened, Mrs. Grace McCannon has served as Head Librarian. When asked what the new facilities would mean to the library program, Mrs. McCannon stated that the increased space would provide both study and reading areas which are now lacking as well as more work space for the Library staff. Looking to the future, the Librarian listed several programs which the Library hopes to begin. Among those programs were Great Books discussions, expanded audio-visual program with the addition of new equipment and display areas within the Library for local hobbies and crafts.

The present Library Board members are George Kломhaus, President; Sally Floyd, Secretary; W.B. McCannon, Treasurer; Lois Graham, Phyllis Wolf, Beverly Camp, Joe Lutz and John Magerko. Grace McCannon serves as Head Librarian, Carole Nolin as Assistant to the Librarian and Pam Huggins as Page. In addition, there are many people within the community who volunteer their services in many ways to the Library.

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We want to thank Ruth Frantz for all her great newsletters over the years. Ruth is passing the baton off to someone else, so please be patient as we try to fill her big shoes. Thanks for all your hard work, Ruth!

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We have enclosed 5 quilt raffle tickets and a return envelope if you would like to take a chance at winning the beautiful quilt made by Vickie Frantz. \$20 for 5 chances and \$5 for one chance.