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Phyllis Taylor Editor

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Denice Mc Arthur



Summer is especially slow exiting this year. Seems it may hang around to October! We're ready now for it's departure and the cooler weather of fall.

Ready too, for our busiest season showcasing Springville Apple Festival on October 19. Judi King and the Festival committee have been creative in responding to each new challenge. Your assistance for this event is greatly appreciated.

Patton House, as always, is the backbone of our club. The volunteers continue to do outstanding never ending work sorting, organizing, ordering, cleaning, gardening, the list is endless. Thank you to all who contribute to its success. Shopping counts too!

Please let the board know of any concerns or suggestions for improvements in our club or community.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our general meeting September 26th

PATTON HOUSE GIFT SHOP REMODEL & NEW MERCHANDISE

Marilyn Knesel

Several years ago, when we introduced Springville souvenir items in the Patton House Gift Shop we were pleased to discover they are some of our best-selling items. We have a variety of personalized Springville souvenirs for gift giving or for yourself; magnets, coasters, postcards, wood bookmarks, stickers, note cards, and keychains.

This year we decided to expand our clothing collection. This required the Gift Shop to undergo a bit of a remodel. We have relocated the lovely oak curio cabinet that was behind the desk to the East wall of the Patton House and it is displaying our pet décor.

This allowed us to showcase our new Springville shirts in a more prominent location.

The Patton House now has new stock of Springville T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hoodies, which include four new designs

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in multiple colors and styles. In addition, we now have 3 new Springville designs on our hats. Each design has four different styles and colors

Make sure you check out the ones marked SPF 50 if you are looking for sun protection.

We also have our ever-popular Springville personalized gifts of cute carved black bear figurines holding signs that say Springville, California, plush Springville bears, Springville mugs, thermal tumblers, and kitchen towels. There are also canvas tote bags sporting names of places and activities in and around Springville. We are proud to be the only shop in town that sells items celebrating our great community.



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NEWS FROM THE THRIFT TEAM

Joyce Eschelman

Get ready for our Spring/Summer “Dollar-a-Bag Sale.” Our sale will begin October 1 st . We do not have an ending date, that will depend upon how quickly our inventory is depleted in the Shop. Meanwhile, start spreading the word to: family, friends, neighbors and community. The Patton House supplies the bags, you fill them up. Inventory goes quickly, so mark your calendar and begin your shopping experience on October 1 st.

As you may have noticed, the Thrift team has stocked the Patton House with Halloween and Fall items. After Halloween, the “Team” will begin stocking Christmas items, so make sure you shop the Patton House for your holiday items. Be sure and spread the word . . . Shop locally – Shop the Patton House!

THE MEMORIAL GARDENS

Joyce Eschelman

Have you noticed that our roses have continued to bloom throughout the summer? They are

happy roses! Hopefully, you have noticed the “Trumpet” vine blooming; such an abundance of beautiful orange “trumpets.” Our Crape Myrtle trees and bushes are also blooming, each have their own unique color: red, white, pink, and purple. It’s such a delight to see so many birds and bees enjoying our gardens. Hopefully, you are enjoying it as well. While we may have lost a few very old roses bushes, it’s been very exciting to see that a few trees that were drastically pruned have managed to survive and are actually flourishing: Our ancient apple tree; two pomegranates; Liquid Amber/Sugar gum tree; and a persimmon tree. We even did some transplanting of several plants and bushes, and they too have survived.

It’s nice to see that people are enjoying our gardens. There is one lady that visits almost every day, early in the morning; she sits in the gazabo and has her quiet time of prayer/meditation and has expressed how much she enjoys the beauty she is surrounded with, that it is quite and very calming, and how she enjoys listening to the birds chirping and singing in the trees.

Do you need a place to unwind, to experience a sense of calm and quietness and enjoy watching the birds and the bees flitter around you while they chirp and sing to you? Consider the

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Patton House Memorial Garden to rejuvenate you. Maybe it will become your "Secret Garden."

PATTON HOUSE CLERKS NEEDED

Robbi Metzler

Clerks are always needed at the Patton House for 3 hour shifts. Robbi will post a email each week reminding you of that weeks schedule or for the need of someone to fill in

Training is available for those that need it – call Phyllis Taylor 359-1135 or Melissa Lucas 788-7538 to schedule a training session.

We have several people that routinely volunteer (most for the full day)and the club would like to take a moment to say THANK YOU to them: Patti Mansfield, Diana Sario, Angie Soriano, Joshua De Matteo, Sara Alley, Melissa Lucas, Carol Manning, Sandy Whaling Anne Beveridge Velma Coats.

2024 BLOOD DRIVES

Phyllis Taylor

The last Blood Drive for 2024 will be on Oct 2nd at the Springville Memorial

Building from 3 pm until 6 pm. The Central California Blood Center puts on a drive here in Springville on the 1st Wednesday of every quarter. Please take time to donate to this extremely vital cause. It takes approximately one hour of your time to donate to help save up to 3 lives.

The dates for the 2025 drives are as follows: January 8th, (later due to 1 Wednesday being on the 1st) April 2nd, June 4th and Oct 1st. Mark your 2025 calendars

SPRINGVILLE CONCERTS IN THE PARK



Phyllis Taylor

This year the Concerts series had financial help from the Apple Festival Committee and from the Marangi Family LLC. The Mairangi's' were responsible for supplying us with the Programs and poster to advertise this year's lineup of entertainers. We were able to entertain the community with six Concerts in the Park at a cost of \$2750.00 and we

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realized a return in donations from the Concerts in the amount of \$1106.00 plus the donation of \$750.00 from the Apple Festival.

In short, we were able to “bring music” to our community for a total output of only \$894.00 for all 6 Concerts!.

This year the Springville Church of the Nazarene (as in many past years) served free root beer floats to those attending the Concerts. Community Club board voted to make a donation to the church of \$250.00 for helping to enhance the Concerts experience.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Melissa Lucas

This year the Springville Community club has chosen two scholarship recipients.

One of the students is from Porterville High and the other is from Harmony Magnet. Each of the recipients will receive a \$2000 scholarship.

Mackenzie Hyder is our recipient from Porterville High. She participated on the Water polo team and the swim team, plus doing swim coaching. Mackenzie was also active in Springville 4H, the Porterville F.F.A. and was a member of the junior fair board. Her plans are to attend College of the Sequoias to begin

her study of the music business. She then would like to attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Her goal is to become an artist manager or music producer. She knows these are lofty goals, but she said she is willing to work hard to reach them.

Our second recipient is Noah Smith. Noah has been continually active volunteering for nonprofit organizations in Springville and Porterville. He is active in volunteering time for his church activities, participating by staffing the church booth at the Apple Festival. He has also helped with activities at the rodeo. His most recent activity has been volunteering at the recently completed animatronics lab in Springville. He is helping kids learn to run animatronic robots.

Noah plans to attend UC Merced to pursue a career in software engineering.

APPLE FESTIVAL



Judi King

This year's Apple Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 9 AM to 4 PM. The Apple Festival Committee has been working very hard in planning what

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we believe will be a great Festival. However, we continue to have issues with usable space. We lost the lot next to the Post Office but have added space at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Mission.

The response from vendors has been very strong and we have already had to stop taking new applications. This year we have a wide variety of craft vendors, many of whom have never been to the Apple Festival before. We also have some new food vendors.

This year's Family Town at the Apple Festival will be better than ever. The committee has new games planned and great craft ideas to entertain the children.

The Apple Festival features a new and improved Family Town in the park.

The committee is planning an area with 10 different games with everything from a chance to catapult spiders to their web to a duck pond for the toddlers. There will be prizes galore for the winners and guaranteed fun for all. In addition, this year we will have a craft section where children get to decorate or build everything from bird houses to sand art. Special features are planned like face painting and a clown making balloon animals, with the grand activity being a bounce house with a slide for children of all ages.

S and W Bounce House has donated a **FREE** bounce house to honor the

Veterans since all profit from Family Town goes to VFW for scholarships.

There will be a volunteer to make balloon animals and prizes galore with a special section for the little tots to win rubber ducks so children of all ages will be welcomed. Now is a chance for Springville Community Club members to become a part of the festival by volunteering to help supervise games and activities in the Park. Donating your time will mean that the children at the festival will have a wonderful memory to carry for life.

Family Town will also feature a costume contest with great prizes for the winners.

The people costume contest will be in the park at 11:00 with the pet contest starting at 1:00. Categories for each area will be the most unusual, the most apple related, and the judge's choice. Everyone is welcomed whether you participate or

Please help make this year's Festival the best. Bring yourself and the children in your life on October 19th.

With everything we have going on, we need assistance from volunteers to make this happen. Carol

Hohnstein is overseeing the finding of volunteers this year. She will have sign-up sheets at our next meeting in September, so that those of you who are willing to give us some help for a couple

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of hours can have an opportunity to sign up. As always, we need assistance at the information booth, and selling t-shirts, but we also need help at the rodeo grounds and the old Chevron with lining up passengers for the shuttle. We are also going to need help with staffing games, contests and activities for families in the park. Maybe you have some friends or relatives who would also like to assist. I know my entire extended family will be helping out somewhere.

This is our 42nd Apple Festival and each of them has been a success thanks to the efforts of Community

Club members. I know that this one will be a huge success as well.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser for our local food pantries will be here before you know it. Our local food pantries are at the Lighthouse, The first Baptist Church and Pleasant Valley Chapel. This year the event is being held on Sunday, November 3, so start thinking about the soup and /or dessert you would like to make. As usual we need volunteers for cooking, serving, ticket sales and cleaning up. Tickets will be available at the Patton House on October 1, 2024. It is a major event. Hope to see you there!

EMPTY BOWLS

Melissa Lucas



ANGEL TREE 2024

Norma Inabinette



Can you hear those sleigh bells ringing? Before we know it Halloween will be over and it will be time for Angel Tree . This year the Angel Tree will be put up on November 15th with gifts to be returned by December 12th.

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The gifts are delivered by the Lighthouse Chapel along with the Christmas food baskets. As always, the list of needy children will be supplied by the Springville School. If you would like to participate, simply choose tag or tags from the tree, purchase a gift appropriate for the age and gender of the child identified on the tag (no more than \$20 per gift please), wrap the gift, attach the tag to the present so it can be identified, and return it to the Patton House. Then sit back and remember that some child will have a wonderful Christmas because of your thoughtfulness.

BIRTHDAYS



September

Melody Inabinette 10th, Melinda Synder 12th, Kari Storey Wanmer 17th, Anne Beveridge 18th, Margaret Smith the 21st, Karlin Giraudi, 24th, Merlene Davis 27th, Sue Marcotte 28th, and Margaret Relyea 29th.

October

Thera Boggs, 13th, Angie Soriano 23rd, Jolene Crosby 25th, Dot Scharf and Carolyn Mattazaro 28th

November

Deniece Mc Arthur 4th, Dianna Saario, 21st, Marilyn McMahon 22, and Joyce Eshelman the 26th

December

Korey Wells 7th, Amber Ross 21st, and Judi King 30th

Featured Member Patti Mansfield



I was born and raised in Pittsburgh and lived there my entire life. Last

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Fall circumstances abruptly changed my life. My sister invited me to live with her and that's how I landed in Springville. We are the last two siblings of a family of five kids. It is surreal that the two eldest end up growing old together.

My son, granddaughter and grandson live in Pittsburgh. Though I miss them very much I am having a great time doing "girl stuff", meeting new people and enjoying the beautiful surroundings and friendly small-town atmosphere. It's feeding my soul.

There are several things helping me cope with all the changes in my life. After two hip surgeries I can walk without pain. I was invited to the Elks in Porterville soon after I arrived and realized I can dance again! Several friends and I go every Wednesday to dance to Patti Torrey and the Irregulars. Its great therapy!

When Oma (my sister) took me to the Patton House, it brought back happy memories of shopping trips with my Mum. We visited small towns in the country surrounding Pittsburgh shopping for crafts and little things. We had many lunches together and talked about everything. It was a very happy time for me. I fell in love with the Patton House, joined the Community Club and volunteer at 'the shop' twice a week. I've met so many interesting

people there and at the Community Club meetings.

These conversations reinforce my belief in the ability of the human spirit to overcome adversity and live a happy joyful life.

Editors note: Stop by the Patton House and say Hi to Patti – she works almost every Monday ALL day and the occasional Thursday morning.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON

Good News of sorts. I sent out an email earlier regarding the cost of bill from Edison. We had a bill of \$523.17 during our summer heat wave. Due to a small repair expenditure of \$120.00 for a new part and cleaning of our HVAC system the following months bill was \$355.31 – a savings of \$167.86.

I was also able to have "Freddy" reprogram the thermostat to come on and turn off at certain hours to maintain a acceptable temperature in the building to ensure our food items would remain stable.

You can – during the day – raise and lower the temperature – BUT DO NOT turn the control OFF - EVER!!!.

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I have also contacted SCE to enroll in two programs that will reduce our bill. One is the Summer discount plan which allows Edison to turn our A/C off during critical peak events. (I've belonged to this program for 45 years and have yet to have them interrupt my service) By joining this plan we get a discount on our bills. The other place is a CRITICAL PEAK plan where they will alert me to lower our usage thereby saving as much as \$45.00 during that billing period. This bill was a major concern since we regularly receive bills under \$100 most months of the year.

I am hoping to save the club some money. Hope you all approve!

THANK YOU LETTERS

During the month of August, we received two THANK YOU letters.

The first letter was from Pastor Mark of the **Springville Church of the Nazarene** for the donation of \$250.00 for their generosity, for several years, of serving "free" root beer floats at the Springville Concerts in the Park.

The second letter was from Mary Culver at the Family Crisis Center for our donation of \$500.00 in May. This is an annual donation that our club makes to them.

SPRINGVILLE LIBRARY

For those of you that do not drive through town frequently – take note – that construction is beginning on the empty lot between the Post Office and Java express. We will be having our very own PUBLIC LIBRARY in Springville soon!!

WEB SITE

Stay in the know by visiting our clubs' website. We are trying to get this to be "the place" to go if you have questions about our upcoming events. Hopefully, we will get the Newsletter posted to the site as soon as it is published.

So, there will no more missing meeting dates and events put on by our Springville Community Club and

participating community groups. Check us out at: springvillecommunityclub.org

[Next Newsletter will be the January 2025 issue.](#)

[If you have anything to share with the membership please email me at](#)

scc@springvillewireless.com

[Thanks – Phyllis](#)

[SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING](#)

[Sept 26th AT NOON!!!](#)