

Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put

Caring ♥ Connecting ♥ Contributing

Coordinating volunteers to help seniors and adults with disabilities to maintain their independence.

Time Talent Treasure

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put is now winding up its 5th year of service to our community. As we begin our 5th community appeal during this trying time with Covid-19, we have found our need to connect with people is greater than ever.

Staying Put remains active in delivering services and connecting with seniors and disabled in our community. We have adjusted how we deliver our services to meet the recommended safety practices at this time. We offer services at no charge because of our volunteers and generous supporters like you and the gifts you share.

Time - Talent - Treasure - These are three ways to give to our community. **Time** - One of the most valuable things you can give. Our volunteers give hours and days of their time. Through volunteering you can witness the result of your contribution first hand. **Talent** - Your talents are unique. Our board members, special committee members, grant writers, and administrative staff all have unique talents to share. These talents benefit our cause and open opportunities to expand our services. **Treasure** - With your financial gifts we have accomplished so much and can accomplish more. The gifts you give cover the cost of volunteer recruitment and training, part-time staffing, phones and internet, insurance, postage, office utilities, office supplies and other expenses.

Please consider supporting *Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put* with one, two, or three of these gifts so we may continue to connect with the seniors in our community who need us now more than ever. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

Rich O'Connell
Board President, *Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put*



Staying Put Founders Feature - Margy Balwierz



Margy Balwierz, founding member of *Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put*, is stepping down from the *Staying Put* board at the end of the year. In January 2014, Balwierz had an idea inspired by an NBC evening news story about a group called Staying Put in New Canaan, CT that helped seniors to age in place in their homes. She believed this to be a great concept with the coming of the “silver tsunami,” the large numbers of baby boomers entering their senior years. She wanted a group like this in her own community so she made some calls to friends, put up some fliers and gathered a handful of people from the community. The journey began. Here are Margy’s words:

“Being a senior citizen myself, I thought, how will I be able to handle losing my own independence? Having been a hospice volunteer for a dozen years I saw how well volunteer organizations could work and achieve. There are dozens of base-building, building blocks before any service can begin. It took many meetings of recruited friends. Then, came a couple of crucial articles about our fledgling idea by one of those friends, Ina Murray, the “Old Cow Belle” published in the Pierce County Herald. It was about two years before we had volunteers helping others through the established *Staying Put*.

Our greatest resources have been the caring people who took interest in the cause, dug in and made it happen. Volunteers worked together, made plans, accepted compromises and moved ahead. I have seen *Staying Put* grow into a working service organization that offers help in creative and sustaining ways. I have seen it get “wheels” and move forward with careful guidance and attention from a caring board.

I see a future supported by individual endowments from members of the village of Spring Valley as we go forward and I expect the organization to carry on its work indefinitely. I am pleased with our ability to find a way to work on through Covid-19. Most of all, *Staying Put* is lucky to have a loving and dedicated staff and to have the crucial support of student and adult **volunteers who are the heartbeat of the organization.**”

Thank you, Margy, for all you’ve done!

To read the full history of how *Staying Put* began, check out the *Staying Put* website, <http://www.springvalleystayingput.org/home.html>.

Special Thanks!

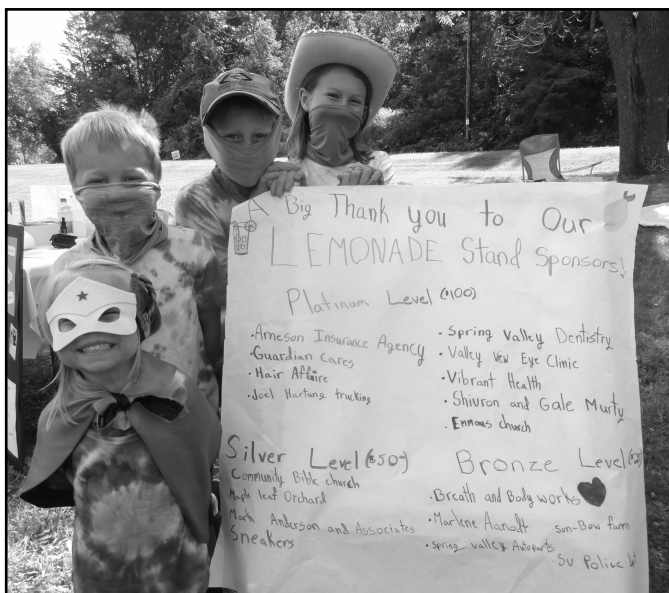
Harley Rudesill Family Donate Proceeds from Sale of Car to *Staying Put*

Matilda Rudesill was happy to donate the proceeds from the sale of the car that she and her husband Harley bought in 2000, to *Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put*. Their daughter Francine said the donation was for *Staying Put* to be used as needed.



Matilda and Harley Rudesill

The Rudesill Family made this donation to honor the memory of their beloved husband and father, Harley Rudesill, who passed away in 2005. Harley lived all of his life on the family farm north of Martell and graduated from Spring Valley High School. He served on the Spring Valley School Board for several years in the 60's and 70's. "Harley was a generous, selfless and loving man who would do anything to help his neighbors or cheer up old friends, especially those who lived alone," said Francine. "He would have been an enthusiastic supporter of *Staying Put*." Thank you Rudesill Family for this thoughtful and generous donation!



Connors' Kids and their Lemonade Stand



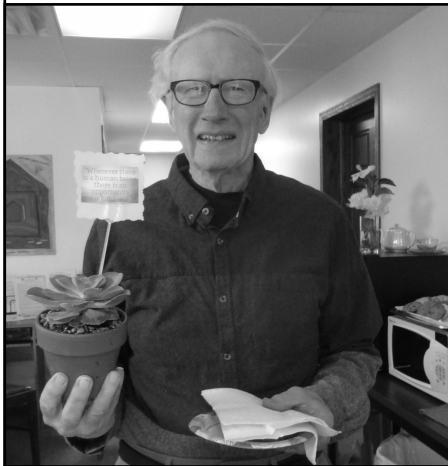
Connors' Kids Lemonade Stand

Nothing like an ice-cold glass of lemonade on a summer day for a good cause. *Staying Put* was chosen as recipient for the 2020 Connors' Kids Lemonade Stand. One hundred and fifteen glasses of lemonade were served, drive-through style. The community responded generously even during this Covid-19 time.

Staying Put *Those We Lost*

Goodbye Dear Friend

Jack Kenefick



Jack at a *Staying Put* volunteer appreciation event in 2019.

Jack Kenefick, age 80, died peacefully at his farmhouse in River Falls, WI on September 26 after living and struggling with cancer for 20 years. Jack will be remembered for his compassion, patience, listening skills, and his lifelong service to others. Jack served as *Staying Put*'s pro bono legal counsel from the beginning and helped us draft our bylaws and articles of incorporation, and establish our nonprofit status. He continued to serve *Staying Put* as an adjunct board member and handled all legal processes throughout the years right up until his journey's end.

Jack was proud of his military service in the U.S. Marine JAG Corps (1966-1969), his work at the MN Attorney General's office as well as his years representing medical professionals, hospitals and health care organizations at Briggs & Morgan in St. Paul, MN where he practiced health law for 40+ years. He was dedicated to serving

others through his pro bono work, volunteering with a wide variety of charities and non-profit organizations including *Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put*. With grateful, grieving hearts, we say "goodbye" to Jack.

"So now he world will not be the same, having lost a gentleman of character and righteousness, kind and giving, with humility rarely seen. This was a man exemplary of humanity at its best. He wove threads into our weave that will remain strong because of him. He held much together for us, built our confidence and kept us legally accurate. He spoke encouraging words which warmed us. He is a true light, I will hold onto his friendship." Margy Balwierz, Staying Put founder and VP



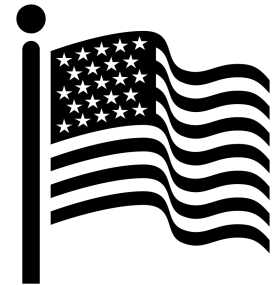
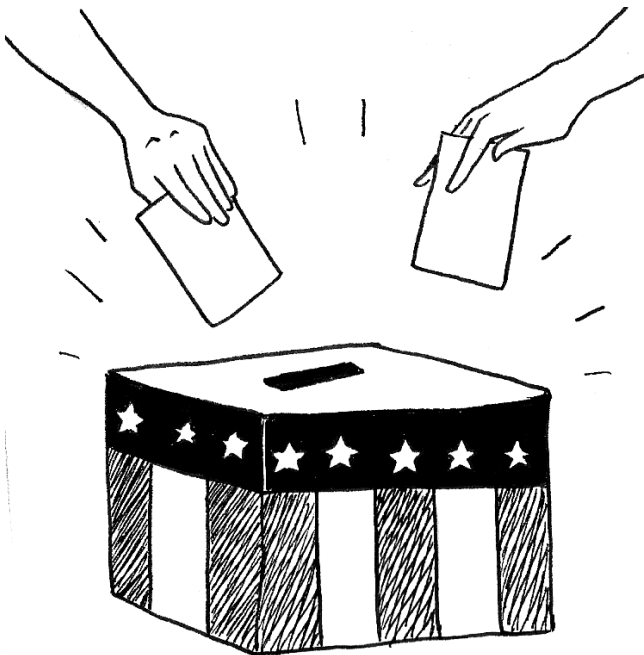
Beulah Thompson, age 92, of Spring Valley passed peacefully away on June 27. Beulah had been a *Staying Put* client since 2016, and also became an active volunteer with *Staying Put* until earlier this year, making phone calls, helping with mailings, assisting at Craft Circle and Memory Cafe. She was a resident of Valley Villas Assisted Living and would regularly walk over to the long-term care facility to visit many people there. Beulah was a friend and inspiration to us at *Staying Put*, and in the community, and will be greatly missed.



Staying Put Services

Staying Put Volunteer Services Provided During Covid-19

- Meals on Wheels delivery: Tuesday – Friday (Pierce County ADRC program.)
- General deliveries: groceries, supplies, library, RX, food pantry, various errands.
- Friendly phone calls & mail: by staff, volunteers & client engagement.
- Physical-distance visiting.
- Friendship-in-grief calls; outreach to members experiencing loss.
- Care facility singing/window visits: from the patio.
- Memory Cafe: tele-conference or distancing outside.
- Walk group: one on one, outside.
- Resource connections: county & gov. agencies, for-hire services, etc.
- Light yard, garden & home maintenance assistance.
- Transportation, with safety precautions, to polling sites on Election Day.
- StrongBodies physical fitness class will resume with safety precautions.



Get out to Vote on November 3rd!

Staying Put will help drive local residents (masks required) to the polls - this is the one exception to our otherwise suspended transportation services. Call 715-778-5800 to request transportation.

Before you can vote you must be registered to vote. You can check your status and/or register online at <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

Staying Put *Volunteers*

New *Staying Put* volunteers since June 2020

Gary Bird
Julie Bird
Jack Erickson
Rachel Schultz
Jeff Schultz

2020 *Staying Put* Statistics

Volunteers
108

Clients
106

Volunteer Miles
13,835

Volunteer Hours
1,231

Don't Forget!

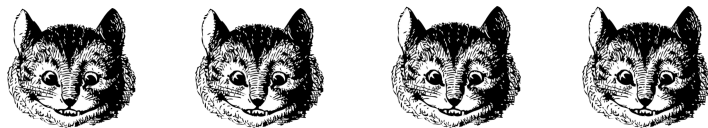
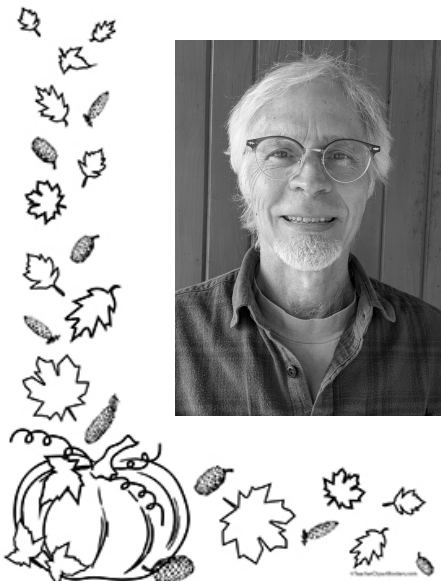
Volunteers

Remember to call in your volunteer hours and mileage, 715-778-5800. That's how we measure our success!

WANTED

Meals on Wheels
drivers needed!

Call 715-778-5800.



Staying Put wants to give a big thanks to Eric Hatling who served as the *Staying Put* newsletter layout/designer/editor over the past two years.

Thank You!

Donations received from June 6 - September 30, 2020

INDIVIDUALS

Marlene & Arland Aamodt
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Marsha Brunkhorst
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Community Grant
Valley View Eye Clinic
Vibrant Health

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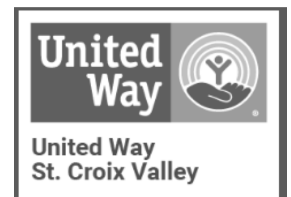
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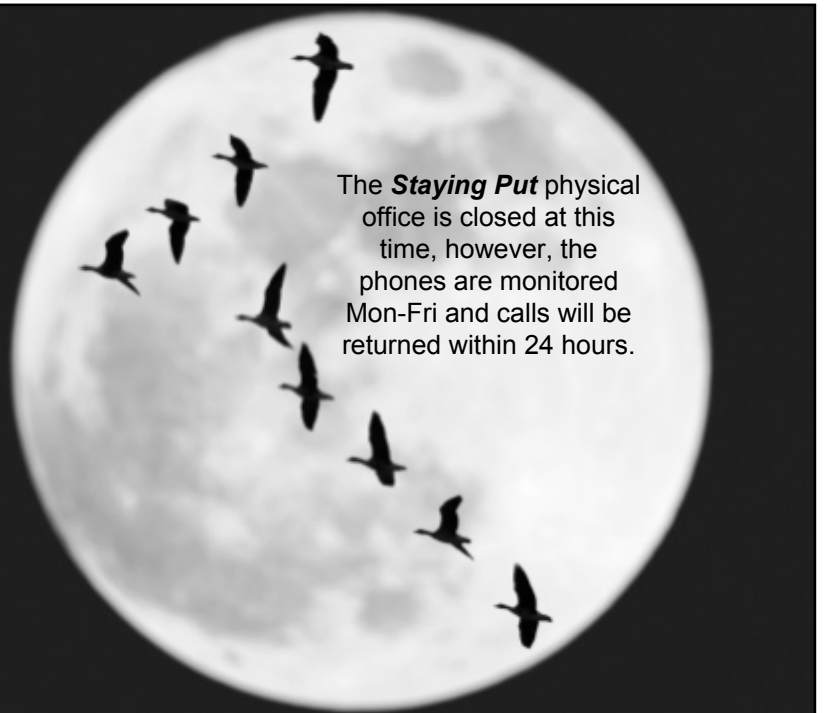
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