



## NEWS RELEASE

### Vandalia Community Preservation Association Holds Annual Chili Supper Submitted by: Dana Cummings

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On Saturday, November 10, 2012, the Vandalia Community Preservation Association (VCPA) welcomed members and guests to the Vandalia school house for chili, desserts, conversation, and an all-around enjoyable evening.

The evening was made even more successful because attendees had an opportunity to support a special project currently being undertaken by the Directors of the VCPA. The school house roof is in need of repair, and the VCPA is asking for interested supporters to give donations toward this good cause. Each sheet of roofing material costs \$27, so gifts in this amount are encouraged and appreciated. Supporters will have their names on display at the school house. The VCPA was able to use existing funds to purchase a portion of the required roofing supplies, but much of the roof remains unfinished. Checks to support the roofing project should be sent directly to: Vandalia Community Preservation Association (VCPA), 5471 Vandalia Road, Spencer, IN 47460 (Attention: Treasurer). Please write "new roof" in the memo line. The VCPA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and all donations to the organization are tax-deductible.

The Vandalia Community Preservation Association, Inc., was organized in 1995 by a small all-volunteer group of concerned community members, who recognized the important historic significance of the former Vandalia United Methodist Church building and undertook its purchase, preservation, and restoration. Built in 1895, the then 100-year-old building was acquired by the VCPA from the Methodist Conference after attendance dwindled and the few remaining active members had voted to discontinue services and close the church. The dedicated small community group proceeded to restore the bell tower, replace the front steps, and repaint the entire building, and in 1996 earned the Owen County Preservation of the Year Award for the historic Vandalia Chapel.

Today the VCPA continues to exist for the purpose of maintaining and preserving the Chapel and historic one-room Vandalia School House, which is located nearby and was supported for a number of years through fundraising activities of the former Vandalia Methodist Women/Vandalia Women's Circle. The latter building was erected in 1855 and functioned as a school until 1951. Without continued membership participation, financial donations, and support for restoration, preservation, and upkeep, these two important 19th-century Owen County, Indiana, landmarks would quietly fall into disrepair and cease to exist for the enjoyment and education of future generations.

For more information about the VCPA, or to find out how you can get involved, please visit the website at: [www.vandaliacpa.org](http://www.vandaliacpa.org).



Nancy Snapp refills coffee and chats with Damon Summerlot and other guests attending the Vandalia Community Preservation Association chili supper



Guests, including the Query and Angrick families, enjoy the November 10 event held at the Vandalia School House