

Parkman Paragraphs

Fall 2005



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through communication**

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Our next meeting is Monday November 21. This is scheduled to have our 2006 Chamber Board nominations. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting and get involved with our activities.

We need help decorating the square with Holiday lights. This long celebrated tradition needs volunteers. If you would like to support this activity, please call Faith Kumher (632-9149).

Our annual Holiday Dinner to honor those who volunteered with the pancake breakfast will be held on Monday December 19th. There will be a gift exchange with a \$10 maximum gift value. The gift should match exchange in male and female categories. Contact Debbie Wilson (548-8307) for your RSVP

There are several programs that have been discontinued due to lack of people that we would like to resurrect. How does Christmas Carols in the Gazebo with hot chocolate sound? I'm sure we could even get Santa to stop in. If you're new in the community, it's a great way to meet people and get involved in the development of our great little town. Contact Sandie Parnaby @ 632-3473.

Happy Holidays from the Parkman COC, Trustees and the Parkman Paragraphs!

Auburn Career Center and the

Society of Manufacturing Engineers NE Ohio Chapter 220 present

Robo Billiards on Saturday January 21st, 2006

A robotic event for middle/high school students.

Anyone can enter so start building your creations now!

Robotic Event Location: **Auburn Career Center**

Event Check-in 10am. Robotic Event begins 11am.

Contest entry forms required by January 7, 2006

Event information and registration forms can be found

on the NE Ohio SME Chapter 220 website: <http://www.sme.org/220>

The Parkman Postal Scene Celebrating 200 Years!

from Bruce Schaefer, Parkman Postmaster

The Christmas mail rush is upon us. With our brave troops stationed all over the world, you'll want to make sure your letters and packages arrive on time. There are many ways to send those much-anticipated items, depending on their weight and the date. For most APOs and FPOs, you'll need to send them from November 26th (for Space Available Mail) up to December 10th for First-Class and Priority Mail. The only exception to this is APO/FPO zips that begin with 093. That deadline is December 5th.

If you're mailing packages internationally, your deadline for the least-expensive service is in October and early November (depending on the destination). But you can send a package as late as December 19th IF you use Global Express Guaranteed. The most important thing to remember is **MAIL EARLY** to make sure your loved ones receive their holiday goodies on time.

Of course, it's very important to pack your items so they can withstand their journey. Select a box strong enough to protect the contents and use plenty of cushioning material. If you send fragile hollow items (like vases), stuff them with newspaper or packing material. Mail framed pictures with the glass wrapped separately. Remove batteries from toys and wrap separately.

Don't use wrapping paper, string, masking tape or cellophane (or invisible) tape. Instead, use tape that is designed for shipping, such as pressure-sensitive tape, nylon-reinforced craft paper tape, or glass-reinforced, pressure-sensitive tape. We have packaging products, including tape, envelopes, padded bags, corrugated boxes, mailing tubes, and cushioning material available.

Put the delivery and return addresses on **ONE SIDE ONLY** of the package. It's also a very good idea to put a return address label inside the package. And remember that, for security reasons, **ALL** items that weigh one pound or more **MUST BE TAKEN TO THE POST OFFICE** for mailing. Otherwise, they will be returned to you.

All the Christmas stamps will be out at the End of October. Be sure to get yours early to guarantee they're in stock. And if you haven't heard, the Post Office is always open at www.usps.com. You can calculate postage, obtain simplified customs forms and select the international mailing service that's right for your needs. You can also purchase stamps, track and confirm mailings and even purchase greeting cards on-line! You can also order a copy of the latest Customer's Guide to Mailing, which includes lots of helpful information about mailing. Of course, you can visit my office or give me a call 548-4951.

We're open Monday through Friday from 8 am to noon (closed for lunch) and from 12:45 pm till 4:30 pm. On Saturdays, we're open from 8 am till noon. The lobby is open at all times except Monday through Saturday from about 5 am until 7:45 am, and Saturday afternoons from about noon until 4 pm.

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Parkman Trustees Notes

From:

Lucinda Sharp-Gates
440-548-2857

Geauga County now has 211 service. By dialing 211 you will be greeted by a United Way representative who will be able to direct you to correct information for any health and human services needs. The call is **FREE** and **CONFIDENTIAL** a wonderful resource for the County and the Township!

There are more than 900 health and human services programs serving Geauga County. The website is uwsgc.org

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 10 for a **TOWN HALL** meeting at the Community House at 7:30 pm. with your trustees and a speaker. This is an opportunity for you to address your concerns in an open forum and continue the discussion about our informal survey.

Our informal survey brought interesting responses. The concern on most respondent's minds were, in order of importance

- #1 TRAFFIC
- #2 ZONING
- #3 ROADS
- #4 AGRICULTURE
- #5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Many comments accompanied the survey and we thank you for responding. We do not have control over many of the concerns and views expressed varied widely.

The Township Trustee meetings held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the township office behind the community house. The meetings are open to the public. We welcome everyone to come and express their concerns. Public discussion is always one of the first items on the agenda and you do not need to call ahead to be on the agenda.

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A special thank you to Lynn Komandt!

Lynn had developed a very good project and started the Parkman Paragraphs for our community to share. It was designed to be a quarterly issue mailed to Parkman Residents as a communication device to help the community share information. Lynn was the first editor to get this project started and really worked hard to make it the success that it is. Her efforts had created a strong community foundation within our Township. Thank you Lynn for your talents and dedication to make our community better.

My name is Cory Anderson, and I have stepped up to take over what Lynn had started. I volunteered to be the new editor for Parkman Paragraphs, and help continue a long lasting tradition within our community. But I cannot do this alone. I need help, for this is "OUR" Paragraphs! Everyone has the chance to be a part of this project. Our community will continue to grow strong from sharing information and volunteering. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any story or need that might enhance the quality of life for our neighborhood.

As a small township, our community relies heavily on volunteer assistance for the majority of our activities. For example, our very busy Fire and Rescue teams are volunteer residents that share a huge love for our township. You can hear their sirens wailing frequently throughout our daily activities. These generous people continue to drop everything to answer a call of need 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Without hesitation, they support our community with the highest regard.

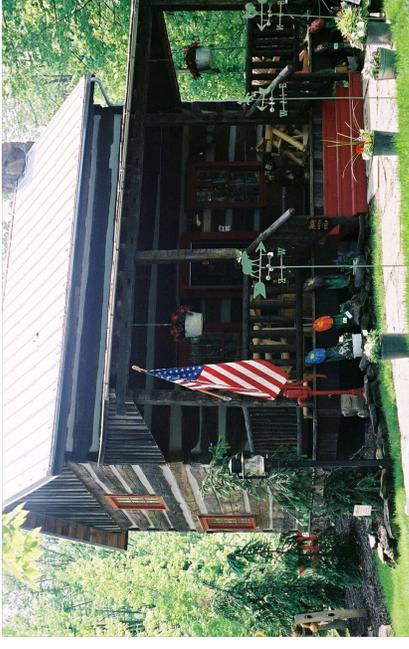
We take care of ourselves, neighbor helping neighbor. This philosophy had been here since Parkman was founded and still holds true to this day. The Fire and EMS teams are always searching for continuous replenishment. Fire/EMS Volunteers are always needed. They really can use more help from community members. Wouldn't it be unpleasant if no volunteers showed up for you? Don't let this become an issue—get active!

Parkman Paragraphs used this as an example of how we can help. If we can get the word out to the community and let "YOU" residents know that there is such a need, then maybe some new volunteers might take an interest in supporting our community. Talk to one of our Fire/EMS volunteers and see what is involved. They have meeting schedules found on their designated pages.

Remember - this is "OUR" local paper and everyone is welcome to share a part of it. Lets work together to develop this project into a very useful tool for our community!

Thank you for all of your support!

Cory
You can send me your stories at - ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com
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Parkman Business Spotlight

Ma and Pa's Gift Shack

GEAUGA COUNTIES BEST KEPT SECRET!

Old 1820's Log Cabin Gift Shop

Nestled in the wood of Geauga County on State Route 422, you will find one of Ohio's best kept secrets. Ma and Pa's Gift Shack. Dismantled and removed from it's original town of Zanesville, Ohio, then resurrected in Troy Township just on the border of Parkman. Ma and Pa's is a shopping experience unlike any other. Known for it's rustic log indoor and outdoor furniture and unique hard to find cabin and country gifts. But you will also find Ma selling her very own Maple Syrup, Sweet Corn and Pumpkins at their store. They carry an extensive line of bear, moose, horse and custom made wood carvings. As well as hunting and western décor, bear and moose décor, Burt's Bees items, Fuller Brush cleaning items, handmade soaps and candles.

During the winter months, you will find Pa hitching up the horse for their Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides. A sleigh ride at Ma and Pa's is a winter adventure. Winding through the woods and back through the field to the cabin to warm up by the fire for some hot chocolate and cookies. Made by Ma of course!

So come on out and sit a spell, and watch the world go by at Ma and Pa's. Visit Ma and Pa's or you can check out their web site at www.maandpas.com for a glimpse of their great gifts and happenings. Hope to see you soon Ma and Pa will be waitin'!

Hours: March-June Tuesday thru Saturday 10:30-5:00
July-December Tuesday thru Sunday
CLOSED ON MONDAY (15)

Remember to vote! November 8

Issue 31 and Issue 32

Renewal of Parkman Fire Levy's

Issue 31 is a 1.9M Renewal of our Parkman Fire Tax Levy (a 5 year continuation) to support General purpose Fire equipment and supplies for our rescue efforts. This is not an increase in taxes, but a continuation of what already exists.

Issue 32 is a 0.5M Renewal of our Parkman Fire Tax Levy (a 5 year continuation) that supports General purpose training supplies and efforts for our volunteer rescue team. This is not an increase in taxes, but a continuation of what already exists.

Issue 36

Cardinal Local School Tax Levy
Issue 36 is a 5.95M Renewal of the Local School Levy for Current Expenses, Continuation and Additional Expenses.

A Press Release of this levy is on page 5.

Parkman Trustee Selection

Candidates include (in Alphabetical order)

Jim Loving, Kevin O'Reilly and Lucinda Sharp-Gates

Research your election choices and make an informed decision.

Voter Registration Deadline was October 11

For a complete list of

Geauga County issues and election details, contact the

Geauga Board of Elections

215 Main Street, Suite 1-A

Chardon, Ohio 44024-1238

(440) 285-2222, (440) 564-7131, (440) 834-1856,

Extensions 4010, 4020, 4030, 4000

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

or check out their website at:

http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/departments/board_elec.htm

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Community Halloween Party

From: Sandie Parnaby

Chamber of Commerce is planning Halloween Festivities. We will be serving cider & donuts and have fun & games planned for Oct. 31st from 6:30 to 8:00 in conjunction with the Township Halloween (slightly later). So when the kids are done Trick or Treating stop in at the Community House. Our activities are planned for the front porch (weather permitting). It's been quite a while since we've done this and hope to include it in our Annual Activities Program. If you'd like to help support this activity, please contact Sandie Parnaby @ 632-3473.

Halloween Safety - Remember to have light reflection mixed in costumes and flashlights when near roadways. Cross Rt. 422 with the assistance of the Fire and EMT volunteers that will be posted at the Rt. 88 intersection. Happy and Safe Trick or Treating!

Spooky Ghost Tales from Parkman, Ohio

Information is quoted from website link below -

http://www.ghostsofamerica.com/4/Ohio_Parkman_ghost_sightings.html

Parkman, Ohio is a seemingly normal place as long as the sun is up but under the surface there are strange things going on. There have been numerous encounters with beings from the other side. Some people say these tales are not true but the things that go on here in Parkman at night will freak you out.

These are some of the spooky things that have happened here recently.

The ghost of an airline pilot showed up talking into the thin air as if someone else was there. The appearance of the eye witness frightened the ghost who then disappeared.

A woman with a semi transparent body was spotted drinking gasoline from a pump at a gas station in Parkman.

The ghost of a teenage girl was seen walking a dog late at night on a dark Parkman street. When the ghost was spotted it vanished into the thin air.

The ghost of a man dressed in a military uniform showed up hitch hiking along a dark road outside Parkman. Other people nearby have had similar experiences involving the same ghost.

The ghost of a young woman covered in blood was witnessed standing in the middle of the road outside Parkman.

**Check out the link and see other Ghost Stories in our local area.
Happy Halloween Everyone!**

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Parkman School honored 3rd year in a row!



On October 13th, 2005, we enjoyed our "Excellence" celebration. Parkman School earned the highest rating you can get on our school report card from the Ohio Dept. of Education. The rating is "excellent." There are nine state indicators for this, with most of them based on how we perform on achievement and proficiency test scores. Our building met all 9 indicators. It is a tremendous accomplishment for our school community. We have achieved an "excellent" rating for 3 consecutive years. I am the new Principal in this building, so I cannot take the credit for this. Mr. Lynne Muzik (who is now the Principal at Jordak) was the principal during these years. Please call me with any questions you may have, and I will be happy to answer them.

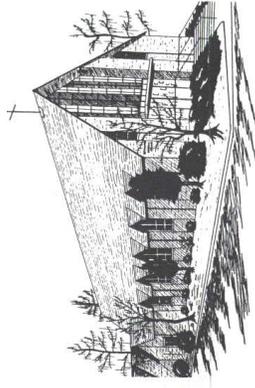
The picture of the 4 students has them holding the plaques we received from our school board for earning three straight excellent ratings. The students are from left to right: Scott Hodgins, Michael Peters, Billy Jo Anderson, and Samantha Anderson. The other picture is of a giant "P" we formed for Parkman. The students wore red to show their school spirit.

Sincerely, Rich Zigarovich, Principal
Parkman Elementary School



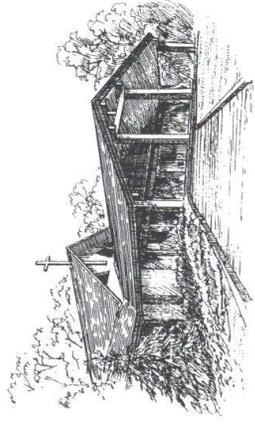
Schwendeman Promoted to Eagle Scout

From: Scott Villers - Boy Scout Committee member
Adrian Michael Schwendeman, 17, of Parkman recently completed his work to earn the rank of Eagle Scout through Parkman Boy Scout Troop #76. He was recognized on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Swine Creek Park. Congratulations Adrian for this achievement! Boy Scout Troop #76 meets every Monday from 7:30pm -9pm in the Middlefield Boy Scout Lodge. Contact Scott Villers at 548-3622 for any information about Troop Activities.



St. Edward Church

P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080
16150 Center St.



St. Lucy Mission

P.O. Box 98 Middlefield, Ohio
44062 16280 Kinsman Rd.

Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

Rev. Harry Winca, Pastor Emeritus -- Rev. Mr. Greg Frania, Deacon
Karen Thrasher, Secretary

OFFICE: (440)548-3812 FAX: (440)548-2221 E-Mail: Kt@simcon.net
St. Lucy Church: (440) 632-5824

Rose Hall: (440) 548-3812 Rectory: (440) 548-8091
Generations of Faith website: gof4all.org

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm - St. Edward 6:30pm -St. Lucy

Sunday: 8:00am - St. Edward 10:00am -St. Lucy 12:00pm -St. Edward

Confessions: 4:15-5:00pm-St Edward 7:15pm-St. Lucy

Weekday Mass: 7:45am -St. Edward Chapel

Holydays: Vigil Mass 6:30pm—St. Edward Holyday: 9:00am -St. Edward
6:30pm—St. Lucy

Special Upcoming Events

Generations of Faith

Parish intergenerational religious education program
General Meetings November 11 (6-9pm) & November 13 (1-4pm). All are welcome to attend. Details can be found on GOF website:

www.gof4all.org

Thanksgiving

Ecumenical Mass
This special mass will be held at St Lucy's November 20th at 7pm.

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR (1005-1066): Celebrating the 1000th year!

Edward the Confessor was born in 1005. His reign was peaceful. Edward was crowned at Winchester on Easter Day, 1043. Edward's most personal achievement was his refoundation of Westminster Abbey. He built a huge new church, nearly as long as the present one which replaced it, in the new Romanesque style, the first of its kind in England. The church was ready to be dedicated on 28th December 1065, just in time for Edward's own burial on 6th January 1066. The principal royal crown is still called St Edward's crown, and the Coronation Chair is some times called Saint Edward's chair. The grave of the Confessor was in Westminster Abbey. A Confessor is a saint who suffers for the faith in a manner short of martyrdom, or demonstrates his faith in the face of the temptations of this world. Edward was presented as an other-worldly king, a kind of crowned monk. He was officially declared a saint by Pope Alexander III in 1161.

Parkman Congregational Church

There is a lot going on at Parkman Congregational Church this fall. Tuesday, November 8th, get out and vote, and stop in for a Turkey Dinner with all the fixings at the Parkman Community House, from 5 – 7 PM. Our annual turkey dinner raises money for our Women's Fellowship group, and we have people who drive out from Cleveland every year for this delicious treat! Our Women's Fellowship group is putting on both dinners!

A tree was dedicated in memory of long-time Parkman resident, Kelly Gotham on Sunday, October 9th. The tree is planted in front of the church, and there is a plaque commemorating the life of this great man. Kelly was an elder of Parkman Congregational Church. On Sunday, October 16, we celebrate the 90th birthday of Edith Kubaeki, a long-time Parkman resident who recently moved to Medina.

Parkman Congregational Church hosts a number of community groups, including the "Inspire and Uplift Club," which meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7 PM. This group is available for all going through tough times, and is a support group with uplifting discussions each month. Anyone who could use a lift is welcome to join this group!

In celebration of the holidays, we welcome you to join us for the following services: our Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, at 7 PM. Come give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings He has provided. Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 PM. In addition, we will have worship on Christmas day at 10:15 AM.

We welcome you anytime. We are located at 18265 Madison Road (Route 528) just north of State Route 422.

If you have questions or would like more information on any of the above events, please contact the church at 440-548-4829 or visit our website at www.parkmanchurch.mustbehere.com

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Cardinal School Levy

Press Release located on - <http://www.cardinal.k12.oh.us/>

Cardinal Board of Education received and discussed personnel information relating to the election outcome of the upcoming operating levy on the ballot November 8, 2005.

Currently cuts in excess of \$800,000 are in place and discussion was given to the reinstatement options of personnel with the passage of the levy in November. Four of the options included the return of high school busing, all-day-every-day kindergarten, library aides, and the reduction of pay-to-participate. Reinstating high school busing and all-day-every-day kindergarten were two areas that appeared to be of highest priority.

Should the levy pass in November 2005 the district would begin receiving part of the levy monies in January, 2006. The high school busing and the all-day-every-day kindergarten could be reinstated in January 2006, thus benefiting students for the remainder of the 2005-06 school year.

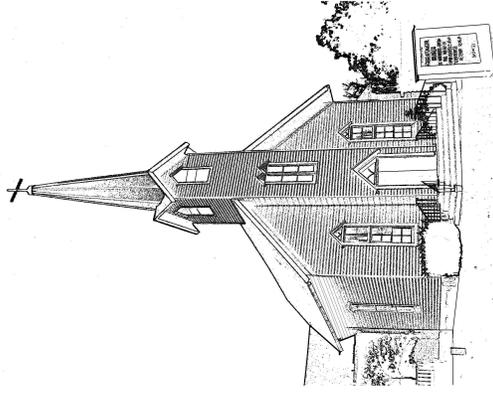
Should the levy fail in November the district would need to cut approximately an additional \$1,000,000 from the 2006-2007 budget. Cuts presented to the board to reach this amount would require the reduction of 6 elementary teachers as well as support staff such as secretaries, custodians, and cafeteria personnel. These cuts could only be possible by closing Huntsburg and Parkman Elementary Schools and placing grades K-3 at Jordak Elementary School and grades 4 and 5 in the Middlefield Educational Center (MEC building) both of which are in Middlefield Village. These closings and staff reductions would account for nearly 65% of the budget reduction.

An additional 30% reduction in personnel costs would include a sign language interpreter, two elementary guidance counselors, an art position, a consumer science teacher, and 2 supervisors. The remaining 5% reduction would come from possible shared services, such as bus mechanic services, being explored with another district.

The board realizes that such reductions certainly are not popular but must be made in order to maintain a balanced budget and a viable Cardinal School District.

Support for the levy is vital to maintaining the educational system at Cardinal and providing the proper programs for the growth and development of our young people.

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Fall Fire Safety From: Wayne Komandt, Parkman Fire Chief

We want to remind all those that have wood-burning stoves, or other wood- & coal-burning appliances, to be very careful during the heating season. Remind your children how hot these items get! Remember to burn only well seasoned wood and inspect and clean your chimneys often.

For those that have kerosene/gas heaters and lights, BE SURE your fuel containers are labeled correctly. DO NOT put gas in kerosene or kerosene in gas containers. We have had many accidents in the past due to improper labeling of flammable-liquid containers.

Many of us have the necessary chore of removing leaves from our yards. Remember, Ohio is a no-burn state, meaning it's illegal, in most cases, to have outside burning, and that only under certain circumstances. Small ceremonial fires and small cooking fires are permitted. Brush piles (even with hot dogs available) are not considered small cooking or ceremonial fires. Ohio EPA rules (which apply to Parkman Township) state that no open burning shall take place within 1000' of an occupied building off the premises. Very few of us have that much room, so burning leaves is usually not an option.

Parkman EMS Report From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer
We are headed into the fall enjoying the colorful leaves and cooler temperatures. We'll have to trade in our "Parkman Fire Department" short sleeved shirts for sweatshirts! Two of our volunteers, Kelly Anderson and Lynn Komandt, are in Paramedic training through Geauga Hospital. Firefighter Ed Wilson and his wife, Tara, are taking a basic EMT course through Maplewood Adult Education. New equipment on the squad includes a long-awaited pediatric backboard complete with child sized straps and headlocks. It's been back ordered for weeks and we're excited to get it in service. Thanks to generous donations from the township residents and others we have recently purchased a digital cell phone and wall mount kit to replace the old analog phone. It will make our reports to the hospital easier and uninterrupted. Due to a \$5000 grant, we are looking into replacing some older equipment and check out some of the new technology available.

Training Topics Covered Recently

June 15th -- Abdominal Pain Review and Protocol at Parkman Fire Station
July 20th -- Med Evac Inservice at Troy FD
July 27th -- Working with Hybrid Cars at Parkman FD
August 17th -- Burns and protocol at Parkman FD
September 21st -- Pediatric Head Trauma at Troy FD
Training is usually the third Wednesday of the month 7pm in Troy and 7:30pm in Parkman. Anyone interested in the EMS aspect of the fire department will be welcomed. Contact Joan Dillon at 440-548-7541.

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Zoning Commission

The Parkman Township Zoning Commission is made up of five members and one alternate appointed by the Township Trustees. As required by Section 519 of the Ohio Revised Code, all members must be residents of the Township. Appointments are for five years, and the terms overlap.

The Commission reviews applications to rezone land or change the text of the existing zoning regulations. It also makes recommendations to the Township Trustees on each application or text amendment. Applications are initiated by the property owner, the Trustees or the Commission.

Only the Township Trustees have the authority to actually rezone land. However they must vote on the zoning commission's recommendations and they have the ability to modify the Zoning Commission's recommendation. The Trustees can override only by a unanimous vote. As long as one trustee supports the commissions recommendation, the zoning will stand.

It can be seen, then, that the Commission's deliberations and ultimate recommendation are very important. As a result, the Commission often meets with an applicant several times to ensure all issues are considered before sending a recommendation forward for final action by the Trustees.

Parkman's Zoning Commission meets in the basement of the community house on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm. If you have an interest in Parkman's Zoning, plan on attending one of the monthly meetings and get involved.

FROM THE ZONING INSPECTOR

For the months of May, June and July 2005, a total of 13 permits were issued.

- 4 new homes
- 5 addition to existing homes
- 4 new permitted accessory buildings

In addition:

- 2 permits were issued for pools, one above ground, one below ground
- 1 area variance
- 1 conditional zoning application for a pond

Things continue to be busy at the Zoning office. Office hours are every Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM, and the office is located at the rear of the Community House.

You can reach the Zoning Office at 440-548-2904. Stop in and see me sometime.

John W. Hasman

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Looking Back - Jack Yost

Continued from the June issue of the Paragraphs.

My dad, Frank Yost, remodeled our garage into a barber shop. It was right next to our house. Every night and on weekends he would give haircuts to many customers in the area. My job was to keep the kerosene stove filled and sweep the floors. Dad always taught me to say "Hello" to every customer when I entered the shop. I guess that is why no one has every been a stranger to me in my adult life. There was a big radio in the corner of the shop so the customers could listen to baseball and football games while getting a haircut. Customers came from Parkman, Garrettsville, Warren, Burton and Middlefield. It was fun meeting so many nice people.

Dad took a lot of pride in his work. He never wanted to overcharge for his services. He thought that 75 cents was a fair price for a haircut in 1954. The barbers union forced him to join the union or lose his license. He hated the union. He would pay his dues but wanted nothing to do with them. However, some union members from Warren came to visit him and threatened to close him down if he didn't raise his price to a dollar. Dad refused, telling them they had no right to dictate prices he charged for his services. Later on dad was visited by barbershop health inspectors who found petty things that they said could cost him his license if reported to higher authorities. Dad corrected the grievances that they had about his shop and did raise his price to one dollar. Never did a customer complain about the rise in price.

Dad still did not like the idea, so he shut the barbershop down and put his equipment in our basement. There he would give haircuts to the same customers he did before but on a donation basis. He once told me he made more money that way than he ever did charging a customer! Dad worked as a timekeeper for Johnson Rubber until he retired. In retirement, he would go to nursing homes and cut hair for the patients. This gave him a great deal of personal satisfaction. Lessons and stories that I heard in the barbershop made a good foundation for my adult life

Editor Note: A former Parkmanite, Jacque Yost lives in Vernal, Utah, with his wife May. They come back to Parkman only occasionally. Thanks for joining us in Part 2 of Jacque story as he LOOKS BACK..

ROAD DEPARTMENT from Tom Evers, Superintendent

PROPER SNOW PLOWING - Snow season is just around the corner, so here is a small reminder of proper plowing technique. The proper way to plow a driveway is to start of the mouth of the drive and plow in towards the house. There should be a designated area to store the snow in your yard. Snow should never be plowed onto or across the roadway.

Please be courteous to our snowplow operators so they can keep the roads cleared for your travel. Happy Holidays!

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Ohio Farm Preservation Project Lil Ireland Farm Parkman Family Recognized



The O'Reilly family was recently recognized by the Ohio Department of Agriculture as being the first Geauga County family to voluntarily place an agricultural easement on their Hosmer Road farm. The easement, which permanently restricts the use of their land to farming, was made possible through a grant from the Clean Ohio Fund. The easement which is a permanent deed restriction will run with the land guaranteeing that future generations will enjoy the rural beauty and lifestyle of farming in Parkman.

The O'Reilly's held an open house at their farm on August 13th to share this honor with the entire community. Representatives from the Ohio Department of Agriculture were on hand to present a first of its kind plaque to the O'Reilly's designating their farm as "Permanently Protected Farmland". Also on hand to share in the excitement were State Representative Mathew Dolan, County

Commissioners Mary Samadie and Bill Young, County Planning Director Dave Dietrich and dozens of Parkman residents. The O'Reilly's gave away free sweet corn raised on their farm to all in attendance that day.

Also recognized that day were Barb and Doug Robertson. Barb and her sisters own the Irwin Family Farm on SR 528 which has also been permanently protected through the Federal Farm and Ranchlands Protection Program. Barb and her sisters felt very strongly that their family farm should remain in agriculture that they chose to voluntarily place an agriculture easement on their family's land. Both of these Parkman families are leaving a legacy of stewardship and respect for our wonderful natural resources and future generations will forever be grateful.

Amish News and Stories

Parkman Paragraphs would very much like to get involved with our Amish Community. As the new editor, I need to develop communications, so please feel free to contact me with your interests. Amish are a very important part of our community and are welcome to participate with this project. Thank you for all of your support!

Cory Anderson.

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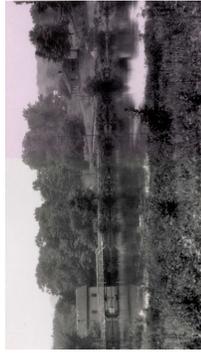
The Parkman Historical Society's next two meetings will be at the Community House. On November 17 at 7:30pm, Guest Speaker - Father John Burkley will discuss the development of the Catholic Church in Parkman.

Then on January 19, Guest Don George will talk about the "Georges Store". Contact Nikki Shrock 548-2208 for any upcoming meetings and events.

The Parkman Paragraphs and our Historical Society are looking for any old photographs from any time frame that show the growth and development of Parkman.

The older the picture - the better!

We only wish to electronically scan the photos so that the owner keeps the original without any harm to its condition. If you have any photos or stories you like to share, please contact Cory Anderson.



Featured Story - Moss Beach and the Grist Mill

On July 21, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. a group of residents got together to develop the full story about the Old Mill Pond, aka. Moss Beach, aka. Shangri-La.

The small pieces of facts from a variety of sources grew into a very precise picture to be etched into a solid tale of truth. This collaborated effort occurs periodically to help lay a foundation for Parkman History.

Parkman Ohio established in 1804 - Celebrating its bicentennial last year.

Samuel Parkman of Boston first came to Parkman in 1797, and later in 1803, to survey the lots for the purpose of a new settlement. Robert B. Parkman, Samuel's nephew, brought his family, and in 1804, 600 acres were designated to become the village of Parkman. August 1, 1805 - the establishment of a post-office occurred, Robert Parkman was appointed as postmaster. His commission was signed by Gideon Granger, then postmaster-general. He continued to hold the office till 1829. In August of 1805, the birth of the first child occurred— this was Adaline, the eldest daughter of Robert Parkman. That would make her 200 years old this year! In 1806, a grist mill was built; whether this was done by Samuel or Robert Parkman is not clear, nor is it clear when this first mill was destroyed.

Patience and persistence are key traits for millers as the stream which gives life to the mill one day, threatens it with extinction the next. Many had taken the challenge of operating the Parkman Mill.

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Parkman Mill and Lake Ownership:

Parkman family 'til 1832

Converse purchased it in 1839

Jesse Pritchard... 1878

Andrew Coulter

"Parkman Milling Co." 1908—1918

(some members include)

W. H. Cromwell,

Ed Donaldson,

Curt Moore,

J.O.Hoxter,

Chester Hosmer,

Volney Johnson

Forrest Baird 1922—1944

Narvie Moss 1944—1973

Bill and Adele Sohm 1973-2001

Rod and Pam Zeigler 2001-Present



Narvie E. Moss, the last owner/operator of the Parkman Mill, has spent thousands of dollars harnessing the stream. He rebuilt a 25 foot dam, constructed 29 foot wing walls and bolstered up the mill's sagging foundation after the 1956 flood, another flood responsible for destroying the dam - again. Narvie was very persistent in his battle with the stream. The farmers appreciation of having their corn ground and their feed grains mixed to specifications was the key reason. In Moss' mill they could buy anything from a can of Dr. Naylor's udder ointment and a box of weevil killer to a 100 pound sack of "pure crushed, triple screened oyster shell for poultry". The continuous rhythm of the Old Mill, gushing waters, the whirling turbines, and the whistling belts was part of the Parkman Atmosphere. It was a real nice place when things are running smoothly. The Moss' ran the mill for 20 years. Moss Beach (ran by Don Villers) was also a local attraction for the residents to enjoy a cool dip into the waters of the Grand River, The Mill closed in 1964 and burned down in September 1967. The land and water rights were sold in 1973 to Bill and Adele Sohm who worked ambitiously to created a world class water ski resort called Shangri-La Lake.

Shangri-La was a professional competition water-ski club. This private lake paradise benefited the competitive skier with its precision course and wake free runs. Many contributed to the successful development of the Sohm Dream. Creativity was not short as many residents will remember the very colorful dock at the resort. Shangri-La closed its doors to the public in 2001, but you can still see the skiers challenge the course on nice summer days. Shangri-La is presently owned by the Ziegler Family. On very special occasions, you can see Captain Rod cruising around on the SS Shangri-La pontoon boat.



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