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**Building a community strong
through communication**

Newsletter e-mail - ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com
New community website - www.ParkmanOhio.com

Issues of the Parkman Paragraphs will be published in Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Deadline is April 1st for the Spring 2006 issue.

Parkman Paragraphs Editor is Cory Anderson
PO Box 580 Parkman Ohio 44080

This Winter 2006 Newsletter is sponsored by the Parkman Trustees.

For all Township business, call 548-2904.

Parkman Board of Trustees

Meetings normally are at 7:30 pm in the rear of the Community House

Township Trustees

(meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30pm)

Kevin O'Reilly

Lucinda Sharp-Gates

Alan Wilson

Fiscal Officer

Nancy Wheelock

Parkman Community House & Overlook Park Parnaby Pavilion

Wendy Anderson

Cemetery Sexton

Dale Komandt

Fire & Rescue

Wayne Komandt

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Zoning Commission

(meets 4th Tuesday)

John Augustine

Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)

Cindy Gazley

Zoning Inspector

(Wednesdays 7-8:30)

John Hasman

(Zoning's new e-mail)
parkmanzone@jmz.net

E-mails must have residents
name and contact info to
be officially answered.

Roads Department

Tom Evers

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members. Membership dues are \$5 annually. Mail to: PO Box 525, Parkman OH 44080

Congratulations to our 2006 Chamber board members!

Sandie Parnaby—President

Faith Kumher—Vice President

David Fuhry—Secretary

Donald Villers—Treasurer

Merchant Directory Project

We would like to gather information of local merchants in our township to develop a directory of services. If you own a business and would like to get noticed or even get added to the new website, please attend any meeting or contact Sandie Parnaby at 632-3473 for information.

Pancake Breakfast will be on all Sunday's in March (5, 12, 19, and 26). We need your help to make this long lasting community fund raiser the success it traditions. Volunteers are needed in all functions of the fund-raiser! If you live in Parkman, and never experienced this event, then you should become an active resident and help support this tradition.

We also need volunteers each Saturday prior (at 9am) to prepare the kitchen and dining area for each Sunday. Event set-up begins February 25th as we will be bringing up from the basement all the equipment for the first time. Please let us know which times you can help us and what you would be interested in getting involved. Any time that is volunteered is greatly appreciated and Parkman Chamber of Commerce Thanks You!

Planning/Volunteer meeting will be February 20th, 2006 at 7pm. If you would like to support this activity or would like to ask any questions, please call Lucinda Sharp-Gates at 548-2857.

6 Year Breakfast Scoreboard!

(Year - # people served)

2000 - 2892 served *** 2001 - 2949 served *** 2002 - 2619 served
2003 - 2690 served *** 2004 - 2849 served *** 2005 - 2366 served

A very special THANK YOU to Mike & Dorothy Novotny and everyone who supported last years success!

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt will be April 15th, 2006 at 11am

Located in Overlook Park. Ages – Toddler to 6th Grade are welcome.

Contact Sandie Parnaby @ 632-3473 to volunteer.

Come Fly With US!

Parkman Kite Day will be April 29th, 2006 from 10am –5pm

Located in Overlook Park. Event is open to everyone.

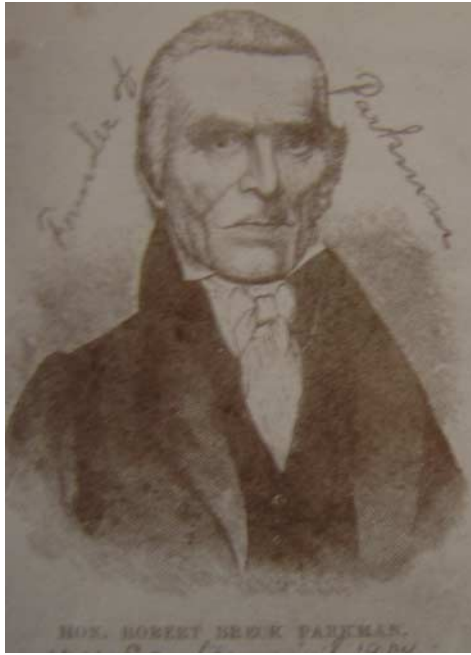
Everyone's welcome to attend any meeting and get involved!

Parkman now has its own website! Check it out!!

www.ParkmanOhio.com

Past issues of Parkman Paragraphs, most up to date community event information, links to local businesses, specialty groups info, Parkman history, and much more!

If you would like your web link added to this resource or like to add a page about your local organization contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com to learn about the details.



Robert B. Parkman

Founder of Parkman Township, Ohio in 1804 - Robert B. Parkman died March 21, 1832 - at sixty years old from illness. Robert's wife Lucy (Phelps) Parkman died August 9, 1820 at thirty seven years old. This was archived in a book called A Pictorial History of Geauga County found at the Burton Library.

If you have any old pictures or stories that show the development of Parkman, we would love to hear about your story!

What are these Blue Marks on my Trees?

A Parkman resident has asked a serious question about his landscape. He has found light blue markings on several of his trees that seemed to be marking a hiking trail or something. This concerns him since it is private property and he had not given permission to make these markings. Several rumors have been noted including a watershed marking from the National Forestry Service, but nothing has been confirmed yet. If you have any information about such or found some markings on your property, please let the Parkman Paragraphs know as we try to solve this mystery.

Do you have a local special interest or non-profit group that you belong to and might have something that Parkman Residents might take interest in? If so - send me

an e-mail at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com
or letter to PO Box 580 Parkman Ohio 44080

Don't forget to check out www.ParkmanOhio.com!

Thank you all for the tremendous support
for this community communication project!

Cory Anderson

Parkman Trustees Updates

The first trustees meeting of the New Year began with the swearing in of Kevin O'Reilly and Lucinda Sharp-Gates. We all got down to business as this will be a very busy year.

The bid specifications for the sewer project will be sent out by the county for bids in Mid-January. Construction should begin in early summer. Project completion is estimated some time in 2007.

The plans for the community house kitchen addition are done and approved. The bidding process should start in February. If a bid is awarded, the construction may begin as early as April 1st.

The grant funds for the Nash Road paving project should be available late this summer. Paving of Nash Road should begin early in the fall or early next spring.

Please remember that the recycle container at the township garage parking lot is for recyclables only. Some people are leaving items that are not for the recycle container. The township pays the cost to remove these items with your tax dollars. Please help us to remind residents that only recyclable items should be left in the containers.

I would like to thank the people of Parkman who participated in the many township meetings last year. Many people have helped the community with input at meetings of the various township boards and commissions. Township residents are always welcome to attend all township meetings and that we value your input and participation. Have a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year.

Alan Wilson
Parkman Township Trustee

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Parkman School News and Schedule

From: Rich Zigarovich, Principal

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

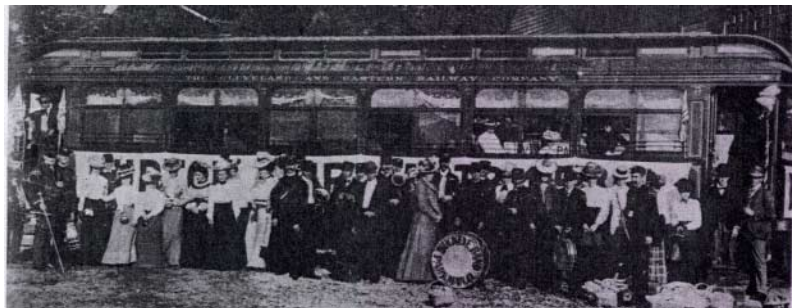
30 - PTO meeting 7:00 (Parkman Community House)

FEBRUARY

2 - Parent/Teacher Conferences

6-9 - Scholastic Book Fair

17-20 - No School



From: Adele Sohm (Photo of Parkman Band in 1900 loading the Cleveland and East)
My cousin in NH (Lou Rickl) said he heard the Parkman Buckeye Band played in the Rose Bowl???? I never heard that, so if you talk to someone older than me (may be a trick) Ask, OK?

Does anyone have any knowledge of this or have information about the Parkman Band? We know it was formed in 1886, but like to find out more. Pictures and stories are very welcomed! We would love to hear from you!
Please contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or send a letter!



Gary Adams promoted to Eagle Scout

From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee member

Gary Adams, 17, of Huntsburg recently completed his work to earn the rank of Eagle Scout through Parkman Boy Scout Troop #76. Congratulations Gary for this achievement!

Boy Scout Troop #76 meets every Monday from 7:30pm -9pm in the Middlefield Boy Scout Lodge. If you know someone aged between 11 and 17 that might be interested in joining, please contact Scott Villers.

The **2006 Parkman Community Calendar** is now available for \$5 Sponsored by Troop 76. Contact Scott Villers at 548-3622 to purchase the calendar or 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

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

This Parish intergenerational religious education program is designed to encourage a partnership between the "home" church and the parish church.

A GOF session is held twice a month, with the Friday session repeating on Sunday to fit attendees schedules.

Upcoming Sessions

February GOF Session - Eucharist and the Mass
2/10/06 or 2/12/06 (6-9pm) St. Lucy's (Winca Hall)

March GOF Session - Baptism
3/10/06 or 3/12/06 (6-9pm) St. Edwards's (Rose Hall)

All are welcome to attend. Details can be found on GOF website: www.gof4all.org

Bingo

Bingo is held on Monday evenings at St. Edwards Rose Hall. Doors open at 5pm and Bingo games begin at 6:30pm.

Operating under the strict guidelines of Charitable Organizations of the State of Ohio, this program offers entertainment for members of the community with paper games, computers, and a variety of instant games. This event is run solely by volunteers.

Dinner and Refreshments are also available.

Parkman Congregational Church

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

Our Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:15 AM each week, and we have Sunday School classes for all ages starting at 9:15 AM.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to Parkman Congregational Church in February of '06. FPU teaches financial stewardship -- how to manage 100% of what God has given you.

You can hear Dave Ramsey live on 1220 AM on Monday - Friday from 2 - 5 PM. To learn more about this class, or to reserve a spot, contact Randy or Ruth Scheunemann at (330) 889-9114.

We welcome you to worship with us anytime. We also have social opportunities for men, women and youth. 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



The Parkman residents enjoyed the annual Christmas dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Fellowship of the Parkman Congregational Church. This traditional event involves a dinner and gift exchange for those who support the Pancake Breakfast. The gathering brings Holiday cheer as residents reflect on past memories and stories about the community. Remember that **Pancake Season** is around the corner, so get involved!! Pancake Meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2006 - 7pm at the Community House. We hope you can make it and support your community!



Ghouls Goblins and a variety of Imagination visit the Parkman Community House

Characters of every age and imagination help make the Parkman Halloween Party a huge success in October. This event was the first time in 15 years that it was hosted by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce at the Community House. As advertised in the last (Fall) edition of the Parkman Paragraphs, this party included Music, Games, Doughnuts, and Fresh Cider for all those who participated!



Approval of entertainment and deserts was accepted by the toughest judges



mmm that doughnut is tasty!



Many generous spirits contributed to the 2005 Halloween Party festivities and the success of the event was very evident. This once Parkman tradition proved to have community interest.

Spooky and fun characters haunted the foggy porch of the house while an estimated 60 kids tested their talents winning prizes at the carnival style games. The success of this convinced the ghost hosts to come again next year. Thank you all for such a wonderful amount of support!





Parkman Fire Report

From: Chief Wayne Komandt

2005 was quite a busy year for the Parkman Fire Department. We ended with 361 incidents for the year, just about 1 a day. If only we could have scheduled it that way. Occasionally we had 6 calls in one day.

We obtained an EMS Grant for \$5000, and supplies for the EMS Division. We would

like to thank all of you who support our efforts to keep the community safer, and remind you that we are an equal opportunity employer. We would be more than happy if you would like to join the department as a Firefighter or Medical Person. We meet Wednesday nights at 7:30pm if you are interested.

**Please help to keep 2006
a very safe year and fire free.**

Parkman EMS Report From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer

Several pieces of new equipment have been put into service in the last month including a "Save your Back" stair chair. We are always looking for ways to keep our volunteers medically and physically healthy.

Ed and Tara Williams will be finishing their basic EMT class soon and are starting to get experience in the squad. Two others will be starting Basic Classes this month. Kelly Anderson and Lynn Komandt are hard at work in their Paramedics Course. We are all looking forward to welcoming two new paramedics onboard!

Let me once again mention the excellent working relationship between Parkman and Troy Fire Departments. We are all true volunteers and are here because we feel the call to help other residents in their time of need. Our Pay? A simple "Thank You" from those we serve.

Training Topics covered recently include a CPR review and a Squad Familiarization exercise to keep the volunteers in tip top shape and ready for any emergency.

Training is usually the third Wednesday of each 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.

Clean-Up / Green-Up Parkman

From: Lucinda Sharp-Gates

Because Parkman can not afford a "clean-up day" as some other townships and villages are able to do, we have decided to compile a list of people who are in the business of removing consumables that cannot go in the trash, such as large items, appliances, old hot water heaters, etc.

Your trustees are *not* endorsing anyone. So if you know of someone who will haul away such items even if there is a cost, please call Lucinda at 548-2857 and hopefully we will be able to publish a list with the next Paragraphs in April '06, just in time for Spring cleaning!

Parkman Postal Scene - New postage Rates for 2006!

From - Bruce Schaefer Postmaster

Here are the new rates for postage - effective already.

\$.39 First Class Postage
\$.24 Postcard Postage
\$ 4.05 Flat Rate Envelope
\$ 8.10 Flat Rate Box
\$14.40 Express Overnight



FROM THE ZONING INSPECTOR

For the months of July 1 - Dec 31, 2005, a total of 25 permits were issued.

Breakdown of Zoning Certifications Approved

- 9 new homes
- 2 addition to existing homes
- 8 new permitted accessory buildings

In addition:

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

If you have any questions about Zoning in general or if a zoning certification might be required for your proposed project, please stop in 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. A new e-mail is also available - parkmanzone@jnz.net

Parkman Baseball Season is near!

The Parkman Youth Baseball League will be taking registrations for teams at the Parkman Community House on these days and times:

Friday-February 24 (6-8pm)

Saturday-February 25 (10am-12pm)

Friday-March 3 (6-8pm)

Saturday-March 4 (10am -12pm)



Please know that May 1st is the new age cutoff for registration. Cost for registration is \$45 per child of a special rate of \$40 each for two. Contact Mike Peters at 548-5565 or Pat Joyce at 548-5576 for more information.

Team Age Breakdown:

Micro Pee Wee's (Formally T-Ball) - Ages 5 & 6 (Girls and Boys)

Pee Wee's - Ages 7 & 8 (Girls and Boys)

Minors - Ages 9 & 10 (Boys)

Girls Softball "Fast Pitch" Ages 9 - 11

Majors - Ages 11 & 12 (Boys)

Girls Softball "Fast Pitch" Ages 12 - 14

Pony's - Ages 13 & 14 (Boys)



The 2006 Youth Season starts May 30th and traditionally ends July 14th.

Sponsors are needed!

Donations are being accepted to help divert the cost of gear, equipment, insurance, scorebooks, and the cost of umpires. If you are a local company that might be interested in getting your name on a team jersey as a 2006 sponsor, please contact Mike Peters at 548-5565 or Pat Joyce at 548-5576 for more information.

Donations of \$150 will get company name on the team jersey.

Donations of \$200 or more will get company name on the team jersey and a special team plaque.

Thank you for any generosity!



Amish News and Stories

by Edna Mae Hersberger.

Edna Mae Hersberger is an Amish teacher at the Sunny Hope School, an Amish school developed for students with special needs here in Parkman. Edna Mae would like to let everyone know about the upcoming auction fundraiser for Amish Schools to be held this March 2006 at the Middlefield Market on Navoo Rd in Middlefield. Watch for the ad in the Good News.

Santa visits the Parkman Gazebo!



Christmas Carols and happy smiles welcomed Santa as he visited the Parkman Gazebo Dec 10, 2005. Santa and his helper elf were chauffeured by a Parkman Fire/Rescue Vehicle and delivered safely to spend the morning with local residents. Kids of all ages had the honor to sit on Ol' St Nick's lap to give their wishes while onlookers enjoyed hot chocolate and sang traditional tunes. This event, sponsored by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce, was Santa's first visit in 15 years. Due to its great success, Santa plans to revisit Parkman again next year, so be good everyone!



Parkman Chamber of Commerce generates cheer to needy Parkman Families for the Holiday's.

In the Spirit of the Holiday's, volunteers from the Parkman Chamber of Commerce continue a long time tradition in our community to gather donations and invest good tidings helping out those who might need a little support this tough time. Along with a very friendly visit, cookies and poinsettia's were passed out to our local Shut-In's. This long tradition is always in need of volunteers. Contact any PCC officer if you wish to help next season. This year we also had a very wonderful opportunity to spread season cheer by hosting 3 **Adopt a Family** residents. All three families received a \$50 gift certificate for WalMart. Appreciation was very much received from these Parkman families.

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society met at the Community House on January 19, 2006 with guest speaker - Don George, who talked about the "Georges Store". Contact Nikki Shrock 548-2208 for any upcoming events.

Next meeting is March 16 at 7:30pm in the Parkman Community House

Parkman Paragraphs humbly apologizes for the error in Don's name last issue! Haste for newsletter completion stated that his name was John.

The Parkman Paragraphs and our Historical Society are still 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 - History of the Parkman Churches

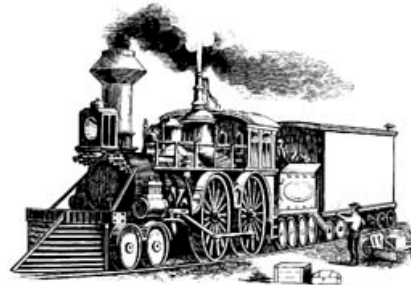
The November Meeting of the Parkman Historical Society was led by Father John Burkley of St Edward's Catholic Church. He gave a thorough historical background of some of the organized religions that offered their services in Parkman since its founding days, and the evolution of modern Parkman today. Father Burkley then went into the establishment of the Catholic Parish that currently resides in this community.

The early Catholics came out from Cleveland and began farming. Most being Polish, Slovak, etc. To attend church they originally had to drive to Warren. In 1928, Frank Soltis, Sr. and others purchased at auction the 87-year-old Episcopal Church and a small parcel of land for \$1,075.00. This church had been moved from across the street and was originally a Methodist church. After some remodeling and a lot of detailing, the first Catholic Church in Parkman celebrated its initial mass and dedicating ceremony on December 23, 1928. St. Edward's Mission existed until February of 1929 when its status was changed to St. Edward Parish. The first resident pastor for St. Edward Parish, Father Steven Valko, resided on Payne Road, as there was no rectory. This was also the site of the first St. Edward Chicken Dinner in 1932.

In the 1960's a second larger tract of land adjoining the original was donated by Frank & Mary Soltis Sr. for a new and larger building. In 1964 the new church held its first mass. The old St. Edward Church building was 123 years old that same day. Father Burkley also showed copies of old downtown maps and copies of a typed history of the church.

Father Burkley (known as a local Train buff) also dipped into a very detailed talk about the history of local Railway development and Tracks that crossed our area in Parkman's past.

The "Clinton Air Line" shows scars across NE Ohio. In 1853, one of Dewitt Clinton's sons developed a vision of a railway from Chicago to Buffalo. This bold undertaking was near completion, and the tracks would have come right through Parkman. Traces can be seen crossing Rt. 700 in Troy and in Parkman crossing Grove Rd, Jug Rd, Mumford Rd, and Agler Rd. The rail touches the north edge of the Parkman Cemetery, and crosses Old State Rd just south of Rt. 88 disappearing into Trumbull County. This ambitious project was close to completion until it was quickly



halted by the "Panic of 1857", which wiped out potential investors and froze all efforts. Other companies attempted to revive the project but adequate funding was never reached.

Maps from 1900 showed Parkman in a very different light, and many had helped to put the puzzle together with personal experience of local railway grading knowledge. Thank you all for sharing this lesson in Parkman History. The fun is to imagine if the so called Panic never occurred, how would Parkman be - with a railway running through it? Ponder on that!

Thanks to Father Burkley and everyone who supported this Historical Society Meeting and sharing their thoughts!

Hope you were able to make the January meeting at the Community House where Don George had shared his memories of Georges Store and how it helped Parkman's development. Story will be in the Spring issue.

Don't forget to support the raffle/fundraiser for the Parkman Historical Society.

Tickets are \$1.00/each or 6 for \$5.00

Tickets will be sold at the Pancake Breakfasts or any Society Member can be contacted Drawing will be on the last Pancake Breakfast Sunday

Prizes: Handmade quilt
Hickory Rocker
Gift Certificate from J.D.'s Posthouse Restaurant
Radio Shack Gift Item

Proceeds benefit the refurbishing and general maintenance of the Historical Society's Thompson Home.