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Slow down and smell the new flowers growing throughout the rolling hills and farmland of Parkman!

May you have the chance to enjoy the best that springtime has to offer in our rural township.

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 June 9th for the Summer 2006 issue.

Parkman Paragraphs Editor is Cory Anderson
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This Spring 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)
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Lucinda Sharp-Gates
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Wayne Komandt

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Zoning Commission

(meets 4th Tuesday)
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(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm)
Cindy Gazley

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(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

Have you visited the Parkman website yet?

The site is continuously evolving with current info. So it is probably not the same as your last visit. Keep checking 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 our website or like to add a page about your local organization contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com to learn about the details.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm 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 www.ParkmanOhio.com website, please attend a meeting, send an e-mail to ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com, or contact Sandie Parnaby at 632-3473 for information.

2006 Pancake Breakfast Review



7 Year Breakfast Scoreboard!

(Year - # people served)

2000 - 2892 served / 2001 - 2949 served
2002 - 2619 served / 2003 - 2690 served
2004 - 2849 served / 2005 - 2366 served
2006 - 2669 served!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped, served and supported this years success!

Top 15 Long distance visitors at the 2006 Parkman Pancake breakfast:

South Korea-Namwon Texas-College Station Wisconsin-Belleville
Columbia-Talva Florida-Ft. Lauderdale Hawaii-Kona
Virginia-Ashland Arizona-Phoenix West Virginia-Morgantown
New Jersey-Succasunna Oklahoma-Oklahoma City Pennsylvania
North Carolina—Hatteras—Bryson City—Chapel Hill

Upcoming Events in April

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!



Below is a sample letter to Governor Bob Taft that Nick Greco, a Parkman resident, wrote about the Rt. 422 Truck Traffic difference since the new toll rates and higher speed limits were established on I-80. Do Your part and write to our Governor about this improvement and that this trucking test should continue.

January 12 2006

Governor Robert Taft
30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6117

Re: Northern Ohio Freight Plan Dear Governor Robert Taft:

I wanted to take this opportunity to voice my strong support for your Northern Ohio Freight Plan intended to improve safety and mobility throughout the northeast Ohio region by redirecting trucks to the Ohio turnpike. This plan is intended to reduce traffic on smaller routes, and for this Ohio constituent, this is route 422 which spans east-west through Cuyahoga County and our home county of Geauga.

Being a homeowner living two miles from route 422, we have noticed the dramatic deduction in the road noise from truck traffic. In fact, traffic volume is down 33% according to our Trustee Times newsletter of Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake counties. Conversely, ODOT director Gordon Proctor has indicated increased truck traffic on the Turnpike thus relieving congestion on parallel routes.

We anticipate that continual monitoring of the traffic volumes will demonstrate that this plan continues to be effective to reroute truck traffic to roads specifically designed for their use. Parallel road routes are not structurally designed for the weight and volume of truck traffic, have restricted long- and short-range visibility, and additional truck traffic on route 422 is extremely dangerous when shared with Amish traffic as in southeast Geauga County.

We are aware that your strategy to lower turnpike tolls for commercial trucks is for an 18- month trial basis. With this in mind, we cannot more strongly urge you continue this strategy on a permanent basis.

We appreciate your attention to our request and we hope to continue to enjoy the enhanced safety and reduced noise from route 422 traffic.

Sincerely,

This newsletter is yours, do you have anything that you would like to share with the community? If so, send 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 your support of this project!

Cory Anderson

Parkman Trustees Updates

From: Kevin O'Reilly - Parkman Township Trustee

The trustees would like to update you on three township projects: Community House kitchen upgrades, sewer treatment plant progress and road maintenance.

Your township trustees have entered into a contract with Swauger Construction, of Rootstown, OH to build an addition to the Community House kitchen. This badly needed improvement will bring the kitchen into compliance with current health and safety standards and create a safer area to prepare food. Construction begins April 3rd and should last about 6 weeks.

The Geauga County Commissioners have accepted the bids for the construction of the sewer treatment plant and collection lines to be built in the center of the township. Although a firm timeline is not yet available, construction may begin as early as this summer. As many of you know the problem of raw sewage running into the river was identified by the Ohio EPA in the 1970's.

Over the past three years revenue sources dedicated to basic road maintenance have fallen short of the road expenses by about \$90,000 each year. After carefully analyzing the financial situation of the township, the trustees decided to put a 1.5 mil road levy on the November ballot. The money for repairs and maintenance of township roads comes from gasoline taxes, license plate taxes and local road levies. In order to make up for this \$90,000 deficit, we have been forced to use the money in the townships' general fund. General fund revenue is normally used for capital improvements throughout the township, such as the upgrading the kitchen, replacing equipment such as trucks and backhoes for the road department, and paving and improving roads. If the general revenue funds continue to subsidize the gravel, fuel and labor needed to maintain the roads, there will be no money available for replacing worn out equipment or upgrading township roads. The road levy will be an additional tax equal to \$45.94 per \$100,000 of market value on your property. The money generated by the levy will fund basic road maintenance and leave the general revenue funds for paving, equipment replacement and other capital expenses.

Kevin O'Reilly

Parkman School News and Schedule

From: Rich Zigarovich, Principal

Upcoming 2006 Events

- April 4 Report Cards issued
April 13 Parkman PTO Skate Night at Garrettsville Roller Hut
April 14-21 Parkman Spring Break
April 24 PTO Meeting at the Community House at 6:45pm
May 8—12 Parkman Book Fair
May 12 Parkman PTO Carnival in the evening
May 22 5th grade orientation at CMS (afternoon)
PTO Meeting at the Community House at 7pm
May 29 Memorial Day (No classes)
May 30 5th grade Science Fair (all week)
June 6 Parkman Fun Day
June 8 Last Day of School

PARKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY PICNIC

Parkman Elementary School will be closing at the end of this school year, so we are inviting all of our friends in the community to join us for a celebration.

WHEN: Thursday, June 8 from 6:00-9:00 PM

WHERE: Parkman Elementary School

QUESTIONS/RSVP: Virginia Bell 548-5226 or Lawni Ross 548-5084

We are looking for the OLDEST PARKMAN SCHOOL ALUMNI and any memorabilia that displays the history of the school. See you there!



Our Parkman Township Logo

You can see this image at a variety of locations throughout our community. Welcome signs on all the major roads (88-168-422-528), on our Pancake Breakfast place mats, on the community newsletter, and several other locations. So who actually created this image that reflects our rural area?

A local artist by the name of Debbie Duchscherer designed this image for Parkman in 1991. Debbie was asked by Parkman Trustee - Dave Fuhry, to come up with a logo that represents Parkman's true spirit. This design is the result, one that Debbie states shows our communities fresh atmosphere, our rural countryside, and our friendly charm found in this township. Debbie and her family has lived in Parkman since the late 1980's and hopes that we can keep Parkman's Charm for many generations to come.



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

EASTER 2006 - HOLY WEEK - SCHEDULE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY

8:15am St. Edward Chapel & 7:00pm St Lucy

PALM SUNDAY, April 9, 2006 - PALMS DISTRIBUTED & BLESSED ALL MASSES

Saturday April 8: 5:00pm St Ed's / 6:30pm St Lucy's

Sunday, April 9 8:30am St Eds's / 10:00am St Lucy's / 11:30am St Ed's

HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 13 : 6:00pm St Lucy's Pot Luck Supper

7:30pm St Lucy's Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SERVICES

Friday, April 14: Noon Stations of the Cross St Ed's

12:00 - 1:00pm Ecumenical Service @ Middlefield United Methodist Church

3:00pm Good Friday Service St Ed's / 7:00pm Good Friday Service St Lucy's

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 15 : 11:00am Easter Egg Hunt at St Lucy's

Noon Blessing of Food St Lucy's

7:00pm Easter Vigil Service St Ed's

8:30pm RCIA Welcome Reception @ Rose Hall

(All Parishioners Invited)

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 16 : 8:30am Mass St Ed's / 10:00am Mass St Lucy's / 11:30am Mass St Ed's

CONFESSION SCHEDULE (Sacrament of Penance)

Friday, April 7: 7:00pm Penance Service St Ed's

Saturday, April 8 : 4:00-5:00pm St Ed's / 7:30pm St Lucy's

Monday, April 10: 7:00-8:00pm St Ed's Chapel

Wednesday, April 12: 7:00-8:00pm St Lucy

Friday, April 14 : 4:00-5:00pm St Ed's

Parkman Congregational Church

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

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM Thursday, April 13th

Good Friday Service, 7 PM Friday, April 14th

Easter Sunday Service, 9 AM Sunday, April 16th

Other Upcoming events:

You are invited to breakfast on Easter morning! The Parkman Congregational Church youth group will host an Easter morning breakfast on Sunday, April 16th. We will begin serving at 7:30 AM. This is a fundraiser to help pay for the child the youth group sponsors through Compassion International, and donations will be accepted. Come join us for breakfast, and stay for church!

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4. We ask that you pray for our nation, our leaders, our community, our churches, for peace, etc. We also invite you to join us for the National Day of Prayer Community Worship Service on Thursday, May 4th at 7 PM at Overlook Park. (In case of bad weather, we will have a service in the Chapel at Parkman Congregational Church).

Our annual SPRING FLING will be held on Sunday, May 21st from 4:00 – 6:30 PM at the Overlook Park on Route 168. This year's theme is "Bring your pet!" We are thinking of maybe a petting zoo (no biting animals, please) for the children. There will be games, prizes, and lots of food. Contests such as best dressed pet? Or pet that most looks like their owner? There will be fun for all. For more information, contact the church office at 440-548-4829.

Our Women's Fellowship group is having a TRASH & TREASURE SALE on Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 in the social hall of Parkman Congregational Church. Doors open at 9 AM. We welcome donations for the sale, or you're invited to come and look and see what is up for sale. (No large appliances or clothing). Donations can be dropped off at the church beginning Sunday, June 18th during daylight hours. If you have any questions, call Roberta at 440-632-0428.

Friday Night Church Fundraising Dinners are scheduled for:
Friday, April 28, 5 – 7 PM featuring delicious ROAST BEEF
Friday, May 19, 5- 7 PM tentatively scheduled as a FISH FRY
Cost is \$8 per person (children 5-11 are \$4 each, under 5 are free)

The Women's Fellowship still has some large pumpkin rolls left. They are \$8 each, first come, first served. There are also cookbooks, which are \$10 each, or \$9 each, if you buy more than one. Please see call the church for more information. Thank you.

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



North East Community is a new church in your area with a vision to show people how much God loves them. We don't have a lot of time for religious talk but we make time to let God speak to us and change our lives.

Sunday Gatherings

11:00 AM @ Parkman Community House

The Community house is located just east of the intersection of 528 and 422 on 422 in Parkman.

Casual atmosphere, Fun learning for children, Authentic pursuit of God

We are also very busy in the community. We provided centerpieces for the pancake breakfast and set up an informational table; passed out hundreds of bottles of water and glow sticks at the Geauga County Fair and Middlefield Community Days; hosted a Family Fun Night and Harvest Party; and we've given food assistance to a family in need. We also have a tree & limb removal ministry for those who can not afford to hire a tree removal service and we'll be participating in the Geauga County Senior Day of Caring.

For more info call: 440.313.1092 or go to www.necommunity.org



Gauga County—200 years! Bicentennial Celebrations

Check out the website at

<http://www.geauga200.org/>

to see a complete list of activities throughout the Geauga County area!

Boy Scout Troop #76

From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee member

Spaghetti Dinner - Friday, April 21, 2006

at Hiram College's Kennedy Center from 5-7pm.

(Troop fundraiser (in cooperation with Kiwanis))

\$6.00 (under age 10 eat free) For Tickets, **contact Scott Villers at 548-3622**

We currently have four scouts working on their Eagle projects. We will be marching in the **Parkman Memorial Day Parade on May 29th—9am** starting at the Overlook Cemetery—See you there!

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

Contact Scott Villers at 548-3622 to for any information about Troop Activities.





Parkman Fire Report From: Chief Wayne Komandt

It looks like Spring had finally arrived. I would like to remind you that as you do spring clean-up in your yards, that Ohio is a NO BURN STATE. This means that in more areas of the township, outside burning is not allowed.

Parkman Fire Department Quiz

Do you have any idea how much your fire department costs to operate?
How much is each fire fighter is paid (while at a fire) ? \$1.00/hr, \$3.50/hr, or \$8.00/hr.

Turn Out Gear consists of a coat, pants, fireproof hood, helmet, boots and gloves.
How much do you think this costs? \$500, \$800, \$1000, or \$1800

To outfit each firefighter in a Smokey or toxic environment, firefighters wear self contained breathing apparatus. What do you think that costs? \$800, \$1200, \$1800, or \$2500

What would you think that a fire engine would cost (remember the last one we purchased was close to 10 years ago)? \$80,000 \$120,000 \$180,000 or \$250,000

Your fire departments budget is covered by tax levies. Without these tax levies, it would be virtually impossible to operate the fire department. Contact a member of the fire department if you would like the answers to the cost questions, or wait until the next issue of the Parkman Paragraphs for the answers.

In the next issue, we will also begin to do short biographies on our fire personnel.

Parkman EMS Report From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer

EMS Concerns:

Lately there have been several fatal accidents in the county involving young people and alcohol. How sad for the EMS and fire personnel to have to deal with the emotions resulting from being unable to save these young people. It's frustrating that all of our specialized training and years of experience cannot make a difference at times like this.

Parents: please stress to your children that drinking and driving can be disastrous not only to the ones that are gone, but to those left behind.

Our squad has been experiencing some engine problems (as of 3/8) and is currently at Valley Ford for repairs. We are fortunate to have a replacement squad from the manufacturer to use while ours is out of service, possibly for several weeks. So, if you see a tri-colored ambulance with no name responding to your emergencyit's most likely us.

Two of our EMTs are just finishing up paramedic school, two have finished basic training, and two more are just starting basic training. Anyone interested in becoming trained in emergency medicine and responding with the Fire Department, contact Chuck or Joan at 548-7541.

Clean-Up / Green-Up Parkman in April!

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.

Local Solid Waste Removal and Collections

Ridgeview Hauling - Cheaper than a Dumpster!

Call Art Smith at 440-669-2959 with any questions or price quotes.

Let Ridgeview Hauling clear your mess for a fresh start this spring!

Geauga County Engineers Yard

Self deliveries at 12665 Merritt Road (2006 Collection Dates)

Appliance Collection: Sat. April 22, 9-noon Free Freon removal, workers available to unload but NO televisions, computer equipment or microwave ovens.

Household Hazardous Waste: Sat. April 29th, 9-noon: Paint, oil, anti-freeze propane tanks batteries gasoline, etc.

Scrap Tire Collection: Sat. Sept 30 9-noon: Limit 8 tires per vehicle, on or off the rim. Passenger & light truck tires free of charge, Semi and large off-road tires at \$5 each abd tractor, ag tires at \$20.

All events held rain or shine (except for electrical storms!)

FROM THE ZONING INSPECTOR

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. Only e-mails with actual resident names will be answered!

John W. Hasman



Parkman Baseball needs Sponsors!

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 receive company name on the team jersey.

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

Thank you for any generosity!

Parkman Youth League Update - By Patrick Joyce

With sign-ups now over, co-commissioner Mike Peters and I are preparing the rosters for this year's Youth League teams, and we couldn't be more encouraged. The League saw a twenty percent increase in sign-ups this year versus last year. There will be a Pony League team representing Parkman, which we did not have last year. Last year Parkman had one micro (tee-ball) and one pee-wee (coach pitch) team. This year it is likely that Parkman will have two of each. The League also will look to field one or two or levels of Girls Fast Pitch Softball Teams.

With the increase in numbers and teams representing Parkman, money once again has become an issue and the community has responded. Many local businesses, as well as the Parkman Chamber of Commerce and The Steve Marcu Foundation, have contributed funds through sponsorship and donation. The Parkman Trustees have also been very cooperative and have been working with the League to improve the quality of the fields at Overlook Park. One local business has offered their time and machinery to ready and groom the fields for the season. The League thanks all of you!

One last note: Geauga County Sheriff Dan McClelland has approached Parkman Youth League about joining the Policemen's Athletic League. The P.A.L is a countywide initiative being offered by the Geauga County Sheriffs Department. It provides grants, programs and, most importantly, insurance to its members. The Parkman Youth League has decided to join the P.A.L.

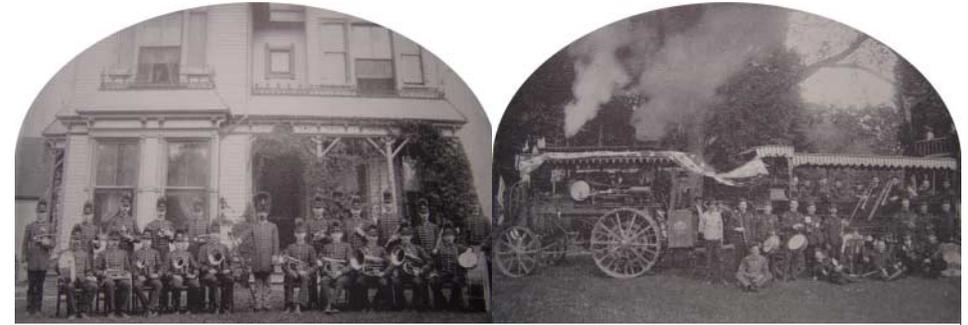


Amish Traditions - Daylight-saving time puts some Amish communities on two different clocks. The Amish who spring ahead an hour, as most of us do, are said to be on "fast time." Those who don't live on what's called "slow time."

The Amish church districts that choose not to change, create spot time zones street to street and house to house. They will remain an hour behind the region's recognized time until the last Sunday in October, when daylight-saving time officially ends.

Tradition guides the decision, which is made by church bishops. Many have always lived on this time, and see no reason to change. Several States in the US also follow this trend.

Parkman's Buckeye Band Follow-up



(Photo of Parkman Band in 1890 on the left and 1911 on the right dressed in red with gold trim, black helmets and scarlet plums - first worn in Burton Fair in 1887.)

Adele Sohm asked the Parkman Readers if anyone knew if the Parkman Buckeye Band played in the Rose Bowl? Established in 1886, the band was one of the oldest in Ohio. Guy B. Norton and Clayton Smith were the original organizers. Other original members that played in the band (for over 25 years - making a very unique distinction at that time) include WH Cromwell, Fred Owen, J.A. Sherwin, and Volney Johnson.

Arlene Gotham replied with a letter that she did not know about the Rose Bowl, but did know that the name of the band was from a gimmick that the band used wearing an actual buckeye attached to a silk string that hung from the jackets of the band. Arlene's husband (Kelly Gotham) played in the later years of the band. Arlene also sent some Parkman Photos to share with later issues. Thank you Arlene for your support!

Laurie Hauser also shared a wealth of info as she lent a book called the Pioneer and General History of Geauga County. In this book, more research shown that the band took part in the GAR National Encampment at Columbus. No information about the Rose Bowl was found yet. The photos above were from that book. Thank you Laurie for your support too!

If you have any information about such an activity, Parkman Paragraphs would love to hear from you! Please contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or send a letter!

www.ParkmanOhio.com is always changing "evolving"

Cory invites you to send your favorite picture of a local flower that has bloomed this Spring 2006. All entries will be posted on the community website to view. Please send your name, name/type/and location of the flower, and any story that might be of interest to share with it.

Have fun enjoying this activity!

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society met at the Community House on
Contact Nikki Shrock 548-2208 for any upcoming events.

Next meeting is May 18 at 7:30pm in the Parkman Community House
**Dale Komandt will speak about the history and growth of the
Parkman Fire Department**

Parkman Paragraphs appreciates the support of those who have allowed the opportunity to electronically scan a copy of their pictures! THANK YOU!!

Arlene Gotham, Laurie Hauser, Dale Komandt, and Adele Sohm have all contributed to this project thus far, and it is very much appreciated!

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. 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 the editor - Cory Anderson.

Remember - the older the picture - the better!

Featured Speakers - Don George and Wilma Sparrow Young

Our speaker for the evening was **Don George**. Since almost everyone knows Don it was an evening of history and reminiscing. The George family came to Parkman from Warren in 1939 when Don was five days old and Don stayed until 1999. The "corner store" had always been the general store and drug store. The fire of May 6, 1899, destroyed the store and downtown Parkman. Don noted that the new fire station had been completed the day before the fire. Mr. Cromwell chose to rebuild the store in brick. Not liking local brick he bought them in Warren and transported them by rail to West Farmington and by wagon to Parkman. He reopened on November 7, 1899. The new store was not liked by all because no potbelly stove was installed to "sit around". The Greyhound Bus company put in a ticket station in the store and a lunch counter was added. In the 1930's, when Rt. 422 became four lanes the ticket station was moved to the Post House restaurant. Don George's father bought the store in 1939 and stopped the drug store but put a meat counter in. Don and others told a few humorous stories about his father and the store. In 1955 the lunch counter was tore out and the parking lot was ruined when Rt. 528 was widened. Business became tough. In 1965, Don & Shirley took over the store and ran it until 1973. It was then sold to Jacque Picard and had apartments added to it. Today the Bergs Eye View Embroidery Shop has taken residence in this historic Parkman building.

The next meeting was on March 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkman Community House. Our speaker was **Wilma Sparrow Young** on the Sparrow Family and the Cromwell's.

Parkman Town Center in 1899 before the fire on May 6th.



Georges Corner Store in the 1930's



Wilma has researched both sides of her family back to Ireland and coming to America. She gave a wonderful overview and history of the "Orphan Train" as her grandfather William Cromwell came to Garrettsville on the train. He was one of thirteen children left off there. He served in the Civil War and reenlisted in 1865 for a bounty (served for another person). He met his future wife, Augusta Cone (real name Bridgette O'Coen) at a dance at the hotel in Parkman. He wrote her letters during the war, but she was illiterate and they were sent to Amelia Converse for her to read to Augusta. Wilma did teach her grandmother to read once she herself started going to school. Wilma found that the Clinton Railroad (that was to go through Parkman) was to go from Boston to St. Louis, Missouri as her grandfather, Jamie O'Coen signed on in New York to work on building the Clinton Airline Railroad. He worked for several years and when reaching Parkman the manager absconded with the funds or the company had financial woes and abandoned the workers. Little Ireland was born in Parkman, Ohio. Wilma had many other informative and entertaining pieces in her presentation.

Thanks to Don George and Wilma Sparrow Young for sharing their stories and everyone who supported these Historical Society meetings!

**Thank you to those who supported the raffle/fundraiser for the
Parkman Historical Society.**

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