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

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(Wednesdays 7-8:30)

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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

Sandie Parnaby—President Faith Kumher—Vice President
David Fuhry—Secretary Donald Villers—Treasurer

Upcoming Event August—October

August 12, 2006

Parkman Community Picnic was **cancelled** due to scheduling and volunteer conflicts. The picnic could be rescheduled at a later date depending on interest of community volunteers.

August 31 through September 4, 2006

Geauga County Fair

Check out the Fair Website for all the current information!

<http://geaugafair.ohiofairs.org>

October 31, 2006

Parkman Halloween Party and Trick or Treat

Parkman will host another Halloween Party at the Community House. This party will correlate with the Trick or Treat scheduled times. All are welcomed to attend and join in the festivities. Similar to last years party - there will be games , music and goodies for the kids. Depending on interest and support, a possible cookout might partner with this event to help celebrate the Geauga County Bicentennial and as well as the 202nd anniversary of the founding of Parkman (as a rural community). So we are celebrating 200 plus two years! We welcome any ideas and support for this event—go to any Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting to show your support.

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking help for the upcoming Halloween and Christmas season festivities. We need your thoughts and assistance to make these events another success. Please bring your ideas to to any PCoC meeting!

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

Merchant Directory Project

We believe that we have reached most of the business owners and local merchants in our township to create a directory of services and community support. If you own a business and see yours missing on the official list located on our www.ParkmanOhio.com website, please contact us by:

- attending a Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting
- or send an e-mail to ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com,
- or contact Sandie Parnaby at 632-3473 for information.

Amish interest is also welcomed, At this time there has not been any Amish businesses added to our list. If you like to bridge your business into the Global internet or just have it added to our printed directory, then contact us for more information. Our very budget friendly concept is a sure win for any our community businesses, Hope to see you at our next meeting—**Monday August 21, 2006.**



Hi Cory,
 My name is Virginia Yocum and I am sending you a photo of the High School at Parkman in the late 20's? In the back row the first man is my father, Lyle Hayes and the second one is Robert Pealer. I have the address of Mr. Pealers daughter (originally from Parkman/Garrettsville) if you would like to have it and they would perhaps have more photos for you. This one is rare as it also has my father in it. That is the reason why I have this photo for you.

My sister is Sandra Siracki.. wife of deceased Paul Siracki and she is the one who asked me to send these to you.. both good friends of Laurie Hauser. I have also asked Ann Gates Hillier to send along any photos/info she may have for you.. she is from West Farmington.

Good luck in your venture.
 Virginia

I am also sending a copy of a postal card from the early 40's from Camp Chickagami.

Hello Virginia,

Thank you very much for sending us those great pictures. This project has really taken an interest with our community. There are many wonderful compliments about the Parkman Paragraphs. Without the support of residents like yourself, this could never be as successful. We are always looking for rare and personal photographs and/or stories that shows the evolution of Parkman. Your addition was very much welcomed and appreciated.

Once again - Thank You!
 Cory

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!

All of the photos sent get added into this site for all to share.

Thank you all for your support of this project!

Cory Anderson

Parkman Trustees Updates

From: Lucinda Sharp-Gates - Parkman Township Trustee

This has been a busy quarter for your trustees!

Nash Road On July 6th we opened the bids for the Nash Road project (west of 168 to the Troy line) for paving that portion of the road with Title II money and a percentage from the Township. Preparation for that project began last year with new driveway culverts, some widening and ditching. The paving project should begin after August 1st pending approval by the Geauga County Engineers Office and awarding of the bid.

Community House: The Community House addition is completed and we did the final walk-thru/ inspection with the builder prior to the July 6th meeting. This project allows the continued use of the Community House and the kitchen now that it will be approved for commercial use. A new hood and fire suppression system brings that area up to date with Health Department mandates and insurance codes. The addition has basement storage below, loading dock capabilities at the rear with a removable section of railing and much needed additional space for food preparation. Current refrigeration systems will be used until we need to invest in commercial grade units.

Halloween Party and Trick or Treat: Scheduled for Tuesday, October 31st at the Community House, this traditional event will once again be from 6pm-9pm in correlation with the Parkman "Trick or Treat" times. We will host Snacks, Music and Games for the kids. Depending on interest and support, a possible cookout might partner with this event to help celebrate the Geauga County Bicentennial and as well as the 202nd anniversary of the founding of Parkman (as a rural community). So we are celebrating 200 plus two years! We welcome any ideas and support for this event—go to any Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting to show your support. Sponsored by the Parkman Historical Society, the Parkman Chamber of Commerce and your Trustees.

November will see a Roads and Bridge levy on the ballot. Since the failure of the last two R & B levies, we have had to dip into the General Fund to service the road department with additional funds of about \$100,000 per year. This jeopardizes our ability to fund capital improvements to the Township and to continue our efforts to oil our gravel roads as we did with Newcomb Road from Nash to Shedd Road in 2005. Because we did not have sufficient funds to oil that again this year and build up a solid base and to do some other roads in the same manner, we had to resort to calcium chloride on the gravel roads, a very temporary measure for dust control. With the passage of the levy we anticipate being able to stabilize all our gravel roads over a period of a few years.

Shedd Road: If you have traveled Shedd Road, east, you will have found smoother going with the combined efforts of Middlefield, Parkman, Troy and Burton Townships to take care of the center section on each side of the road.

We welcome attenders at the 1st and 3rd Tuesday meetings of the Trustees. We are currently meeting in the Reception area of the Community House and welcome our residents. The meetings begin at 7:30pm and attenders are welcome to air topics not addressed elsewhere in the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. Discover more about your community and your trustees this Bicentennial Year!!

Lucinda Sharp-Gates, Trustee

Cardinal School 2006-2007 Schedule

August 28—	Classes start
August 31—September 4 —	No School—Labor Day
October 13—	No School—NEOTA Day
October 16—	No School—In-service Day
November 22– 24	No School—Thanksgiving
December 21—January 2—	No School—Winter Break
January 15—	No School—MLK Day
February 16—	No School—Conference Day
February 19—	No School—Presidents Day
April 6-13—	No School—Spring Break
May 28—	No School—Memorial Day
June 7—	Last day of classes
June 9—	Senior Commencement

Remember to check out the Cardinal School website with the most current school information including the new bussing schedule and class times. The Cardinal School Website is: <http://www.cardinal.k12.oh.us>

Parkman Fire Department Street Address Signs

The Parkman Fire Department is still making the highly visible green and reflective white letter Street Address Signs. These allow much quicker emergency response times for our volunteers. To help enhance your rescue time, please order yours today! Call Dale at 548-5636 for details.



Amish Traditions - Thoughts on Farming— This is an excerpt of some Amish commentary from an anonymous author - Our mission in life is not to go to some far-off foreign land, but to work at home and in our churches and home communities.

Our goal should not be to leave behind riches and possessions, farms and homes for our children, but a priceless heritage they will cherish enough to work fervently to pass along to their children. It has been done for generations and with God's help it can still be done.

We remember how a few years ago predictions were being made in some circles that we Amish people won't be able to hold out much longer with our stand against modern farm machinery. The argument was that very soon all the "horse-drawn" equipment will be junked or worn out, and then "What will you do?"

The last while, one rarely hears those kinds of gloomy forecasts. One of the reasons is that we are demonstrating that if something isn't available commercially, there are Amish shops that can make it. And if the tool that is needed never did exist, someone will invent and design a tool to do the job. There seems to be a small "industrial revolution" occurring among the Plain People.

But with the frightening, almost numbing leap in land prices during the last ten years, a certain number of people have turned to shops and home businesses simply because the cost of farming was too high. Amish may agree that farming is still the best place for a family if possible but, if not, a business at home is certainly better than a factory job.

Please feel welcomed to send any local Amish thoughts to the Parkman Paragraphs!



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

August 5 & 6, 2006

The St Vincent de Paul Truck will be parked outside of St Edwards Parking Lot
Donations of Clothes Furniture and Appliances will be accepted

August 28 at 7pm

Welcome mass for Bishop Lennon at St Mary's - All local parishes are invited to attend to celebrate our new Bishop

Friday September 8th at 6-9pm and Sunday September 10 at 1-4pm

Generations of Faith meetings begin - the 2006-2007 schedule involves the Creed

September 16, 2006 at 8:30am -5pm

Men's Day of Reflection at Servants of Mary Shrine in Windsor

September 17, 2006

Ministry Fair Weekend at St Edwards

September 17 at 2pm

Woman's Club Tea Party at St Lucy's

October 19 at 6pm

Harvest Festival at St Lucy's - This event has Hay Rides and Games for Kids

October 3, 2006 at 7:30pm

Living Rosary at St Lucy Winca Hall

October 7, 2006 - 2pm

St Francis Blessing of the Animals at St Edwards Parking Lot

October 19 at 6pm

Harvest Festival at St Lucy's - Hay Ride and Games for Kids

October 21 & 22, 2006

Women's Club Bake Sale at St Lucy's

Bingo every Monday night at St Edward's - Doors open at 5pm games start 6:30pm

Third weekend of every month - "Canned Goods" collection for the Geauga county needy.

Parkman Congregational Church

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

Join us for a Hymn Sing, on Saturday, August 12 and Saturday, October 14th, beginning at 6:30 PM at the church.

Our annual Golf Outing, sponsored by the Men In God's Service men's group, will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Forest Oaks Golf Course, located on Route 422 in Southington. All are welcome to participate! To register, or for more information, please contact the church at (440) 548-4829.

Our Quarterly Mission project is the Wycliffe Bible Translators' Scott & Louise MacGregor, serving in the Philippines. Our church has supported Scott and Louise for many years in their effort to translate the Bible into the Kayaganen language for the people in the area they serve in the Philippines. They are nearly complete in this effort and the book is in final review. The Kagayanen community numbers in excess of 30,000 people. Kagayanen are one of several groups indigenous to the southwestern province of Palawan in the Philippines. Most of them live in four municipalities. The five-island municipality of Cagayan-cillo is located in the middle of the Sulu Sea on the eastern water boarder of Palawan province, approximately 100 miles due east from Puerto Princesa City, the provincial capital. Scott and Louise have been active with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines for over 32 years now. They have two grown children, Karis and Ian. We will take our quarterly mission offering for the MacGregors on Sunday, October 22nd. The MacGregors are just one of the missions we sponsor, as a church. We also are active partners with Rev. Franklin Shannon in his ministry to train church leaders in Voronezh, Russia; Steve and Martha Larson, serving with World Impact in ministering to the inner city of Newark, New Jersey; and the New Life Maternity Home in Vienna, Ohio

The youth of our church recently completed a "work camp" week, helping others in need in our local area. Projects included painting the home of an area elderly couple and helping out at the Warren City Mission.

Parkman Congregational Church is located at 18265 Madison Road (Route 528) just north of Route 422. We welcome you to join us anytime! We worship on Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM. If you have been thinking about getting into a church, please stop in and introduce yourself. We would love you to join us. Our Pastor is Rod Edwards.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28

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 inviting all teenage girls from 6th grade to 12th grade to join us to attend the revolution tour in Columbus Ohio on September 8 and 9th, 2006. This event is specifically designed for teenage girls with a musical lineup of Natalie Grant, KJ-52, ZOEGirl, and Tammy Trent with a variety of other inspirational people. You can review the entire lineup on <http://www.revolveturn.com>. Please feel welcomed to join us for this event.

You can review our website or or talk to April 440-632-5927 for more information.

For all of our upcoming event details go to www.necommunity.org



Geauga 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

Three boys attend Camp Manitoc in Peninsula, Ohio in June. We have several boys working hard to finish their Eagle Scout projects.



We continue to meet every Monday (7:30 – 9:00 p.m.) through the summer at the Boy Scout Lodge (located on Sperry Lane in Middlefield – behind Arby's). We are meeting in Middlefield now in an attempt to reach more boys since neither Middlefield nor Huntsburg currently have a troop.

On **Monday, September 25th** (7:30 – 8:30 p.m.) we will be hosting an **open house/membership drive** hoping to boost our membership. Boys 11-18 years old are welcome.

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



Parkman Fire Report From: Asst. Chief Chuck Dillon

A new computer has been purchased for the department to replace the ancient relic that finally expired. The computer is such an important tool in this day and age to keep up with all the paperwork and reports to the state. Due to the wise management of the fire funds by the Trustees, we will be ordering a new pumper soon. We're in the process of developing the specifications. Out dated and worn-out personal fire fighting gear will be replaced. A new dry hydrant has been installed at Shangra-La Lake (Parkman Pond), which will make drafting water much easier. It's very critical to have an available water supply all year around. We've been very fortunate to not have any major incidences recently. Let's keep it that way!

Amish Safety Days - Parkman Township was among 6 local Fire and Rescue Departments that participated with Amish Safety Days in Middlefield Ohio July 15th. This full day event is designed to help the community understand and be comfortable with current first safety procedures. A demonstration on fire extinguisher usage was done by Middlefield Fire Dept. Also, University Medevac was on the ground for a question and answer session. Rainbows and Babies did a presentation on gun safety. Ohio State University did Buggy Illumination. State Fire Marshal's Office had a mock 911 system setup. Approximately 850 people attended. Followed was an auction benefiting the Geauga Amish Safety Committee.

Parkman Fire Department Quiz

How much is each fire fighter is paid (while at a fire) = \$0.00
Turn Out Gear (coat, pants, fireproof hood, helmet, boots and gloves) = \$1800
To outfit each firefighter in a self contained breathing apparatus = \$2500
Cost of a new fire engine would cost = \$250,000

Parkman EMS Report From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer

I can't pass up the opportunity to complain about the hot and humid weather we've been experiencing lately. With any kind of luck, fall will arrive and bring us relief. Meanwhile, we welcome Lynn Komandt as a new EMT-Paramedic and Mike Komandt and LuAnn Baker as new EMT-Basics to the service. Kelly Anderson has completed her Paramedic training and is waiting to take her National Registry written exam.

We've been concentrating on Triage and Transport training this summer. In May we were at Chris Kohler's where our firemen tore apart two vehicles with the Jaws-of-Life while our new EMTs triaged two victims in the "wreckage". In June, JoAnn Schmitz, EMS Administrative Coordinator from Geauga Hospital, was here to talk about T&T protocol.

This month MedEvac will bring their helicopter to us to check out up-close-and-personal and talk about their service. August 20th we're going to stage a Mass Casualty Incident involving a bus accident with a whole troop of boy scouts with various injuries. It will involve multiple ambulances, helicopters and fire departments. Training is so important. Practice makes us more comfortable in dealing with your emergencies. Drive safely folks. Take care of yourself in this heat. We are there for you, but we'd much rather greet your smiling face in public than be working over you in the back of our ambulance.

Anyone interested in becoming trained in emergency medicine and responding with the Fire Department, contact Chuck or Joan at 548-7541.

Parkman Baseball and Softball

By Pat Joyce

On Father's Day there was a softball game as part of the County Bi-Centennial Celebration at Burton Century Village, sponsored by the Geauga County Historical Society. Geauga County Communities were asked to send adult representatives to form a Countywide team that would play a traveling softball team called The Babe's. The Babe's are made up of men 60yrs. of age and older. They practice and play on a regular basis year round including when most of them head to Florida in the winter. Meant with no dis-respect, they were a surprisingly good team. There were only 9 representatives from the County Communities that showed up. Three of the representatives were from Parkman: Myself, Ken Fuhry and his son. Fun was had by all.

The Youth Baseball and Softball season was a success from an organizational standpoint. We were able to update most of our equipment, add several teams, and improve the fields. Mike and I would like to thank those who helped ready and maintain the fields throughout the season; Dale Holcomb, Tom Evers, Dave Hauser, and Dave Priem. We would also like to thank all the Coaches, Sponsors, and Parents who gave of their time and money to help make this season possible for our children. We hope to continue to make improvements that will benefit both our children and the community. We hope to see everybody back next year!

Thanks,
Pat Joyce.

Parkman Roads Department

By: Tom Evers

Just a reminder its the homeowners responsibility to keep there driveway pipes clear of leaves and debris. On May 30th and 31st, 26,000 gals of calcium chloride was applied to 13 miles of township roads for dust control. Once again Overlook Park was turfed. Its a shame such a nice park gets treated that way. The sewer project is underway. The installation of the lines should be completed this fall. Nash rd between 168 and the Troy line is scheduled to be paved this year. Please use Caution and Slow down when passing through Work Zone areas. Be aware of moving machinery and workers.

Parkman Zoning Inspector

By: John W. Hasman

Hello Parkman Residents,
Just for your information - All driveway permits must be issued through the Geauga County Engineers Office, not the Parkman Zoning Office. All specifications for driveway pipes will be specified through the Parkman Zoning Office or the Parkman Township Roads Department.

If you have any questions about Zoning, please stop in the Zoning Office any Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30 PM, at the rear of the Community House. You can reach the Zoning Office at 440-548-2904 or e-mail parkmanzone@jmz.net. Only e-mails with actual resident names will be answered!

Farewell to Parkman School

Parkman School held a farewell community picnic on June 8th, 2006 to help celebrate its over 30 years of successful service to the town. Parkman Alumni of all ages gathered for one last school outing. Many local kids gathered together to help celebrate the closing of the school. The residents estimated over 600 as Food, Music and Fun brought a very respectable closing for this educational facility.

Many stories and reflection frequented the atmosphere as generations of students took their final tours of the school house and court yards. With the downsizing of many educational facilities throughout this country, Parkman was yet another victim of the crisis cut.

A special THANKS for all those involved to make this event a huge success and for those who kept our school a top notch educational facility for many years!



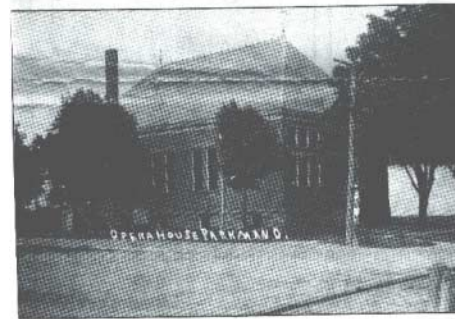
The oldest Alumni

Mr. John Stanley of the graduating High School Class of 1935 was the oldest alumni in the crowd and received the last official key to the school. Check out the Cleveland PM—August edition for the story



A special thanks to Dennis and Lilly Coz for sending in their pictures from this event. You can view more pictures on the Parkman website - <http://www.parkmanohio.com>.

Parkman's Opera House



THE OPERA House in Parkman Township, as shown in a circa 1900 photograph.



Did you know that Parkman once had an Opera House?

This structure was located on the NE Corner of Rt 88 and Rt 422. There was a stage that hosted many entertaining events around the 1899 era. Also within this building were several government offices and a jail in the basement. If you have any stories or photos of this establishment, please send them to Cory for a follow-up story in the next edition of the Parkman Paragraphs. Thank you for your continued support.



Parkman's new waste collection system broke ground May 22, 2006

Parkman is developing a new sewage and human waste collection system designed to stop the pollution that has affected the Grand River since the late 1970's. With a rise in septic leaks throughout our community due to aging systems, the decision was made to design a collection site that will treat the problem and help our natural water resource exceed the highest EPA standards. The Grand River is a treasure and should be treated as such. The waste collection site will sit on Rt. 422 just west of Rt. 88.

On Wednesday - June 28th in the Community House, a general public awareness meeting was hosted to inform the local public of the latest requirements from residents involved with this project. Trustees and Project Engineers were there to answer questions and concerns from the local residents that are involved with this project.

Check out www.ParkmanOhio.com for current info and links about the project.

Parkman Historical Society

Contact Nikki Shrock 548-2208 for information on any upcoming events.

Our next meeting is September 21 at 7:30pm in the Thompson House.
Hope to see you there.

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

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!

Starting August 21st, the Thompson House will be open M-F (9am-4pm) to allow any resident the opportunity to share any Parkman History. If you have a story or Photos you like to share, please feel welcomed to stop in for a visit.

Featured Speakers - Dale Komandt and Kaarlo Pollari

These are recent presentations hosted by our Parkman Historical Society.

May 18, 2006 with guest speaker - Dale Komandt
History and Evolution of the Parkman Fire Department

July 20, 2006 with guest speaker, Kaarlo Pollari
History of Parkman School.



Dale Komandt— On May 18, 2006 our guest speaker, Dale Komandt, presented the history of the Parkman Fire Department. He covered the topic from the roots to present day operations including recent requirements to be a part of the Parkman Volunteer Fire and EMS Team. Dale presented many photos throughout the history of the team and how present day operations compare with the past. The evolution of equipment advancement has added safety to the volunteers from when he first joined the Parkman Rescue Team.

Some facts about the Parkman Fire Department:

In 1945 The Parkman Volunteer Fire Department was created. WW More became the first Fire Chief and the township took action to set up a location to host the equipment. A brick building located on Rt. 422 just west of Rt 88 was the first station. An 1855 hand pumper was the original fire truck (still owned by Parkman) and can still be seen at the Burton Gazebo. Members were individually called by phone along with a station siren.

In 1946, Fish Fry's began as fund raisers to help the costs of operation.

It was decided that a volunteer must be at least 21 years of age.

In 1948, Parkman bought a second truck that was chain driven.

In 1976, Parkman Fire Department moved into its current location.

In 1977, The first ladies joined the team.

In 1984, Parkman bought its first ambulance.



Parkman H.S. - Completely wrecked July 20, 1973

Views of old Parkman High School



Kaarlo Pollari—On July 20, 2006 our guest speaker, Kaarlo Pollari, presented the history of Parkman School. As a Parkman student from 1st grade through the 12th grade, and a lifetime resident of the Township, he seen many changes to the school. Kaarlo entered first grade in 1937 and found his 12 years very enjoyable. He continued to Hiram College and became a part of the Parkman Board of Education after.

Some facts about the Parkman School:

In 1806, Joseph Noyes, a Yale graduate immigrated to Ohio and reportedly taught the students of the very first school ever built in Parkman. This one room log building structure was just east of the square probably where the current Gazebo stands.

In 1817, A Masonic Lodge was formed in Parkman and began construction of a large frame building designed as a school and place for religious worship. School was taught by a Mr. Alfred Phillips. Students came from Middlefield, Farmington and Nelson to this school up till 1875 when sub districts were developed. The total annual budget then for the school was \$1500.

In 1890, the first graduating class graduated with 5 students.

In 1891, Music was added to the curriculum for Parkman.

In 1896, School is extended two weeks due to the measles.

In 1907, a formal rule disallowed ball playing on any kind of school property.

In 1910, the high school library opened and fire escapes and alarms were installed.

In 1911, the state passed a law referred to as the 1% law. This limited the school levies and put a heavy burden on schools to find alternative funding.

In 1926, the Salary of a teacher (Cleo Grace) was \$1200 and the superintendent (M.H. Norton) \$1800. In 1929, the total budget was \$23,700 but dropped in the 1930's due to the Great Depression. In 1931, the budget was \$19,000 and in 1933 it was \$16,000.

You can view each full story on the www.ParkmanOhio.com website under the Historical Society's web page found in the specialty groups on the menu.