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Spring 2007

*A Parkman Township Community Newsletter
created to bring our residents local news and events.*



Pictures of Route 422 during original construction.

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in the rear of the Community House

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

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(meets 4th Tuesday)

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parkmanzone@windstream.net

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

Roads Department

Tom Evers

Parkman Community Website introduces our Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team

Use the Parkman website menu to look for the link that brings you to our Parkman Fire and Rescue volunteers and meet these brave souls.

www.ParkmanOhio.com

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

If you see something that should be added to our website contact Cory at ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com.

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

Faith Kumher - President

Cory Anderson - Vice President

David Fuhry - Secretary

Donald Villers - Treasurer

"Come Fly With Us" Kite Festival

May 5, 10-5 at the Overlook Park.

Join us as we enjoy the traditional spring winds and dance our kites through the breezes. Anyone is welcomed to join us at this free community building event.



Parkman Business Economic Summit

Wednesday June 6th 8am-9:30am at the Community House

Geauga County Commissioner Bill Young and Anita Stocker, head of Economic Development for Geauga County will present ways to bring visibility and business back to Parkman. This **free** event is open to everyone and includes a continental breakfast - hope to see you there. Is your business on our mailing list?

Parkman Community Picnic

Monday August 20th, 2007 at the Overlook Park - 6:30pm

We will supply the Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The rest is a pot luck. Join us for a variety of activities including Softball, Volleyball, and a variety of other activities. We welcome your ideas to make this year a picnic its best ever!

Parkman Pancake Breakfast - Thank You!

Since 1969, Parkman has hosted this traditional community fundraiser at our Community House. Every year, our volunteers have excelled to make the event a success. This year is no different! We served 2395 meals. Thank you all who volunteered and supported the event. Your effort was very much appreciated. Remember that we host a dinner December 17th to honor those who helped with the Breakfast.

Many nice comments were made with the new kitchen. We look forward to next year and welcome any input to help make the event run just as smoothly. You can e-mail us a ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or come to a Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting with your comments.

Membership is open to anyone in the Community, You do not have to be a business owner to be a member, but if you are a Parkman business owner and not a member - well that is absurd. This group is designed to support you - right?

Remember to stay current with all of the Parkman Community Events at:

www.ParkmanOhio.com or attending a Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting

Hope to see you at our next meeting—**Monday May 21, 2007.**



Buckeye Off Road Adventure Club

B.O.R.A.C@hotmai.com

Formerly - Ride the Red - North East Ohio
All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Club

This is a North East Ohio off road club for ATV and Dirt Bike Owners

Based in Geauga County Ohio, BORAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to fun family riding and responsible trail use.

We are an active member organization of the Ohio Multi-use Trails Association.

We meet 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Metro Motorcycle Sales located on Rt 44, 1/4 mile south of Rt 82 in Mantua Ohio.

For more info or to become a member, visit our current website www.RideTheRed.net or visit the link found on the Parkman Website under "Specialty Groups" or E-mail us at B.O.R.A.C@hotmai.com
Matthew T. Mesarchik, President: 440-313-1069

Upcoming events:

May 24-28

Spend Memorial Day Weekend enjoying hundreds of miles of trails in Michigan's forests. Campground/RV park with direct trail access and cabin rentals. Enjoy beautiful spring scenery on the trail, and on Saturday a canoe trip. Club members get campsite and canoe rental paid by club.

Sept 7-9

Fall OMTA ride and quad raffle, same as the spring event, plus you could win a 2007 Suzuki King Quad!

If you love to ride, camp, and hang out around the campfire with fellow riders
Come ride with us!

United We Ride!

The Parkman Paragraphs newsletter and the Parkman Community Website are both yours, and I welcome any feedback or direction.

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 stay current with local events at www.ParkmanOhio.com!

Thank you all for your support of this project!

Cory Anderson

Parkman Trustees Updates

From: Alan Wilson – Parkman Township Trustee

Parkman Sewer Project – The sewer plant is scheduled to be complete in July and will be ready for residents in the sewer district to tie in shortly thereafter. The Geauga County Department of Water Management anticipates that the project will be completed by the end of the year. Residents in the sewer district please watch for the coming update meeting scheduled to provide additional details to those who will tie into the sewer and answer questions that they may have.

Township Road Update - One of the largest factors that needs to be taken into consideration when maintaining the township roads is the limited funds available to accomplish what is needed and expected by the people who drive on the roads. The road department will continue to grade the road to take care of as many holes as possible but the amount of gravel available to use on the roads will be limited. Limited funding and increased gravel and fuel costs will result in an overall reduction of the amount of gravel that can be purchased for use on the roads. Every effort is made to request brine water for dust control, but the companies that supply that to the township have not been able to keep up with the township road needs. Again, because of the lack of funding additional dust control measures can not be considered at this time. The road department will make the most of what they have to work with.

Route 422 Construction – Reconstruction planned by ODOT on SR 422 will begin in May. There will be one lane of traffic eastbound. Hobart Road will be a detour route for local residents in the construction zone who need to travel west. The trustees will be working with ODOT to pave Hobart Road because of the greater use of this road. The general detour route will be SR 422 to SR 305 to SR 44. The project is expected to take 18 to 24 months to complete. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

The Township Board of Trustees welcomes residents to contact us with suggestions or concerns about the township. Township residents are welcome to attend all township meetings. We greatly value your input.

Welcome to Parkman



Parkman has a new resident. There has been many sightings of an American Bald Eagle who has taken residence in our town borders. This endangered beauty is very much a welcome addition to our community while it maintains its prestige as our national symbol. Please respect its choice to join us as we help make the comeback of American Bald Eagle. If you get lucky enough to photograph our new resident, the Parkman Paragraphs would appreciate you sharing your luck. Send the picture to ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com or contact Cory.



Amish Thoughts (from Cory Anderson)- Well, I have to apologize for the lack of effort to get someone from our local Amish community to share some of their thoughts for this spring edition. As editor, I really try to get all of our Parkman residents motivated in this newsletter project. Yet with my lack of ambition, probably because of the late snow keeping me from visiting the community, I would like to share one of my thoughts as viewed by one who appreciates the Amish simple lifestyle.

Recently I was volunteering for a group called Green Energy Ohio - a non profit group that educates the public with alternative energy resources like Solar and Wind. I was working at a place called the Wilderness Center in Wilmot Ohio for a GEO public meeting. The meeting meshed together the public with professionals of such technologies.

The GEO group sponsors presentations throughout the state. Normally we get around 100 people to show up. That weekend we had over 1100 attend! Of course I was excited there was more there than at the Home and Garden Show. Anyway, many Amish were present learning and marketing their Off the Grid products. I found this very interesting, that a culture that is so simple yet is more advanced in using alternative energies and far ahead of the general public. I could only salute to their achievements. It really was an eye opener to learn from those whose culture seems to be further advanced thus becoming leaders in the use of Alternative Energy Technologies. Their Off the Grid lifestyle is how our future generations will become as energy costs keep rising. The Amish are great role models as efficient energy users. Amish use Solar to charge their batteries for home, business and buggy, use passive solar to heat their houses and water, and more.

Cleveland is hosting the **2007 National Solar Conference** at the Cleveland Convention Center. July 8th is public day. Last year it was held in Denver CO. This is a very good time to look into learning about such technologies. There will be free world class presentations and products to research. I am not any kind of sales person, but just thought to share this with the community since I am a volunteer for the group.

You can find out more information on the GEO website

<http://www.greenenergyohio.org>

or contact the GEO Main Office:

7870 Olentangy River Road, Suite 209 - Columbus, OH 43235

Phone: 614.985.6131 or geo@greenenergyohio.org

Parkman Baseball and Softball

By: Pat Joyce



Parkman Youth Baseball and Softball is underway. We have another great turnout this year and are fielding several boys and girls teams. Parkman Youth are represented in the Southeast Geauga Baseball League, Geauga Fast-Pitch

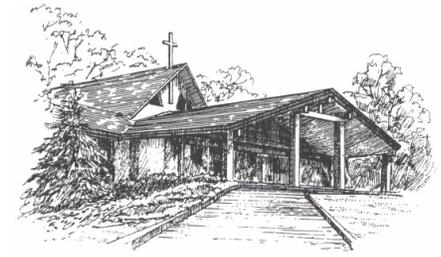


Softball League and the Mel Harder League. The early April snow and rain has made it hard to get the fields ready, but all are working hard to prep them for the upcoming season. The new dug outs look great and the Parkman Youth League will attempt to provide concessions for the games played at Overlook Park this year. We'd like to thank the Community, Local Businesses and the Trustee's for their continued support.



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

Vacation Bible School: "Son force Kids-007"

Vacation Bible Study is July 23-27 at St. Lucy's Winca Hall. Themed Son force Kids 007, they are on a Mission for God. welcomed to anyone, contact the Parish office for info.

Happy 90th Birthday Father Winca (Pastor Emeritus)

May 19th, 2007, Father Harry Winca will celebrate his 90th Birthday! He has faithfully served this Parish since 1968. The Parkman Community is Blessed to have such a great person to be one of our residents. Happy Birthday Father Winca, from all of Parkman!

Parish Picnic

July 29th, the Annual Parish Picnic will be held at Pioneer Water Land. Join us for an 11am mass followed by a picnic lunch and fun at the water park. Contact the Parish office for tickets and info.

Parkman Bingo

Bingo is always held on Monday evenings at St Edwards. Doors open at 5pm and Bingo games begin at 6:30pm. All are welcomed to participate in the fun.

Who is the Editor of the Parkman Paragraphs?



This sounds like a silly question, but several times I received communications that commented a nice job with the newsletter, and then labeled me as Mrs. Cory Anderson. So I guess that the community does not know me.

Well let me introduce myself - I am Cory, a resident of Parkman since 1998. After noticing that Parkman missed its Bi-Centennial, I decided to do my part and become active and bring this great town back. I really enjoy the Parkman Community and work hard to rebuild our town. Besides the Website and News letter, I volunteer for many of the towns events. Now you know who I am, its time to introduce yourselves! Come to a Parkman Chamber of Commerce meeting or our **Parkman Community Picnic** on **August 20th** at **Overlook Park** and say hi!

Parkman Congregational Church

Parkman Congregational Church invites YOU
to our annual **SPRING FLING**
Sunday, June 3, 2007
4-7 PM at Overlook Park on Route 168



There will be food, fun and games for the family, and prizes for little ones! If you would like to bring a dish to share, please do so, but if you can't, plenty of food will be available!

On the second Saturday of each month, we hold an old-fashioned hymn sing, starting at 6:30 PM. We welcome the community to stop in and join us.

If you are new to Parkman, or just have been away from church for a while and have been thinking of finding a church, we invite you to join us anytime!

Our Sunday worship service is held at 10:15 AM, and we offer Sunday School classes and Bible studies for all ages.

For more information, contact Pastor Rod Edwards at 440-548-4829.

North East Community is a new church in your area with a vision to show people how much God loves them. We want you to become a part of the experience.

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

Home groups are an important part of connecting members and friends and learning together about God. Call our contact number for information on current groups and times.

Bible Study classes meet each Sunday before church at 9:45 AM. Our current study is the New Testament. All are welcome to these casual informative classes.

A new series on the book of Proverbs begins at worship services April 15th. Come and explore this valuable Old Testament teaching with us.

NEC Church is currently praying and looking for a permanent facility in the area because we plan to stay and be a part of the work Jesus is doing in people's lives in Parkman and the surrounding area.

Check Us Out. Get Connected. Get To Know God.

For more information go to www.necommunity.org or call 440-313-1092.



Boy Scout Troop #76

From: Scott Villers - Boy Scout Committee member

We continue to meet at the Boy Scout Lodge in Middlefield (Sperry Lane next to the baseball fields) every Monday night from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. All boys from 11 to 18 years old are welcome.

In March we held our annual food drive (Scouting for Food) and collected food for our local food cupboards. In April we co-sponsored a spaghetti dinner at the Hiram Kennedy Center as a troop fund-raiser.

We'll see you May 28th at the Memorial Day parade in Parkman (starting at Overlook Cemetery at 9 a.m.)

Boys will be attending summer camp June 24-30.

GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

(Rain or shine)

Parkman Community House

Saturday, June 2nd 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 76

Donations accepted – Call Gary at (440) 548-5473 to make arrangements.
(Proceeds from all sale donations go toward summer camp expenses.)

If you would like more info about Boy Scouts, call Scott Villers at (440) 548-3622. or look at the most current information on www.ParkmanOhio.com.

Cub Scout Pack # 76.

From Wendy Anderson:

Boys in the 1-5th grades are welcomed to join us. We meet on Tuesdays at Parkman Congregational Church from 7-8PM. Contact Wendy Anderson for more info. 548-2388 or look at the most current information on www.ParkmanOhio.com.



History Test - Veterans Memorial

From: Bob Podboy

“What is the history of the Veterans Memorial located in front of the flag pole in Parkman square?” What group or individual helped establish the monument? What year? How was it funded? Learn these answers and more on May 28th.

Do we have any Parkman veterans who are serving now, have served, died for their country, were wounded, were POW's, ...etc? Please e-mail ParkmanOhio@hotmail.com and let us know about all of our Parkman Veterans.

Join us during the Memorial Day Parade as we salute all of our Parkman Veterans.



Parkman Fire Report Chief Wayne Komandt

In May, Route 422 will be closed to one lane going only in the East direction. The reason for the one lane east is to have accessibility for the Fire / Rescue response times. If there was any blockages in this route, a delay in rescue could be possible. Please help us keep this lane unblocked while Rt. 422 is under construction. Be courteous for our sirens and help our passage during the next 24 months. Thank you in advance for your support.

Parkman EMS Report

From: Joan Dillon - Medical Officer

Spring brings good warm thoughts, even if the cold weather is hanging in there. I love the cold weather, but I'm getting boos from the troops. Hmmm. Wait until they get more mature and have hot flashes. This report will focus on our EMS volunteers. Lynn Komandt is slowly recovering from her surgery. One procedure turned into multiple procedures "while they were in the vicinity". Glad she's feeling better. Dale Komandt has been in EMS for so many years, he could function in his sleep. Daytime is more to his liking though. Ed Wilson is finishing up his Paramedic training. He responds when he can and always has a smile on his face. The smile is getting wider as the class is winding down. Imagine that. Mike Komandt is now an honest-to-goodness card-carrying EMT. He's been responding faithfully helping out as a driver and "go-fer" awaiting that card. Now he's legal. Welcome Mike. Liz Sanders is enthusiastically enjoying running on the squad. She's a busy lady with children at home, but manages to find time to respond to do what she loves. Luanne Baker is another blessing, busy lady that is there to help when she can. Adele Sohm has been busy going on vacation and then recovering from an illness she picked up somewhere between Florida and home. Sandie Parnaby has been ill and unable to respond for a few months. We will welcome them both back soon. Kelly Anderson responds for Troy FD and Parkman FD whenever she's not working at Community Care Ambulance in Middlefield. She functions at top capacity on little sleep. Oh, to be young again!! Dave Podboy is another busy young man making his place in the world of medicine. It's always a pleasure to see him on a run. Bernie Zahuranic usually goes direct to the scene of an emergency. She does a fine job of rendering first responder care and reporting on the severity of the incident. Occasionally we can get her into the back of the squad. Our Chief, Wayne Komandt, has been "blessed" with traveling all over the country, and out of the country lately, due to his work requirements. We're thinking a time-spent-away-from-home restriction is in order. We're also thinking it's not going to mean a thing. A special thanks here to our dedicated firemen who respond with us to drive the squad and lend some muscle when needed. And me? Well, I'm like the Eveready bunny. I keep running and running...

I speak for all the volunteers when I say that when the pager tones out, we all feel it's a privilege to respond to your emergency.

Once again, if anyone is interested in joining us, come around and meet the Volunteers on any Wednesday at the fire station in Parkman at 7:30pm.

Any questions? Call Chuck or Joanie Dillon at 440-548-7541.



The Easter Bunny was a Snowshoe Rabbit!



The April 7th spring whiteout conditions did not prevent the Parkman Easter Egg Hunters from searching for their treasures. Everyone was dressed for the event.



All of the egg hunters received gifts from the Easter Bunny. This event was sponsored by the Parkman Twp. Chamber of Commerce.



2 feet of snow made it easy to hide the eggs!!



Thanks to the Easter Snow Bunny and our Parkman Volunteers for their continued dedication to make this traditional event another success!

Parkman Fire Department Street Address Signs

The Parkman Fire Department continues to make the highly visible green and reflective white letter Street Address Signs. These signs 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.

Township History and Fact Finding - Parkman Cheesehouse

Hello Parkman Paragraphs,

I'm searching for information on Geauga County cheese factories. I found your towns on the www.ParkmanOhio.com. Does anyone know when the Parkman cheese factory stopped processing dairy products? Any information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time,

Donald Burden, Architectural Historian

Hi Don,

Our Parkman Cheese Factory was built in 1863, by a New York company called Stokes and Budlong. It is said that they went into production right away and were very successful. Milk was collected by horse then. Nearly every farm in the community contributed to the supply of milk, thus making the runs very long. In the late 1860's, the company changed owners to OC Smith. This became known as the O C Smith Manufacturing Company. There was a patent in 1881 where rotary cheese vats were invented. In one year, 260,000 pounds of cheese was made netting a profit of \$27,000.

In the late 1880's, after the death of Smith, the company changed hands again several times and thus managed unsuccessfully. At the turn of the century, there was a craze for roller-skating and a new floor was put upstairs to support the new trend. Some time around there (1900 ish) the cheese production ceased and the building was closed. I will research this more for you to get a closer to exact date.

In 1924, the cheese factory was redesigned as the new Parkman Community House. A local group called the Mothers Club donated money to help fix it up. They were active in raising money with fund raisers and bake sales to help organize its construction. It was remodeled to the current look. It hosts a 150 seating capacity community hall for all of our local events. Upstairs (2nd floor) is still an open floor used now as a dancing area. This past year (2006) we remodeled a new kitchen to modernize it to current FDA standards. It is a local treasure and used by the community regularly. Basement hosts the Town Trustee and business meetings. The building has much character to it and is a symbol of the communities heritage.

Hope you find this information useful.

Cory

From The Zoning Inspector

Parkman Zoning has a new e-mail parkmanzone@windstream.net

The Parkman Community House recently installed a new DSL line to help speed up any zoning data searches. Please note the e-mail change and remember to use your name and address when contacting the office. If you have any projects that might need approval, or you would just like to ask a question to be sure, then please contact the zoning office at 440-548-2904 or by email at parkmanzone@windstream.net.

Or, stop by the zoning office at the rear of the Parkman Community House on Wednesday evenings between 7 and 8:30 PM.

John Hasman - Parkman Zoning Inspector.

Parkman Historical Society

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

Our next meeting is

Thursday May 17th at 7:30pm in the Community House.

Hope to see you there.

Our March 2007 topic was

The History of the Western Phoenix (Parkman) Masons #42

Our guest speaker, Dale Komandt, presented the history of the Western Phoenix Masonic Lodge #42 and its importance to our community. Parkman has one of the oldest in Ohio and the first in Geauga County. The #42 Charter was granted to Parkman members in 1818. Members would meet on Thursday eve following the full moon as there were no street lights to travel by. The lodge ceased to exist between 1828 to 1857. In 1866, the third floor of the Blackmann and Jones Building was erected for the lodge meetings. It cost \$1300 to build. Most of the records before 1886 were lost to time and fire, however they are in the hands of the present lodge 1877 to present.

This year the Western Phoenix Masonic #42 will celebrate its 150 anniversary! 1857-2007

**The Historical Society "Series of Mugs"
has the 1907 Parkman School on it for this year.**

\$5.00/each or 2 for \$9.00

Next year we will have the mill on the mug.



Parkman Roads Department

Tom Evers - Road Superintendent



With the failure of another Road & Bridge levy the Parkman Road Dept. will be reducing the amount of gravel spread on the roads. Also grading and roadside mowing will be reduced. Fuel and gravel prices are higher making it necessary for these extreme measures. Until a Road & Bridge levy is passed we will continue our cost saving approach to road maintenance.

Just a reminder:

- Fences are not permitted within the road right of way. We will be addressing the fences that will have to be moved.

- For spring clean up don't forget the leaves and debris in and around your driveway pipe. That is the homeowners responsibility.

Meet the Volunteers of the Parkman Fire and EMS Team

This issue of the Parkman Paragraphs continues a series of introductions to our Parkman Fire and EMS Volunteers. Since its beginnings in the 1940's, Parkman relies on its residents to serve on this Team. Salute our volunteers with the utmost respect as they serve you during your time of need! More volunteers will follow in future editions. Stay tuned.

Mark Strumly

Mark Strumly has lived in Parkman since 1991. Knowing much about vehicle maintenance, he was asked to join the Team in 1992 and help keep the Parkman Equipment in top shape. Mark states, "Though only 25% of the rescue calls are high action and sheer excitement, he loves to help people and finds all of his Fire Rescues rewarding."



Adele Sohm

Adele Sohm has lived in Parkman since 1973 and continues to be heavily involved with our community. She joined the Parkman Rescue Team in 2002 as a Basic EMT. Adele says, "A volunteer is a real asset to such a small community and we are fortunate to have the great response from our volunteers who act 24/7 in the time of need."

Lynn Komandt

Lynn Whitehead served as the Post Office Officer in Charge in 1999-2000. During that time, she met Dale Komandt and both were married in 2001. Lynn was inspired by Dale to learn the rescue trade and she earned Basic EMT in 2003. She then continued to pursue Fire Fighter in 2004, EMT Intermediate in 2005 and finally Paramedic in 2006. Lynn is also the national quarter-master of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club for Fire Fighters.



Bernie Zuranic

Bernie Zuranic has lived in Parkman since 1974. Her family purchased a farm in 1967 as a summer vacation home, but loved Parkman so much they permanently moved here. Bernie grew up in the community and worked for Trask Ambulance Service in Middlefield from 1980-1986. She joined the Parkman Volunteer Team in 2001 as a Basic EMT and continues to serve our community. Bernie owns BZ Quarter horses, where her other passion is to help train horses. Bernie believes that the greatest pay as a volunteer is the THANKS and being remembered helping.



Spring 2007 Feature Volunteer Profile

Dale Komandt -



Dale Komandt was born in Parkman Ohio on January 17th, 1938. He has live here his whole life. Dale began attending the Parkman School but had to graduate from Chalker High School (located on Rt. 305 in Southington) in 1956.

In 1956, after graduation, Dale joined the US Navy. He served as a 2nd class radioman until 1960. After his honorable discharge, Dale followed his father's and grandfather's footsteps. He returned to Parkman to serve the community as a fireman.

In 1961, Dale joined the Parkman Fire Department. During his tenure, he has served as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the department. Dale still serves as a Captain for the team and passionately enjoys his duty.

Dale also worked as the Parkman Road Supervisor from 1975 to 2001. He still is the Sexton for the Parkman Cemetery. Dale was one of the three original EMT's to form the Parkman Rescue Squad. He loves this community and is proud to be an active volunteer and resident.

On the personal side, Dale was married to Linda Sanborn until she died in 2000. He has two children from Linda: Louis Ann, who also serves as an EMT and attended nursing school in the 1980's.....and his son Timothy.

Dale remarried to Lynn Whitehead of Euclid in 2001. Lynn is also a Parkman Paramedic and Fire Fighter. Together they are members of the Red Knights Motorcycle Club - a riding club for firefighters. Dale also is a member of the Masonic Motorcycle Club and the Goldwing Motorcycle Club.

Its obvious that Dale enjoys riding, yet he enjoys learning about the history of our Parkman community just as much. He is a member of the Parkman Historical Society. He recently presented several topics in the last year for the group. His collection of data has helped the Parkman Paragraphs make an impression for our community. As editor of these recent editions, and his wife Lynn starting the project, we developed a fun display to share with you readers. So show Dale your appreciation when you see him for the dedication to preserve some of our Parkman Heritage in his collections.

Thank you Dale for your countless hours volunteering and keeping us safe!

**Stay tuned as more Volunteer and Feature Profiles
will come in future editions of the Parkman Paragraphs.**

