

Parkman Paragraphs Fall 2024



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Meetings normally are 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7pm in the Community House

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Fire & Rescue

Mike Komandt - Fire Chief 440-547-2817 or mike.komandt@gmail.com Non Emergency Fire Station 440-548-2515

Fire/Medical Emergencies:

CALL 911

Zoning Commission

Meets 4th Wednesday 7pm January, April, July, and October at the Community House

Zoning Appeals Board

(meets 2nd Tuesday 7pm) at the Community House

Zoning Inspector

John Spelich—Zoning Inspector

Cell Phone or txt: 330-219-3698 or e-mail at reavictor42@aol.com

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(Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6pm) at the Community House or by appointment in the event you cannot make office hours.

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

Road Department

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Denise Villers, President Sandy Rought, Secretary Nancy Black, Vice-President Lynn Schiffbauer, Treasurer

Chamber meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of the months January, February, April, September, October, and November in the Parkman Community House. We are always looking for new members.

Mark your calendar for our 2025 Parkman Pancake Breakfast - serving since 1968

Parkman Community House - Sunday's in March (2, 9, 16, 23), 2025 (9am-1pm) Pancake and Sausage Meal - "Eat In" and "Drive Through" options available

Many thanks to all who help volunteer and support all of our Parkman traditions!

Parkman 2024 Community Event Calendar

Thanks to all for your continued support to our community traditions and also keeping such traditions safe for everyone to enjoy.

Please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!



2024 Parkman Halloween Trunk or Treat

November 1, 2024

(6:30pm - 8:00pm) at the Parkman Community House

2024 Breakfast with Santa

December 7, 2024

(8:30am - 10am) at the Parkman Community House Child's breakfast is only \$5.00 and Adults can eat for \$8.00



Visit KT's Nut-House

December 7, 2024

(9am - Noon) at 17020 Hosmer Road, Parkman Over 1400 Nutcrackers on display for your holiday viewing pleasure RSVP by December 5th to KT@Simcon.net

American Red Cross

Parkman Community House Blood Drive

December 11, 2024

(10am - 3pm) at the Parkman Community House





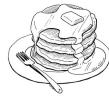
Parkman Historical Society

Our next meeting is March 20, 2025 at (7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House or e-mail your story to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com to share on our website

Parkman Chamber's Pancake Breakfast

Sunday's in March (2, 9, 16, 23), 2025 (9am - 1pm)
Parkman Community House

All you can eat breakfast includes - pancakes, sausage and drink. "Dine In" and "Drive Through" options available



Many thanks to all who help volunteer and support all of our Parkman Community traditions!

<u>Parkman Community House</u> & Overlook Park Pavilion

Check out our Parkman website for the most up to date policies and rental charges or contact Lynn to print a current contract

Lynn Schiffbauer - Hall Coordinator
For info or reservations call
440-904-0540 or e-mail ParkmanCommunityHouse@gmail.com



Geauga County Sheriff's Office

Scott A. Hildenbrand https://sheriff.co.geauga.oh.us/

Geauga County Sheriff's Office 4th annual **Trunk or Treat** (Free / Open to public) October 23rd, 2024 (5:30pm - 8:30pm) at the Geauga County Safety Center, 12450 Merritt Rd, Chardon, OH 44024 More info - call 440-279-2070

Many thanks to the Geauga Sheriff's Department for keeping our Parkman Community and Geauga County safe. You can review over 15 years of monthly Sheriffs Reports for Parkman on the http://parkmanohio.com/SheriffsReportParkman.htm

Once again - many thanks to all of our first responders!

Geauga Park District

https://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org Check out our full adventure list on our website!



Introduction to Archery for Families

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 AM-Noon at Chickagami Park, Archery Range Registration required.

Archery Games for Families

Saturday, October 19, 1-2:30 PM at Chickagami Park, Grounds Archery Range Registration required.

Introduction to Archery for Adults

Saturday, October 19, 3-4:30 PM at Chickagami Park, Archery Range Registration required.

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides

Sunday, October 20, 1-5 PM at Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge Limited seating. No pets. Rides last about a half hour and are cancelled by bad weather. Last ride leaves at 4:30 PM. Also October 6 & 13

The Big Hike at Swine Creek

Saturday, October 26, 9 AM-Noon Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge Parking Lot Registration required.

Parkman 55 Plus Club

Please feel welcome to join us and share a delicious potluck lunch and fellowship. We meet at the Parkman Community House on the 1st Thursday of every month at 11:30am. Thanks to all who support this community gathering!

Cardinal Schools

https://cardinalschools.org/

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2024 Track or Treat on October 10th.

Check out the school website for the most current list of events and info.



Parkman Polar Bears Snowmobile Club

Check out their Facebook or Email https://www.facebook.com/baja1990/parkmanpolarbears@yahoo.com for the most up to date info.

Parkman Trustees

From: Joyce Peters, Henry Duchscherer, Lance Portman

PARKMAN'S ORIGINAL SCHOOL BELL ON DISPLAY IN GAZEBO



The Parkman Township trustees have a strong focus on preserving the history of our town. Progress has removed so many of our historic buildings and we will do our best to preserve as much as we can. The Overlook Park Pavilion has been completely refurbished with more improvements to come. The Community House has had many repairs and upgrades.

The downtown Parkman gazebo has a long, rich history having first been built and dedicated on August 10, 1887. Built by and for the Park-

man "Buckeye" Band for their performances, the bandstand was the center of action and community gatherings for many years. The name "Buckeye" band stemmed from the fact that the band members wore an actual buckeye attached to a silk string that hung from their jackets. The Band played around the whole of northeast Ohio and was quite famous.

In 1997, due to serious deterioration, the gazebo was replaced with a new gazebo built as a donation by Tim and Kara Yoder. This year, using funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act, the township refurbished the gazebo with needed repairs, a new roof which will be started at the end of October and new white paint with a beautiful blue ceiling. The blue ceiling is an old southern tradition intended to ward off evil spirits. Another old belief is that a blue porch ceiling will prevent bugs from making a home there. You can choose whichever story you like best!

Recently, the Parkman Alumni Association donated the original 1883 Parkman School bell to the township. It has been placed on a structure in the center of the gazebo for everyone to enjoy. A plaque has been made to add to the structure. Directly below is a time capsule buried in 1997 by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce. It is to be opened in 2047.

This brings us to a request to our Parkman community. We have had several incidents of littering and vandalism in our township, both at the Overlook Park and the gazebo. This year, we are finding multiple instances of littering in the Gazebo park. Our employees are busy working on the roads and cannot stop to pick up garbage daily in places where there are readily available trash cans. Please pick up after yourselves.

The Gazebo and Park have become a nighttime hangout as well. A recent instance of vandalism of the new bell and its structure has us the most concerned. We had to postpone a dedication ceremony in order to repair the damage. That ceremony will now take place on Memorial Day 2025 after the parade and lower cemetery ceremony.

Remember, both parks are closed after dark and under no circumstance is alcohol permitted in either place. Please be aware that the sheriff's office has agreed to patrol these two areas on a regular basis. We have video recording equipment at the Overlook Park and can view and identify those breaking the rules. New video recording equipment will be installed at the Comba. We see that provides the basis to be

will be installed at the Gazebo. We are also moving the benches to be more visible and will be reducing shrubbery that hides those committing acts of littering and vandalism.

While we love that residents enjoy using these facilities, we also hope that you will take care of them and follow the rules. Your cooperation is vital to keeping Parkman's treasures beautiful.

Please help to keep our township beautiful!





Parkman Congregational Church

Located at 18265 Madison Road (Parkman Township)
Mailing Address is 18265 Madison Road, Middlefield Ohio 44062
www.parkmanchurch.com

Rev. Will Coley – Pastor

9:00 a.m. Sunday school 10:00 a.m. Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Children's Church 7:00 p.m. Prayer and Worship Service

Check out the website for the most current event information at www.parkmanchurch.com or contact the church office (Mon, Thurs, Friday) at 440-548-4829 or Email to Parkmanchurch@windstream.net

Monthly Fundraising Dinner

Monthly Fundraising Dinner to benefit the Missions work of Parkman Congregational Church.

Dinners served at PCC in the social hall on the third Friday of the month from 5:30 – 7pm. \$15.00 per person serving both Dine In and Carry Out.

October 18th 2024 - Chicken Paprikash

Alcoholics Anonymous - meet every Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the church social hall. All are welcomed to this friendly group.



SS. Edward and Lucy

Catholic Parish Community 16150 Center St. Parkman, Ohio 44080

http://www.ssedwardlucy.com



Rev. Jacob Bearer - Pastor

William Steigerwald - Parish Office Coordinator

Check out the parish website for the most current masses and event information or contact the parish office at P.O. Box 709 Parkman, Ohio 44080 440-548-3812 or office@ssedwardlucy.com

Office hours are Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm

2024 Annual Car Show / Chicken Dinner

Hosted at St Edwards on August 18th, 2024

Many Thanks for all those who braved the rainy weather to participate in this years event!

Photos of the car show can be found on the Parkman website.







Parkman Chamber of Commerce

From Denise Viller

We enjoyed seeing everyone for Pancake Breakfast season (the month of March). Our volunteers are awesome! Many thanks to our crew members with decades of experience as well as those learning the ropes for the first time! (Special thanks to the masons for their dedicated service.) We served breakfast in the dining room; and, with the purchase of another griddle, we were able to also keep the drive-thru carry-out open for folks. It was a good year!

We hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt this year at Overlook Park on Saturday, March 30th. Every child gathered a LOT of candy-filled eggs and also got a prize to take home. It was great to see everyone!

Our Halloween party this year will be Friday, November 1st from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. since door-to-door trick-or-treating isn't feasible in our rural area...

Residents: Come to the Community House to hand out candy to our little princesses, superheroes, ghosts and goblins. Trunk-or-treat is an option this year. The parking spaces directly in front of the Community House will be reserved for those that want to pass out treats outside / from their cars. If possible, please reserve your space (inside or outside) by calling (440) 548-2939.

Families: Bring your kids for trick-or-treating, games, goodies, and music. We look forward to having fun with everyone!

The beautiful holiday decorations we set up in the center of town and at the Community House take a lot of work. If you would be interested in helping in the process, please call us. Our first workday will be Saturday, November 9th .

Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th , 2024 - 8:30 until 10:00 a.m. The kids get to visit with Santa (photo-op), receive a small gift and then they enjoy a yummy hot breakfast with their parents/grandparents. A child's breakfast is only \$5.00 and adults can eat for \$8.00.

As always, everyone is welcome to join the Chamber of Commerce (not just business owners – we're more of a community group). We normally meet on the 3rd Mondays in January, February, April, September, October and November at 7:00 p.m. at the Community House. We would love to see you there!

Feel free to call me if you have any questions about any of our activities.

Denise Villers (216) 215-4156 denise.villers17880@gmail.com

Parkman native George B. Herendeen was buried in Sturgis only 240 miles east of Parkman WY

Parkman native George Herendeen had made it in the history books as General Custer's scout, and his final resting place is Bear Butte Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. Just a short drive (about 240 miles) west on I-90 is our third Parkman in this country. Parkman Ohio, Parkman Maine and Parkman Wyoming are all rooted with the same family history and in that order. Mark Dolezal actually took an adventure there and recently visited Sturgis and Parkman Wyoming. Here are some photos of Marks adventure of that very small and rural town of Parkman WY (founded in 1888) 136 years ago.



Civil War Veterans from Parkman - continued

Both brothers, Frederick Loveland Herendeen (1844–1869) and George B. Herendeen (1846–1918) served in the Civil War. Frederick was buried here in our Parkman Lower Cemetery and is the only registered Herendeen known in Parkman archives. It was known that he was from the 14th Ohio Battery as his headstone clearly states that fact.

In the 1970s, Larry Pace - Parkman's cemetery sexton prior to Dale Komandt, teamed up with Ms. Jeannette "Teeter" Grosvenor, well known for being "The Matriarch of Geauga County Genealogy" and assisted in creating the map of our Parkman Cemetery that still in use today. Reading old and decayed headstones and then deciphering any useful info was a challenge. This unique data collection was accomplished pre computers. Thus it was a work of passion.

Eventually the computer age caught up and now the flow of information is global. When we connected our Parkman Cemetery to the internet, now anyone with ancestral interest can search the past. Frederick's full name was not know until Donna from New York reached out and shared some of her family history via an email. With that moment of her ambition, we here in Parkman can now put more of the puzzle together to properly salute our past veterans and family members.

Thanks to everyone who has helped evolve our local cemetery audits and the stories that follow, and especially Jeannette Grosvenor for making it a life's work to originally get everyone mapped out.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/91237161/jeannette-grosvenor



The 14th Ohio Battery https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/14th_Ohio_Independent_Light_Artillery_Battery

14th Ohio Battery was an artillery battery that served in the Union Army during the American Civil War. It was also known as Burrows' Battery after its commander Jerome B. Burrows. It was organized in Cleveland, Ohio, and mustered in September 10, 1861,

for a three-year enlistment under Captain Jerome B. Burrows. On December 9, 1864, Captain William Cary Myers became commander of the Battery and was with the unit until it mustered out of service in August 1865.

Grand Army of the Republic https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Army_of_the_Republic

The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army (United States Army), the Union Navy (U.S. Navy), and the Marines who served in the American Civil War.

After the end of American Civil War, various state and local organizations were formed for veterans to network and maintain connections with each other. Many of the veterans used their shared experiences as a basis for fellowship. The design structure of the GAR was used to format various current organizations like the VFW and the American Legion.

You will find these Veteran "Civil War" grave markers throughout our Parkman Cemetery. Each veteran has a historical story to evolve.

Thanks for anyone with the ambition to continue evolving our community history.



American Legion - Burton Post 459

https://www.facebook.com/AL.Post459 Burton.Middlefield.Post459@proton.me or (440) 834-8621

Veterans Of Foreign Wars - Middlefield Post 9678

Facebook = https://www.facebook.com/vfwpost9678/ midddlefieldvfw9678@gmail.com or (440) 632-1257



Parkman Fire & Rescue



From: Mike Komandt - Fire Chief We are still in a drought status in NE Ohio. Please use extra care when tending to traditional fall season clean up. Also remember to = check your chimneys now that the cooler temperatures are back.



Parkman Fire Department still has smoke detectors available to residents that have no working smoke detectors. Please call the firehouse during normal business hours at 548-2515 and leave a message if we are unable to answer your call.

Please remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly.

Parkman Fire Department is always looking for volunteers and part time personnel. If you are interested in serving the community, please stop in the fire house and pick up an application, contact us on Facebook, or call the station. All certification training courses for township residents are fully funded by the fire department.

> If you wish to reach the Parkman Fire Department on the NON EMERGENGY phone, then please call 440-548-2515

https://www.facebook.com/Parkman-Township-Fire-Department

Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

From John M. Spelich

This has been a good year for zoning permits for the Township. With fall nearing, now is the time to plan your winter projects if you are planning a new house or out building.

When applying for a permit here is what to DO.

- 1. Call me first at 330-219-3698 or E-mail me at rcavictor42@aol.com doing that will start your application process sooner.
- 2. Give me information on and about your project: type of project, square foot of house garage, out building or addition.
- 3. My zoning hours are Wednesdays (4:30pm 6pm) at the Community House or by appointment in the event you cannot make office hours. If you can't make the night and hours call me and we will get together when its good for you and me.

Cell Phone or txt: 330-219-3698 or e-mail at rcavictor42@aol.com

Sincerely:

John M. Spelich Parkman Township Zoning Inspector / Mark Strumbly Assistant Zoning Inspector

Needed - Parkman Zoning Commission

Interested persons should send their resume to Parkman.F.O@gmail.com

The Zoning Commission meets quarterly (January, April, July, and October). The meetings will be held at 7pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month at Parkman Community House.

Parkman is in need of residents to serve on the Zoning Commission, 4 monthly scheduled meetings per year and as needed

Parkman is in need of residents to serve on the Zoning Appeals Board, meetings are usually only as needed to hear appeals

Also Needed - Community House Emergency Team

Parkman is also looking for residents willing to serve on a committee to investigate setting up operations for a possible heating/cooling center at the Community House. This will only be in case of an area-wide weather/power emergency situation.



Parkman Historical Society

From Dale Komandt and Nikki Shrock

Historical Society Meetings for 2025

Our next meeting is March 20, 2025 at (7:30 pm) at the Parkman Community House or e-mail your story to ParkmanOhio@gmail.com to share on our website.

Please feel welcome to join us as we preserve our local history!

From Donna Herendeen of Farmington, New York

Hello Parkman,

I am the town historian for Farmington, New York. The Herendeen family settled here in 1790 as a first settler. I am doing research on the Herendeen family who migrated from here to Parkman, Geauga, Ohio in 1832. They were Quakers and members of the Alumn Creek meeting in Ohio. There may have been a child or grandson named George born Nov. 28, 1846. His parents died around 1859. His sister Jennie was married to Bill Cramton. They had 2 sons, George and Fred.

I'm suspecting that these two families may be connected but will welcome any information about the Herendeens you may have in your archives.

Thank you, Donna Herendeen

Hi Donna,

I am Cory Anderson - Parkman's webmaster. I just looked up your family name in our Parkman cemetery website link records - Herenden (there was only one name with only one "E") in our older cemetery and that was someone with

the initials F.L Herenden buried March 1868. That is the only name that was close to your search that is in our data. The other name you gave, Cramton, was not in any of our records. I hope this helped your search some. Good luck with your family history adventure.

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/52662324/f-l-herenden

F L Herenden - Birth 1843 - Death 14 Mar 1868 (aged 24–25) Burial Old Cemetery Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, USA

Thank you Cory! You have a listing for F.L. Herenden in the old cemetery? For your records, his first name is Frederick. I am curious if there are any unmarked graves next Frederick? I believe his wife may be to the right of him. Just so you know, Frederick was the father of the famous Indian Scout George B. Herendeen. George actually served with General Custer at Little Big Horn. Fortunately, George was sent back for reinforcements before the battle began and survived.

Donna

Hi Donna - Wow - that is interesting history - thanks for sharing. If anyone in Parkman has further info on the Henrendeens - please contact Donna Hill-Herendeen - farmhistorian@yahoo.com

Parkman searching for new Cemetery Sexton

Parkman's longtime cemetery sexton/historian, Dale Komandt is retiring from his Township position as of November 1, 2024. We are currently advertising for a replacement.

Qualifications:

High school graduate or GED required
Previous experience in record maintenance and management preferred

Able to work outdoors in all weather Available to meet with people in their time of sorrow at most anytime: evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays

Maintain records – Process payments and issue receipts
Coordinate grave digging – Arrive at cemetery to meet the funeral procession
Interested persons should send their resume to Parkman.F.O@gmail.com



A historical salute to another Parkman Veteran

George B. Herendeen - Parkman Native and Veteran

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/5813122/george-b-herendeen



George Herendeen Scout

George B. Herendeen Birth 28 Nov 1848 Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, USA Death 17 Jun 1919 (aged 70) Harlem, Blaine County, Montana, USA Burial Harlem Cemetery Harlem, Blaine County, Montana, USA

George B. Herendeen, a white army scout quartermaster assigned by General Alfred Terry to General Custer's 7th Cavalry in June 1876.

Mr. Herendeen survived the battle of Little Bighorn and died on June 17, 1918 in Harlem, Montana. Mr. Herendeen is buried in Bear Butte Cemetery, in Sturgis, South Dakota.

His parents died when he was 13, and he lived with his uncle until 1861, when he enlisted in the Union Army. Following the Civil War, he returned to his uncle in Indiana, and then in 1868 he moved to Denver, Colorado and later New Mexi-

co, working as a cowhand. In 1869 he followed the cattle trail to Gallatin City, Montana. In June 1875, he helped build Fort Pease, MT, on the left bank of the Yellowstone River. He joined the 7th Cavalry as a scout on 22 June 1876, and was assigned to Reno's battalion, and fought in both the valley fight and the hilltop fight, remaining there for the duration of the battle. In 1877, he participated in the Nez Perce campaign as a scout. He lived in several places in Montana, until 1889, when he settled in Harlem, MT, where he worked on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. Cause of death: hypostatic pneumonia.

https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/collection/data/70925830

George Herendeen (1846-1919) was a Bozeman, Montana Territory, pioneer, cowboy, prospector, explorer, scout for military expeditions (including the Battle of the Little Big Horn), and saloon keeper.

George B. Herendeen was born in 1846. He served in the Union army for the last six months of the Civil War as a prison guard. Herendeen arrived in Montana as a member of a cattle drive in 1869. In subsequent years, he was a cowboy, explorer, prospector, saloon keeper, and a scout for military expeditions against the Sioux. He was a member of the Custer expedition which was decimated at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in June 1876. In his later years, he worked as a caretaker at the Fort Belknap Indian School. Herendeen died in 1919.

<u>Cory's Follow-up</u> - After researching more into this Parkman History, I am to believe by the dates in our old cemetery that the F.L Herenden is actually a sibling (brother) to George who was also called Frederick.

https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/KCKS-HBQ/anna-lapham-1822-1862

Anna Lapham was born on 1 September 1822, in Dutchess, New York, United States, her father, Solomon Lapham, was 26 and her mother, Louisa Rider, was 21. She married Frederick L Herendeen on 20 October 1841, in Parkman, Geauga, Ohio, United States. They were the parents of 3 sons and 1 daughter. She lived in Parkman, Geauga, Ohio, United States for about 10 years. She died in 1862, in Geauga, Ohio, United States, at the age of 40.

Frederick L Herendeen 1817–Deceased Anna Lapham 1822–1862 Marriage: 20 October 1841 Children include:

Monroe L Herendeen 1839–1893 Jane Ann Herendeen 1846–1880 Frederick Loveland Herendeen 1844–1869 George B. Herendeen 1846–1918