

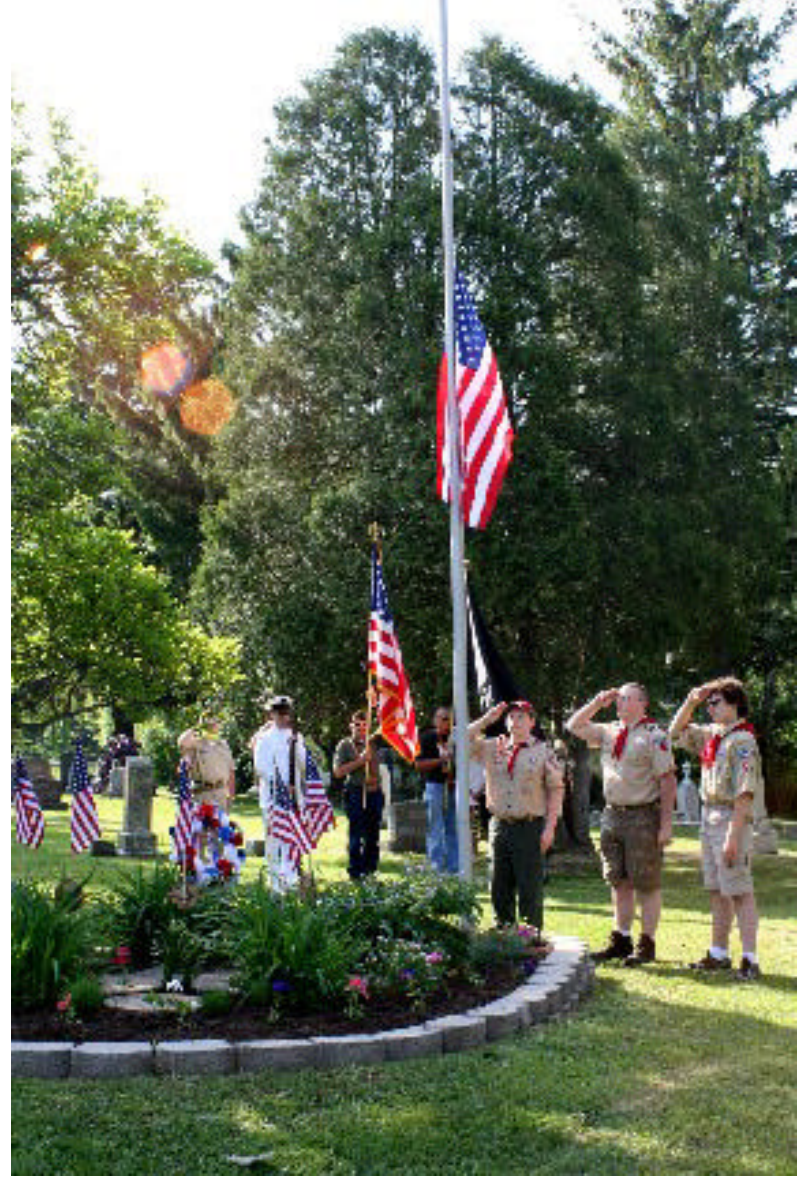
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**Bring a dish and for our community tradition!
Food - Games - Contests - Community Fun**

**For more information, attend the next Chamber meeting or check out
the Parkman website in mid July for the most current information.**

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Parkman Road Department

from Tom Evers, Superintendent

Its time for the 2008 Road Cost Totals. This Information ONLY pertains to Gravel Roads.
It contains the cost of stone, fuel, hauling the stone, grading and pulling the drag.

ROAD	TOTAL COST	COST/MILE	TONS of STONE
Nash	\$18,938.67	\$19,129.97	730 t
Newcomb	\$45,156.02	\$16,012.77	1,800 t
Sw Creek	\$6,424.15	\$9,447.27	300 t
Hosmer	\$22,289.52	\$8,572.90	880 t
Agler	\$7,680.52	\$5,863.00	386 t
Payne	\$2,887.65	\$5,553.17	130 t
Patch	\$6,204.30	\$5,539.55	290 t
Rutland	\$2,657.90	\$5,315.90	115 t
Reeves	\$8,989.22	\$5,107.51	320 t
Sh Hosmer	\$4,403.74	\$4,403.74	170 t
Doty	\$1,045.23	\$4,180.92	60 t
Owen	\$5,537.66	\$4,101.97	220 t
Bradford	\$3,947.02	\$3,986.88	143 t
Soltis	\$4,206.01	\$3,930.85	130 t
Dead End Shedd	\$3,300.80	\$3,838.13	150 t

GRAND TOTAL \$ 143,668.41 5,824 TONS OF STONE

I REMIND YOU THESE FIGURES ONLY PERTAIN TO THE GRAVEL ROADS.
THE ROADS ARE LISTED PER COST/MILE TOTALS. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE
ANY OTHER WORK THE ROAD DEPT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
PLEASE SLOW DOWN WHEN TRAVELING THROUGH OUR WORK ZONES

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Parkman Connections

Parkman's new and free community informational and fitness program

Parkman has a new group called Parkman Connections. The new group is open and free to all Parkman residents who are interested in learning more about a wide variety of subjects, and to those who are trying to get - or stay - fit.

Parkman Connections' meet on Wednesdays at the Parkman Community House. From 6:30 to 7:30 pm, an informational program will be presented. After the informational program, fitness activities will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 pm for those who are interested in participating.

At 7:30 pm, Parkman residents will divide into two groups for the fitness portion of the evening. Those who are physically fit will enjoy walking with neighbors and friends on the second floor of the Community House while those with physical restraints and those who are interested in participating in a self-help weight loss support group will meet on the first floor to discuss weight control and participate in low impact exercises. If any Parkman resident is interested in the fitness activities only, they should plan to arrive at 7:30 pm.

The schedule for Parkman Connections' this summer are:

Wednesday, July 15 - 6:30 to 7:30 - Craft and Game Night

The 3rd Wednesday will always be our craft and game night.

Bring your unfinished crafts to work on and enjoy each other's company.

Bring your chess or checker set or other board games.

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

Wednesday, July 22 - 6:30 to 7:30 - Nutrition -

Cindy Perino, nutritionist from UHHS Geauga Regional Hospital.

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

Wednesday, July 29 - 6:30 to 7:30 - Geauga County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit

Deputy Mike Matsik with Marko (Marko's expertise is explosives detection)

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

Wednesday, August 5 - 6:30 to 7:30 - Selecting, Planting, and Maintaining Spring-

Blooming Bulbs by Jane Zajackowski

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

Wednesday, August 12 - 6:30 to 7:30 - To be announced

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

Wednesday, August 19 - 6:30 to 7:30 - Craft and Games Night

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

Wednesday, August 26 - 6:30 to 7:30 - Cleaning with Natural Products (such as baking

soda or vinegar) by Nancy Ferguson

7:30 to 8:30 - Fitness and self-help weight loss support group

If you have any questions, please send an email to

Jane Zajackowski at janezaj@windstream.net

Parkman Trustees Notes

From Kevin O'Reilly

Recently the trustees have had quite a few inquiries into why our township roads are not in better condition. I would like to use this newsletter to explain a little about our road department and our road budget.

The Parkman Township road department consists of one full time and one part time employee, and one summer helper who keeps the parks and cemeteries mowed. The township road department is actually the township maintenance department. It is responsible for not only the roads but also the parks, cemeteries and various township buildings.

There are twenty six miles of township roads, comprised of 6 miles of improved or paved roads and 20 miles of gravel roads. There are two basic types of gravel roads in Parkman; limestone based and steel slag based. Each responds differently to weather conditions and requires different approaches to maintenance. Maintenance of a gravel road is dependant on just the right weather conditions. If the road is too wet, grading or dragging it will cause muddy conditions and result in large pot holes. If the road is too dry, it is very difficult to grade or drag because the equipment will not cut the surface, but will simply slide over the top. The road superintendent is continually watching for the right weather conditions to work the roads. When conditions allow for proper grading, he will grade and gravel as needed. If the weather cooperate, the road will turn out very nice. However, if it rains too much or too little after grading, either mud or dust will result. These conditions are very hard to predict and are never the intended result. As you can see, the weather has a great deal to do with how well the gravel roads can be maintained.

Now on to the budget. There are several sources of finances that the township can draw on to pay for road maintenance. I will list them with the amount received from each source for 2009 including any carryover from last year. Motor Vehicle License tax, \$8,650, Gasoline Tax \$81,700, Road and Bridge levy \$96,400, Special Levy Road and Bridge \$131,600. The total budgeted income for 2009 is \$318,350.

Expenses for the roads have gone up dramatically over the last couple of years. For example, on only the gravel roads the cost for summer maintenance in 2007 was \$51,045 and in 2008 was \$143,688, an increase of \$92,643 which is slightly more than the increased revenue from the most recent levy that was passed. We recently decided to replace our primary dump truck of more than 20 years with a new one costing \$125,800. Also, there are additional expenses for patching the paved roads as well as the cost of snow and ice control each winter. These last two items are much harder to budget for due to the unpredictability of the winter season in our area. Each year, money is also allocated for large projects such as major culvert replacements.

So the trustees have been asked: Where has all the money gone from the levy that was passed? First you must remember that it is a five year levy, the first year was used simply to keep up with the increased cost of regular maintenance. The second and part of the third year will help pay for the new dump truck. The remaining two and a half years still to be collected will be allocated as wisely as possible with the goal of continually improving our roads.

Parkman Trustees Notes are continued on Page 3



The mission of Geauga Park District is to preserve, conserve and protect the natural features of Geauga County and to provide the opportunity for people to enjoy and appreciate those resources.

For registration or more information on these and other Geauga Park District programs and opportunities, contact 440-286-9516 or www.geaugaparkdistrict.org

Burgers 'n Butterflies, 'Dogs n' Dragons - Sunday, July 12, 12:00-3:30 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Lakeside Shelter
Grab a net and work for your lunch! Join Ohio Lepidopterist Mark Rzeszotarski and naturalists for this annual census while learning identification, habits, and food sources of these amazing insects. Catch a butterfly or dragonfly and get a free hamburger or hotdog. Nets provided. Wear sunscreen and long pants.

Geauga Walkers - Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 PM

July 14: Sunnybrook Preserve
July 28: Swine Creek Reservation, Valley
Join other active seniors on these weekly 1+ mile hikes in locations around the county. Call Geauga Senior Center for schedule: 440-279-2137.

Campfire Songs and Stories - Saturday, August 29, 7:00-8:30 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge
Gather around a blazing campfire with s'mores, animal stories and nature songs to entertain all ages. Please bring lawn chair or a blanket. Stay after for the Astronomy program. Fully Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible

A Toad-ally Newt Experience - August 1-31

Swine Creek Reservation, Woods Edge
Get on the call list to see red efts (newts) and "tad grads": tiny wood frogs, treefrogs and toadlets on a rainy weeknight or weekend afternoon in August. Call will come on the morning of, possibly the day before the program. Program will be outdoors, dress for weather. Pre- registration required

Astronomy Night - Saturday, August 29, 9:00-11:00 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, Lake Side
Gaze through telescopes of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society (or bring your own) to see the 1st quarter moon, Jupiter, constellations, nebula, and other celestial bodies. Cancelled if cloudy. Call after 3:00 p.m. for cancellation notice. Come early and enjoy campfire songs and stories before program. Fully Wheelchair / Stroller Accessible

Paddles, Pedals & Peds Plus - Sunday, August 30, 1:00-4:00 PM

Headwaters Park, Crystal Lake Picnic Area
Hike, bike and/or walk all in one adventurous afternoon utilizing the paved Maple Highland Trail, multi-use Buckeye Trail and waters of East Branch Reservoir. As an added bonus, local boat builders will display their handmade at the beach. Canoes will be provided on a first come basis, must be 10 or over to paddle.



SS. Edward and Lucy Catholic Parish Community



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

2009 Mass Schedule

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm - St. Edward 6:30pm - St. Lucy
Sunday: 8:30am - St. Edward 10:30am - St. Lucy
Confessions: 4:15-5:00pm-St Edward 7:15pm-St. Lucy
Weekday Mass: M at 6pm and T-F at 8am in St. Edward Chapel

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

2nd Annual Cruisin' at the Church Yard

LIVE BAND

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PEDDLE CAR EXHIBIT

CRAFT & VENDOR TABLES

CHICKEN DINNERS

ICE COLD BEVERAGES

ICE CREAM

50/50 RAFFLE



St. Edward Parkman, Ohio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2009

11AM-4PM

**GOODIE BAGS & DASH PLAQUES TO THE FIRST 50 CARS
3 PRIZES GIVEN OUT**

\$5 REGISTRATION FEE FOR SHOW CAR ENTRIES

INFORMATION: OFFICE (440) 548-3812

WEBSITE: SSEDWARDLUCY.COM

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Parkman Congregational Church

<http://www.forministry.com/USOHCOCPCPCPC/>

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Prayer Time, 8:55 AM - 9:10 AM

Happy Quarter Hour, 9:00 AM (social time, light refreshments)

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:15 AM

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:15 AM

All are welcomed and encouraged!



Free Meals Invitation!

You are invited to join the members and friends of Parkman Congregational Church for a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month. The Summer/Fall 2009 meals are:

July 29th – Salisbury Steak

August 26th – Italian Delight

September 30th – Chicken Tenders

October 28 – Goulash

November 25th – Meatloaf

December 30th – Shepherd's Pie

PARKMAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TRASH & TREASURE SALE

The Women's Fellowship of Parkman Congregational Church is holding its annual Trash & Treasure Sale in the church social hall on

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JULY 9th & 10th FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
AND

SATURDAY, JULY 11th FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

On Saturday, July 11th, all remaining items will be half price or better! We are known for our great deals and huge selection! You won't want to miss THIS rummage sale!

North East Community

Sunday Gatherings start at 11am (Bible Study at 9:45am) in the **Parkman Community House**. All are welcome!

For more information call 440-313-1092 or check out the Church Website: www.necommunity.org

Casual Atmosphere - Fun Learning - Authentic pursuit of God

For other information on home groups, service projects and church events check out our website or call our contact number.

We look forward to meeting you!



Parkman Trustees Notes - Continued

One final question I would like to address is the possibility of paving more roads. The best way for the township to pave roads is through cost sharing with the state through State Issue 2 money. Under this program Parkman will generally provide one third of the project cost and the state will pay two thirds. This program is only available every three to ten years depending on available funding. We will be receiving about \$60,000 this year which Parkman will match with \$30,000 to replace the large culvert on the north end of Newcomb Rd and improve the drainage along Newcomb from Patch to Shedd. As for paving, our best estimates are that the cost of paving a gravel road would be around \$325,000 per mile. So using Newcomb as an example the cost of paving would be almost \$1,000,000. That is more than three years of the total budget with no money left for the other 23 miles of roads and no snow removal et cetra. This is only an overview of Parkman township road maintenance and budget issues. It would be very difficult to address these issues in greater detail in this newsletter.

As trustees and also residents and fellow taxpayers, our goal is to achieve the greatest benefit from the money available to improve the quality of life in our township. We always welcome input from our residents on ways that we can improve our current road conditions. Please feel free to attend one of our regular meetings or contact Kevin O'Reilly, Pat Joyce or Lucinda Sharp-Gates if you have suggestions to help make Parkman a better place.

Parkman Historical Society - Garage Sale!

The Parkman Historical Society is having a Garage Sale on July 9th from 9 to 5 and July 10th from 9 to 4 and July 11th from 9 to 2

This also coincides with sale at the Congregational Church so buyers can go to both. Remember that our next meeting July 16th at 7pm and on the third Thursday of every odd month at the Parkman Community House. Thank you all for your continued support!

Parkman Boy Scout Troop # 76

Our boys are off to Scout camp at Camp Manicot in Peninsula, Ohio the week of June 28th. We will be working on merit badges – camping skills, swimming, archery, rifle range, and many more. This is a week that will build character and be long-remembered by the boys (as well as the leaders).

In late July we'll have another local camp -out (location yet to be determined). August is vacation time for the leaders and boys with no meetings or events scheduled until after school starts.

The Scouts will continue to meet every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Boy Scout Lodge on Sperry Lane (near the baseball fields) in Middlefield. New boys are always welcome to join us (ages 11 – 18).

Scott Villers, Troop 76 committee chairman
(440) 548-3622





Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon

It was a wet spring. Good for the plants, yards and gardens. We've enjoyed fresh lettuce and greens, healthy eating. I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and not needing our services. If you do need us, we're here for you.

We have a couple new additions to our squad, both in personnel and equipment. We welcome Stacey Urbanowitz as a new EMT-B who is working on transition to Paramedic since her regular job is a flight nurse with Cleveland Clinic. We welcome her experience and look forward to working with her. We have a new inflatable pediatric car seat to keep the little one safe when their parent is being transported for treatment. We are constantly looking for new ideas to serve our residents in the best way possible.

We recently had our squad in the shop for repair. Thanks to our brother department, we responded in Troy's second squad for two weeks. Bless their hearts. We are so lucky to have such a great relationship with Troy FD. I can't say enough about the working rapport between the two departments. We train together and are paged out together during the weekdays, so that's the reason you may see both Parkman and Troy squads on the scene.

We have a couple new additions to our squad, both in personnel and equipment. We welcome Stacey Urbanowitz as a new EMT-B who is working on transition to Paramedic since her regular job is a flight nurse with Cleveland Clinic. We welcome her experience and look forward to working with her. Patricia Hall and Jeremy Hall (mother and son) have their National Registry for EMT-Basic in hand and are awaiting their state card. They will be joining Jeremy's brother, Jeff, on the squad ASAP. Jeff, meanwhile, is in training at Kent State Police Academy. Go, Jeff!! Welcome to the Hall family! We're going to work on dad. We have a new inflatable pediatric car seat to keep the little one safe when their parent is being transported for emergency treatment. We are constantly looking for new ideas to serve our residents in the best way possible.

Enjoy the summer and stay safe. Once again, if you'd like to join us in service to the community, come on down to the station the first Wednesday of the month....our Association meeting....and meet the volunteers. Or, you can call Joanie (EMS) or Chuck (Firefighter) at 440-548-7541 for questions/information.

Green Address Signs - Parkman Address Signs have just been redesigned to host 4 inch lettering verse the former 3 inch lettering This is due to easier visibility during a faster pace travel during emergencies. If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - then get the newest version of our project.

Don't wait until its too late - it will be your emergency that will be affected!
Call Dale Komandt at 548-5636 for details! Stop Procrastinating!!

Parkman Volunteer Fire and EMS Fundraiser

Angel Food - (www.angelfoodministries.com)

This is a fundraiser project that donates money to the Parkman Fire and EMS when you purchase their monthly menu meal plan. Contact Liz Sanders at 548-2334 for more info .

Parkman Zoning Inspector

With today's tough economic times, it seems more and more residents are choosing to work from there homes operating small businesses or home occupations. The current zoning resolution does allow for a number of different types of home businesses in the R-1 Residential, district but does include restrictions on types and sizes of these businesses. For one example, as an individual lot size increases in acreage, the more square footage is allowed for the operation of a home business. For a lot of more than 10 acres, a resident may be allowed to use up to 2,500 square feet of an accessory building to conduct the business as long as it is one of the permitted uses under the home occupation call out (Section 402.2 J 1 a—ccc) of the zoning resolution. 2,500 square feet is the largest area permitted regardless of lot size, and as lot size decreases the amount of square feet allowed for a home business decreases incrementally. Other restrictions apply, so please contact the zoning office for all the regulations and details necessary before getting started. Please contact the Zoning Office if you have any questions.

John Hasman

Parkman Township Zoning Inspector

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 (extension 2)
or parkmanzone@windstream.net

Overlook Park and Parkman Recreation Committee

The US Department of Agriculture is monitoring Southern Geauga County for an exotic wood wasp called the Sirex Wood Wasp. Parkman is included in the area being monitored. The Sirex Wood Wasp is native to Europe, Asia, and Northern Africa. It attacks pine trees. If detected the Sirex Wood Wasp can be successfully managed using biological control agents. To date there has been no confirmed observation of the Sirex Wood Wasp in our area. Stay tuned.

Geauga Park District held an Astronomy Night in May @ Overlook Park. According to a representative from the Park District, it was a resounding success. Around eighty-five people attended. Overlook Park was a great location for this event and they hope to do this again in the future.

Baseball is winding down. We will be recognizing all those who contributed to another successful season in the next addition of the Paragraphs. Thanks again to all those who have supported the Parkman Youth league past and present.

We are still attempting to raise money for the playground improvement project at Overlook Park. We have had a good response from local businesses and residents. We still need your help to make this happen. If you'd like to contribute please contact: Mike/Candie Peters 548-5565, Scott Simms 548-2692, Sandy/Chuck Rought 548-5740, Dan Mack 548-2627 or Pat Joyce 548-5576.

Parkman 55 Plus Club

The Parkman 55 Plus Club meets on the first Thursday (at noon) of each month at the Parkman Community House Come to one of the monthly meetings and find out more!.



Robert Foust Sr
US Navy Veteran and Parkman Resident

Robert Foust Sr. served in the US Navy From 1952-1960

Robert is a graduate of Middlefield High School and had received his Navy training at Great Lakes Naval Training Station and the Norfolk Navy Base.

Robert served the USS Rolette AKA-99 out of the home port, Norfolk, Va., to operate as a unit of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet. From April to October 1953, the ship served with the 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean. On this deployment she landed food, medical supplies, and workers to aid the citizens of Ergosterol, Greece, after a devastating earthquake.

Robert then went aboard the USS Ameb for the largest scientific expedition in history in the Antarctic.

Below are some highlights of a story written about Robert for The Geauga News in Burton Ohio on November 24, 1955 by Mrs. Hazel Ohl and Roberts mother Mildred A. Foust:

Robert Allen Foust EM -3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Foust of Middlefield served as an Engine Room Electrician on the USS Arneb AKA-56, out of Norfolk Virginia. Arneb made six cruises to the West Indies, before beginning preparations for an extended operation at Antarctica. As a preliminary trial before her cruise southward, Arneb participated in an operation in waters north of the Arctic Circle.

Arneb got underway as flagship of Operation "Deep Freeze I" that would allow her to claim the distinction of crossing both the Arctic and Antarctic Circles in the course of one year.

Scientists of 40 nations will pool talent, knowledge and equipment in the over all two year study. Before the two year are out men will have build and lived in a station atop The South Pole. The whole Antarctic region will boast in its greatest population, made up of a sort of Little United Nations. Scientists want to explore more fully the atmosphere blanket which warps the world to search the face of the sun for the ways where forces of the sudden bursts of electrical discharges which black out radio communications and affect the weather. It is planned to fire a man made satellite into space to orbit around the globe 200 to 600 miles up as an out-of-this world laboratory. It will be man's first step toward actual inter-stellar travel.

In all the expedition will be comprised of a seven ship ask force and 120 out of the 2200 men contingent well stay over the winter as Base Caretakers at The South Pole. Assembling of date will go on over the world simultaneously in the 40 nations participating. National committees were set up in all of them including The United States, Great Britain, France, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and Norway to meet cost of the Expedition.

Robert returned to the United States on the Ameb completing a circumnavigation of the globe upon the arrival at Norfolk in 1956.

Thank you Robert for sharing your story and for serving our country. If you have a story to share about a Parkman Veteran, please send it in. Thank you all for your support to help salute our Veterans!!



Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Steve Dale (Parkman Training Officer)

The Parkman Volunteer Fire Team hosts various training events every second and forth Wednesday of each month. Many of these activities are very energized to watch. Some times these events need victims to practice on. Come and watch our next series at the Parkman Community House:

July 22 training - auto extrication

July 29 training - car fires

EMS training on the third Wednesday also at the Community House for those interested.

From a couple concerned Parkman residents

To The People of Parkman

Last weekend, June 26-27-28, some "children" had the audacity to enter our Cemetery on Rt. 168 and tip over 25 stones. This act of vandalism shows what the world has come to. How would you feel if it were YOUR Mom's gravestone that was upended?

Nothing is sacred to this younger generation. And I believe the parents must take responsibility for their children's upbringing, which seems to be sorely lacking. Parents must take control again.

For many years, Overlook Cemetery has been a source of Parkman Pride. Visitors from far and wide have mentioned this fact time and again. Hometown pride is needed if we want to survive and grow in our small township. We are better than this!

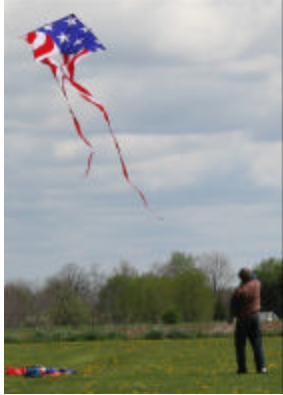
Signed,
 Two Downright Ticked-Off Residents

From the editor - Cory's comment on the Parkman Cemetery:

Hello Readers,
 I very much disliked adding this bad news in our newsletter. The regular world news has enough corruption in it and I thought our community was better than this. We all work together and share the responsibility to keep our township a beautiful place, and to have allowed our community be destroyed by selfish acts like mentioned above is beyond not acceptable. I am sure those responsible will be addressed and hope that future reports of selfish destruction in our community will be avoided. Remember this requires effort from everyone - Thank you all for your commitment to our communities integrity.

Happy 91st Birthday Mrs Jeanette Giles!

Mrs Giles came to Parkman in 1938 to teach at the Parkman elementary through high school classes. She has live in Parkman ever since, watching the evolution of the town. She watched the Congregational Church move up the hill to its current location. She helped to save our Parkman Post Office from destruction by going door to door to save it. Mrs Giles remembers that Parkman had no school busses so they used trucks from a meat business to take the teams to sporting events. Her property had a lot of earth removed and put in the parking lot of the Community House to fill in the hole so that the community would have a parking lot. Soo many memories in the last 60 plus years in Parkman, that this edition of the newsletter could not give her full story, but our website will have it..



2009 Parkman Kite Day

The Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank to all who supported the 2009 Parkman Kite Festival,. We had a wonderful year as well over 50 people attended this year. We had diamonds in the sky of every shape and color! We had people of all ages represented. We had music to enjoy, and plenty of food to savor. We also had wind and clear skies!

Special thanks to Nancy Lockwood from American Kite Association who brought out 53 handmade kites and sold all but 3. Thanks to those in the kitchen area preparing our tasty meals, and those who put forth the energy to organize this Parkman Tradition for another year. You can find out more photos and story on the Parkman Website.

See you next spring in 2010!



2009 Parkman Memorial Day Parade

The tradition of the Parkman Memorial Day Parade was another success this year as Ceremonies in both the Overlook Cemetery and Lower Cemetery saluted US military veterans. Boy Scout Troop 76 performed the Flag ceremony and the Cardinal Marching Band performed the traditional melodies including the National Anthem.

This year Parkman honored the Gotham Brothers - John, Carlisle, Glen, Neil, and Leland. A presentation of the family was conducted by Tom Gotham and a special edition Parkman Paragraphs was created to highlight these brothers and US Veterans. You can find this special edition on the Parkman Website under recent events—2009 Memorial Day.

We also had the Middlefield Post perform symbolic ceremony salutes to all of our Parkman Veterans buried here, and Father Burkley of St Edwards led prayers to these troops.