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Parkman Paragraphs

Memorial Day 2020



PARKMAN MEMORIAL DAY 2020 TRIBUTE TO

JEANNETTE SMITH LOOMIS

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Cory Anderson, Paragraphs Editor

Parkman Township Trustees

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

For all Township business, call 548-2904

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CALL 911

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Denise Villers, President
Sandy Rought, Secretary

Patty Hall, 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.

Our next events (pending on social distancing rules) are the:

Parkman Chamber Halloween Party “Trick-or-Treat”

Sunday, October 25th, 2020 (6:30pm – 7:30pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5th, 2020 (8:30am – 10am)
at the Parkman Community House



Zoning Commission

(now meets 4th Wednesday 7pm)
at the Community House

Zoning Appeals Board

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

Zoning Inspector

John Spelich
(Wednesdays 4:30pm - 6pm)
at the Community House

Cell Phone: 330-219-3698
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E-mails must have
residents name and contact info
to be officially answered.

Road Department

Eric Mathews - Superintendent
ParkmanRoads@gmail.com
Roads Cell Phone - 440-904-0655

**Road Dept. Garage Phone Number
548-8671**

**For other Township business,
548-2904**

Scrap and Tire Recycling Day

Saturday June 20, 8:00 AM Till 12:00 Noon

Once Again we will be having a Scrap and Tire recycling at Parkman Community House
from 8AM till 12 Noon in an effort to continue the clean-up of Parkman Township.

PLEASE SEPARATE METAL ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Batteries, Liquid Paint, Chemicals, Yard Waste of any kind, Rocks, Dirt,
Concrete or Cement, Motor Vehicle Parts,
No Items containing Freon, Oil or Gasoline or Any items containing Asbestos

Parkman 2020 Community Event Calendar

Parkman Plant Swap is CANCELLED

June 6, 2020

at the Parkman Community House

Due to social distancing regulations - this event has been cancelled.

**All of the Parkman Events below are PENDING due to the
new social distancing regulations – please check ParkmanOhio.com for all updates!!**



Red Cross Blood Drive

May 9, 2020 (2pm - 8pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Historical Society

May 21, 2020 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Historical Society

July 16, 2020 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House



12th Annual Parkman Car Show and Chicken Dinner

August 16th 2020 (11am - 6pm)
at St Edwards Church Parking Lot



Parkman Historical Society

September 17, 2020 (7:30 pm)
at the Parkman Community House



Parkman Chamber Halloween Party “Trick-or-Treat”

Sunday, October 25th, 2020 (6:30pm – 7:30pm)
at the Parkman Community House

Parkman Community Halloween “Trick-or-Treat”

Saturday October 31st, 2020 (5pm - 6pm)
Use Caution - no Traffic Cross Guards again this year!

Parkman Chamber Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5th, 2020 (8:30am – 10am)
at the Parkman Community House



**All of the events are pending, and if allowed, we can use your help as a volunteer!
Thanks to all who do help and support these and any of our community events!**

2020 salute using scenes from the 2019 Parkman Memorial Day Celebration



Social Distancing might have taken away many of our traditions,
but we are still capable to adapt as we adjust to a new normal.



Veterans Of Foreign Wars Middlefield Post #9678
www.vfw9678.org



Trustees Notes

From: Roger Anderson

We have presented a plaque to Bernice Wells, sister of Jeannette Smith Loomis, to honor Jeannette's service for our 2020 Memorial Day Celebration.

We had to cancel the parade due to the COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements. Please let this in no way diminish the memorial of all who have and those who continue to serve this great country.

Parkman has had many who have gone before us who have given everything in service of their country, please pause to remember them all. May God rest their souls and give peace and honor to the families of all of them.

Going forward thru this 'pandemic' the trustees are currently having one meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and we are trying to streamline these as much as possible. We will continue to staff our fire station 15 hours daily 7 days each week with 2 people both trained in fire and medical response. We also have our road department working normal hours and providing their services. Our zoning inspector is available by appointment only and the zoning boards are temporarily suspended due to social distancing requirements.

The Community House will be sponsoring a few blood drives to aid the Red Cross, please donate if you can. We will resume our normal operations when it is safe to do so.

Please refer to the 'parkmanohio.com' website for event updates. You are also welcome to contact any trustee and we will help any way we can. Thank You for your understanding and patience during this period of continuously changing news.

Please practice social distancing and stay healthy.

We wish to thank all of our Active Duty and Veterans throughout all eras of our country's existence for all of the sacrifices that they have made to give us our freedoms and continue to make our country a safe place to live.

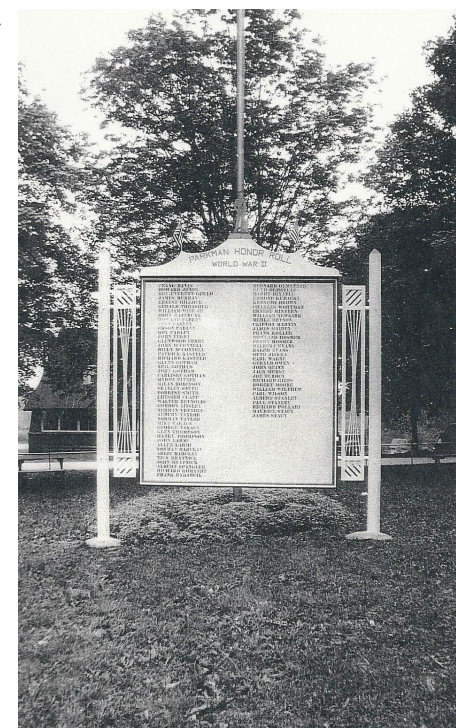
May our future generations understand these sacrifices from our Veterans and appreciate the quality of life created for them.

On The Cover = a photo of Parkman's Veteran Memorial located on the south west corner of Rt 422 and Rt 88 / Rt 528.

This Memorial was donated by the Parkman Mothers Club in the early 1950's to honor all of Parkman's Veterans.

To the right is the ORIGINAL wooden Parkman Veterans Memorial located in the same spot and also donated by the Parkman Mothers Club in the early 1940's. Notice the honor roll of the WWII veterans on this version.

Thanks to all who serve our country!



PARKMAN MEMORIAL DAY 2020 TRIBUTE TO JEANNETTE SMITH LOOMIS

Jeannette Elizabeth Smith Loomis was born in Parkman, Ohio on January 14, 1923. The 5th of 7 children, she was one of the 6th generation of Smiths to live in Parkman. She graduated from Parkman High School during World War II and on July 27, 1944, unknown to her parents, she took a Greyhound Bus from Parkman to downtown Cleveland to enlist in the United States Army Women's Army Corp. (WAC) Although they were later very proud of her for her service, they were very distressed at the time since her two older brothers had been drafted and were serving overseas. Stanley was in the South Pacific and her oldest brother, Forrest was in Europe. He was killed in action December 1944 in France during the Battle of the Bulge.



Jeannette was first sent to Fort Des Moines, Iowa. While there she rose to platoon leader in Basic Training, she was later assigned to Crile General Hospital in Parma, a western suburb of Cleveland. Crile General Hospital was built by the U.S. Army and was named in honor of a renowned surgeon, Dr. George Crile, who was the founder of The Cleveland Clinic.

Trained by the Army as a medic, Jeannette cared for the sick and wounded soldiers at Crile and saw the horrific consequences of war up close and personal. Twelve hours a day, seven days a week, she worked the hospital wards and was soon transferred to surgery. There, she scrubbed alongside the nurses, preparing and sterilizing the surgical instruments. She saw countless cases of wounded men who had lost arms and legs and had horrific burns. She told of one who had burns over much of his body. There were no skin banks in those days and this young man desperately needed skin grafts. An appeal went out for skin donors, Jeannette was one of over 40 military personnel who volunteered to donate. After a selection, she was one of 16 who courageously submitted to the operation. The procedure was very successful and the young soldier healed and survived. Given only 10 days leave to recover, she had a large area of red skin on her abdomen for over 2 years. Jeannette was given a commendation by the commanding officer and an expression of thanks by the patient and hospital staff.

Jeannette told of many times she was able to laugh and joke in attempts to keep the wounded's hopes and spirits high. She said she was always proud to be able to help them. She continued to receive promotions and after the war ended she was given an honorable discharge with the rank of Sergeant T/4 on the 18th of November, 1946.



Shortly after being discharged from the Army, Jeannette visited her dentist, Dr. McIlroy, a longtime, well known dentist in Middlefield. When he learned of her nursing experience, he offered her a job as his assistant. She started the very next day and remained his assistant for many years, followed by a position with Drs. Ohanessian, Mayer and Ansari in Chardon. She married Willard Loomis, a teacher, June 26, 1966 and lived in Windsor in his historic home for many years.

Parkman residents, family and friends remember Jeannette's beautiful red hair and pretty smile. She was a 74 year member of Parkman Congregational Church and for many years was active in the Windsor United Methodist Church.

Having grown up on a farm, Jeannette always loved animals, especially her horses, dogs and cats. She also enjoyed gardening, flowers and was an excellent cook. She passed away at Briar Cliff Manor in Middlefield on September 22, 2016. After her service, full Military Honors were rendered at Overlook Cemetery in Parkman by American Legion Post 459.



Past Parkman Honorees

- 2001 John R. Ferry
- 2002 Robert F. Barnett
- 2003 Glenn A. Thompson
- 2004 Richard Stanchak (Stanley)
- 2005 Richard Giles
- 2006 Richard O. Polari
- 2007 Stanley Smith
- 2008 Dennis Testa
- 2009 Gotham Brothers: John, Carlisle "Kelly", Glen, Neil, Leland
- 2010 Albert Wilson
- 2011 Harold Blackford
- 2012 Carl B. Wilson
- 2013 Carl 'Ed' Wilson
- 2014 Bill Snyder
- 2015 Richard 'Dutch' Komandt
- 2016 Wayne Komandt
- 2017 Steve G. Soltis
- 2018 Leonard Hickox
- 2019 Oliver 'Big O' Graves Jr.
- 2020 Jeannette Elizabeth Smith Loomis



Patients Cheering at Crile as Ohio Wacs Arrive For Service in Army's Rehabilitation Center

