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Parkman Paragraphs

Winter 2008



Parkman Pancake Breakfast

February 24th, March 2nd, March 9th, and March 16th.



Come and enjoy this 39 year
all-you-can-eat

Pancake and Sausage Parkman Tradition!
Yes, we still serve on china and use local maple syrup!

Adults - \$6

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Roads Department

Tom Evers

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.

Our next event is the

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The Parkman Pancake Breakfast will continue its fundraising
tradition in 2008. Due to an early Easter, the Sunday breakfasts
will be on following Sunday's



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Our next general PCoC meeting is Monday February 18th at 7:30pm.

Parkman Chamber of Commerce

Chamber meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Community House.
Chamber board members are:

Faith Kumher—President
David Fuhry—Secretary

Cory Anderson—Vice President
Donald Villers—Treasurer



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Our next meeting will February 18th where equipment cleaning and kitchen re-
view will prepare us for the Pancake Breakfast. We need help for this traditional
event - so if you would like to help with the Pancake Breakfast, please contact
Lucinda at and let her know your availability:

Pancake Breakfast Volunteer Help Schedule—please support this event!

Call Lucinda 440-548-2857 or e-mail lsharpgates@hotmail.com

Name _____

Contact number _____

Dates you can help out: 2/24 3/2 3/9 3/16

Shift that you prefer: 1st (8:15-11 a.m.) and/or 2nd (11 a.m. to 2pm)

Job Preference _____

Can you help set up Saturday afternoon? Yes / No

Parkman Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 22nd, 2008

11AM at Overlook Park.

Open for toddlers through 6th grade.



Parkman Kite Festival

End of April or beginning May - TBA (Stay tuned!)
at the Overlook Park

Come Fly with Us as we host this traditional Community spring event.
More Details Soon!!!

If you have an event that you would like to share with the community or would like to
participate with any Parkman Community events, contact Cory with any questions or
comments. Remember that this is your community and any positive advise or input to its
direction is always welcomed.

Stories, Photos, History, and Community Event Help is also much welcomed!

Parkman Historical Society

The Parkman Historical Society's next meeting will be March 20th
7:30pm at the Parkman Community House.

The Parkman Paragraphs and Parkman Historical Society continue our search for any old photographs and stories of our town, so please contact Cory Anderson.

The Historical Society will be at the Parkman Pancake Breakfast selling the collectors edition coffee mugs with pictures of historical Parkman. This fundraiser is designed to help with costs of material and labor needed for repairs to the Thompson House. We will also have a collection of historic Parkman photos that can be ordered. Your generosity and support is much appreciated to help us reach the goal of a safe Parkman Museum.



Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner

We will host an all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at the Parkman Community House on June 28, 2008. Adult tickets at the door will be \$7 - but if you preorder yours at any of the Parkman Pancake Breakfast, the advance sale price will be only \$6 for the adult tickets. Act now and save \$\$\$.

About the photo on the cover of this issue

From: Virginia Yocum of Cortland, Ohio



This photo had to be taken in the late 1940's. It was at the bend north of Parkman... where 88 goes to the right and 528 continues straight... We used to stop in there for lunch all the time.. it had a pump with great drinking water!! Just a nice place to stop... and our relatives from NY were always wanting to go on a "picnic" to the road side park in Parkman.. we all loved it there... were so saddened when they took it out!

The man sitting is my father, Lyle "Red" Hayes, his son Lyle "Sonny" Hayes, and the woman is his wife, Mary Hayes. We were great picnic folks. Going to the little park was just a much looked forward to trip. Usually, after the picnic, the drive down 88 back to Farmington was fun. Dad would always turn the motor off and we would see how far we would "coast" down what he called "Parkman Hill". Mother was originally from Dunkirk, NY on Lake Erie, and at every opportunity the picnic basket will filled and off to the Lake Park they would go. She kept that tradition alive when she moved here with my father just before the great Depression. Nelson Ledges was nice, too. But for a quick picnic, this little roadside park and the one just West of Parkman on Rt 422 on Moss Lake on the South side of the road was the next choice. Both were occasioned many many times by the Hayes family.

Virginia.. formerly of West Farmington...member of St. Edwards Church...and now living in Cortland, Ohio....loving Parkman.

Thank you Virginia for the awesome photo and great story. Your support to this history and newsletter project is very much appreciated and welcomed. Cory

Parkman Trustees Notes

From: Lucinda Sharp Gates

Even after a re-count on the Roads and Bridges levy following the close results of the November election, the result remained the same304 to 305 against! We needed the recount to produce two more votes. As a result of yet another defeat we have put the 1.5 mill levy back on the ballot for the Primary election on March 4th.

We will continue in our efforts to conserve our monetary resources in maintaining the roads. This is a difficult season with the freeze/thaw cycle and with Tom's knowledge and help we will do what is feasible for the season and conditions.

Your trustees hired extra Sheriff's Department patrolling specifically for the Hobart Road area to try to keep some of the traffic problems under control. We are hoping to continue that project over the next several months to make the road safer for Township residents.

We know that traffic has increased on Old State Road also because of the 422 project. We understand that that westbound 422 project may be completed by October of this year rather than the November completion date. Pat Joyce has been communicating with ODOT and Karvo to improve communications with our residents along that corridor.

We welcome you to our meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm, behind the Community House.

Progress Meeting for the U.S. 422 Construction Project **Tuesday 1/08/08 - (Pat Joyce in attendance)**

Important information from meeting pertaining to Parkman residents:

1. Within the coming weeks Karvo Paving will be flipping traffic to begin work on the Westbound side of U.S. 422. ODOT advised Karvo Paving to correspond with residents within the work area in writing before traffic patterns were changed to begin Phase II of the project. Please notify ODOT and the Township if Karvo fails to correspond in writing.

US 422 Construction Meeting information continued on Page 3.

Parkman Township Board of Zoning Appeals Board

From: Connie Hasman

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, in conjunction with the Parkman Township Zoning Commission meeting, **if** there are **no** appeals to be heard in the meanwhile.

We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
only **if** there are appeals to be heard.

The appeals board committee has decided if there are no appeals, they will not meet, as they have in the last couple of years.

If the board does have a scheduled appeals meeting, a public notice will be posted up on the Parkman website one week prior along with the standard notifications through Maple Leaf and US Mail, to allow the residents notice about its second Tuesday meeting.



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.

Sap's-A-Risin' Celebration

Saturday, March 9 and Saturday and Sunday, March 15 -16

Noon – 4:00 PM

Swine Creek Reservation, 16004 Hayes Road in Middlefield & Parkman Townships

Visit Geauga Park District's sugarhouse, sugarbush and lodge for a walk through time and a sweet taste of how the maple sugaring industry evolved from the Native American tradition to modern methods. Help gather sap in the sugarbush, enjoy historical interactions with costumed interpreters, see sap being boiled in the sugarhouse and have a sample taste, warm up with entertainment and maple treats in the Lodge.

Tree Tapper's Ball

Saturday, March 8

7:30 – 10:30 PM

Parkman Community House

Celebrate the maple season! Novice square-dancers needn't feel like "saps"...dances taught in fun fashion by caller Bob Smakula. Hotcake Hank & The Griddle-Greasers provide the roof-raisin' music.

Pre- registration required. Registration begins Feb. 8.

For more information—contact the Geauga Park Office at (440) 286 - 9516



BOY SCOUT TROOP 76

From: Scott Villers - Boyscout Committee member

The snow and cold are here and so is our annual Winter Event. This year the boys will be going to Camp Stambaugh in Youngstown for the day-long event. This event tests the boys' skills in fire building, first aid, and knot tying, as well as their team skills.

In February we will be camping out in a cabin and will be working on leadership skills. The month of March brings Parkman's Pancake Breakfast (where the boys volunteer their services) and a possible trip to the annual Cleveland Sportsman Show (to check out all the new camping gear!)

Another activity in March will be our annual *Scouting for Food* food-drive. We deliver all the donated food items to the local food cupboards in Middlefield and Parkman. Watch for final details in the *Good News*.

In April we will be partnering with the Hiram Kiwanis for a fund-raiser Spaghetti Dinner at the Kennedy Center at Hiram College. (Details to follow)

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



St. Edward & St. Lucy Catholic Parish Community



Rev. John Burkley, Pastor

2008 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

April 9th, 2008 - Chinese Auction

at St. Lucy's Parish.

Admission is \$5 which includes 20 tickets.

Time: 5:30 start, 7:00 to 9:00 drawings.

Food will be available at the hall.

April 16th, 2008 - Casino Trip

8:00am Bus departure at St. Ed's, return approximately 5:00pm.

Short break stops going and returning.

Cost of the trip is \$35 due one month prior to trip.

Includes: \$5.00 food voucher,

\$20 gambling voucher.

Contact the Parish Office for all event details or go to the website:

<http://www.ssedwardlucy.com>

Bingo

every Monday
starting 6pm
in Rose Hall
at St Edwards

All are
welcome
to play!

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 55 Plus Club

The Parkman 55 Plus Club meets on the first Thursday (at noon) of each month at the Parkman Community House. This active seniors group has organized many trips, events and presentations that enhance the lives of Parkman's retired community. Anyone is welcome to participate in our activities. Come to one of the monthly meeting and find out more about this very ambitious group. The Parkman Website also has an event list for us.

Parkman Congregational Church

2008 Free Meal Dates

You are invited to join the members and friends of Parkman Congregational Church for a free meal on the last Wednesday of each month.

Our 2008 menu follows:

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 Soup & Sandwiches
Wednesday, February 27, 2008 Baked Pasta
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
Wednesday, April 30, 2008 Chicken Tenders
Wednesday, May 28, 2008 Meatloaf



Food is served from 5-7 PM at the Parkman Congregational Church,
18265 Madison Road (Route 528), in Parkman.

Questions? Call the church at 440-548-4829. Bring a friend!

Sunday School for all ages: 9:15 AM - Sunday Worship: 10:15 AM - We welcome you anytime!

Search for US Military Veterans in Parkman!

Parkman Paragraphs is currently looking for any Parkman Resident who have served the US Military or is currently active. This is a new program to recognize those who serve our country and earned the respect of defending our rights. The profiles will be similar to those previously done with the Parkman Volunteer Fire and Rescue Team, where a short paragraph and photo will be included into the collection. If you are or know anyone from Parkman who has served the US Military, then send your story to Parkman Paragraphs.

Parkman Youth League Baseball and Softball 2008



The PYL is gearing up for the 2008 season and registration is right around the corner. Parkman will have walk up registration scheduled for Fridays Feb. 15th and 29th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and Saturdays Feb. 16th and March 1st from 10:00am to 12:00pm, behind the Community House, in the basement.



The PYL is currently working with Middlefield Recreation to provide our residents with more convenient ways to register. Watch for more information in the next Middlefield Recreation Brochure. This year, more than ever, it is very important for you to register on time! In the past Parkman has been fairly flexible in an attempt to field teams at every level. We will continue to be as flexible as possible; however, there are some changes this year that may reduce that ability.

The Southeast Geauga Baseball and Softball League (SGBL) voted to form a Charter with the Hot Stove Baseball Organization and the Ohio Girls Softball Organization. The SGBL has changed its name to the Geauga County Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA). The rules within these organizations may reduce our ability to be as flexible as we have been in the past. There may be roster maximums and more restrictions regarding moving kids up to make teams. We are learning, so please bear with us. Questions? Contact Mike Peters @ (440) 548-5565 or Pat Joyce @ (440) 548-5576.

Hope to see you at registration!



Parkman Amish News and Stories

Amish schools in Geauga County get books special delivery

From: The Plain Dealer - January 13, 2008 - John Horton - Plain Dealer Reporter

Volunteers with Geauga's Bookmobile open the literary world to more than 1,300 Amish children every month, delivering crates of books to schoolhouses scattered around Geauga County. The Amish Book Program essentially serves as a rotating library shared by those rural schools. The project, coordinated by the Geauga Public Library, serves 32 Amish schools. Only a few don't participate.

Money from a federal grant targeting young readers helped launch the program in the mid-1980s. Once a month, each school receives four crates holding roughly 100 books. The volunteers take back crates left the previous month, which then flow to a different group of students. The program circulates more than 7,000 books, all checked out on library cards assigned to each school.

The library uses a special collection of books to ensure they mesh with Amish tastes and values. Volunteers often return with requests.

The full story can be found on The Plain Dealer website:

<http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/geauga/1200216714105730.xml&coll=2&thispage=1>

Progress Meeting for the U.S. 422 Construction Project

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2. Here are the following requirements for maintaining traffic during Phase II per Item 614:
 - a. Westbound U.S. 422 and Main Market Road traffic to remain detoured as per Phase I.
 - b. Close Reynolds Road to thru traffic and detour traffic to Hobart Road. (This will mainly affect Southbound Traffic that had been using Reynolds Road to access U.S. 422. ODOT advised the traffic impact would be monitored. Eastbound U.S. 422 traffic to one lane and shift to the new outside eastbound lane constructed in Phase I.
 - c. Bi-directional traffic on the permanent lanes has now been implemented on S.R. 282.
 - d. Construct the center turn lane and two westbound lanes on U.S. 422. Remove the crossover constructed in Phase I.
 - e. Construct the Proposed Reynolds Road pavement.
 - f. Removal of the temporary pavement on the East side of S.R. 282, some ditch work, and landscaping, and other minor details will be completed later this year.
 - g. Access to drives shall be maintained at all times.
3. ODOT advised Karvo Paving to address damage claims by Parkman Township Residents.

Parkman Township asked that Karvo Paving do a better job of communicating with both its residents and its Fire Department during Phase II than it did in Phase I. Preferably in writing. (As a side note, State Senator Grendell is aware of the many issues our residents had during Phase I of the project. Steps are being taken to address these issues and hopefully prevent future ones.)



Parkman Volunteer Fire

From: Assistant Chief Chuck Dillon



The Parkman Fire Department took delivery of our new HME pumper the first week of December. We have spent many hours training drivers/pump operators, and transferring/mounting equipment. We have been purchasing necessary accessories with funds raised by the volunteers---not tax levy monies. The Trustees were able to purchase this much-needed truck by being frugal with our fire funds. As you all know, Northern Ohio winters are not kind to vehicles. The monies for the truck were set aside over a period of years, which saved \$10,000 for a cash payment instead of financing. We received \$30,000 trade for the old pumper, which is nearly 10 times more than we ever got for any of our old trucks. Actual cost of the new truck was about \$260,000. Fire fund monies cannot be used for any other purpose by law. Several new pumpers have been purchased in Geauga and Portage Counties in the last year. I believe ours is the least expensive. I've been in the PTVFD for nearly 43 years and it's not 1965 anymore, folks. NFPA mandates make expensive trucks MORE expensive. Stop in any Wednesday evening and take a look at it.

On Thursday, January 17th, we finally took delivery of our long awaited LifePak 12. This is the new heart monitor we ordered last March for \$15,177 (including trade-in). It is far superior to our old unit and capable of transmitting heart information to the hospital in real time. Most of the cost is covered by generous donations from our residents in memory of their loved ones. More next newsletter. Remember to keep your chimney cleaned.

Parkman Fire and Rescue Volunteers



Jeffery Hall

Jeffery has been an EMT volunteer running with the Parkman Team since October 2007. Growing up in Parkman, Jeffery has always been interested in the medical field and got involved with the Parkman Volunteers when he turned 18. He is currently attending Akron State University pursuing a major in Dietetics and Nutrition.

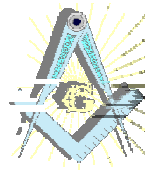
Josh Hall

Josh became a Fire Fighter volunteer on the Parkman Team in June of 2007. His training started when he turned 18 and work hard to accomplish his childhood goal. Josh enjoys the adrenalin rush and serving our community. He is pursuing a degree as an Overhead Lineman working for First Energy. Josh plans to continue his medical training by becoming a certified EMT for Parkman.



Eric Mathews

Eric is a lifetime resident of Parkman. At the age of 17, he joined the Troy Fire Cadet Program in 2002. In this volunteer fire probationary program, Eric trained in Fire Fighting and Hazmat. His ambition to fulfill this childhood dream motivated him to serve our community. Eric joined the Parkman Team in November of 2007. While working a day job for the city of Solon, he plans to begin his certification of Basic EMT in March of 2008.



Western Phoenix Lodge 42

By Dale Komandt

Dominic Lucarelli of Youngstown is the newly elected Master of Western Phoenix Lodge 42. He was installed as Master of the Lodge on December 13, 2007. Dom will lead the Lodge during the year 2008.

In 2007, the Lodge, led by the now Past Master David Everett, hosted two spaghetti dinners to benefit the Lodge, the Cardinal Band Boosters and the Camelot Therapeutic Riding Center for disabled children in Southington. The new Master plans on continuing these dinners to benefit some other worthy organizations this year.

The dates haven't been firmed up yet, but look for our Ads this Spring and come get some great spaghetti!

Lodge 42 meetings are held the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Give Joe Wells a call (548-8085) if you'd like to join up with these great guys.

Parkman Zoning Inspector

John W. Hasman



With oil prices at a record high, many residents have noticed a resurgence of new oil and gas wells being drilled. Some residents have called inquiring what zoning regulations are in effect that pertain to regulating oil and gas well drilling. Recently, Ohio law makers have made a change to zoning laws that, for the most part exempt oil and gas well drilling companies from local zoning resolutions. These companies are regulated still by the state, but not local zoning.

More information can be found by visiting the Ohio Division of Natural Resources web sit at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/mineral/mineral/oil/default/tabid/10371/Default.aspx>

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 or parkmanzone@windstream.net



Parkman Road Department

from Tom Evers, Superintendent



This time of year its very trying for both the Road Dept. and the residents of the gravel roads. The weather and traffic is taking its toll on the roads. The roads at this time of year wont accept gravel due to weather conditions. Due to budget restraints of the dept we are trying to maintain the 20 miles of gravel roads to the best of our abilities.

----- Be cautious and allow us room when clearing snow from intersections. Remember the snow from your driveway does not belong in the road. The township is not responsible for snow coming off the snowplow damaging your mailbox. If you are putting in a driveway you need to obtain a driveway permit from the county. Fences are not permitted within the road right-of-way.

Please RESPECT and SLOW DOWN in our work areas!

Santa visits Parkman

On December 9, 2007 Santa made his traditional pilgrimage to the Parkman Gazebo as many enjoy sharing their Christmas wishes and caroling to bring a holiday spirit into our township. Santa arrived on our new Parkman Fire Engine - a fun way to christen the new engine into service. Special Thanks to Santa and all of his helper elves for making this Parkman Tradition a success.



After a visit with Santa, the kids enjoyed caroling around an open fire, Smoores, cider and hot chocolate. This Parkman tradition was sponsored by Parkman Chamber of Commerce.



On December 17, 2007 - the Parkman Chamber of Commerce hosted its traditional Holiday Dinner and Gift Exchange. Volunteers from the pancake breakfast enjoyed a steak dinner with all of the fixings and deserts. This traditional meal was prepared by the Women's Fellowship of the Parkman Congregational Church.

After the appreciation meal, a traditional exchange of gifts enhanced the holiday spirit.

Special Thanks for all who participated in this community tradition and who continue with endless ambitions to keep the spirit of Parkman alive and strong!



Parkman Volunteer EMS

From: Joan Dillon—Medical Officer



What a January we've had so far....cold, snow, warm, snow melts, cold... etc. I'm one of those crazy people who love snow. It makes everything outside look so beautiful and clean. It's not the best weather to respond to emergencies quickly, but we have wonderful volunteers who will leave their warm, cozy homes to jump into cold cars and make their way to the fire station for you, our friends and neighbors in need. Other services have had personnel injured from falls on icy paths. Three that I know of had to be transported from the scene for such things as concussion to broken wrist. Fortunately we've been lucky so far. Please keep your sidewalks clear and free of ice for us if at all possible.

We have three new volunteers on our FD roster. EMT-B Jeff Hall is a bright happy soul who loves helping people. He responds every chance he gets and is a joy to have working in the back of the squad. Josh Hall, Jeff's brother, is an enthusiastic new fire fighter who will accomplish anything asked of him on the fire/accident scene. Eric Mathews has been with Troy FD for several years and recently joined Parkman FD as a fire fighter. Eric brings experience and dedication along with his desire to serve. Welcome to all three of you.

There has been a increase of stomach flu victims being transported to the hospital. Tis the season. Remember to wash your hands frequently. If you feel poorly, stay home (if you can) to keep from spreading the misery. I've heard that misery loves company so we might have a conflict of interests, but try to keep your loved ones healthy so they can rustle up your homemade chicken soup.

Go play in the snow, let the winter sun shine on your face, keep warm, stay healthy, take the time to enjoy all the seasons of life. Any and all of you are invited to come down to the station to meet the volunteers on Wednesday evenings. It might be a monthly meeting, EMS meeting or maintenance night. Come on down and see what it's all about.

Any questions call Joanie or Chuck at 440-548-7541.

Green Address Signs - If you have not purchased you highly visible green with white reflective white letters street address sign yet - what is the holdup? 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!!

Buckeye Off Road Adventure Club

BORAC is a NE Ohio off road club for ATV and Dirt Bike Owners.

Supporting Geauga, Portage and Trumbull Counties of Ohio, BORAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to **Fun/Safe Family Riding** and **Responsible Trail Use**.

We are an active member organization of the Ohio Motorized Trails Association
<http://www.ohiotrails.org>

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm
Our next meeting is March 11, 2008 at the Parkman Community House
Anyone is welcomed to join us and learn about this group.

Matthew T. Mesarchik, President: 440-313-1069

Parkman's Community Day review

Parkman Community Day on October 27th, 2007 sported a variety of different groups and interests. The event began at the Stella Cromwell Recreation Park for a rededication. Ceremony.



The Stella Cromwell Recreation Park, established in 1920, renewed its dedication with a sign made to name the park in her honor. The sign was presented by Jeanne Ebersbach (President of the Parkman Historical Society) and Faith Kumher (President of the Parkman Chamber of Commerce). Accepting the sign was William Edwards, (Grandson to Stella) and his niece - Sherry Barnes. Pat Joyce (Parkman Baseball Coach) supplied the baseball equipment for the ceremony as many fellow residents helped cheer and support the event. The event then continued at Overlook Park.

A hotdog lunch was created by the Parkman Historical Society and the SS Edward Lucy Parish had a chili compliment to the meal. Both groups worked hard to keep those at the event well fed and warm. Suggestions to the 2008 community day was to have it during warmer months. So plans are to combine this event with the Parkman Picnic in August.



A variety of representatives were present to promote Parkman Community Day. The day was filled with historical reflection, and future concepts as Camp Chickagami transfers from the hands of the Boy Scouts of America to the Geauga Park District.

George Kascsak hosted historical memorabilia of the involvement of BSA with Camp Chickagami and dug deeper into history with Parkman's first Boy Scout camp - Camp Skudiweecook - located near Forge Hill. Many questions were answered as the Geauga Park District planning director for Camp Chickagami - Aaron Young - presented details of the process to develop the park for our community. It will continue to be called Chickagami and plans include a new camping area.

Kurt Updegraff (President of the Geauga Historical Society) brought some games for the kids to try out and shared some of his thoughts on Parkman and Geauga County History.

William Edwards shared his Cromwell Collection of Parkman History and donated it us.



The Buckeye Band Baton was recently returned to Parkman. It was attached to a plaque by Ernie Conover. William Edwards and Sherry Barnes presented the Baton to the Parkman Historical Society. Jeanne Ebersbach (Parkman Historical Society President), Kurt Updegraff (President of the Geauga Historical Society), and Cory Anderson (VP of the Chamber of Commerce) were present to receive the Buckeye Band Baton on behalf of the Parkman Community.

Pumpkin Decorating was one of the many activities at Community Day. This activity was sponsored by the SS Edward and Lucy Parish. Kids of all ages were allowed to design their gourds into festive delights, and take them home for Halloween.



Pumpkin Design winners Emma and Hanna Traggaia show off their creations as they won First and Second in the contest. Congratulations to them and thank you for your support to Parkman Community Day!

Also, thanks again to SS Edward and Lucy Parish for hosting the Pumpkin Designing Contest.

With the heavy winds on Overlook, an attempt to fly a kite was made....but the ambitious goal was quickly postponed to the Parkman Kite Festival scheduled in April or May of 2008.



Denise Villers was our First Place winner for the Chamber of Commerce Pie Contest. She made a Pecan Pie from scratch for this contest. Thank you Denise for your ambition to create the pie!

Also thank you to our 2007 Pie Contest judges Matt Mesarchik and Shawn of the Buckeye Off Road Adventure Club.

Cory Anderson presented Denise with a First Place certificate

Many Thanks to everyone who helped make our first annual Parkman Community Day a success and to the Stonewall Bed and Breakfast for giving the Edward family a lodging discount while staying in Parkman. More about this event can be found on the Parkman website - <http://www.ParkmanOhio.com>.