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Letter from the editor

As cooler air settles in and the beautiful colors of autumn sweep across southeast Geauga County, we're reminded of the beauty of this change in both nature and life. In this special fall edition, we celebrate both.

This issue is filled with stories of resilience, growth, and community. From grand openings and generational anniversaries to nonprofit milestones and the return of wildlife to our parks, it's a season of success – personal, professional and shared.

In every story, you'll find the spirit of southeast Geauga: hardworking families building lasting legacies, small businesses thriving with local support, and organizations making a difference where it matters most. We also take time to reflect on the history that shaped us, with features on the events and places that define our past and inspire our future.

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May these pages leave you feeling connected, inspired, and proud of what we continue to accomplish together. Here's to a fall season filled with gratitude, growth, and the familiar comforts of home.

Warmly,

Kim Breyley

Editor, Southeast Geauga Quarterly

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Preserving and Celebrating the History of Geauga County Since 1873



By Andrew Mizsak,
secretary, Geauga County America250 Committee



Outside of the National Archives building in Washington, DC, is the quote "What is past is prologue."

And how fitting is it that in 1873, led by the descendants of former Ohio Governor Seabury Ford, did the people of Geauga County have the foresight to establish the Geauga County Historical Society. Their efforts

and dedication to the preservation of the history of this County have, over a century-and-a-half, given rise to the work of the Geauga County Historical Society today.

Historical societies were still a relatively novel concept in the late 19th century, and were commonly found in larger cities like New York City, where the New York Historical Society (now known as New York Historical) was founded in 1804. Our friends and colleagues at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland are only six years older than us, as they were founded in 1867. The Mahoning Valley Historical Society, located in Mahoning County, followed us with their establishment in 1875. Our neighbors at the Trumbull County Historical Society can trace their roots to 1921, the Summit County Historical Society started in 1924, the Lake County Historical Society was founded in 1938, and the Portage County Historical Society came to life in 1951. Only the Ashtabula County Historical Society pre-dates both the Western Reserve Historical Society and the Geauga County Historical Society, as they were established in 1838.

What we do at the Geauga County Historical Society is important because it is representative of all 16 townships in Geauga County, as well as the story of our county that pre-dates Ohio Statehood through the events of the present day. The Geauga County Historical Society is the largest historical organization in the County and serves the people of Geauga County as a place for research, education, exploration, and cultural-based entertainment.



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Aug. 23-24: Northeast Ohio Steampunk Festival (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Sept. 6-7: WWII Re-enactment (Lyon, France: August 1944, during the Operation Dragoon (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Sept. 12-13: Balloon Festival – Light up the Night! (4 p.m. to 10 p.m.)

Sept. 24: Autumn Home School Days

Oct. 11-12: Apple Butter Festival & Ox Roast (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Oct. 18: Geauga LOSS Team Fundraiser

Oct. 24-25: Ghost Walk Tours (5 p.m. to 10 p.m.)

Oct. 31: Trick or Treat in Century Village

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FROM PRESCHOOL TO BLACK BELT: FATHER AND SON TRAIN TOGETHER

For father Wesley and son Charlie Hellegers, martial arts is more than just a sport—it's a shared discipline, a source of growth, and a bond that began when Charlie was still in preschool.

The duo trains together at ATA Martial Arts Kids in Solon, owned and operated by Master Instructor, Donna Pappa. They attend classes on Friday nights and Saturdays, working side-by-side as both students and teammates.



Father, Wesley (right) and son Charlie Hellegers, the martial arts duo.

going into second grade, dad asked me if I wanted to do karate. I said 'yes,' and he signed me up again."

Wesley remembers it a bit differently: "The deal was that you either had to learn how to ride a bike or do karate. You didn't want to ride a bike."

Charlie smiled in agreement. "That sounds accurate. I was six or seven when I joined Miss Pappa's school in Solon. She came to my preschool in Orange. My dad saw her working with kids and thought she was amazing."

At that time, it was difficult for Wesley to see Charlie regularly. "So every moment watching him at karate was special," he said.

"During COVID," Wesley added, "I realized Charlie had to do something. I did some research, called ATA headquarters, and they gave me her dojo address. I walked in and realized it was Donna! I enrolled Charlie again. He was around seven, brought in a stuffed animal, and they had him punch a bag."

"In the first year, I remember not liking to practice at home," Charlie said. "I thought I'd get my black belt and quit—but that didn't happen. I wasn't really as into it as I am now."

Wesley, an Akron native, has long had an interest in martial arts. Over the years, he's worked to earn his own credentials while encouraging his son to develop within the same discipline. Wesley owns Maine Rubber Preforms in Middlefield, a company that manufactures extruded rubber products, and he lives in Burton.

Wesley enrolled Charlie in martial arts when Charlie was very young.

"Master Pappa taught a program for preschoolers and my dad signed me up," Charlie recalled. "A couple years later, when I was



"Over time, I developed a deeper connection with the instructors and the sport. I realized you can never complete martial arts—there's always more to learn."

That first year was packed with progress. "Every belt felt like a big milestone," he said. "I earned six belts: white, orange, yellow, camo, green, and purple. White is the beginner level, and orange requires learning a basic form—a series of movements like punch, kick, duck. The forms get longer as you progress."

Sparring begins at camo belt level. "You wear padded gear and try to tag the other opponent lightly," Charlie explained. "You need control. You actually make contact, but not to hurt. I've never really been injured—just occasional falls."

By the time students reach red belt and higher, they begin board breaking. "The boards come in different difficulty levels, based on color," Charlie said. "I used to watch others break boards and thought, 'That'll be me one day.'"

Charlie, now 12-years-old, estimates he competes in around eight tournaments each year, including Spring Nationals in Dallas—one of his biggest wins.

"You can compete in forms, sparring, weapons forms, and extreme forms like flips," he said.

Wesley proudly noted Charlie's strengths: "He has a great memory for forms, is very flexible, and has powerful jump kicks. He's not aggressive—he doesn't want to hurt anyone—but sparring is his favorite."

"I love sparring," Charlie said. "I just really like kicking people in the head," he grins.

Now a more seasoned martial artist, Charlie takes his practice seriously. "I do my forms twice a day—it takes four minutes total. Our black belt forms have around 100 moves, but they're quick."

To earn color stripes for teaching, he must demonstrate mastery over all forms and pass tests. "Black belt cycles last two years or more," Wesley said. "You can't go beyond third-degree until you're 18."

Charlie earned his black belt nearly two years ago. "In ATA, a first-through third-degree black belt is still considered a beginner. Belts have stitched-in stripes that show degree level," he said.

Charlie's strengths are sparring and flexibility. "Form means doing a structured series of moves created by our Eternal Grand Master H.U. Lee. We're in the ATA Taekwondo style, which traces back to Okinawan karate," Charlie added.

After black belt, students explore new paths. "Charlie likes the long staff—called the bong mok," Wesley said. "You discover your own interests, like weapons or creative forms."



"I want to be a master sparrer," Charlie said. "It'll take time, learning tricks and better control. My teacher, Mr. Rosenthal, is someone I look up to. He's come up with unique techniques."

Wesley added that they've drawn inspiration from various sources, including Sugar Ray Leonard's footwork, passed along by fellow students. "We integrate that into sparring," he said. "We have ex-military instructors, like Mr. Guttieib, a bomb diffuser, and others who bring different experiences."

Charlie credits several mentors: "Miss Woldman, who teaches lower belts, and Mr. Rosenthal's son, Brian, is very skilled with grappling and MMA."

Wesley's own martial arts journey began in college, trading drum lessons for Kenpo training. "My mom never let me do karate as a kid. But after seeing Charlie do it, I joined, too. Donna Pappa is compelling."

Now, Wesley is a second-degree black belt. "We test every 10 weeks, and judges are usually our high-ranking instructors."

Charlie balances martial arts with school and other hobbies such as playing the trumpet in band and playing golf. "Golf is more of a hobby," he added. "I've been doing it off and on for about four years."

According to Wesley, Charlie became more serious about training around the time he was earning his brown belt. "I pushed him early on, but I didn't want him to hate it. Master Pappa told me to let him do his thing."

"I'm glad he pushed me," Charlie said. "I probably wouldn't be as good if he hadn't."

"We used to watch a lot of kung fu movies," Wesley recalled. "Different races may have physical advantages—fast-twitch muscles, flexibility. But it's about dedication and culture. In places like Korea or China, kids train hard from an early age. Here, it's more Americanized."

"At the end of the day," Charlie said, "I just want to be the best. I don't know why—who doesn't want to be the best?"

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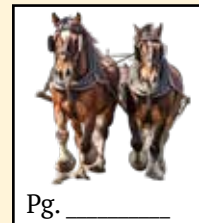
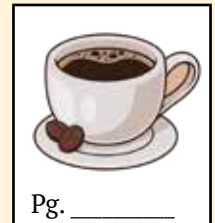
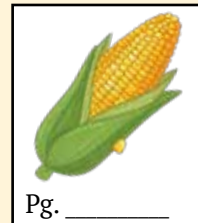
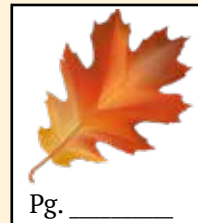
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ANTIQUE POWER SHOW AND CLASSIC CAR CRUISE-IN

Fueling today with the spirit of yesterday

By Lynda Nemeth,
co-owner Discover My Cleveland

The history of antique power shows dates back to the early 20th century. Antique Power Shows are a significant celebration of American history offering visitors a chance to learn about the past while enjoying a festival environment. The antique power show is not just about the machines displayed; it's about the stories behind them honoring the work, sacrifice and creativity of the past.



Held once a year, the Vintage Power Show and Classic Car Cruise-In, hosted by Country Mower in Middlefield, showcases antique tractors, power equipment, classic automobiles and bikes, music, food, and a flea market. This year's event will be held on Sept. 27 (with rain date of Oct. 4). You will also find a variety of vintage collections including displays on household items, travel and tools. This glimpse into the past offers something for everyone, including a kids' area

showcasing a little education and a lot of fun! The classic barrel ride also runs through the festival providing an adventure for 'kids' of all ages.

Stroll through the Classic Cars and enjoy 50s & 60s music, while picking your favorite car for the People's Choice Award. Participating in

the Scavenger Hunt is a great way to learn a bit more about these beautiful vehicles and compete for a chance to win a prize. If you're



interested in displaying anything vintage power, participating in the cruise-in, or being a flea market vendor, please contact John's Country Nursery for more details.

Join us for this day of history and nostalgia; it's about what we remember and what we carry forward.

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Businesses On The Move!

Kurtz Discount Groceries Celebrates New Home

By Lynda Nemeth,

local writer and co-owner Discover My Cleveland

The saying “It’s not what happens to you in life but how you respond” is true in so many ways, and David Kurtz is a prime example. David worked as a mason for many years. An injury in 2008 led him to take a break and reconsider his options. His cousin, who ran a ‘salvage store’ told David he should give that a try. So, with some advice from his cousin and help from his family, David began working to open Kurtz Salvage on his property on Shedd Road.

If you’re not familiar, salvage stores have a history often tied to Amish communities. Stores offer discounted groceries, often slightly damaged, nearing their expiration date, or out-of-season merchandise. Goods are often purchased through third-party



distributors who load them onto semi-trailers and send them to the salvage stores. Products may be slightly imperfect, but still perfectly safe and consumable, and offer better pricing than other grocery stores. Salvage store shopping has become widely more accepted as our economy tends to struggle and families are looking for more economical ways to purchase groceries. Now there are even salvage services online such as ‘Misfit Market’ and ‘Imperfect Foods,’ which offer delivered salvage merchandise to save food that would otherwise end up in landfills.

When Kurtz Salvage opened in 2007, they were not the first salvage store in the area, so people were familiar with the concept. As the store expanded, Kurtz added fresh produce and a refrigerated/frozen section. Products come from all over the Eastern Seaboard from various distribution centers. Sometimes products will come directly from a manufacturer, or pallets will come from a major retailer. While Kurtz cannot choose exactly



what they will get, he can request loads of certain products or turn down items that may not sell well in the area.

With growing inventory, David soon realized he needed more space, so he purchased property on Route 87 and put up a warehouse for storage. He hired additional staff to manage incoming inventory and keep the store stocked. As the store became busier, David thought about eventually building a new store on that property. However, in 2023, he was approached by Dave Harrington, owner of Harrington Square (at the time) with a different option. The Save-A-Lot store was closing and that large retail space would be available. David discussed this idea with his family, his store manager, Sue, and his staff, and decided it would be the right move.

The staff worked in the Harrington Square location for weeks, replacing all the shelving and refrigerator/freezer equipment. They closed the Shedd Road location on May 3 and opened in their new location on May 5, almost exactly 18 years to the date of the original store opening.

David deeply appreciates his dedicated staff and store manager for ensuring everything runs smoothly. When asked if there were any big surprises that came with the Salvage Store business, his response was “I never thought this would become what it is. I thought I would figure it out and eventually go back to masonry work. Now, I couldn’t imagine doing anything else!”

As a community, we can all agree—we’re thrilled he’s here to stay!

Kurtz Discount Groceries is located in Harrington Square, 15561 West High St., Middlefield, Ohio 44062. They are open Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Closed Sundays and holidays.

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A Dream Realized in Burton



Just north of the square in Burton, Ohio, you'll find more than a salon—you'll find Uptown Girl, a thoughtfully designed salon and boutique created by stylist and entrepreneur, Aimee Knop-Hoar. The business, which specializes in hair, airbrush makeup, and personalized services for men and women, is also a reflection of Knop-Hoar's journey, grit, and creative vision.

Born and raised in Montville, Knop-Hoar graduated from Ledgesmith High School before earning an associate degree from Lakeland Community College. She later attended Kent State but ultimately shifted her focus to beauty school, graduating from Brown Aveda in 2007. Her path to entrepreneurship included years of working at salons and bartending to supplement income until her father helped her renovate a two-person salon space in Mentor.

"I was scared out of my wits," she said of opening her first shop. "But my aunt and uncle, who were barbers downstairs, told me, 'Your dad made you this beautiful space—quit bartending and focus on your career.' So I did. And it was the best decision I ever made."

She successfully ran that small salon for 11 years before meeting her husband Scott Hoar and moving to Burton during the COVID-19 pandemic. Wanting to stop commuting to Mentor, she took a leap of faith when a storefront space in Burton—formerly Uptown Barber—became available. She renamed it Uptown Girl, a nod to both the shop's legacy and her love for the classic Billy Joel song.

The remodel was a full family affair. "Scott and my dad, Robert Knop did the build-out," she said. "I wanted something lighter, brighter, and feminine." With local chandeliers from NEO Electric in Chardon adding a signature sparkle, the boutique now exudes charm and elegance.



The salon offers a full menu of services including balayage (free-hand-painted highlights), highlights color retouches, and both men's and women's haircuts, and its specialty is bridal beauty. "We designed the space so brides would feel beautiful the moment they walk in—whether for their wedding day or a trial run," she said.

Knop-Hoar also expanded the space into a boutique, selling stylish clothing, bridal accessories, and specially chosen gifts. "At first, I had just two racks and a few shelves," she said. "But as we profited, I reinvested. Now, the boutique wraps around the salon."

The design of the space reflects her style—romantic, modern, and welcoming. She built a visual storyboard and selected every detail with intention. "Once the lights were installed, the space came alive," she said. "The chandeliers accent the entire salon. It was like—wow."



What draws her eye when shopping for boutique inventory? "Honestly, I go with what I think is beautiful," she said. "I try to think about every age group, but mostly I pick what speaks to me—and it usually works."

Her transition to the Burton community has been seamless. "People have been incredibly supportive," she said. "It's been great meeting new clients while staying connected to old ones. Half the people I knew from bartending or from Ledgesmith are now closer to me here."

Now nearing her second anniversary in this new location, Knop-Hoar said the journey has been deeply rewarding. "Owning a business can be overwhelming, but it's also amazing to look around and see what you've built. I'm living my dream."



Aimee Knop-Hoar

And just for fun? "Years ago, I did Carole King's (famous singer) makeup," she said with a grin. "My boss at Blondie Hair Design needed someone, and I got to meet her and do her makeup. It was such a cool moment."

From humble beginnings to high-end bridal transformations, Uptown Girl stands as a testament to determination, family support, and the belief that dreams—if pursued with heart—can become reality.

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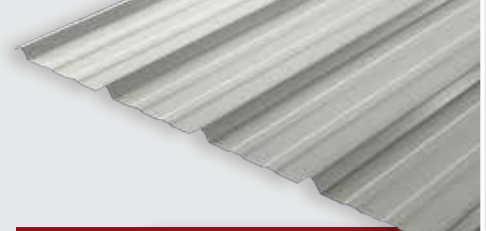
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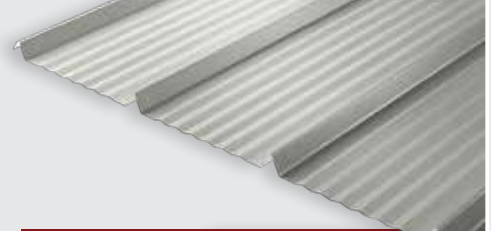
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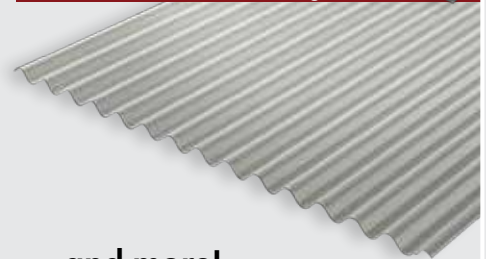
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Building Legacy in Stone

By Kim Breyley,
editor SEGQ

Just south of Middlefield on Shedd Road, A&A Masonry, owned and operated by Aaron Byler, has established itself as a dynamic masonry company which continues to shape the landscapes and homes of northeast Ohio with timeless stonework and a commitment to excellence.



The company's origins began back in 1998, when it was founded as B&M Masonry by Aaron's father and uncle. In 2003, the business became Mahlon's Masonry, and in 2019, Aaron took the reins and gave it a new identity—A&A Masonry. He partnered with longtime colleague Allen Byler (no relation), and together they led the company until 2024, when Aaron became sole owner.

At just 14 years old, Aaron began working in the family business. "I didn't grow up dreaming about owning a business," he said. "In the beginning, I didn't love it. But over time, as I got involved in the operations and saw the bigger picture, I realized I enjoyed not just building structures, but building relationships and systems."

His early memories include tagging along with his dad to worksites in Hunting Valley and Gates Mills, mimicking installers and laying block for fun. At 15, Aaron was sketching stone patterns that amazed his father and earned him new respect on the job. By 16, he was an installer on the team. The love for the craft has stayed with him ever since.



Photos credit (SEGQ Photos/A&A Masonry)

Today, A&A Masonry employs 12 full-time workers and works with two subcontractor crews, giving it access to a workforce of around 20 people. Almost all are from the Amish community, where fine craftsmanship is a way of life. The company's specialties include stonework, CMU foundations, brick chimneys, fireplaces, retaining walls, patios, outdoor

kitchens and more, crafted from materials like limestone, sandstone, porcelain, and bluestone.

"We've always looked to build long-term relationships with home builders," said Byler. "We know builders need subcontractors they can trust. Our job is to reduce their stress, communicate clearly, and coordinate with other trades professionally."

Though A&A also works directly with homeowners, Aaron recommends that clients work through a general contractor to ensure the best results and efficient project management. For landscape architects and design teams, A&A brings crucial expertise in structural hardscaping, executing ideas that require skills beyond typical landscaping.

A&A Masonry isn't just about mixing mortar and laying bricks—it's about the values that hold the company together: professionalism, attention to detail, execution, generosity and integrity.

"We talk often about our core values," Byler explained. "But above all, our greatest value is attention to detail."

That philosophy has made A&A a go-to contractor for luxury homes in Gates Mills, Hunting Valley, and Chagrin Falls, with occasional projects extending into Rocky River and Richfield. Whether it's a grand outdoor fireplace or a quiet garden path, every project is treated with the same level of care and precision.

Aaron is intentional about preparing the next generation of masons. "This isn't something you master in a week," he said. "Each stone, each project, is different. It takes experience, instinct, and a willingness to keep learning."

A&A's crews now include apprentices as young as 14 giving them the opportunities afforded to Aaron. From installing block to shaping patios, these young craftsmen gain real experience while being mentored by seasoned masons.

With a history rooted in family, a reputation for excellence, and a future focused on mentorship and relationships, A&A Masonry continues to build more than structures—it builds trust, tradition, and a legacy in stone.

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Celebrates 60 Years of Innovation, Technology and Community Roots

This year marks a major milestone for Mercury Plastics, a local manufacturing company with a global reach. Founded in 1965 by William Rowley to fill a need for plastic extrusion products, Mercury Plastics is celebrating 60 years in operation. What began as a modest venture in northeast Ohio has grown into a cutting-edge manufacturer with about 300 employees and three facilities in Middlefield.



Dave Tersigni, director of supply chain and commercial services.

Today, the company is a division of Masco Corporation, a global leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of branded home improvement and building products. Mercury Plastics provides thermoplastic solutions to a wide range of industries, including appliance, automotive, construction, faucet, liquid dispensing, marine, medical, off-shore oil and plumbing.

In addition to its core manufacturing processes,

Mercury Plastics is distinguished by its commitment to sustainability. The company uses PFAS-free processes in both extruded and molded components. "At Mercury, we continually strive to deliver cutting-edge solutions for our customers and to have a positive impact on sustainability for our environment and our community," said Dave Tersigni, director of supply chain and commercial services.

In 1977, Bill Rowley Jr. took over as the company president and ran the company until 2017. In 2017, Mercury was sold to Masco Corporation. Masco also owns Delta Faucet Company, one of Mercury's largest customers. After the sale, Jay Burnett moved from Delta to become the president of Mercury.

Tersigni oversees purchasing, materials, logistics, product compliance and external beam services, including marketing to outside clients. "Expanding our beam service business, entering new markets that utilize our core capabilities and continuous innovation are key to the company's future growth," he said. "Our innovative engineering team designs products, develops processes and in many cases builds the specialized equipment we use."



Despite being under corporate ownership, Mercury retains a close-knit, family-oriented culture. "Many employees have 20 to 25 years of tenure here," Tersigni said. "That commitment shows in everything we do."

During a tour of Mercury's Middlefield campus, Tersigni explained the nuances of plastic extrusion in layman's terms: "Plastic pellets are melted and forced through a heated die to create tubing or profiles of various shapes. The product is then water cooled to lock in the size and shape." The extruder runs at about 350 degrees Fahrenheit, with the plastic material pushed forward by a screw system.

There are many applications for the extruded profiles and tubes. Some of the profiles are used for seals in various appliances and some are used for structural parts in hot tubs, while some of the tubes become supply lines in Delta faucets. "We do all of the plastic (PEX) supply line assemblies that go into Delta faucets," Tersigni said. "We don't make the faucet itself, but we make the supply line assemblies." The final faucet units are manufactured by Delta in Tennessee and Kentucky.

In the injection molding department, tubes are manually loaded into the machines to mold end connections onto the tubes. Mercury has developed a wide variety of end connections for various applications. "We're not a traditional injection molder," Tersigni said. "Our focus is on overmolding (a material is molded over an existing substrate often another plastic part to create a single, integrated component) to create high performance components."

The fabrication department is a highly labor-intensive section of the plant. "We do a lot of forming of tubes here. We've



Mercury Plastics Celebrates 60 years (l-r) Monica Bricker-Thompson, Geauga Growth Partnership; Suzanne Seger, Jay Burnett and Mark Knurek, Mercury Plastics; Middlefield Mayor Ben Garlich and Leslie McCoy Gambosi, Middlefield Village administrator. (SEGQ Photo/Bill Blue)

Even more uniquely, Mercury is one of only a few companies in North America with a captive electron-beam processing facility. The company operates a 5 MeV (million electron volts) accelerator, which has been in use since 1999, and a 10 MeV accelerator added in 2024. These electron beam accelerators are used to cross-link high-density polyethylene (HDPE) products made on-site and to process a variety of products brought in from outside customers.

"Our core operations include extrusion, injection overmolding, fabrication and two electron beams—all located in Middlefield" Tersigni said. This type of one-stop integration is extremely rare.



spent a significant amount of time developing efficient forming processes.” Tersigni explained. “Tube forming is a big part of what we do that a lot of others don’t. The key benefit of tube forming is that it reduces the number of fittings that are required to plumb an appliance like a refrigerator and ultimately reduces the number of potential leak points.”

Mercury Plastics is one of only a handful of companies with two high energy electron beam accelerators. The Dynamatron is a 5 MeV machine and has been in operation since 1999. It is housed in a vertical tower, ‘the tallest building in Middlefield’. The newer machine, installed in 2024, is a 10 MeV Rhodotron model. “The engineering associated with the facility and the technology is really amazing,” Tersigni said.

A primary application of the electron beams is to cross-link high density polyethylene, improving strength, chemical resistance and performance in demanding applications. “High energy electrons bombard the product, breaking carbon-hydrogen bonds and forming carbon-carbon bonds in high-density polyethylene tubing—like the water-line tubing in a refrigerator—to improve strength, chemical resistance, and taste/odor characteristics,” he explained.

Electron beam processing is a critical operation in the process, and so is the testing that ensures its success. “We expose the products to a defined dose of radiation and do in-house testing for verification. The customer then does the validation testing for their specific application.” Tersigni said.

In the dye shop, Mercury manufactures much of its tooling in-house.

Mercury Plastics continues to grow, prospecting new markets for its core business and expanding its beam services business. “We’re always prospecting for new customers,” Tersigni said.

*Mercury Plastics Celebrates 60 years
(SEGQ Photo/Bill Blue)*

What started as a small extrusion operation has become one of Middlefield’s most advanced manufacturers—known for its precision, technology, and commitment to both quality and community. For a company that has spent 60 years behind the scenes, Mercury Plastics is anything but ordinary.




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What Pioneers Took for Granted, We Celebrate Having Returned

By Sandy Ward,

marketing coordinator, Geauga Park District



When Karie Wheaton explores our parks, she often daydreams about what it may have been like in Geauga County's unbroken wilderness. "I can almost imagine walking through a dense wood and hearing the howling of wolves," she said, "or see billions of Passenger Pigeons descend into the forest to feed on tree mast."

Of course these experiences are literally impossible today. Wild Passenger Pigeons went extinct by 1900, and Gray Wolves don't inhabit Ohio anymore. "But I do look forward to seeing my first Black Bear or River Otter in Geauga County, as our habitats continue to recover," said Karie, ever-hopeful, knowing it's just a matter of time—especially with the amount of time she spends in the parks in her capacity as a Geauga Park District naturalist.

Nationwide, communities are planning celebrations of their own contributions to America's 250th anniversary in 2026. In Geauga County, Karie thinks we should feel proud of the fact that some animals are returning to and staying in our area due to the improved focus on the preservation of land and protection of animals. "The complex food webs in our ponds, forests, streams and meadows rely on the biodiversity of the animals we have here," she said, "and each animal that we have in Geauga County plays a vital role in the health of our ecosystems."

In short, Geauga County is doing its part.

As the earliest settlers entered and established Burton in 1798, many of their wild neighbors looked a lot different than ours today. Bison were already gone by 1803, the year Ohio became a state, and elk, a primary game source, were gone

by 1838. More menacing, the Gray Wolf was removed

by deforestation and bounties paid for their extermination. Encountering a Mountain Lion in Ohio was also impossible by the mid-1800s.

Mountain Lion, Snowshoe Hare and Porcupine were more victims of development, greater demand for food, market hunting, draining of wetlands, mechanized farming, pollution and pesticides. Today's success stories, however, are meaningful reminders that residents and communities can recover their ecosystems. In the mid-1900s

through early 2000s, priorities shifted to reforestation and habitat preservation,

improving water quality.

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Believe it or not, White-tailed Deer were rare by 1830 and gone from Northeast Ohio by the mid-1800s. They were reintroduced in the 1920s and obviously thrive today. Wild turkey were gone from Ohio by 1904, but by reverting large tracts of land to forested areas, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources spent nearly 40 years to successfully re-establish them.

The fur trade desolated beaver populations before settlers arrived, and the last of the beaver were gone from Ohio by 1830. But colonies bounced back as habitat improved, returning to Geauga County in the late 1960s.

And the list goes on and on: the Canada Goose, the Black Bear, River Otter, Brook Trout, Trumpeter Swan, Peregrine Falcon, Sandhill Crane, Osprey, Eastern Coyote, Red Fox, Mink, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture and more. They’re all back because we cared enough to fix the damage done.

Despite our successes, habitat fragmentation, wetland destruction, stream degradation and invasive species continue to pose a threat. But still potentially poised for a comeback on their own are Bobcat, Fisher and Porcupine—if we remain vigilant.

“Gauga Park District helps to provide habitat and educate the public about providing healthy habitats for animals,” she added, for those wondering how they can help. “Hopefully my kids will see more animals here in their lifetime than I was able to!”





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Parkman School Bell, Millstone and Datestones Dedication

By Joyce Peters,
Parkman township trustee

Over the years, Parkman has had to bow to the inevitable march of progress in spite of our desire to keep our history intact. But at each step along the way, citizens and trustees have done what they can to retain and utilize as much area history as possible.

Using part of the American Rescue Plan grant funds which the township received in 2022, the township has had a plan to preserve our historical buildings and structures, with upgrades to the Community House including an elevator to assist those with mobility issues. The fresh new look has resulted in more rentals for weddings and large groups, providing good revenue for the township. A new front porch is in the planning stages.

The Overlook Park has a new horse shelter, a new swing set, and a complete upgrade of the Large Pavilion. Repairs to the fireplace are also in the works. Overlook Cemetery entrance pillars will be rebuilt in June using grants.

These funds also made it possible for the township to refurbish the gazebo with needed repairs. It has a new paint job with a beautiful blue ceiling—an old southern tradition

intended to ward off evil spirits or based on the belief that a blue porch ceiling will prevent bugs from making a home here. You choose the story that you like best. We moved the benches out from behind the gazebo for better views. A 50-year warranty comes with the new roof of beautiful composite shakes and copper ridge caps that have been installed on the gazebo.

The Millstone and Cromwell datestone are two markers of Parkman history. Today we also dedicate these items which have been placed at the sidewalk entrance to this park.

The following story may well have been the original senior prank. In 1946, a group of young men who had just graduated from Parkman School, led by Don Burnett and John Turon, held a scrap drive to earn some money for a class trip. While looking for scrap in the burned-out blacksmith shop, they found a large millstone. It was there to have new grooves hammered in, probably for the old mill by the river. Being pranksters, they decided to move the stone with a tractor to the center of town near the Veterans Memorial. They were caught by the one-eyed constable, Jess Sherwin, who ordered them to “get it out of there.” They just dropped it in place by the monument and ran. It wasn’t moved again for 76 years.

In 2022, when the Veterans Park was re-dedicated with a new large American flag and new flagpoles bearing the banners of our branches of service, the millstone was moved to the Gazebo Park, where it remains as a symbol of Parkman’s history. During the demolition of the Cromwell building by the state to ease truck traffic at the intersection of Main Market and Madison roads, the datestones from the Cromwell Building, built in 1899, were salvaged. Those were also placed at the Gazebo Park entrance.

The original gazebo, which was called a bandstand, was built for the Parkman “Buckeye” Band. On Aug.10, 1887, the Parkman Bandstand was dedicated. Located in the town center, this gazebo was a place to allow the community to enjoy outdoor performances. Local residents spent the summer building the bandstand, and it was a point of community pride.

By 1997, the original gazebo had deteriorated badly and was replaced—built by Tim Yoder. On top, he placed a weathervane of a baseball player to symbolize the family nature of Parkman and its youngsters’ love of baseball. The baseball player was modeled after a picture of Mickey Mantle swinging a bat.

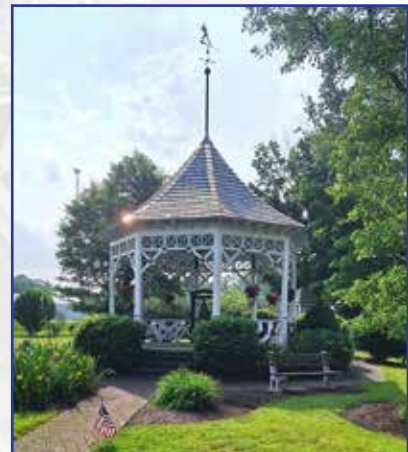
You can find the brass roof of the original Parkman Bandstand on the gazebo in Burton. It is a part of the Century Village and the Historical Society for Geauga County.

Recently, the Parkman Alumni Association donated the original Parkman School bell to the township. This bell hung in the belfry of the original Parkman School from 1883 to 1952, when the school was demolished and a new Parkman School was built.

At that time, Concezio, known as “Connie” Testa, who was the custodian of the Parkman School for many years, retained the bell for safekeeping. When Connie retired, he took the bell home and maintained possession of it until his death in 2010. Mr. Testa’s family donated the bell to the Parkman Alumni Association, and it was stored at the home of Bill Stanley until the spring of 2022 when the Alumni donated it to the township. It has been placed in the center of the gazebo to honor our history and for everyone to enjoy. Directly beneath is a time capsule buried at the time of the new construction in 1997 by the Parkman Chamber of Commerce. It is to be opened in 2047.



DEDICATION
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teachers who taught
Parkman children, and to
those residents who honor
Parkman’s history.*



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Geauga County Department on Aging Social Workers recognized as 2025 OSHIIP Team of the Year

By Bill Phillips,
Geauga County Dept. on Aging

The Geauga County Department on Aging Social Workers received the 2025 State Award for OSHIIP Team of the Year from the Ohio Department of Insurance, Division of Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP).

This prestigious recognition highlights their outstanding partnership with the Ohio Department of Insurance and their exemplary service providing Medicare beneficiaries in Geauga County initial and ongoing Medicare counseling. Through one-on-one counseling and community outreach, our Social Workers empower older adults with unbiased, reliable information to help them make informed decisions about their health insurance coverage.



The Geauga County Department on Aging's Social Services Team. (l-r) Natalie Pajk LSW, Reba K. Dykes LSW and In-Home Services Manager, Michelle Warren Social Services Coordinator, Kristen Bibby, MT-BC, AAP-BC, and (not pictured) Kim Yonosik Social Services Worker. (SEGQ Photo/GCDOA)

In 2024 alone, the team conducted 218 appointments, helping individuals understand their Medicare options, avoid unnecessary costs, and gain peace of mind. Their efforts in 2024 saved Geauga's seniors \$128,876.84.

The Geauga County Department on Aging's Social Workers are trained by the Ohio Department of Insurance "Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program" to answer Medicare questions. Social Workers are available to meet one on one to provide Medicare information throughout the year.

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From Fabrics to Finds: Bolt & Bloom Mercantile Blossoms in Middlefield

Nestled along Kinsman Road in Middlefield, Ohio, a charming little shop is delighting shoppers with a unique blend of nostalgia, creativity, and curated surprises. What began as Grandma's Fabrics—a cozy go-to for sewing supplies—has blossomed into Bolt & Bloom Mercantile, a bright and welcoming space where tradition meets inspiration.

Owners Daniel and Viola have spent the past year cultivating this one-of-a-kind mercantile, and their gratitude runs deep. "It's been a wonderful journey," says Viola. "We've grown in ways we never imagined, and we're incredibly thankful—for our loyal customers, our supportive community, and our dedicated employees."

While the name may be new, familiar roots remain. Bolt & Bloom still carries a wide variety of quality fabrics and sewing notions that longtime customers know and love. But step inside, and you'll find so much more. Shelves brim with delightful surprises: houseplants full of personality, charming home décor, baby gifts, LED candles, and engaging games for all ages. Coffee lovers will especially appreciate the addition of Olivewood Brand Coffee, available in both whole bean and ground varieties.

"People come in looking for thread and leave with a plant, a book, and a bag of coffee," Daniel says with a smile. "That's the fun of it. You never know what you'll find."

The store's thoughtful layout invites you to slow down and explore. Whether you're shopping for a gift, stocking up on everyday items, or simply treating yourself, Bolt & Bloom offers an experience that's as comforting as it is inspiring. And for those short on time or out of town, mail order and local delivery options make shopping even easier.

With a warm, personal touch and a continually growing selection, Bolt & Bloom Mercantile has quickly become a favorite local destination—where every visit feels like coming home.

Visit Bolt & Bloom Mercantile, 4929 Kinsman Road, Middlefield, Ohio 44062, 440-693-4330, grandvalley@ibyfax.com, Hours: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Closed Sunday,

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Boots and Beyond: *Stepping into the Future*

What began as a humble inventory of Wolverine boots in 1995 has grown into one of Middlefield's go-to destinations for durable footwear and family essentials. Originally known as Mullet's Footwear, the business was founded by Alan Mullet, who balanced midnight shifts at KraftMaid with daytime hours running the shop. With a vision, and an ear for what customers needed, he grew the business steadily, building a loyal customer base from the ground up.

Today, the torch is being passed to the next generation. Alan's son, Jacob Mullet, now helps manage the store—renamed Boots and Beyond—and brings fresh energy while honoring his father's hardworking roots. Jacob, who grew up stocking shelves and learning the ropes alongside his siblings, says it's the only path he ever wanted to follow. "Working with customers, keeping them happy—that's my favorite part," he says.

The store recently celebrated one year at its new location in the Farmstead Shopping Center on Kinsman Road, where it shares space with Bolt + Bloom Mercantile. The two businesses complement each other in both product and foot traffic: Bolt + Bloom Mercantile sees busy mornings and midweek shoppers, while Boots and Beyond welcomes a strong wave of work crews and weekend customers.

Inside, the store offers much more than boots—though their footwear selection remains the backbone of the business. Shoppers will also find sporting goods, vitamins, and family clothing essentials. A printed catalog, produced twice a year, reaches up to 15,000 homes and keeps customers up to date on new arrivals and trusted staples.

"We try to meet customer needs more than just wants," Jacob says. "If times get tough, people still need the basics. That's what we're here for."

Jacob is joined by his sister Emma, who helps part-time, while other siblings who once stocked shelves and folded flyers have moved on to other ventures.

Though no future expansion plans are on the table just yet, Jacob is focused on keeping Boots and Beyond strong, responsive, and rooted in the values that built it: family, customer care, and quality products that last.

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Serving Families, Saving Lives: DDC Clinic's Continued Mission

By Eli Miller,
executive director DDC Clinic

Our Mission: To enhance the quality of life for people with special needs caused by rare genetic disorders.

Greetings from your neighbor, DDC Clinic for Special Needs Children. We are slowly losing our daylight hours while creeping toward Northeast Ohio's incredible fall weather. Time goes so fast, it's hard to keep up with the busy schedule we inflict on ourselves. There's also much need all around us, so keeping a balance of helping others and making the most of daily life with family, work, etc., is challenging, but a goal we must pursue. We are wonderfully blessed to live in a community of caring people!

Completed months ahead of schedule, we are excited to announce DDC Clinic's fourth expansion of our GAP (Genetic Awareness Panel). GAP is an innovative, state-of-the-art diagnostic tool that was developed in 2018 by our incredible in-house laboratory team. Using only one small sample of a patient's blood, our laboratory experts can miraculously test for 270 rare genetic disorders found in Amish populations, acquiring results in less than two weeks.

Since its launch, GAP has greatly improved early diagnosis, helping to prevent the progression of devastating genetic disorders and life-threatening conditions through newborn screening using cord blood. GAP is also used for children and adults to diagnose suspected genetic disorders and identify carrier status for genetic disorders that could be passed to future generations, providing valuable health information for families.

Since 2018, DDC Clinic has performed thousands of life-saving GAP tests, providing long-awaited answers to families who have been impacted for generations by undiagnosed conditions. Committed to keeping genetic testing affordable for families, pricing for our newly enhanced GAP testing remains at the same low cost. In addition, patients who previously had GAP testing can get testing with the new version for only 50 percent of the full cost.

Our benefit auction season is here once again. Planned for Friday, Aug. 22, at Maple Country Farms (Busters) on the corner of Newcomb and Nash roads, the 25th Annual DDC Clinic Benefit Auction is the largest of our benefit events. It includes a large raffle, a silent auction, a live auction and much more. You will find quite a variety of items up for bid. From a 32-by-48-foot building to small hand tools, furniture, household items, etc., there's sure to be something for everyone. With a huge selection of delicious food, it is a great family event and a great way to support DDC Clinic's mission while enjoying family time and neighborhood fellowship. The start time for the live auction will be at 2 p.m. and will continue until the last item is sold, usually close to 9 p.m.

We are very grateful for everyone's support of DDC Clinic's mission. By helping local families and sharing our findings and knowledge with the rest of the world, the impact is global! This is an amazing way to help millions of people affected by rare

genetic disorders from many different cultures. Thank you for your kindness!

Please reach out to me with any suggestions, constructive criticism or advice, or call us to find out more about DDC Clinic's mission. We would love for you to stop by for a visit. May you all be blessed!

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In Middlefield, you'll find more than just a shop—you'll find a labor of love, creativity, and community called His Daughter, owned by Felicia Timas.



Beth Foutty, Store manager and Felicia Timas, owner His Daughter

Opened ten years ago in a smaller location in town, the store began with handmade soap and has since expanded into a diverse line of body care and natural cleaning products, baby and men's lines, home décor, candles, and locally made foods. "It all started when customers would come in and ask if I made a certain product," said Timas. "That question puts a little spark in me, and I feel like I have to figure it out—how to make it naturally and helpfully."

Her passion for crafting personal care items from clean ingredients grew organically into household cleaners and beyond. "One man came in and said he wished we had men's scents, and we made it happen," she recalled. "A lot of women like those, too."

What makes His Daughter unique is not only the variety, but the people behind the products. The shop features items from 25 to 30 local vendors with gifts and repurposed pieces that carry character, history, and quality—"not cookie cutter," as Timas describes.

One of those vendors is Heather Pucel, who also works part-time in the store's production department. Heather is known for her popular chai tea mixes, including a sugar-free version, beer bread, and her newest creation—Blackberry Sage Thumbprint Cookie Mix. "I started selling around Christmastime for extra money when my kids were little. Now I love baking and working with herbs," said Pucel. "Some of the herbs I dry myself."

Timas will harvest herbs like comfrey, mint, plantain, and burdock from her back yard organic garden. "We use what we grow at home," Timas said. "It's a win-win."

One of the store's key contributors is Beth, an employee of nine years, who brought a fresh eye for

packaging, presentation, and retail display. "Beth is a breath of sunshine," said Timas. "Independent owners try to do everything themselves, but you really can't. Hiring people with different talents is what made this store what it is today."

Other original collaborators include Tracy and Teresa, who specialize in décor and repurposed items, helping create a truly one-of-a-kind shopping experience.

Despite challenges like increased paperwork, tariffs, and the struggles of surviving COVID-19, Timas said she still loves what she does. "What surprises me most is that after 10 years, I still love it," she said. "During COVID, I didn't think we'd make it. But if you go slow, go purposeful, you get through. Day by day."

She's especially encouraged by customers' growing interest in natural cleaning alternatives. "It's the number one way we allow chemicals into our homes," she said. "It makes me happy to see people embracing natural options."

Just recently, His Daughter made the big decision to relocate and increase space again.

"I realized after last Christmas we were outgrowing our present production area," said Felicia. "We make most of all of what we sell, and when most of the staff is in, we were struggling for space. We found the perfect space at 15423 West High Street in the old Snap Fitness/Transportation Hub Spaces. It will put our retail and production spaces together. We look forward to moving there in early fall. It will accommodate more parking and have a more open feel. I feel blessed to be moving there after 10 years in business!"

Felicia and her husband, Mike, reared four children—all Cardinal High School graduates.

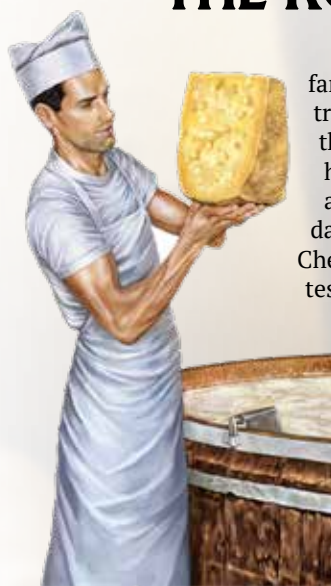
As His Daughter celebrates a decade in business, Felicia Timas continues to expand with a faith-filled heart, guided by God, customer requests, community partnerships, and a mission to offer thoughtful, useful products in a setting that feels like home.

Visit His Daughter soon at 14982 S. State St., Middlefield, Ohio 44062, or at their new location, shortly, at 15423 West High Street, Middlefield, Ohio 440-632-8053, or email hisdaughtersoap@gmail.com, or shop online at his-daughter-shop.myshopify.com.

His Daughter Event: "August In the Alley," Aug. 16.
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Crafting Excellence for Generations: THE ROTHENBÜHLER CHEESEMAKERS STORY



For over 69 years, the Rothenbühler family has preserved the soul of traditional Swiss cheesemaking in the heart of Middlefield, Ohio. From humble beginnings to becoming a nationally celebrated name in dairy excellence, Rothenbühler Cheesemakers stands as a living testament to heritage, precision, and faith-driven perseverance.

A Swiss Legacy Rooted in Middlefield

The story begins on July 4, 1956—Independence Day—when master cheesemaker Hans Rothenbühler, a Swiss immigrant, launched what was then called Middlefield Cheese. “My grandfather and grandmother,

Hans and Ann, poured everything into it—faith, labor, and an unshakable belief in quality,” says Hans Rothenbühler, the company’s current CEO and namesake.

In those early days, local Amish farmers were unable to meet federal refrigeration requirements due to their off-grid lifestyle. The Rothenbühlers formed a pioneering partnership with the Middlefield Swiss Cheese Co-Op, eventually acquiring the Amish share and establishing independent production.

Today, one of the original 250-pound copper kettles used to handcraft Emmentaler proudly sits outside the company’s headquarters—a quiet monument to their artisanal beginnings.

“Everything was manual,” Hans reflects. “You can still see photos in our museum of my grandfather making cheese the old-fashioned way.”

Hard Work, Faith, and Family

Before founding the business, Hans worked as a Sealtest milkman and cheesemaker at Brewster Dairy Products, where he met Ann—his future wife and lifelong business partner. “I used to weigh the milk cans as they came in,” Ann recalls.

“We started the factory on a dirt road and built it with our own hands.”

On that very first production day in 1956, fifty neighbors gathered in excitement. “The wooden hoist used to lift the cheese curd out of the copper kettle broke, causing the entire 250-pound batch of curd to fall on the floor,” Ann

laughed. “We scraped it up, cleaned up, and started again.”

Built on Faith, Grown with Excellence

What began as a leap of faith has grown into an award-winning company. Rothenbühler Cheesemakers has earned top honors at the World and U.S. Championship Cheese Contests, standing out for its integrity, flavor, and technical excellence.

Faith has always guided the Rothenbühler journey. “God always guided this business,” Ann emphasizes. Kim, daughter of the founders, shared a defining family story: “My dad was orphaned and sent into a child-for-hire arrangement at age six. In Hindelbank, Switzerland, Hans met Sister Anna, a Protestant nun who unofficially adopted and mentored him through his youth. She introduced him to faith and hard work—two things that ultimately led him to complete his cheesemaking school and changed our family’s destiny.”

Three Generations Strong

Today, Rothenbühler Cheesemakers is led by third-generation CEO Hans Rothenbühler, who blends modern strategy with timeless tradition. After earning a degree in fermentation science and winemaking from Cal Poly, followed by an MBA, Hans returned to the family business in 2012 to carry forward a legacy nearly seven decades in the making.

His father, John Rothenbühler, was reared in the heart of the cheese plant. From as early as age four, John worked alongside his father, scrubbing and cleaning the copper kettles that were the backbone of traditional Swiss cheesemaking. Over time, John became a central figure in the operation, ultimately serving as





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president and CEO and stewarding the business through pivotal periods of growth and modernization.

Hans' aunt, Kim Rothenbühler, also grew up immersed in the family enterprise. She began at an early age, working in the retail store with her mother Ann, and continued contributing to the business while putting herself through college. Her efforts reflect the generational commitment that has always driven the Rothenbühler family forward.

The youngest child of Hans and Ann, Ruthie Rothenbühler, helped promote the business through Swiss cheese festivals, having the honor of being crowned the official Swiss Miss.

The family was profoundly impacted by the tragic passing of company founder Hans Rothenbühler Sr., who died on July 29, 1984, from complications following a ski accident on March 29, 1983—John's 26th birthday. Yet his legacy lives on—both in the cheeses that still bear his name and in the values he instilled in his children and grandchildren.

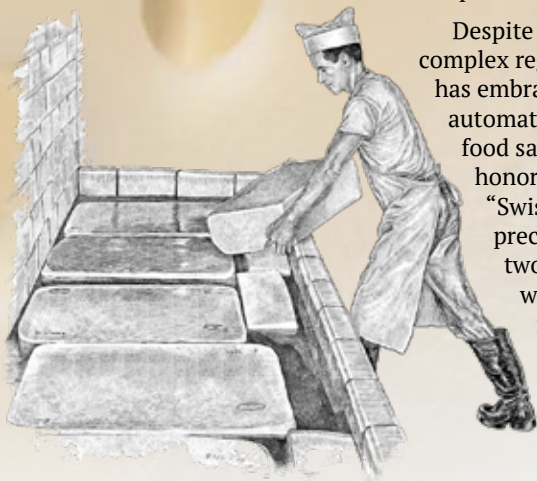
In 2015, the company rebranded from Middlefield Cheese to Rothenbühler Cheesemakers to better reflect its heritage and honor the name that has come to symbolize Swiss excellence in American cheesemaking. "Rothenbühler means 'Red Hill' or 'Red Mountain' in Swiss German," says Hans. "It's our name, our legacy, and our promise of quality."

Tradition Meets Technology

Today, Rothenbühler Cheesemakers crafts seven signature cheeses, including:

- **Founder 56 – Emmentaler**
- **Middlefield Cheese – Mild Swiss**
- **Aarafalls – Baby Swiss**
- **Gruyère**
- **Chica Mia – a Monterey Jack–Cheddar hybrid**

These and other varieties are distributed across all 50 states under both the Rothenbühler and private label brands.



Despite tight margins and complex regulations, the company has embraced robotics and automation to uphold rigorous food safety standards while honoring old-world methods. "Swiss cheesemaking is precise," Hans says. "Our two-step fermentation with *Propionibacterium* is what gives our Swiss cheese its classic eyes. It's a blend of art and science."



Rothenbuhler family members, Back row (l-r) Cayla Rothenbuhler, Hans Rothenbuhler, Kim Button, Bianca Rothenbuhler, Mateo Garcia, and Jay Button. Front row (l-r) Rudi Rothenbuhler, Ann Rothenbuhler (co-founder with her late husband Hans Rothenbuhler), Rubyann Garcia and Remy Rothenbuhler.

A Culture of Purpose

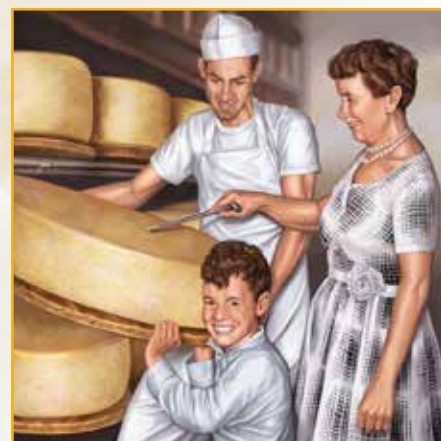
Rooted in core values—God first, respect for people, and a passion for excellence—Rothenbühler Cheesemakers operates as a lean, collaborative organization. "No unnecessary meetings," Hans says. "That's Swiss DNA: disciplined, efficient, and quality-driven."

For those visiting Middlefield, the Rothenbühler Cheese Chalet, owned by Hans and his wife Cayla, offers guests immersive tastings and educational experiences that bring their story to life.

Looking Ahead Without Forgetting the Past

As Rothenbühler Cheesemakers expands to meet growing demand, the family remains firmly grounded. "My husband never lost his accent," Ann remembers fondly. "He was a jokester, beloved by all, and dedicated to service—including his time as president of Kiwanis."

Now, with Hans at the helm, the future is in capable hands. "Cheesemaking is in our blood," he says. "We're here to carry forward a legacy that began in faith, flourished through family, and now feeds generations nationwide."



(SEQQ Photos/RC)

Experience the legacy—visit the Rothenbühler Cheese Chalet at 15815 Nauvoo Road, Middlefield, Ohio 44062.

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Serves Up Tradition, Comfort and Community

Christopher Kanieski, owner-operator of The Amish Country Kitchen located on State Route 87 between Burton and Middlefield, balances decades of experience in food, entertainment, and hospitality across multiple businesses in northeast Ohio.

Born and raised in Cleveland Heights, Kanieski graduated Mentor High School. He started his career as an entertainment director in the nightclub business before moving into restaurants in downtown Cleveland, including Fagan's in The Flats.

"The World Famous Iron Horse Saloon and Crooked River Adventures brought me to Geauga County," he said.

In addition to The Amish Country Kitchen, Kanieski owns and operates Crooked River Adventures and is general manager of Iron Horse Saloon, which is corporately owned. Crooked River Adventures and Iron Horse Saloon are located at 13468 Main Market Road, Burton, Ohio.

He and his mother, Sandra Kanieski, who he calls the restaurant's number one helper, serve on the Board of Destination Geauga and see tourism as a driving force in the region.

"I'm a Board member for Destination Geauga, and so is Sandy," he said. "We thought this restaurant would be a great opportunity because of the tourism in the area."

Southwestern Pennsylvania native, Sandra, was born in Greensburg on a dairy farm milking 600 cows. Her family was the first in Westmoreland County to have electronic milkers.

"When you're raised on a farm, that's it," she said. "Doesn't matter whether you're 22 or 102—if the job needs to be done, that's what your job is."



On June 16, the Amish Country Kitchen (ACK) celebrated with Grand Opening Specials and a Ribbon Cutting. (l-r) Burton Chamber members, Janet Jacques and Marie Lovas, Geauga County Commissioner Carolyn Brakey, ACK Owner Chris Kanieski, Geauga County Commissioner Jim Dvorak, mother to Chris, Sandy Kanieski and Sue Wayman, Burton Chamber of Commerce president.

Sandra moved to Cleveland as a teenager to finish high school. She attended Case Western Reserve University and graduated from Cleveland State University with a degree in economics and accounting and a minor in statistics. She is a retired certified public accountant and completed six semesters of law school before focusing on rearing her children, working, building houses, and running family businesses.

"I am happy to pitch in and do any tasks that need to be done here," she said. "That's the joy of my life. I love people. It makes me happy to make other people happy."

Chris took over the lease of the restaurant space previously known as The Cutting Board, which had been closed for a year. He hopes to purchase the restaurant property in the future.

"We started in October 2024, but we didn't get everything finalized until late March, first week of April," Chris said. "Sue Wayman at Coffee Corners let us know it was available. We set up a meeting with Ray Slabaugh and Delbert Kurtz, and we instantly hit it off."

Chris hired local managers Nick Holmes and Xander Rose—both had worked there when it was Dutch Country Restaurant.

"Xander started here in high school as a dishwasher and worked his way up," Sandra said. "He graduated culinary school and has worked at other restaurants. People reared in farm country have a great work ethic. They are reliable, salt-of-the-earth people."

The Amish Country Kitchen provides employment for about 19 people, but is not yet fully staffed.

"We need 20 more people," Chris said. "We have three shifts—breakfast, lunch, and dinner—and everyone's working hard as we work to staff fully."

Because the POS system wasn't ready at opening, the restaurant started as cash-only with an ATM on-site to help customers.

"We're not going to be cash-only forever," Chris said.

Signature dishes include honey-crusted fried chicken, cabbage rolls, stuffed peppers, walleye, Alaskan cod, and pancakes served all day—a nod to Burton's pancake heritage.

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The Amish Country Kitchen, continued

"We buy our maple syrup from the Burton Chamber," Sandra said. "Our produce is all local. Even before this at Iron Horse, we'd hand-pick tomatoes two or three times a week. If you get them from the purveyor, they taste like nothing."

Sandra described how they work to make sure every detail is high quality.

"Good isn't good enough for us," she said. "Great isn't even good enough. We strive to be fabulous."

Future plans include prime rib every Friday or Saturday, all-you-can-eat crab legs, fish fries, Italian nights, and other rotating specials. You can select from a full menu, salad bar, and/or buffet.

"We're a meat-and-potatoes restaurant," Chris said. "Everything is hearty. Our portions are stick-to-your-ribs."

The menu also features baked goods from DS Cakes and Sweet Cafe in Newbury which includes Polish cheesecake. "We offer a nice variety of bakery items," said Sandra, "including fry pies, Danishes, crème sticks, donuts, and breads delivered daily from our neighboring businesses—the Amish Country Market. When the restaurant is fully staffed, the in-house bakery products will be expanded to include pies and cakes."

"We're open Sundays, when most places are closed," Sandra said. "We're even thinking about expanding the buggy parking. Sometimes we have eight or 10 buggies here at once."

Sandra emphasized that the name reflects the location rather than Amish ownership.

"Just like Dutch Country wasn't Dutch-owned, we're in the heart of Amish country," she said. "That's who our neighbors and customers are."

Other plans include setting up an outdoor tent for cornhole tournaments and car shows, and possibly installing a softball field in the back.

"We have five acres to utilize out there," Chris said. "Softball is fabulous family enjoyment."

For marketing, they are planning a loyalty rewards program, rack cards, gift certificates, and business cards with offers for customers.

"We own pancaketownusa.net," Sandra said. "The website isn't live yet, but will be shortly."

They also hope to add a takeout program: selling buffet items by the pound, and a grab-and-go cooler with fresh sandwiches and salads.

Sandra's approach to business is shaped by her farm upbringing.

"When you pick a homegrown tomato, you can taste the sunshine," she said. "Eating is a social experience. If you want to enjoy each other, eye to eye, no cell phones—take your time and taste the sunshine in the food—this is the place to do it."

For more information, call The Amish Country Kitchen, 15015 Kinsman Road, Middlefield, Ohio 44062, 440-426-0120.



KABALLOS REBUILDS: Food Truck Launch and New Full-Service Restaurant in Newbury

A devastating fire at Kaballos Mexican Kitchen and Bar in Middlefield this past April left owner Ramón Arellano reeling—but not defeated. The fire broke out around



(SEGO Photo/Lynda Nemeth)

9:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning damaging much of the bar area and forcing the closure of the restaurant while insurance and repairs are under review.

Despite the setback, Ramón quickly pivoted. **A food truck now operates daily for lunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Marketplace Mall, Middlefield, parking lot and serves dinner in the parking lot of Great Lakes Outdoor Supply in Middlefield 14855 N. State Ave., from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.** The truck offers a limited menu of customer

favorites—tacos, burritos, quesadillas, and fajitas—made fresh in the small space.

Meanwhile, plans for a second location in Newbury have expanded. Originally envisioned as a fast-casual spot, the new restaurant at 11110 Kinsman Road, Unit 8 will open as a full-service Mexican restaurant by August offering a full menu similar to the original Middlefield location. For now, there won't be margaritas as the liquor license is still processing.

Ramón says the community's encouragement fuels his determination to rebuild. "People keep telling me, 'You need to open here.' They're excited. I'm excited," he shared. Whether through the food truck, the upcoming Newbury restaurant, or eventually reopening in Middlefield, Kaballos is poised for a strong comeback.



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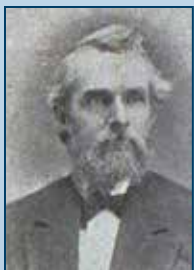
By Bill Ward,
Newbury resident, local historian



James A. Garfield.
(circa 1850s)

In the autumn of 1857, future President of the United States, James A. Garfield, accepted an invitation to speak at the South Newbury Congregational Church. At the time, Garfield was the President of the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute, later Hiram College. He was also a prominent preacher in the Stone-Campbell Disciples of Christ movement. On the morning of the lecture, Monday, Dec. 7, 1857, South Newbury resident Anson Matthews departed for Hiram to retrieve Mr. Garfield. In the meantime, elders of the Congregational Church met to discuss their concerns about Garfield's forthcoming speech, fearful that his words may conflict with the church's orthodoxy. When the carriage carrying Matthews and Garfield arrived at the steps of the church, the unimaginable happened. Garfield was disinvited on the spot. His disbarment from the church was the catalyst for the creation of a free-speech building erected by the free-thinking people of South Newbury in 1858. The structure became known as the South Newbury Union Chapel.

Garfield may have inspired the creation of the Chapel, but in later years, one has to wonder who was the motivating force behind South Newbury's transformation from a sleepy village to an epicenter in the fight for women's rights. The unheralded name that is all but lost to history is Darius Allen, who could rightly be called an "outside influencer."



Darius Allen



Sophia Allen

Community Leaders

Darius and his wife, Sophia, were well-to-do people who came to Newbury from the Boston area in the early 1860's. They, more than any other family, were often credited with influencing the cultural development and social life of South Newbury.

The Allens lived in a stately brick house on a rise of ground with a terraced lawn and stone walkway that led to the State Road. Nearly every room had an open fireplace. But the most impressive feature of the house was a large library that the Allens liberally shared with friends and neighbors. In 1969, 90-year-old Irma Redfield McIntyre, who grew up in South Newbury, reminisced about the Allens' generosity. "Almost opposite the post office was a fenced, well-kept lane with a drive leading to the Allens' grove of large maple trees. Underbrush and weeds were never allowed to multiply. Picnic tables were scattered here and there and many family groups, as well as community gatherings used it whenever they pleased. Adjoining the grove was an orchard of various kinds of fine apples, free for the picking. All this was a community gift from Mr. & Mrs. Allen." It was on the Allens' property that The Centennial Oak was planted on July 4, 1876, by the Women's Political Suffrage Club. The tree was not only a symbol of 100 years of freedom in America, it also represented the cause of equal rights in America. While the suffragists would have preferred to plant the tree in front of the Chapel, it was wisely decided to plant it on private property to protect it from vandals who were threatened by social reform and gender equality.

Why South Newbury?

Darius Allen and Sophia Ober were married on June 5, 1855, in Reading, Massachusetts, and resided for some years near Concord, where Darius devoted himself to teaching and literary pursuits. He was also active in various moral and social reforms. He was a well-known abolitionist within the national organization and often gave speeches against slavery in the Chapel and the Congregational Church. He was also frequently listed in Garrison's publication, "The Liberator."

*The Liberator (Boston) February 22, 1861
From a True-Hearted Abolitionist*

Newbury, Geauga, Ohio, January 28, 1861: Friend Garrison - The World moves - for which I feel to thank God, and take fresh courage.

This afternoon, with the consent of the leaders in the Orthodox Congregational Church in this place, Darius M. Allen read for the service, Wendell Phillp's Speech, in Music Hall - "The Lesson of the Hour." It was listened to by a good audience, which seemed to appreciate its burning truths.

There has been good anti-slavery work done here the past few years... and DM Allen has contributed much to keep the ball of reform in motion by his uncompromising lectures...

*The Jeffersonian Democrat - (Chardon, Ohio)
September 29, 1865*

Darius M. Allen will speak in the Free Chapel, South Newbury, on Sunday, April 2, 1 pm. Subject, the Atonement.

Sophia was a graduate from the first normal school for women in America at West Newton, Massachusetts, and went on to teach in the public schools of Lowell, Massachusetts. She was an ardent follower of the teachings of Friedrich Frobel, the German scholar who laid the foundation for modern education based on the recognition that children had unique needs and capabilities. Frobel created the concept of early childhood education, which came to be known as "kindergarten."

The Allens led the charge for the many important social reform movements that were launched within the walls of the South Newbury Union Chapel. In 1871, nine Newbury women became Ohio's first female voters. Among "The Newbury Nine" was Sophia Allen. The ballots were mysteriously "lost" somewhere between the Chapel and the Chardon Courthouse!

In 1874, the second oldest Women's Political Suffrage Club in the state was founded in the Chapel. Darius Allen was elected the club's vice president. Without a doubt, the Allens were the right people for the tenor of the time.

One might ask, 'Why would such progressive, well-educated Bostonians uproot themselves for life in South



On the morning of a scheduled speech at the South Newbury Congregational Church in 1857, James A. Garfield, then president of the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute in Hiram, was embarrassingly disinvited by church officials upon arriving at the church. The incident was the catalyst for the creation of a free speech building, known as the South Newbury Union Chapel.

Kindergarten to Be Opened Tuesday.

The opening of the Druid Hills kindergarten will be held Tuesday morning, September 12, in the Sunday school room of the Druid Hills Methodist church. All the mothers are cordially invited to call between the hours of 9 and 12.

This is the seventh year of the kindergarten, which has grown to be one of the largest and most popular in the city, and the only one in the Druid Hills section that is under the direction of graduate kindergartners. Miss Antoinette Johnson is the principal, with Mrs. Eva Warm Knoss, a first assistant. The junior assistant will be named later.

Both Miss Johnson and Mrs. Knoss are graduates of the Atlanta kindergarten normal school, which was conducted for many years by Miss Willette Allen.

*Atlanta Constitution,
Sept. 10, 1922*

Newbury, Ohio?" It certainly wasn't by happenstance. Sophia's grandparents, Zachariah and Abigail, moved from New Hampshire to Newbury, Ohio, before 1840. Several family members followed and most were in the Geauga County area by 1860, including Darius and Sophia.

Amazing Willette

Sophia gave birth to a daughter, Willette Alona Allen, on March 29, 1862. As a child, Willette was tutored by her mother in the doctrine of Frobel prior to attending the South Newbury country school. After the 8th grade, she entered a select school in Cleveland, Ohio, where she received her high school training. Determined to become an early education teacher, Willette then studied at the Middle Ohio Normal School for girls in Worthington, Ohio, and then went on to the Hailman Kindergarten Training School in LaPorte, Indiana, operated by Dr. and Mrs. Nicholas Hailmen, renown experts in the field of early childhood education. Dr. Hailman was also the superintendent of the schools in LaPorte. A year after Willette graduated in 1884, Dr. Hailman put her in charge of the first kindergarten in the public schools of LaPorte.



Willette Allen in 1910, age 48. (Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center.)

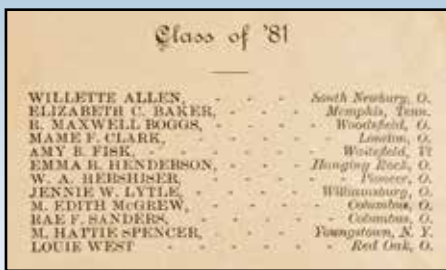
In 1885, she was listed as a member of the National Education Association from the Journal of Proceedings and Addresses of the National Education Association. As she was laying the groundwork that would eventually catapult her career to unparalleled heights in the field of early childhood education, she started a kindergarten in the South Newbury Union Chapel, thought to be the first kindergarten in Ohio. Irma Redfield McIntyre quipped in her written recollections of Willette, "I was her only kindergarten pupil for two years."

Willette is also credited with organizing "The Cold-Water Army" at the Chapel, a temperance organization for children. Willette's group consisted of nine boys. In a 1931 Plain Dealer exposé about the Chapel, Charles A. Brown, who grew up in South Newbury and was a member of the Cold Water Army, had fond recollections of Miss Allen. "Willette was a remarkable woman. She liked children and she seemed intuitively to know what was necessary to train small boys to become good citizens. She taught us gymnastics, hygiene and the special care of the teeth, very unusual in that day. And as far as is known, none of us has ever used liquor." Most often the group met at the Chapel, but on occasion, Willette would invite the boys to her house for a Saturday afternoon party.

In 1887, Willette accepted a position in charge of the kindergarten training department at the University of the Pacific, San Jose, California. In addition to training teachers, she operated a demonstration kindergarten.



South Newbury Union Chapel.



Willette's 1881 Commencement program from the Ohio Central Normal School in Worthington, Ohio. (Courtesy of the Worthington History Center.)

A Pioneer in Early Childhood Education

In 1890, Willette left California for a new career opportunity in Georgia. Moving to a farm in Douglasville along with her parents, she was put in charge of the summer kindergarten at the famous Chautauqua at Lithia Springs. After speaking to a group of prominent people in Atlanta, she was invited to open a kindergarten department at the fashionable Capital Female College in Atlanta in 1895.

While Willette was creating a preschool empire, her parents enjoyed life on their farm in Douglasville and continued their political activism, joining the Georgia Women Suffrage Association. Not surprisingly, Darius eventually held an executive position with the group.

In 1897, Willette established the Atlanta Kindergarten Normal and Elementary School which was granted a charter by the state of Georgia. Years later, when kindergartens were included in Atlanta Public Schools, Willette's graduates were among the best trained teachers in the city.



Willette's passport photo, 1929. (Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center.)

Passings

On Sept. 3, 1903, Darius died and was buried in Douglasville, Georgia. Interestingly, there is an obelisk-type headstone in the South Newbury Cemetery with Darius' and Sophia's names on the southside of the stone and Reuben and Lima Ober's names (Sophia's parents) on the northside. One local historian contends Darius' body was returned to Ohio. However, I have found no evidence to substantiate that claim. My guess is someone, possibly Willette, had the stone made and placed in the memory of Darius and Sophia and to mark the burials of Sophia's parents. According to the Douglasville City Cemetery listings on Find-a-Grave, Darius, Sophia and Willette are buried there. Following Darius' death, Sophia lived with Willette in Atlanta.

On Jan. 1, 1908, Sophia passed away at the age of 77. She was interred at the Douglasville Cemetery the following day after a brief service at Willette's home.

The Later Years

Once kindergartens were incorporated in the public schools of Atlanta after the war, Willette focused her career on conducting leadership training for Sunday school teachers and wrote for kindergarten publications and Sunday school magazines. She also became an instructor in childhood education at Emory University.

In 1929 Willette attended the World Federation of Educations in Geneva, Switzerland, and the World Fellowship of New Education at Elsinore, Denmark. She also visited nursery schools in nine European countries.

After retiring in the late 1930's, Willette resided in Bluefield, West Virginia, with friends before returning to Atlanta in June 1941. Just weeks later, she suddenly became ill and died in a local sanitarium on July 26, 1941. She was buried next to her parents in Douglasville.

The Allens were remarkable people. But it was Willette who introduced kindergarten to the world and the value of providing a child with a transition from home to school. A true pioneer in early childhood education and her incredible journey began in tiny South Newbury, Ohio.

SOURCES: South Newbury Union Chapel archives. Worthington (Ohio) Historical Society. Lisa Cooper, Douglasville (Georgia) Sentinel. Willette A. Allen Personality Subject File, James G. Research Center at the Atlanta History Center. Atlanta Kindergarten Alumnae Club collection, MSS 389, James G. Kenan Research Center at the Atlanta History Center, History of the Kindergarten Movement in the Southeastern States presented at the 46th annual convention of the Association of Childhood Education, Atlanta, Georgia. 1939. (booklet)

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Family and Footwear: Stores That Serve the Community

For Mike and Tina Slaubaugh, business isn't just about the bottom line. It's about blessing their community, creating opportunities for their children, and providing practical, affordable goods for families like their own.

From their quiet property on Nauvoo Road, the Slaubaughs operate two separate but connected businesses: Secondhand Blessings, a gently used goods store that operates on consignment, and Family Shoe Company, a full-service footwear and clothing shop offering new merchandise for men, women and children.

Mike, who grew up on the property, works full-time at Marsh Valley where he started at age 14. More than 14 years later, he now works in purchasing and estimating for the growing company with more than 50 employees. "It's a great company, and I plan to continue," he said.



"We always had this vision of having a store," Mike said. That vision became Secondhand Blessings, a consignment-based shop that quickly

outgrew their evenings-and-weekends schedule. "We schedule five to seven people a week to bring things in, and we're booked months out," he said. The shop primarily serves the Amish community, but they welcome all shoppers.

To keep up with demand, the Slaubaughs recently expanded their shelving. "We just added more last week. It helps the display look a lot better," Mike said.

The family's second venture, Family Shoe Co., emerged after Mel's Shoes—a local footwear business—went up for sale. "We were good friends with them and the timing was right," Mike said. He saw an opportunity to offer quality new shoes and essentials to a community already visiting Secondhand Blessings.

The shoe store carries well-known brands such as Rocky, Georgia Boot, Carolina, Merrell, Keen and Skechers. The inventory includes everything from rugged work boots to clogs, sandals, and church shoes. They also have a full line of dress shoes and are slowly expanding the clothing options.



Many of their clothing items are made by local seamstresses.

"We're trying to help stay-at-home moms earn extra income while maintaining fair prices for the community," Mike said.

While The Family Shoe Store is open Monday through Saturday, Mike continues to work full-time at Marsh Valley. Managing the shoe store is a challenge, but one made easier with

support from his employer at Marsh Valley and a growing team of trained workers at the shoe store.

The couple has five children, including four daughters. "We're hoping some of them take an interest in the store," he said. "It'd be great to make it a family business one day."

Their long-term plans include releasing a mail-order catalog. For now, they're still using Mel's original mailing list and catalog, and hope to publish a new one in the near future.

Family Shoe Co. is located at 15962 Nauvoo Road, Middlefield, Ohio. Store hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. They are closed Sundays. The store offers daily delivery Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call 440-636-5815. While Secondhand Blessings and Family Shoe Company are operated separately, they are often advertised together to save costs. "It just makes sense," Mike said. "They're both part of who we are."

***The Slaubaughs are building,
not just a business, but stores that
fill needs in the community.***

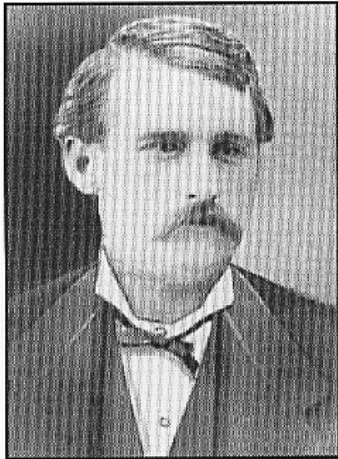
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George B. Herendeen

Parkman Native and Civil War Veteran

By Cory Anderson,
webmaster and historian, Parkman



**George Herendeen
Scout**

veterans from the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783) and the American Civil War (1861-1865) are scattered throughout our area.

One newly discovered story about a local Civil War Veteran was found in the fall 2024, from another historian who is researching her family ancestry, Mrs Donna Hill-Herendeen.

Donna Hill-Herendeen is a historian from Farmington, New York. She was looking into her family ancestry and reached out to our Parkman Community. She contacted me and shared that the Herendeen family settled at Farmington, New York in 1790 as first settlers, and then migrated to Parkman, Ohio in 1832. She asked if there was any evidence of that name in our records.

As Parkman's webmaster, I have a "Find A Grave" link on our community website that looks up names of those buried in our cemetery. I looked up the Herendeen family name in our Parkman cemetery and the only record was a 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.

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**



In the last issue of the Southeast Geauga Quarterly – Summer 2025, page 8, Bill Ward shared a very interesting story about a Revolutionary War Hero, Captain Seth Phelps, who settled in Parkman, Ohio, to be with family members. Captain Phelps currently rests in our Parkman Lower Cemetery since 1826. The grave stone is almost 200 years old and very deteriorated. Luckily, historians like Bill Ward take an interest in preserving such stories. Even though the names on the grave sites might be a near loss, people have taken interest in remembering our past. Ward also stated on page 37 of that same edition about many other



(SEGQ Photos/Cory Anderson)

That is the only name that was close to the search that is in our data. I shared my findings with Hill-Herendeen and she followed up with more information. She stated that the listing for F. L. Herenden in the old cemetery might be a misspelling in the records and that his first name is Frederick.

With that possible error in our records, I personally went out to our Parkman Lower Cemetery to find that headstone and validate if it was indeed misspelled. It was. I sent her a high resolution photo and validated that there were actually two EEs in the name of the heavily deteriorated stone. Mrs. Hill-Herendeen was very appreciative of the effort and continued with even more to the story.

Frederick was the brother 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. Her added family information was enough to link the misspelled headstone to a wonderful story filled with rich history. Thus I took into researching further into our local heroes from years ago. I used some internet search engines to help develop our local history into a fun story to share.

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

George B. Herendeen

Birth 28 Nov 1848 Parkman, Geauga County, Ohio, USA

Death 17 Jun 1918 (aged 70) Harlem, Blaine County, Montana, USA

Burial Harlem Cemetery, Harlem, Blaine County, Montana, USA

George B. Herendeen was a white army scout quartermaster assigned by General Alfred Terry to General Custer's 7th Cavalry in June of 1876. Mr. Herendeen survived the battle of Little Bighorn and died on June 17, 1918, in Harlem, Montana. He 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 Mexico, working as a cowhand. In 1869, he followed the cattle trail to Gallatin City, Montana. In June 1875, he helped build Fort Pease, Montana, 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 battles. 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, Montana, 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.

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

Anna Lapham was born on 1 Sept. 1822, in Dutchess, NY. Her father, Solomon Lapham, was 26 and her mother, Louisa Rider, was 21. She married Frederick L Herendeen on 20 Oct. 1841 in Parkman, Ohio. They were the parents of three sons and one daughter. She lived in Parkman, Ohio, for about 10 years, and died in 1862, in Geauga County, 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

Frederick Loveland Herendeen 1844–1869

Jane Ann Herendeen 1846–1880

George B. Herendeen 1846–1918

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 is still in use today. Reading old and decayed headstones and then deciphering any useful information 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 known 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.

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 service in

September, 1861, for a three-year enlistment under Captain Jerome B. Burrows. On Dec. 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.

*Captain Jerome B. Burrows,
14th Ohio Battery*

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Beyond the Beach:

5 GGP Members Who Can Help You Fuel Your End-of-Summer Strategy

By Kimm Leininger

As the pace of summer begins to slow, smart business leaders know it's the perfect time to shift from vacation mode to vision mode. Whether you're gearing up for Q4, refining your operations, planning for long-term growth, or dreaming of retirement, now is the right time to engage with local partners who can help you sharpen your strategy. In addition to the programs provided by GGP, we have many members who offer services and supports to guide you to the next level.

Here are five members of the Geauga Growth Partnership (GGP) who offer powerful solutions to help your business finish strong and build momentum into the fall. We know this because GGP has partnered with most of them to support our work!

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Company 119

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How they can help you: If your team is juggling too many priorities or struggling to regain momentum after summer vacations, Impactive Strategies can help you refocus on what matters most—just in time for your Q4 push. Their programs are especially impactful for teams navigating growth, leadership changes, or hybrid work environments. GGP has partnered with them and the impacts on our team have been extremely beneficial!

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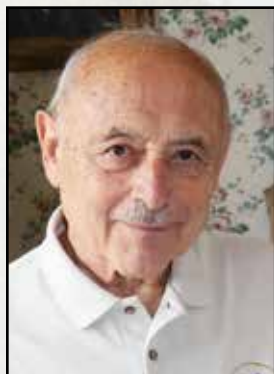
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Signs of Their Passing

By Bill Ward,

Newbury resident, local historian

In 1897, a family from Gates Mills, Ohio, moved to a 36-acre farm in nearby Geauga County marking the beginning of a multigenerational journey. As the family worked the land, the tilled earth began revealing secrets of its former inhabitants in the form of stone-age artifacts created by Native American people who once called the region home. A family descendent recently explained that all of the artifacts were found over the years while his father and grandfather cultivated crops using a one-hitch cultivator. "It's a slow process," he said. "You're constantly looking down at the ground. That's how all the arrowheads were found." A house fire several years ago destroyed all but a few of the once substantial collection. After photographing the remaining pieces, I took the images to Troy resident Mike Fath who is well known for his knowledge of Native American stone work. In the time it took Mike to enjoy a cup of coffee, he had deciphered the secrets of the flint.



Mike Fath

An Arrowhead in Every Yard

I asked Mike if it was unreasonable to speculate there being an artifact in every yard, garden or field in the county. He thought a moment and said, "That's not at all unreasonable. Think of it this way ... the land that would eventually become Geauga County was once inhabited by thousands of nomadic people. Imagine if every hunter who passed through the area dropped an arrowhead once a week over the span of 13,000 years. Think of how many millions of artifacts they lost."

To test the theory of "an arrowhead in every yard," I contacted several friends who live in the county. Although not a very scientific sampling, nearly all of them or their ancestors have found artifacts on their properties, including me. Below are a few of the more interesting finds.



TROY TOWNSHIP –
Hopewell Point –
200 BC to 600 AD.
Size: 1½ inches.
One of the most common
point types in Ohio.
(SEGQ Photo/Chuck Fath)

The Great Migration

Human migration into North America began approximately 16,000 years ago over the Bering land bridge between Siberia and Alaska at the end of the Ice Age. As the ice mass melted, these stone age hunter/gathers followed the food supply into the new world. Moving slowly eastward, these people quickly developed considerable skill creating stone implements. They had long known the use of fire, yet surprisingly, for the vast majority of the time that indigenous people lived in North America, the bow and arrow did not exist. In the eastern woodlands, archery was not introduced until 1,500 to 1,200 years ago. Arrowheads, as we tend to call them, were never attached to arrows in the first place.



a. Meadowood Point—
2,500 BC to 1,000 BC.

b. Late Adena Point—
100 BC to 200 AD.

c. Flint Drill—10,000 BC
to 1,600 AD.



d. Adena Cache Blade—
300 BC to 100 AD.

e. Late Adena Points—
100 BC to 200 AD.

f. Basal Notched Point—
5,000 BC.



Hurling a spear using an atlatl.

They were in reality spearheads that could be thrown by hand or hurled with an atlatl, an ancient tool that acts as a lever allowing projectiles to travel farther and faster—sometimes exceeding 93 mph.

After 800 BC, people known as Adena arrived and settled in the Ohio Valley. Some of these people migrated up the shore of Lake Erie close to Punderson Lake.

By 200 BC, the Hopewell people arrived in Ohio. Primarily known for their elaborate burial mounds in Southern Ohio and the Cuyahoga Valley, the Hopewell were peaceful people, like the Adena, who enjoyed living in the safety of fortified villages away from hostile neighbors.

For reasons unknown, following the departure of the Hopewell Indians, the Fort Ancient Indians arrived. They also mysteriously disappeared from the area.

By 1,500 AD, the last wave of migrating Indians known as Woodland,



NEWBURY TOWNSHIP—
Basal Notched Point—
Archaic-estimated date—
5,000 BC.
Size-2½ inches.
(SEGQ Photo/
Charlene Powell)



MIDDLEFIELD TOWNSHIP –
Full Grooved Axe – Archaic to
Adena. Mostly granitic stone
of glacial origin. Size – 4 inches.
Weight – 1¼ lbs.
(SEGQ Photo/Ken Stewart)

arrived in the Great Lakes Basin and Ohio. The Woodland Indians were categorized into two distinct groups: the Algonquin and the Iroquois. Both Nations, made up of many tribes, were warlike and constantly fighting each other. It wasn't until after the Revolutionary War that the federal government, land developers and settlers forced the Indians to migrate west. By the time Thomas and Lydia Umberfield settled in Burton in 1798, the Indians were all but gone, except for the signs of their passing.

SOURCE:

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Leadership Geauga Graduates the 2024-25 Signature Adult Program Participants

By Amy Murfello,
Leadership Geauga

On Friday, June 6, 2025, the Leadership Geauga 2024-25 Signature Adult Program held its graduation ceremony at Meadow Ridge Events in Windsor, Ohio. The event marked the successful completion of the Adult Program by a group of exceptional individuals.

The Signature Adult Program had 38 participants who live and/or work in Geauga County. Throughout the year, these individuals traveled 399 miles throughout Geauga County, met 138 community leaders, and visited 89 organizations. The class participants included:

Ben Altemus, Geauga Family YMCA
James Ayers, Ayers Well Drilling
Courtney Bacik, Notre Dame Schools
Ivra Bassett Jr., Allstate Financial Services
Dennis Bergansky, Retired Police Officer / Realtor
Jon Bilicic, Geauga County Sheriff's Office
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Anissa Vilcheck, Chardon Healthcare
Rob Weigle, Geauga County Engineer

We want to extend our congratulations once again to the Class of 2025 Signature Adult Program graduates, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. We hope to see them at future alumni events.

For more information about Leadership Geauga's Signature Adult Program, please visit <https://www.leadershipgeauga.org/programs/adult/>.

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Founded in 1995, Leadership Geauga County (LGC) is a community-based 501c3 nonprofit organization working to develop and encourage current and future leaders from a cross-section of Geauga County. The organization builds bridges between the public, private, and nonprofit sectors with annual programs that inform, educate, connect, and inspire the county's seasoned and future decision-makers to serve as catalysts in building strong organizations and vibrant communities. LGC programs include the summer Youth Leadership Institute, Signature Adult Program, and Heritage Program for adults at or approaching retirement. Each is a unique combination of relationship building, leadership development, personal and professional growth, and outstanding community education. For further information on Leadership Geauga, please call 440-286-8115 or visit leadershipgeauga.org.

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A Doctor's Confession to Geauga County

...and Why I Still Do What I Do

By Dr. Tad Roediger

Let me start with our family photo ... You know, when I meet people in town they usually say, "I know you. You're Dr. Roediger. I've seen your ad with that picture of you and your family." Well, perhaps I should tell you a little more about the photo. Let's start with me, the guy on the left in the photo.

I know what it's like to live with constant pain. As a sophomore on the University of New Hampshire football team, I developed sciatica; an excruciating condition that caused sharp pain in my leg and lower back. I was unable to play football anymore and the pain was so bad that at times it was difficult for me to even walk or concentrate. I was told surgery was the only option to alleviate the condition, but even after undergoing surgery, the pain persisted.

On the advice of a friend, I decided to see a chiropractor. After the initial examination, the chiropractor was able to determine that I had several bones out of alignment in my spine, and that they were putting pressure on the nerves in my back. The situation was serious, but after a few treatments I noticed the pain had decreased and I felt better overall. Over time the chiropractic treatments allowed my body to heal itself naturally!

MY OTHER CONFESSION IS...

I help people live their lives as they are intended to live. What I do is perform a gentle spinal treatment to alleviate nerve pressure without any 'twisting' or 'popping', and the body responds by healing itself. It's as simple as that! I have helped thousands of people with a variety of health problems

It's strange how life is.

Now people come to see me with their low back and sciatic problems. They also come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain, shoulder/arm pain, numbness in limbs, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, sports injuries, just to name a few.



My wife, Sharon, suffered for years with migraine headaches. She took ibuprofen everyday. We found her migraines were from misaligned vertebrae in her neck, we adjusted them, now she rarely has migraines.

Ty, our son, gets checked weekly to make sure his growing spine and body are working at its best.

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Jennifer H. (Hambden, OH)

Within my first three adjustments from Dr. Roediger, I started noticing major improvements in my pain and in my life. Dr. Roediger took time to explain my care and treatment.

Phyllis L. (Middlefield, OH)



The Harriet Tubman Movement celebrated its 10-year anniversary in April by hosting a banquet at Regovich Catering, which was attended by Ohio Attorney General David Yost, local elected officials, law enforcement officers and supporters of the Movement. The Harriet Tubman Movement (HTM) is an organization that serves human trafficking victims across Northeast Ohio.



Attorney General Yost (left) and Executive Director Laura Bartchak (SEGQ Photo/HTM)

Human trafficking has been called “Modern day slavery” because it involves people being bought and sold for sex or labor, although the difference is that historically, this practice was legalized. Thankfully today, buying and

selling human beings is illegal. Efforts to address human trafficking are similar to the abolitionist movement in that it takes people from all walks of life to tackle the various aspects of this issue, and the Harriet Tubman Movement is doing just that. This group is inspired by the bravery, tenacity and dedication of their namesake, well-known historical figure, Harriet Tubman.

The group celebrated their 10-year anniversary by hearing speeches from Attorney General Yost and Executive Director, Laura Bartchak. Accomplishments were celebrated in the focus areas of HTM: working with victims, raising awareness, and working on prevention efforts. The Movement has brought awareness of human trafficking to thousands of people over their 10-year history, including the 1800 attendees at various events in 2024 alone. Prevention efforts were applauded, including the recently introduced Ohio Human Trafficking Prevention Act introduced to the Ohio House of Representatives by local Representative Nick Santucci, who was in attendance.

HTM sees itself as local leaders in a social justice movement, which is defined as “organized actions by individuals or groups to challenge injustice, and work

towards a more equitable society.” Besides the elements of awareness and prevention, actions are needed to serve those against whom the injustice is perpetrated. Serving victims of human trafficking has been the main mission of the Harriet Tubman Movement for the past 10 years, and several survivors attended the celebration.

Executive Director Bartchak shared how she and some friends started this organization. In 2011, Bartchak attended an event where the main speaker was Geauga County Public Defender, Bob Umholtz, who attended the banquet. At that 2011 event, Umholtz spoke about a human trafficking case in Chesterland, and Bartchak was deeply moved. She started helping anti-trafficking organizations, became a speaker on the topic, and then met a young lady who was being trafficked by her own family, right here in Northeast Ohio. That is when the work of the Movement started. Bartchak and some friends helped this young lady to connect to services that were available and realized how difficult it would be for someone to do that without a “guide” to “walk that road to freedom.” As Bartchak and friends helped this one young lady, they were introduced to more women who needed similar help, so they recognized the gap in community services and started the non-profit.

The Harriet Tubman Movement interacts with other agencies to address the needs of survivors and to receive referrals.

Since 2015, their referrals have grown mostly through word of mouth, from hospitals, shelters, jails, pregnancy centers, schools, churches, social service agencies, and others. The Movement serves as a Victim Service Provider (VSP) for the Northeast Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force and the Mahoning Valley Human Trafficking Task Force. These Task Force agencies were established by the Ohio Attorney General and are comprised of county Sheriff’s departments, local police departments, FBI agents, State Highway Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Homeland Security,



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The Harriet Tubman Movement, continued

Immigration and Customs Officials and others. The Harriet Tubman Movement, along with a few other community partners, have been entrusted to provide advocacy services for victims recovered in raids and sting operations.

Advocates from the Movement meet immediate needs of victims when they are referred, such as food, clothing, medical treatment or safe shelter. They go on to establish a relationship and offer services for long-term restoration, anywhere across the country, and then work on any barriers to accessing those services.

Statistics show Ohio is ranked anywhere from the 5th to the 10th highest number of reported cases in the nation, yet services in Ohio are still difficult to access, and most importantly, emergency shelter specific to the needs of a trafficked person. There is only one trafficking emergency shelter in the state, located in Columbus. The Harriet Tubman Movement has a goal to open the second short-term emergency home somewhere in northeast Ohio. They dream of a beautiful house, where a survivor can be welcomed with a cup of hot tea and a fuzzy blanket, and to be safe while hearing options for services that are available for them to start a new life.

The highlights of the 10-year anniversary banquet included a video testimony of several survivors, and then Bartchak had everyone stand and look at the number of people in attendance (331). It was powerful to hear that the number in attendance represented the number of trafficked people they have helped in the past 10 years!

Bartchak stated, "We never started out to BE something, but to DO something. There are so many things we can't fix, but the one thing we have, we give freely, and that is ourselves. We give our ears to listen, our hands to hold, our mouths to speak encouragement and identity, our hearts to love and show compassion, and the biggest thing we can offer is hope."

If you would like more information on the Harriet Tubman Movement and the upcoming events, please visit the website at www.HarrietTubmanMovement.org or call the office at 440-321-5007.



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Cleaning up after Helene and Milton **Part 3**

By Jayne Kracker,
local author

This is Part 3 of the Helene/Milton saga in a PROGRESS-TO-DATE report on the aftermath of Hurricanes Helene and Milton last year on Sept. 24 and Oct. 9, and the impact on 99 residences in Englewood on the Gulf Coast of Florida.

1. Plumbing and wiring have been replaced because of salt water in all villas.
2. Sheetrock removed below the water lines in each villa to avoid mold.
3. Sheetrock has been stacked in some villas waiting to be replaced.
4. VERY few villas have been updated enough to be occupied.

Because many readers have wondered about why it is taking so long to rebuild and for residents to get back into their homes in Englewood and other areas after the hurricanes, and since little construction has taken place, the major questions asked have been compiled and answered.

This construction seems like an endless task.

Following are some of the questions we received and the answers from some of the homeowners who are waiting so patiently.



*Home interior in October, March and present.
Clean inside, but nothing major done.*

WHY DON'T YOU JUST REBUILD 'ON YOUR OWN'? DON'T YOU HAVE INSURANCE?

- The insurance policy is held by the Homeowner's Association, and it is that body that gets the money from the insurer, FEMA. One major insurer is Progressive Insurance who re-insures with FEMA because only FEMA covers flood issues.

DOES SOMEONE ELSE NEGOTIATE WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE RESIDENTS?

- Yes. A capable contractor who handled the IAN rebuild has been engaged by the Homeowner's Association (HOA) and has been on site daily since the storms hit.

HAS ANY BUILDING BEEN DONE YET, AND HOW DOES THE HOA DECIDE WHO GETS THEIR HOME BUILT?

- Several units have had enough work done to allow them to be occupied, even though the work isn't complete. Most of these units belong to owners who are there year-round.

CAN YOU DO THE INTERIOR THE WAY YOU WANT OR DOES THE HOA CONTROL THAT?

- Yes, it can be done the way the homeowner wants. Tile, cabinets, doors, floors, appliances, etc. are all the homeowners' choice. If the cost of any item is more than the insurance covers, the homeowner must pay the difference personally. "Each of the 99 units had a thorough insurance review (known as a 'scope') for each of the two storms. The scopes were very detailed. One of our reports was 23 pages long; the other was 28 pages long," said one resident.

DOES THE OWNER HAVE TO PURCHASE NEW FURNITURE AT THEIR EXPENSE?

- Everything in the house was a total loss, so homeowners will have to get new furniture. Unlike appliances, furniture is not covered by insurance.

WHEN WILL PEOPLE BE ABLE TO LIVE THERE AGAIN?

- "Occupancy dates" are not announced as yet; possibly in November. "There is a lottery system in place and it consists of 10 'teams' of nine villas each. We are in 'Team 10' so we will be among the last to be completed," stated a Burton resident.

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