

Parker Community Historical Society Inc.

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Museums located at:
207, 209, 213, 215
West Main
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Finally!! Spring has made its appearance; sure is great to see green grass and flowers popping up everywhere. The Annual meeting was held in November at the new Museum, your officers are listed above. The **business meeting** time was discussed, a vote was taken the decision made was to meet at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. **Work days** are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons 1-3 pm, all help is most **welcome**, please join us in giving the *much needed tender loving care, so that the items will continue to be there for the enjoyment now and future members of the entire community.* **Special Work Day:** Thursday afternoon 1:00-3:00 pm, April 24th-need to spruce up for alumni weekend.

Highway 1077 route from Parker to Centerville will be a challenge, as they will be replacing two (2) bridges, both sides of the Goodrich corner. Rumor: It will probably take about 4 months. The detour will be a challenging affair for those abutting it and those driving... '30's dust storms/blinding blizzards-lookout as you travel it.

A very sad tale awaits the old brick **Black Smith Shop**; it has too many structural issues needed for it to be feasible to repair. The costs would far out-weigh our bank account. We, as the community need to address this problem and raze the structure, as it is in danger of collapsing and ruining the contents. The items in the building will be saved and stored. In the future, the community will need to address a fund raising project which would enable replacement of the building.

Our thanks, to all for your continued support through your donations, memorials and bequests to the museums; we truly appreciate your thoughtfulness and help. Annual membership dues for November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014 are now due: Single membership: only \$5 each per year and each lifetime membership \$50. *What a bargain, "please join us".* The museums: are open to visitors, alumni weekend, Memorial Day weekend, and during Parker Days, also we will open the Museums by special request for you to be able to share with family or visitors. Persons to contact regarding the museums: Marilyn Rhoades, 913-898-6891; Janice Stahl, 913-898-6662; John Riggs, 913-898-2337; or Barbara Hines, 913-898-2189. **ALUMNI WEEKEND:** Saturday, April 26th; the museums will be open 1:00pm to 5:30pm, hope to visit and see many of our out-of-towners. **PARKER ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Saturday, August 23rd; **PARKER DAYS:** "The newly re-named celebration" will be held September 20th. Please stop by and join us for a visit, a fun weekend for all of us to look forward to.

Library reminders: Story Hour is offered every Tuesday morning: 10:30-11:15 for the little ones who are not old enough for school, lots of fun things to do, there is so much to learn, a way of acquainting and enlighten them on all the wonders the library can offer them. There will be a **summer reading program** titled: **Fizz-Boom-Read:** Pre-school-Kindergarten, Tuesday's, 10:30 am-noon, June 3rd-July 1st; Primary grades 1st - 6th, Thursday's, 10:30am-noon, June 5th-July 3rd. As a courtesy to the library, please pre-register those planning on participating, this will greatly help in the preparation of experiments and crafts. They will have a very special guest, Karli Ritter, meteorologist, TV FOX 4, who will present a program on weather on June 13th at 11:00am. Everyone is welcome for this special event. **Special Summer Teen Group meetings:** titled **Sparks a reaction:** Thursday afternoons 3:00-4:00pm; July 10th -July 31st. "Check it Out,"-Only for Teen's.

DEPARTED PARKER HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERS

CLASS	NAME	MAIDEN	DATE DECEASED
TEACHER	Wattelet, Frank		6/1/2013
ELEMENTARY TEACHER	Lewis, William "Bill"		8/28/2013
1928	Emmons, LaVaughn	Staples	1/7/2013
1930	Collins, Ira		2/5/2010
1930	Graham, Thelma	Amyx	7/2/2008
1932	Wagers, Mildred	Vail	4/22/2013
1935	Dalton, Katherine	Loch (HAAS)	11/24/2013
1935	Reese, Howell		11/28/1994
1936	Burcham, Chloralee	Drake	2/16/2014
1936	Hay, Theodore		10/8/2013
1936	Roy, Maxine	Dedrick	7/3/2013
1937	Smith, Iomgene	Spencer	8/8/2009
1938	Oakley, Thomas		3/9/2014
1939	Howell, Wanda	Fields	10/12/2012
1940	Harvey, Fred		6/19/2013
1945	Day, Vera Mae	Craig	1/4/2014
1946	Kinder, Eugene "Gene"		3/30/2014
1947	Ross, Marvin		5/1/2013
1948	Craig, Donald		6/19/2013
1949	Troutman, Loren		10/12/2013
1951	Conrad, Clayton		7/23/2013
1952	Bruner, Freda	Mathews	3/5/2013
1954	Barrett, Dorothy	Macoubrie	12/23/2013
1954	Byerley, Eugene		11/10/2013
1956	Baird, Clayton		6/20/2013
1956	Page, Bill		8/6/2013
1959	Page, Janet	Knight	6/7/2013
1961	Winters, Agnus	Gunn	1/6/2014
1962	Adams, Nancy		12/10/2013
1965	Long, Mary	Brooks	12/4/2013