



Reflections

...then and now

Loveland Museum Center
201 Riverside Dr. Loveland, OH 45140

FALL 20

Gift Shop Participates in LHS Arts & Craft Fair **Saturday, November 3rd**

Want to get a head start on holiday shopping? Our gift shop will be participating in the Loveland High School Arts and Craft show on Saturday, November 3rd from 10:00 to 3:00.

We will need volunteers willing to man the booth for a couple of hours (two-hour shifts). Please call the office if you are interested in helping.



Holiday Arts & Craft Fair – November 3rd

Deck the Halls

The Holiday Season is just around the corner and it will be time to decorate the museum for all the festivities.

The plan is to have the museum completely decorated, inside and out before the Thanksgiving weekend. We will work through the week of November 12- 16. Anyone who is interested in helping, please call the office about times.



Creche Scenes Exhibit

Featured this holiday season will be a collection of creche scenes on loan from Grailville.



The Grail in Loveland was organized locally in 1944, an extension of the international Grail, established in the Netherlands as a Catholic center for the spiritual growth and development of women.

Over the years, Grailville has collected creche scenes from around the world, and we are fortunate to be able to share a sample of these unique pieces through-out the Christmas Season. The museum will be open every weekend through December. **(Closed weekends January and February)**

Christmas In Loveland **Saturday, December 15 – 4:00 – 9:00**

The Little Miami River Chamber Alliance will be organizing Christmas in Loveland this year and we have been invited to participate. So save the late afternoon of the 15th to celebrate Christmas at the museum.

Featured will be our Victorian Decorations from top to bottom, the mini train going around the parking lot, refreshments, music, children's craft in the Log Cabin, Dick Saver's model train upstairs, and our wonderful gift shop with gifts for everyone.

We will need lots of volunteers to help serve, play the pump organ, greet visitors and provide cookies. Give the office a call if you can help. This popular event always draws a big crowd!

Historic House Tour Roaring Success

September 29th was a perfect day for touring historic homes in Loveland and the Museum Center is pleased to announce that we raised over \$4,000 with about 180 visitors enjoying six lovely historic homes.

A special thanks to the home owners, who opened their doors to the community, sharing information about their houses and grounds – Deirdre and Dick Dyson, art gallery and home, Randy and Kathryn Campion, “Christeen”, Kim and Jim Grethel, Paxton/Lee House, Wendy and R.J. Grethel, Loveland/James/Baehr House, Fran Warm, Hall/Crane House, and Dale Eads, Robb/Montgomery house.



Visitors listen to Randy Campion in the yard of Christeen (formerly Shield's Crossing)

The committee spent a lot of time planning and organizing this tour. Thanks to Sue Peterson, chair, Jan Beller, Jenny Shives, Kim & Jim Grethel, Ken Davis, and Amy O'Keefe. The tour guides, who drove the lead car in each group included some of the above, plus Kate Arnold, Andy Bateman, and Pete Bissman. Other helpers included Peggy Goodwin, Pat Benton, and Dan Peterson. Norma Seto designed the brochure, printed by Pete McConney, of Premier Mail & Fulfillment.

Thanks also to the sponsors – Paxton's Grill, Craftsmen Home Improvements, Inc., Bond Furniture + Mattress, under new management, The Schnicke Company, Great Clips, and Accounting Plus LLC.



Many guests enjoyed Tano's Food Truck (tent) on Bonaventure grounds following the tour. An opportunity to talk more with owners and Museum members.

More News from LMC.....

Thanks to Chuck Gibson, free lance writer, for getting an excellent article in the local paper promoting the house tour. It generated an additional 60 guests, mostly non-members. “Who says no one reads the paper anymore!”



Tano's serving a “Walking Salad” on museum grounds following the tour

The Museum Center hosted two historical society groups in October – the Museum & Historic Sites, with members from Hamilton and Butler Counties and one group from Northern KY. The second group was HAC (Heritage Advisory Council), mostly Warren County Historical Societies. Both groups share information about activities, provide education relevant to museums, and advertisement for events.

2018 Annual Giving Campaign And Report from the Interactive Display Team

The Annual Giving Letters went out early this month and we have already received almost \$1000. If you haven't already, we hope you will consider carefully your gift for 2018 and return it soon.

The team of people working on the interactive display committee submitted a grant to the Ohio Humanities Council, asking for \$5000 to help cover costs for equipment, consulting, and professional design to begin the process of installing an interactive display to replace the Time Line. The first phase will be used for the third-grade school tours beginning in May.

We have not heard if we receive the grant, but if we do, your contributions to annual giving will be used as a match. If we don't get a positive response, your funds will be needed even more to cover the total cost of phase one.

The Time Line will be removed from the room, providing space for small groups to congregate.

Long Range Program Planning

A newly formed Program Planning group met in October to discuss ideas for programs and events in 2019. It was chaired by Jan Beller and new program chair, Sue Peterson. The group came up with some great ideas for events to bring a broader audience into the museum.

The primary focus for 2019 will be the celebration of Nancy Ford Cones 150th birthday, born, 9/11/1869.



"Taking a Nap" by Cones

The Museum opens weekends March 2nd

Following is a partial list of 2019 events and dates:

February 7: Themed Wine Tasting inside Bonaventure

March 20: Annual Meeting, election, and speaker Ren Egbert & Jenny Shives on the life of Nancy Ford Cones.

April 10: Lunch & Learn with Rick Roesel, and a talk about the Civil War (topic announced in January)

May 15: Banquet and program with installation of Board

June 13: Caledonia Society on the lawn & celebration of new interactive display.

August 5: Herbal Delights Fund Raiser & luncheon

Other ideas discussed included an antique car show, a birthday party for Nancy Ford Cones, potential photo contest, and other lunch and learn sessions. If you have ideas to share or would like to be a part of this committee, please give us a call.

DOCENTS NEEDED!

Volunteer coordinator, Pat Benton, needs docents desperately. Won't you consider giving three hours per month to help greet visitors, meet some interesting people, and help the Museum Center and Pat?

Give her a call at 677-0359. The museum will be closed for the first two months of 2019, reopening March 2nd; Saturday & Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00.

Welcome new members

- I Bob Frohman
4055 Executive Park Dr.
Suite 250
Cincinnati, OH 45241
- I Jeanette Jackson 766-8929
3631 Columbia Pkwy
Cincinnati, OH 45226
- S Cati O'Keefe 532-0185
227 S. Second St.
Loveland, OH 45140
- C Fran Warm 583-5754
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In Memoriam

Ronald C. Grethel

Member Ronald Grethel of Bonita Spring, FL., passed away on July 29, 2018 at the age of 82. Formerly of Loveland, he had been a resident of Florida since 1994. He was born January 18, 1936 in Dayton, KY, the son of William Frederick & Madeline Ann Grethel.

Grethel coached youth baseball & football for over 25 years in Loveland and was the "Voice of the Loveland Tigers" for several years. He operated a successful insurance business since 1959, was a former Kiwanis Club President and volunteered for several years at the Florida Gulf Coast University broadcasting studio, where he read news excerpts for the areas visually impaired.

Grethel is survived by his wife of 59 years, Jane (nee Weierman) Grethel, his children Ronald (Wendy) Grethel of Loveland, Andrew (Jennifer) Grethel of Encinitas, CA, Mark Grethel of West Chester, Lucy (Rick) Cox of Loveland and James (Kimberly) Grethel of Loveland and eleven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Jacob Andrew Grethel.

A memorial service was held August 14 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Jean (Hill) Shoemaker

Life member Jean Shoemaker passed away September 20, 2018 at the age of 86.

Jean was the wife of the late Bob Shoemaker and a lifetime resident of Loveland, graduating from LHS in 1949. She is survived by her children, Craig, Scott (Marla), and Kent (Gitte) Shoemaker. She was the grandmother of eight and great grandmother of three. Services were held September 25 at Tufts Schildmeyer Funeral Home.

“We Honor Those Who Serve.....

Residents who went to Loveland High School during the 1940's and 1950's remember these words: “We Honor Those Who Serve for God and Country in All Our Thoughts and Prayers”.

This phrase was seen at the top of the 1944 Loveland Honor Roll monument, dedicated in the Pennsylvania Railroad Park, honoring World War II veterans. Also inscribed at the top were the insignia of the various branches of the service.

Mayor Dr. H.T. Hutchinson dedicated the monument, which was designed by local artist Carl Zimmerman. Artist Zimmerman had studios in Loveland, one located on the second floor of the Bank Building, across the street at the corner of Taylor and Jackson (now Karl Brown Way and West Loveland Avenue).



“Honoring Those Who Serve,,,”

Zimmerman (1900-1985) was a leader in the Cincinnati Art Community, and proficient in landscape, portrait, still life, and genre painting. He studied at the Art Academy and L'Academie Moderne of Paris. He taught at the Cincinnati Art Academy and held classes in the Loveland studios.

His wife Carolyn Richeson Zimmerman, became an accomplished artist and sculptor in her own right, teaching art and working as a team with her husband. In 1938, they built a home on Kerr Cemetery Road in Loveland. The home, known as *High Twigtwree Studio*, served as headquarters for artists and students. They were active in the Loveland community, contributing their artistic talent to many projects, especially remembered for their contribution to the Christmas pageant.

The Zimmermans collaborated on jobs and each assisted the other when needed; Carl creating painted murals, mosaics, and stained glass and Carolyn creating sculpture. Their accomplishments include works for many Cincinnati churches: St. Peter in Chains, St. Peter and Paul, St. Monica's St. Gertrude, and St. Thomas.

Where is this iconic structure now?

The kiosk was moved to a farm just out side of Loveland on Rt. 48 in Warren County to make room for Harry Brown's shopping center. It was altered and used for storage (some say possibly as a chicken coop). It has remained on the same property since being moved in 1953.



How the kiosk looks today

The octagonal kiosk is approximately 20 ft in circumference and with the eagle perched on top it would be 10 to 14 feet high, depending on the base. The tin roof needs repair and the door and window would have to be removed.

The current owner is selling the property and wants to donate it to an organization that will see that it is preserved. This meets the mission of the Museum Center perfectly – collect, preserve, and share Loveland's heritage.

The Board and Jim Grethel are working with Mike Books from the Fire Department to get the structure moved to a place where it can be restored. Next comes decisions of what and how it can be preserved, fund raising and a decision about where it can be placed so the Loveland Community can enjoy this unusual monument honoring area WWII veterans.

Yes, we have all the names in our archival files. These names were also shared with the City and placed on a plaque in the current Veteran's Memorial.

Upcoming area events.....

History of the Women's Suffrage Movement

Presentation by
Katherine Durack, PhD

November 1; 7:00 p.m.

Symmes Safety Center, 8871 Weekly (45249)
Presented by Symmes Township Historical Society
Free to the public

The 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution granted women the right to vote.

The movement for women's rights was launched in 1848 by the Seneca Falls Convention organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott.

It was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919 and submitted to the states for ratification. It was ratified on August 18, 1920 after a long struggle known as the Women's Suffrage Movement.

The ratification of the 19th Amendment led to the largest single one-day increase of potential voters in the history of the United States.

Vegas Comes to Loveland

Halloween Edition, Saturday, Oct 27: 6–11 pm
Historic Downtown Loveland

Price: \$140 (\$35/person for a team of four includes tickets for food and beer tasting)
Must be 21 and over to sign up.
Music by Counting Skeletons
Costume contest sponsored by the Little Miami River Chamber Alliance

Register: halloweenedition.com

Loveland Stage Co. presents its Fall Show

"Memphis, The Musical"
November 2nd through November 18th

The show will open the company's 39th season. From the underground dance clubs of 1950's Memphis, Tennessee, comes the Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love.

Liz Olekas is directing, Jeanne Bilyeu leading the orchestra, and choreographers are Margie Clegg and David Choate.

Shows: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 pm; Sunday Matinees at 3 pm.

Information & tickets: lovelandstagecompany.com

Loveland's Past

Taken from *Loveland, From its Beginning*
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This was the home of John H. Law, junior member of Law's Insurance Agency, and later the first mayor of Loveland.

Law's house was located on Park Avenue on what was later called the Oskamp Estate, now the site of Chaplewood Apartments. Park Avenue was later closed off at the bottom of the hill and an entrance made from West Loveland Avenue. The house was constructed ca. early 1870's. It was used for kindergarten classes in the 1950's,

Here is the description taken from the first history book: "This is a handsome villa, with veranda, bay window, and the usual appointments of modern built suburban residences, and stands upon a conspicuous rising ground that overlooks all Loveland. The 30 acres had winding drives, circuitous gravel walks, a lawn studded with fruit and ornamental trees, and choice shrubbery and flowers".

Another Victorian House from the Past



This elegant house, ca. 1865, sat on adjacent property to the Oskamp Estate. It belonged to the Shawhan family.

Ralph Shawhan served in WWI and the Museum has some of his memorabilia from the war, including a uniform now on display.

Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery

Hidden Gem

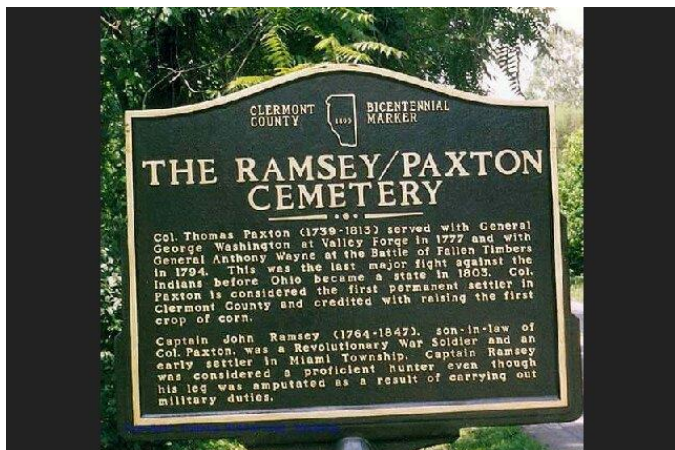
By Rob Geiger

(Sixth generation grandson of L. Col. Thomas Paxton & fifth generation grandson of Capt. John Ramsey)

The Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery, located on Ramsey Court in the White Pillars Subdivision in Loveland, needs funding to help preserve our local history.

The project will entail eradication of several dying trees, procurement of appropriate permits, site preparation, and erection of a 4' aluminum decorative fence.

The Paxton-Ramsey Association, Inc. is seeking \$10,000 in funding. The local Clough Valley Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring a grant proposal submission to their National Society.



The Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery originated in 1813 with the burial of Lt. Col. Thomas Paxton, a Revolutionary War Soldier, on land that he received for his military service. Paxton's original land grant was 1,000 acres starting in Warren County and sweeping into Clermont County. In 1795 Paxton and his sons-in-law came to claim the property and a year later sent for their wives and children to join them in their new home.

Lt. Col. Paxton (1739-1813) served with General George Washington at Valley Forge in 1777 and with General Anthony Wayne at the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794.

Paxton is considered the first permanent settler between the Little Miami River and the Scioto River in the Virginia Military Tract, credited with raising the first crop of corn, and was the founder of Loveland.

Paxton's involvement is quite extensive helping Lytle with surveying lands in Clermont County down to parts of today's community of Hyde Park, having the first polling place in Clermont County and helping with the statehood of Ohio.

Captain John Ramsey, a son-in-law, was buried in the cemetery in 1847, along with other family members until

1913. Captain Ramsey (1764-1847) was a Revolutionary War Patriot and one of the first settlers of Clermont County with other family members. He was considered a proficient hunter even though his leg was amputated because of carrying out military duties.



Rob Geiger & Kate Arnold re-enact at the cemetery several years ago.

In 1997 the Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Association, Inc. was formed and earned the status as a nonprofit (501c3) organization. It is managed by a Board of Trustees. Much needed preservation of the cemetery took place with restoration of headstones, replacing the barbed wire fencing and removal of brush.

"The Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery is a hidden gem locally, state-wide and nationally! We are fortunate to have such a historical site right in our own thriving town," stated Jan Beller, director of the Loveland Museum Center.

Rob Geiger, president of the Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Association is asking for your support. The cemetery association wants to form a grassroots partnership along with members of the community and area businesses to have an attractive historical point of interest site in Loveland. Our grant application submission date is December 2018 and improvements will start in the summer of 2019.

Please consider a charitable gift to show your support of this historical preservation project by sending your tax-deductible contribution to: Ramsey-Paxton Cemetery Association Inc., C/O Rob Geiger, PO Box 25, Loveland, OH 45140. Questions: geigercounter@hotmail.com



Some restoration has been done

Loveland's Best Kept Secret



The JoAnn Richardson History House available for rent
Call 513-683-5692 for details

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Memorabilia For Sale

The Museum Center continues to sell the Historic Site Coverlet in both green and cranberry (\$48.00) and the 25th Anniversary Cookbook (\$10.00). Also books by local authors, including Paul Pfarr, Hazel Cole Kendle, Lester Horwitz, and Larry Hamilton, John Vial and County Historical Books. **The Museum Gift Shop also** has Loveland Memorabilia, T-shirts and sweat shirts, the numbered hand painted Bonaventure ornament, Loveland pottery, Nancy Ford Cones cards & prints and more!

"Passages Through Time"



Published by Greater Loveland Historical Society, this fascinating book is brimming with period photographs and historical information. Copies are available in the Museum Gift Shop for \$15.00 each. All proceeds benefit ongoing programs & preservation.

We'll be happy to mail a copy anywhere in the U.S. for an additional charge - \$5. Please send check along with mail instructions to Loveland Museum Center, 201 Riverside Dr.; Loveland, OH 45140

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