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# THE CURATOR

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## Building has begun as new items are added

The Society has certainly been blessed as the new Old School building progresses and new items are being added all the time.

We were able to get the 1852 bell from its tower at First Christian Church. Last *Curator*, we told you about some of the other items we received.

From the proceeds of the sale of the building, the congregation made a sizable donation to our funds including \$10,000 for a structure to house the bell.

Thanks to Mike Cantrell (who is the keeper of the bees at Heritage Farm) who removed and saved the electronics to operate the bell.

Then Brian Ousley and Mike Austin, with equipment donated by ABC Rental, released the bell. The men took it to the Summer Celebration garage and then Dave Chidsey and Carl Bilski were able to figure out how to load it on a tow truck and bring it to the farm.

We then got a message from original installer, The Verdin Company. They wondered if they could help us.

Of course, we wanted to know if they had information about it and it turns out that



***Carl Bilski, Historical Society President, helps direct Dave Chidsey in placing the bell in the carriage house where it will remain until a structure can be built to hold it.***

in 1999, Ellen Gibbs whose family members founded the Brunswick congregation, had asked the same question.

Here's what they told her: "The bell was founded by the Meneely Foundary in West Troy in 1852 for the pattern weight of 600 pounds.

"According to the information in the file, this was sold to the Methodist Church in Brunswick and apparently, the First Christian Church purchased that old church along with the bell.

During the construction of the new church, the Verdin Company removed the old bell and kept it in storage. This was done in Oct. 1961

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**Collection continues to**

## grow thanks to donors

It appears that more and more families find that their younger members are not interested in actually owning items from the past. Thankfully, they think about the Brunswick Historical Society when that happens.

We've had many interesting items donated and here are just some:

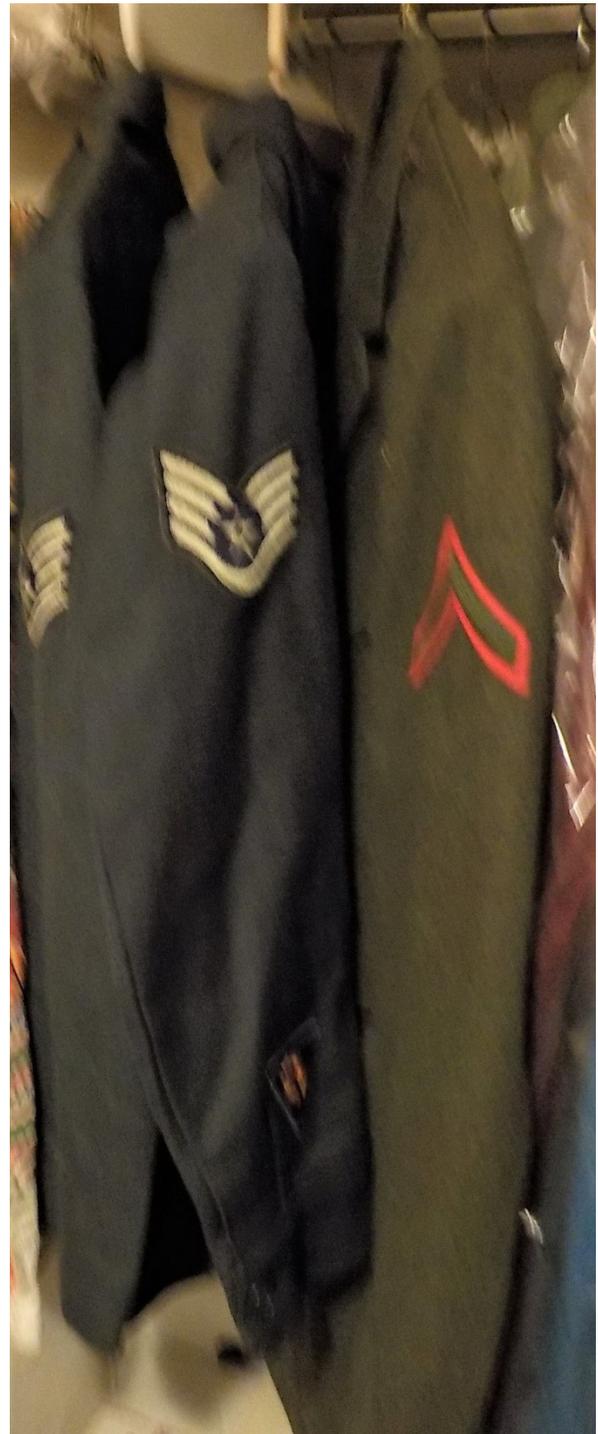


***Gary Johnson of Doveskeape donated three ancient native American "tools." He is also working on some other displays.***

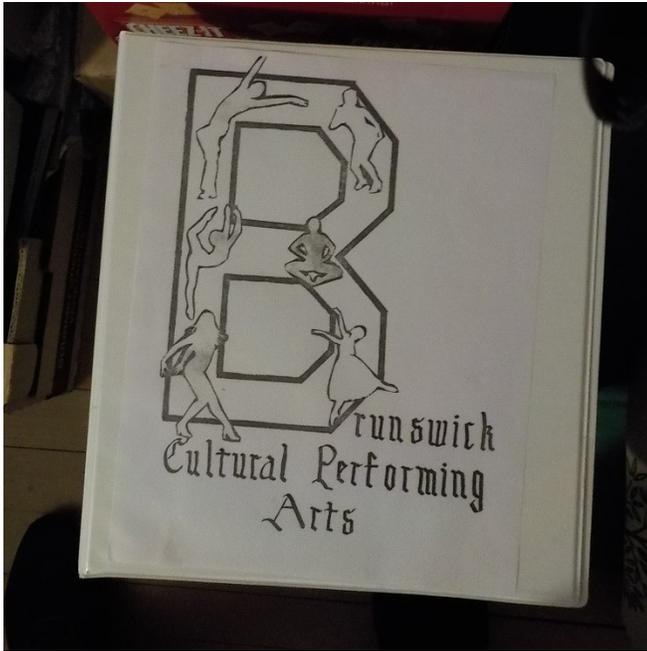
### ***Bell, from page 1***

and we kept the bell in storage until the new church and tower were finished. We then installed the bell per the contract with The Verdin Company."

Thanks to the Rev. John Mills and members of the congregation who helped us save all of these precious artifacts for future generations.



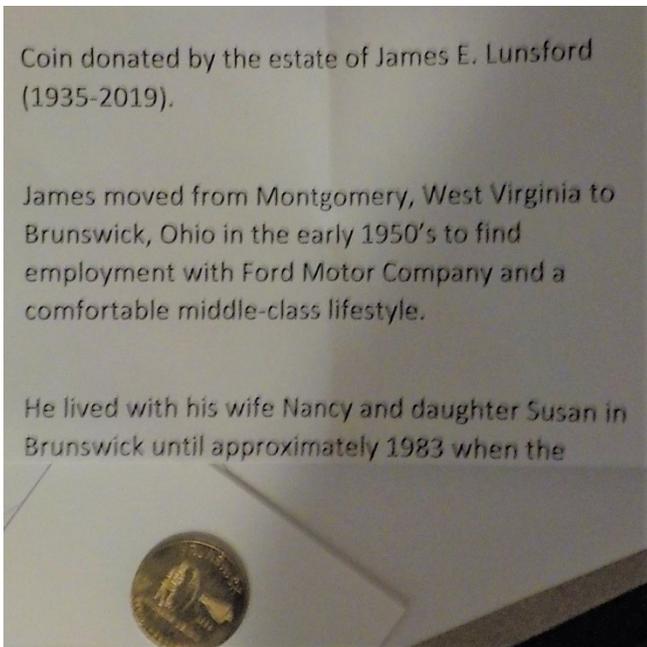
***Dan and Pam Mazur donated 15 WWII, Korea and Vietnam-era uniforms from all services. Our Wood Wizard, Rick Scheutzow had to put another row of racks in the upstairs closet to house them and we're hoping to display them sometime soon.***



**Barbara McGreer donated a treasure trove of information including photos and clippings about the Brunswick Cultural and Performing Arts program, one of the first such programs sponsored by the Recreation Department.**



**Carol Gannon continues to add to the collection. This bench, (actually a half a log on legs) and boot jack are now displayed in the kitchen. We want to add an old pair of boots, too.**



**A Brunswick sesquicentennial coin was donated by the children of James E. Lunsford.**

Brunswick resident Robert Demian donated a sausage stuffer that the men in his family constructed from pieces of other objects. It's a really heavy metal stuffer and the donation includes the recipe made by his father for the sausage – a chore the men in the family took on each year. The stuffer is in the kitchen.



**The memorial plaque removed from the Bell Tower at First Christian Church is in the kitchen waiting for a new home when a structure to house the bell is constructed.**

## 'Old School' fundraisers continue for our building

While the exterior of the building is finished, except for the addition of the façade from Edwards Middle School when it comes down, the interior has not yet been started.

We have two big fundraisers coming up, including an Old School Soup Supper on March 5 and an Old School Golf Outing on April 25.

The flyers for each of these is also included with the newsletter. Please help us by attending/donating/advertising the events so we can continue the work we've started. We want to have a basket raffle again, so any Help is appreciated.

Co-chairs of the Soup Supper are Mary Tulenko and Cindy Kintop, with help from Marsha Pappalardo and Carol Fritz.

The National Junior Honor Society students and advisors are anxious to help as they did this past year. Several of them followed Docent Carol Foote a couple of times and then took on the job of guiding people around the house this summer during the farmers markets.

When the schools are razed, we'll need help cleaning and selling bricks. They will be \$10 with a certificate of authenticity.

Once the new building is open, we're hoping they will take over as our tour guides there. We are always looking for people to help with tours and especially during the farmers markets on Sundays (starting June 7). If you're interested, please call us at 330-441-0292 or email [brunswickareahistory@gmail.com](mailto:brunswickareahistory@gmail.com).

## Dues pay the day-to-day bills Please join or renew today

*The Brunswick Area Historical Society is a 501 (c)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by IRS guidelines.*

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EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

*(please circle level)*

**INDIVIDUAL (under 65).....\$20**  
**STUDENT/SENIOR 65+.....\$10**  
**FAMILY..... \$25**  
**SILVER PATRON..... \$50**  
**GOLD PATRON.....\$75**  
**PLATINUM PATRON..... \$100**

### Corporate Sponsorship

**Diamond Sponsor.....\$200**

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***Please mail completed form and check made payable to...***

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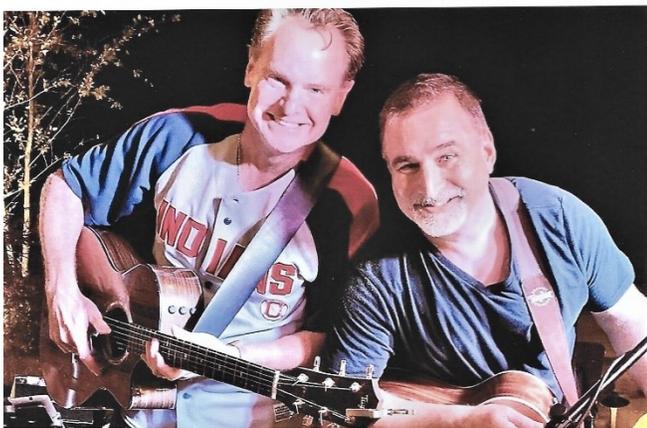
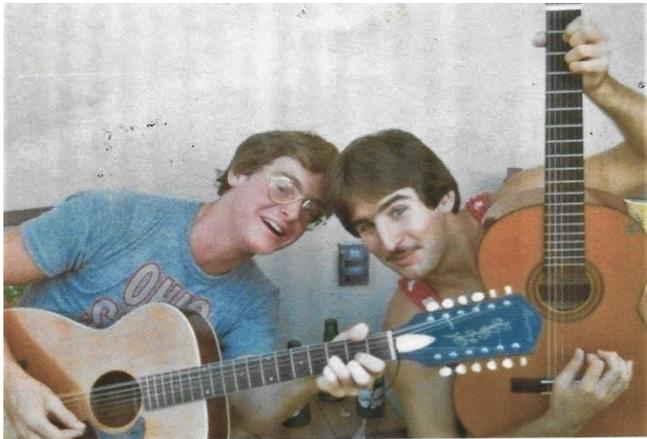
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## January program features BHS grads, musicians

Dan Polk and Dave Parsons became friends in Brunswick schools, graduating in 1982. Their common interest was music and to this day, the duo performs together as Parsons and Polk.

Parsons and Polk will be the special guest speakers at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Brunswick Historical Society. It begins at 6 p.m. at the Brunswick United Methodist Church meeting room, and includes a short business meeting.

Come and learn how they met, formed their musical talents and stayed best friends all these years.



***They still play after all these years.***

## History Day at the library will include several county groups

The Brunswick Historical Society will be part of Medina County History Day at the Medina County District Library again this year.

The event is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 25. While there, step into the new Wheeler Genealogy Lab on the second floor. It's pretty amazing.

### **Thanks to foundations for donations**

Last newsletter we showed our President, Carl Bilski, receiving a \$10,000 grant from Ken Cleveland from his family foundation.

Unfortunately, Ken passed away shortly thereafter, but we want to say again how much that money will help us with our new building. Other donations came from the Waite Family Foundation and Wolff Family Foundation.

Also, we'd like to give another thank you to Engelke Construction Services for providing us with their expertise as project managers for our building project. We certainly wouldn't have been this far along without them. These Brunswick residents (and mostly Brunswick grads) are awesome.

And Chad Gibson at Bunker Hill is also a Brunswick High graduate who is helping us with our golf outing. It sounds awfully early for golf, but the nice thing is that if the weather doesn't cooperate, we can still have all the indoor fun and golfers get a rain check to golf another time.

If you don't golf, don't want dinner, how about spending \$5 for a chance to win \$250. Give us a call at 330-441-0292 and we'll talk.

**Old School**  
**Soup Supper**

***To benefit the Brunswick Area Historical Society's  
Schoolhouse project***

**4:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**

**at Brunswick Eagles**

**349 Pearl Road, Brunswick, OH**

*Come from work, bring the family, enjoy  
a variety of homemade soups, breads, a  
hot cocoa bar, silent auction*

**\$10/adults, \$5/ages 4-12, 1-3/free**

**Cash only please**



## Old School Golf Outing

4-Person Scramble

Saturday, April 25, 2020

### Golfers

7 8:00 Registration ~ Breakfast ~ Putting Contest  
7 9:00 18 Holes & Cart ~ Proximities ~ Skins  
7 2:30 Dinner ~ Awards

### Dinner only Guests

- \* 1:30 Pavilion Open ~ Beverages
- \* 2:00 Raffles ~ Silent Auction
- \* 2:30 Dinner ~ Music ~ Corn Hole

*\$85 per golfer or \$30 for dinner only if paid by April 18  
\$95 and \$35 (dinner only) after April 18*

*Register online*

*<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/old-school-golf-outing>  
or make checks payable to Bunker Hill Golf Course and  
memo *Old School*.*

*Mail to 3060 Pearl Rd., Medina OH 44256  
Contact Chad Gibson: text 216-469-9241 or  
[chad@bunkerhillgc.com](mailto:chad@bunkerhillgc.com) with questions*



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GOLF COURSE

## Sponsor Levels

### \$1000 CORPORATE

Logo or picture on the banner at registration and dinner. Special thank you before golf and dinner. Entitled to 1 foursome to event and 2 dinner guests. Please email the names of the 4 golfers, 2 additional dinner guests, and high definition logo to [chad@bunkerhillgc.com](mailto:chad@bunkerhillgc.com)

### \$750 BEVERAGE CART

8 ½ X 11 Signage on the beverage cart thanking you for the beverages. Entitled to 2 dinner guests. Please email the names of 2 dinner guests and logo to [chad@bunkerhillgc.com](mailto:chad@bunkerhillgc.com)

### \$500 GOLF CART

8 ½ X 5 ½ Signage on the golf carts. Sponsor supplies miscellaneous merchandise (cozies, mouse pads, pens, business cards, or promotional items) usually with the sponsor's logo on them. We have suggestions to purchase if you don't have items. Call Chad Gibson 216-469-9241 for assistance on gifts and email logo to [chad@bunkerhillgc.com](mailto:chad@bunkerhillgc.com)

### \$300 PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR

Many mentions thanking the sponsor during the contest & signage on the green

### \$100 HOLE

Signage on the tee of a given hole with the sponsor's name on it in text

### \$35 FAMILY

Personal donations with your name on a sign at the pavilion

### \$30 Dinner Only

Includes dinner with soft drinks in the pavilion where we will have fire pits, corn hole, raffles, and auctions. It is an outdoor pavilion so dress accordingly.

*To be a sponsor visit*

<https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/old-school-golf-outing>

*Or make checks payable to Bunker Hill Golf Course*

*Memo line Old School and your sponsorship level.*

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