

# Newsletter of the MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Mason, Ohio

and Alverta Green Museum

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## THE COURSE THAT JACK BUILT

### The Golden Bear Celebrates a Golden Anniversary

Gina Burton Arens, Editor

*As we look back at Kings Island's 50-year anniversary we cannot neglect to mention another 50-year anniversary. Rebranded this year as "The Grizzly Golf and Social Lodge," the Jack Nicklaus Golf Center held its grand opening on July 15, 1972.*

In 1971 a partnership was formed between Golforce Inc. and Taft Broadcasting with the goal of building a first-rate golf course suitable for public play so that an average golfer could play the course in four hours or less. This course would complement Taft's other area resort properties such as Kings Island.

Golforce was a partnership between Putnam Pierman who served as president and Jack Nicklaus. Desmond Muirhead, renowned community planner and golf course architect, designed the 36-hole project. The plan included a full-length, 6500-yard, par 72 course that would later be known as the Grizzly. A second, executive-length course, approximately 4000-yard, par-62 course would be known as the Bruin. They were built on a 210-acre tract of land that included gently rolling hills and four lakes.

Prior to Muirhead designing the course he walked the entire property to study the contour of the land. They used computers for slope analysis, orientation for sunshine and shade, vegetation, and ecological analysis.

The proposed plans included areas for residential development, later known as The Greenery and Putters Point. The Greenery, advertised as a "condominium style village", had 35 families living there by 1976. Putters Point, promoted in the fall of 1977 as landminiums, was located off the 18th hole of the Grizzly. At the time, General Manager Burch Riber speculated

that in 2-3 years the course would be a private club, allowing only Kings Island Inn visitors as public guests. That never materialized.

Completed in just 88 days, the Golf Center not only included the two courses but also a practice range, a clubhouse with locker rooms, two dining rooms and a pro shop.

In 1973 Jack initiated the idea of hosting a professional tournament at the new course and was successful in launching the OKIO (Ohio Kings Island Open). Jack ended up winning the tournament that first year with a final day score of 62; ten below par! The tournament continued at the facility through 1977, bringing many big-name golfers to Mason.

In 1978 the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Championship was brought to the facility. The most prestigious tournament on the women's tour was played here through 1989. It brought top women golfers like Nancy Lopez to the course.

Two other tournaments hosted by the facility included senior men and young women. From 1990 to 2001 the Golf Center hosted the Kroger Senior Classic drawing many well-known older golfers like Lee Trevino, Miller Barber



The Grizzly Golf and Social Lodge

The historic matchup of Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino on the Grizzly course in July of 1991 during the Senior PGA Tour. This was the first time three of golf's greatest played together in the same group in a professional tournament. They pulled in over 40,000 spectators, the largest crowd in the history of the Tour.

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The Mason Historical Society and Alverta Green Museum are located in the heart of downtown Mason, Ohio. Established over 40 years ago, the Society's aim is to create, promote and preserve the history and heritage of Mason.

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## The Golden Bear, cont.

Nancy Lopez, a 21-year-old rookie, in the 1978 LPGA tournament at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Center in Mason. Her 13-under-par 275 won by six strokes. This was her 4th-straight win and the 6th of her amazing rookie year.

A few years later, Nancy and first husband, local sportscaster Tim Melton, would become Mason residents for a time.

and Chi Chi Rodriguez. From 2008 to 2010 the course hosted the LPGA Futures Tour, which is the official developmental golf tour of the LPGA.

In 1979 The Golf Center hosted its first ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) tennis tournament. This led to the facility's name change the following year to the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center.

Advertisements bragged that the courts were the same surface as the US Open in Flushing Meadows! The LPGA dominated the headlines in the early years of the tennis program, but it wouldn't be long before tennis had a life of its own at the complex.

Held in August the tournament drew four of the world's top ten players, including Jimmy Connors. The following year John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors, the world's first and third ranked players in the world committed to playing in the tournament.

In 1981 a new stadium (now known as "Center Court") was constructed for the tournament. An effort to capitalize on the facility brought a brief spate of concerts. Local graduations, high school tennis tournaments and camps have also used the facility.

In 1987 Great American Insurance (owned by Carl Lindner) bought Taft Broadcasting, making them the new owners of the Jack Nicklaus Sports Center facilities. In 1994, with the buyout of Jack Nicklaus' small share of the company, The Jack Nicklaus Sports Center became The Golf Center at Kings Island.

Another residential development, The Fairways at Pine Run, led to the construction of a new 9-hole extension in 1997 to the Grizzly course. Designed by Jay Morrish, the additional 9 holes were eventually pared down to two par fours and two par fives and are today known as "The Academy." The remainder of the property was used for residential housing.



Tony Tomsic  
Sports Illustrated June 19, 1978

Much of the original Bruin course has been paved over and is now used for parking during the ATP tournament.

Over time the tennis center expanded so that today the grounds include four permanent tennis stadia (Center Court, Grandstand Court, Court 3 and Court 10), distinguishing the center as the only world tennis venue, apart from the four Grand Slam venues, with more than two permanent stadia.

Center Court, built in 1981 and expanded many times since, has a capacity of 11,400. Grandstand Court, built in 1995, has a capacity of 5,000. Court 3, built in 2010, seats 4,000. Court 10, built in 1997 and originally named Court 3, has a capacity of 2,000.

Every summer since 2013, Grandstand Court gets covered with sand for the Association of Volleyball Professionals (AVP) tour. This competition features over 150 of the top professional beach volleyball and Olympians, including gold-medal Olympic legends Karch Kiraly, Misty May (Treanor) and Kerri Walsh (Jennings).

For years Paul Flory, tournament chairman, tried to purchase the tennis center from Carl Lindner. In 2002 they finally struck a deal for \$16.5 million, or \$8.7 million more than the land was appraised for the year before. The tennis center was purchased by Tennis for Charity, Inc., a private, non-profit group that holds the franchise for one of only nine ATP men's tennis tournaments held in the US annually. Today it is known as the Lindner Family Tennis Center and is the home of the Western and Southern Open.

In 2007 the City of Mason purchased The Golf Center at Kings Island. On this the 50th anniversary of the opening of "the course that Jack built", Mason has opted to "rebrand" the facility. It has been renamed "The Grizzly Golf and Social Lodge." The former, CourseView Restaurant is now The Great 18 Bar & Grill. And if you're looking for the CourseView Pavilion it is now called The Lodge. At one time it had also been known as The Golden Bear Pavilion.

Jack Nicklaus, considered by many as the greatest golfer of all time, has made his mark on Mason and its history.

Although Jack is no longer invested in the course financially, it will forever be his legacy to the city. Desmond Muirhead said in the beginning, "Jack's influence is felt on every hole." So, here's to the golden anniversary of the Jack Nicklaus Golf Center. May it always grace the landscape of Mason.

*The Journal News*, 8/4/1971;  
*The Cincinnati Enquirer*, 7/10/1972; 10/3/2002  
*The Cincinnati Post*, 10/30/1980;  
The Golf Center at Kings Island Newsletter, 2002;  
[dbpedia.org/page/Lindner\\_Family\\_Tennis\\_Center](http://dbpedia.org/page/Lindner_Family_Tennis_Center)

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# HAPPY 100, EVELYN!

Sally Sherman Caudill, Editor

*I recently had the distinct pleasure of meeting Evelyn Swaine Cammett Landen. Evelyn turns 100 on August 21st of this year. The Mason Methodist Church will be honoring her with a reception on July 31st.*

Evelyn Swaine was born August 21, 1922 as the fifth of seven children in Lynn, MA, a town on the outskirts of Boston. She and her siblings made their own fun. She loved playing “Bunny in the Hole,” a marbles game. They also played “Kick the Can,” and “Hoist the Green Sail.”

She married, became Evelyn Cammett and had four children by the time she moved to Mason in 1951. Her husband had gotten a job at GE, and they settled on Mason for their home, as they wanted their children to have a rural experience.

They soon added son, Bill, to their brood that included sons, John and Ralph, and daughters, Betty and Jan. They made their home out on Mason-Montgomery Rd. where you’ll find the high school today. A couple of her neighbors were Bob and Marian Chace and Earl and Norma Bowen (see cover story). Mr. Westerkamp’s corn fields were behind her house as far as the eye could see.

One day at home, she recalled burning her trash out back of the house. Unfortunately it was a windy day. Unfortunately for her neighbor, Mr. Westerkamp, the wind carried the flames and caught his crops on fire. A panicked Evelyn called the Fire Dept. and they were able to put it out pretty quickly. Their helpful advice as they left? Don’t burn trash on a windy day.

Evelyn looks back on Mason-Montgomery (called Section Rd. at the time) as a crowned country road with no curbs or sidewalks. She loved getting out on nice days and enjoyed walking in town with her baby. But because of the condition of the road she’d have to cut through the cemetery and haul the baby carriage up the steps to Short St.

Evelyn moved away a couple of times but always came back here. Throughout her many years in Mason, she loved attending the Grange. She thought it was a wonderful social organization; she especially liked that the meetings included the children. By the mid-1960s, Evelyn was a single mother, and relied on her friends and neighbors there even more. One long-time Grange friend became more than a friend. Elmer Landen, who had lost his wife Esther a few years before, asked Evelyn on a date, and by 1966, they were married.

Evelyn moved into the Landen’s charming Cape Cod home at 227 Kings Mills Road with Elmer’s son, Everett, and daughter, Mary Ann. Elmer had built this house for his family in 1951, and he and Evelyn shared a very happy life there with their now blended family.

From 1968-1980, Evelyn worked for the Water Dept. in Mason, and her office was in the old Municipal building (now Two Cities Pizza).



Evelyn and Elmer Landen, ca. 1985



Evelyn Landen, July 13, 2022

After 25 years of marriage, Elmer passed away in 2001. Evelyn has been living at Mason Christian Village on her own for the last 15 years. She loves living there and told me that it’s the eighth home she’s lived in in Mason over the last 70+ years.

Her secret to a long life: “I eat nuts!” With a smile and a twinkle in her eye, she goes on, “Just keep moving. You know, even when you think you don’t want to go, you go.” She still rides her three-wheel bike often.

As I left our interview, Evelyn was on her way out the door to her hair appointment at the Bon Ton Salon. But she should know that she really didn’t need that appointment. She’s already beautiful inside and out. Happy birthday, Evelyn. Wishing you many, many more!

## Who Paid for the ATP Tennis Center?

When the deal for the tennis center was finalized in 2002, 44% of the funding was generated from local sources listed below. The tennis center was purchased by Tennis for Charity, Inc., a private, non-profit group for \$16.5 million.

According to a University of Cincinnati economic impact study in 2002, the tournament boosted the regional economy by \$23.3 million a year. A more current impact study from 2021 reports that the annual economic impact to the region is substantial—roughly \$70 million. In addition, the tournament has donated more than \$11 million since 1974 to nonprofits such as Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, the Barrett Cancer Center at the University of Cincinnati, and Tennis for City Youth.

<b>City of Mason</b>	\$3.125 million over 25 years
<b>Deerfield Twp.</b>	\$600,000 over 20 years
<b>Warren Co Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau</b>	\$3.6 million from their share of hotel tax over 19 years

*The Cincinnati Enquirer*, 12/25/2002;  
westernsouthern.com

# THE WILD ONES

## Mason's 'Tower Riders' Motorcycle Club

Sally Sherman Caudill, Editor

If there's one thing I've learned about Bob Chace, it's that if something had an engine, he could master it... airplane, tractor, combine, you name it. I think if an area rug had an engine, Bob could take it for a spin. This article, though, is about his taming of and love for motorcycles.

When Bob Chace enlisted during WWII, he already had his pilot's license. Because of this, he was pulled out of the enlistment line and sent to Pensacola, Florida as a Navy flight instructor. All the other recruits called him "grandpa" since at the age of 25, he was 'much' older than them. Navy pilots were considered to be the best of the best, and the fact that Bob was selected to train these men in such a high-stakes job says a lot about his skills.

In 1946, when Bob returned home to Mason after the war, he decided to put his skills toward a different kind of "flying" vehicle. At the age of 14, Bob purchased his first motorcycle, a Harley Davidson. The bike had seen better days though, as he bought it from a man who'd wrecked it and broke his leg, among other body parts. Bob's dad was less than thrilled when he showed up with it, but he soon wore his father down. This was the beginning of Bob's love affair with motorcycles.

In post-war Mason, several veterans in town wanted to form a motorcycle club. Earl Bowen was the driving force and Bob Chace readily signed on. In addition to Earl and Bob, the other members were: Bob Colliver, Stuart Cowan, Ted Honerlaw, Ray McKinney, Walt Tucker, Don Von Holle, and Jerry and Lester Grooms. All of them rode Harleys during this time, except for the Grooms brothers who rode Indians.

First things first, the club needed a name. The WLW Tower was emblematic of Mason, so they decided on the name "Tower Riders" to honor it. *It does make me wonder if the irony of naming their fast-paced club after an immobile*



The Tower Riders lining up at the Mason Canning Co., ca. 1947. L-R: Earl Bowen, Walt Tucker, Ray McKinney, Bob Chace, unk.

*structure occurred to them. Just two years before, Mason High School had rejected the name "Towers" as their sports mascot, because of that very reason. They wanted something with movement, so they chose "Comets."*

The club headquarters was at the Mason Cannery, which was owned by Bob's parents. Located north of Buerkle Dr. in downtown Mason, the men set up an obstacle course in the field west of the Cannery grounds. This was the perfect place for them to practice their bike skills for local competitions.

*A "big-dog rider" is an 'experienced and aggressive motorcyclist known for feats of daring and skill without apparent fear of accident or arrest.'* According to Bob's wife Marian, there were two big-dog riders in the club: Earl Bowen and Ted Honerlaw. For the fun of it, Earl would ride through the streets of Mason doing tricks, such as hitting a straight stretch and standing on his bike as it rode along. And Ted... well, according to Marian Chace, "Teddy did everything; he was crazy."



Earl Bowen rides along a board on the ground, as the other members line up to start the obstacle course.

At night the club would congregate at the Cannery and I'm sure, discuss very important matters. The warehouse there was basically a social club, where they would just hang out and talk. Their friend Norman Bellamy from Lebanon would entertain them with his sax and clarinet.

The club rode together until 1951, when marriage and children started to become a reality for the members.

Apparently, riding your bikes every weekend and hanging out with your best friends every night didn't quite gel with a harmonious family life at home. Who knew?

After several years of dating, Bob Chace and Marian Whited tied the knot in 1952. I can say without a doubt that Bob found his perfect mate to share his love of adventure. Like her husband, Marian earned her pilot's license, and was also able to drive anything with an engine. When Bob was nearly 70, and Marian almost 60, they rode their bike across the country to California.

Earl Bowen, a WWII Army Airborne paratrooper, was the only member who didn't give up his motorcycle for family life. He and his wife, Norma, just incorporated it into their lives. He loved his Harleys and rode until he was 90. He was proud to tell others "I've ridden

## Tower Riders, cont.



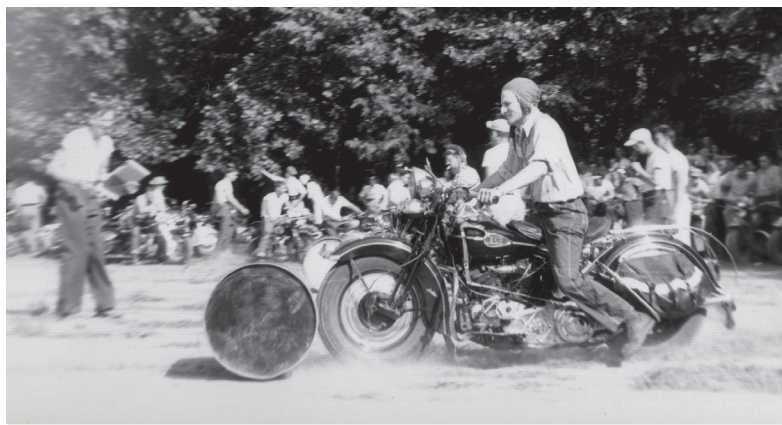
At the Cannery field, an unknown Tower Rider attempts to eat a hot dog hung from a string while riding below it.

Harleys for over 70 years.” The Bowens would ride more than a few cross-country road trips over their many years together. Both Earl and Norma were lifetime members of the AMA (Amer. Motorcyclist Assoc.).

Over the years, the club members would get together with their spouses every few years for reunions. Now, 70+ years later, all of them have passed on. I have no doubt that it would’ve been very entertaining to hang around with this group of rabble-rousers back in the day.

I recently saw a quote that made me laugh. I thought it was fitting for the Tower Riders: “Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out of a car window.”

All photos courtesy of the Chace family.  
Thanks to Marian, Susan and Bill Chace for their recollections.



above: Bob Chace competes in the Barrel Roll Competition, which was held during the annual Muskegon Hill Climb, 1949.



above: The 2006 Tower Riders reunion at the Der Dutchman in Waynesville: *front*: Bob & Marian Chace; *L to R*: Earl & Norma Bowen, Ted & Janet Honerlaw, Ray & Jerry McKinney, Don & Norma Von Holle and Stuart & Mary Ann Cowan.

*left*: The Tower Riders motorcycle club at the 1949 Muskegon Hill Climb: Earl Bowen, Bob Colliver, Bob Chace, Ted Honerlaw and Ray McKinney. This competition in Muskegon, Michigan began in 1923 and continues to this day. Mt. Garfield behind the riders, tempts high-flying daredevils from all over the country. Riders have to launch their motorcycle from a stand still, up the 55-degree bank in seconds. It’s basically a drag race up a hill. The narrow “track” is to the right of the 313 concrete steps. It’s not for the faint of heart.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR


How are you enjoying our newsletter?  
Let us know what stories you liked, and if you have more to add to them. Also, if you have a story to share, that you think would be of interest to our members, email your ideas to: [mason.oh.historical@gmail.com](mailto:mason.oh.historical@gmail.com)

**Sherri Federle** – As I’ve come to expect, the July newsletter was great! You really captured the essence of Don Wolfe. I’d like to add a little more.

Don was President of the Historical Society the year I came on as Vice-President of the board. (I’m not sure what years and he may have served multiple terms.) I remember him and others spending many hours physically working to improve the two front rooms and kitchen of the museum along with other projects.

He was very passionate about getting financial support from the City and was the driving force behind it. Thanks to his tenacity, the Society has benefited immensely.


# IN MEMORIAM

 Janet M. Jeffers (nee McFeeters) passed away at age 77 on July 2, 2022.

She was born Dec. 9, 1944 in Decatur, IL. She was a loving, serving, dedicated daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. A true lady and great leader Janet spent many years working in industries that served the elderly and developmentally disabled. She was also involved with many volunteer roles in community services and scholarship boards. A lover of the outdoors, she spent as much time as she could on the covered back deck or in the yard enjoying "our little slice of heaven on earth" with her family and friends, and took delight in the companionship of her beloved terrier, Dooley. Family time and traditions were important to her and supporting her grandchildren in their activities was one of her favorite things to do.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents and daughter, Jennifer Lynn Jeffers; sister, Ruth Eastham; and brother, John (Susie) McFeeters.

Janet is survived by her husband, Larry (*Treasurer of the Mason Historical Society*), and children: Dan (Beth) Jeffers, Mark (Emily) Jeffers; grandchildren, Ethan (Bailee) Jeffers, Ben Jeffers, and Sam Jeffers; and sister, Barb (Ken) Gruhl.

 Lee Irwin Carey passed away on July 10, 2022 at the age of 83 in Charlotte, NC on July 10, 2022. Lee was born on Oct. 23, 1938 to Lucille and Joe Carey and raised in Blanchester, Ohio. He graduated from Blanchester High School and continued his studies at Wilmington College in Secondary Education. He attained his master's degree in Educational Administration from Xavier University.


As a lifelong educator, Lee began his career in Mason as a teacher and coach in 1962. He was employed as a teacher, principal, and retired as assistant superintendent in 1990.

Lee was a founding member of Mason Church of Christ. He was involved with the Mason Kiwanis and also was a board member of Warren County Mental Health Board.

Lee is survived by his wife, Donna of 63 years, and 3 children, Lynne Craig, of Morrow, OH, Sue Scott of Raleigh, NC and Chris Carey, of Charlotte, NC. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and 2 nephews.

A memorial service will take place on August 6th, 2022 at Christ Church in Mason at 4:00pm.




 Charles William Bercaw Jr., affectionately known as "C.W." or "Bill," passed away at the age of 92 on the 4th of July 2022. Bill was born in Lebanon on June 11, 1930.

His parents, CW Sr. and Lucile moved to Mason when Bill was young, along with younger sister, Nancy Gail (Spaeth). He attended Mason High where he played basketball and baseball, was active in the Glee Club and theater, and was president of his 1948 graduating class.

Bill graduated from Wilmington College in 1952. It was here that he met Eleanor Ingels aka "the one." After college, Bill enlisted and served in the Army from 1952-1954 as a Corporal and was stationed in Germany for 18 months during the Korean War. He and Eleanor married at the end of his service in 1954.

Bill worked for the Baldwin Piano and Organ Co. for 30 years, then after retirement for Vanguard Financial and Symmes Twp. He kept very busy in retirement with the Mason Masonic Lodge, Boy Scouts and Kiwanis just to name a few organizations.

Bill was a well-respected patriarch and his family was his greatest asset. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, sister, wife, and daughter, Pamela. He is survived by his second wife Charlotte (Schutte) Erbeck, Aunt Christine More, daughters Lynn Vitek, Mary Jane Bercaw, and Beth Hersam, along with several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

 John Williams passed away on July 4, 2022 at the age of 91. He was born on March 27, 1931 in Cincinnati, but his parents, John and Edna (nee Anglin) moved their growing family to Mason when John was in elem. school.

At Mason High, John played baseball, basketball and ran track. Showing his other talents, he was active in Glee Club, Operetta, and the District Music Festival. He graduated in 1949. In the early 50s, he joined the Army and was stationed in Germany as an MP during the Korean War (coincidentally at the same time as his high school friend, Bill Bercaw.)

John and wife, Mim, moved to their home in the Heights in 1957 and raised their two sons, Mark and Tom, in the Elkwood Subdivision. John worked as an electrical salesman for Essex Wire and Riffle & Assoc. He loved his work and enjoyed traveling all over his area. After retiring in the 1990s, he could often be found out on the links playing golf. For 14 years, he and Mim were snowbirds, as they would winter for several months every year in Puerto Vallarta.

Besides his wife and two sons, John is survived by his sister Jackie Bramer; brother David; grandchildren: Johnathon, Mark, Lily, Sarah, Lincoln and Nelson and great-g-c: Victor and Owen.



# The Board Report

Jay Meibers, President



Summer sure flies by as we roll into August and head towards Labor Day. One of my memories of August was the dreaded two practices a day for high school football; one in the morning and one in the evening. Wearing all the football gear in the oppressive heat twice a day was brutal, especially since I had hay fever and would sneeze and sniffle the entire time. After a couple of weeks of “two-a-days” the locker room had a peculiar odor that no human being should ever have to endure. Looking back on it I should have golfed!

I forgot to mention that we did receive all the brick orders from 2021 and they have been placed in the front right walkway area. We do have one brick order in 2022 but cannot order until we get at least five bricks for an order. A brick order form will be sent with this newsletter in case you may be interested in placing an order.

I also want to remind you that Ron Macy is still doing Segway tours in Mason and a portion of his profit benefits MHS. If you are interested, please call us at the museum and we will get you in touch with Ron.

On July 7 we held an MHS Appreciation Food Pairing at the museum for the volunteers who support MHS in numerous ways. Without the great support of our volunteers, we would not be able to function as a Society. Thank you to Gina Arens who coordinated this event and developed the unique food pairings!

Our Fabulous Fall raffle will be rolled out in early to mid-August. The raffle is one of our main fundraisers of the year. We will be sending tickets out to our membership so hopefully you can support us by either purchasing or selling the tickets. Who knows, you may get lucky and be a prize winner! Stay safe & stay well.

## THIS MONTH IN MASON HISTORY

Excerpts from *Around Mason, Ohio: A Story*, Rose Marie Springman

**1859:** On August 12 Silas Ballard purchased the lot behind the Universalist Church for \$200 and maintained a pottery there for the next twenty years. The pottery made in Mason was of such fine quality that people came from all the surrounding towns to buy the handmade wares.

**1864:** The township lost two more soldiers in the Civil War. Oscar W. Dodds, the son of William and Sarah Dodds, was killed on August 16. He was 26. The next month Private George White, age 19, was killed.

**1917:** George Tetrick came before council in late August and offered to build a new footbridge across the creek to the cemetery if he could cut down the crown of the south end of the alley leading to the bridge to fill the approach to it. The improvement was to be done without expense to the village because Mrs. Luella Scott had agreed to pay Mr. Tetrick for the supplies and labor. All council members voted Yea to the proposition. (Of course they did!)

## SHARE YOUR TORNADO STORIES

The Mason Historical Society in conjunction with Jeff Hill Video will be producing a 50th anniversary video about the tornado that hit Mason on April 3, 1974. As part of this activity, we will be setting up interviews with people who have stories to tell about their experiences on that terrifying day. In addition, we are looking for any pictures taken of the tornado and/or damage caused by the tornado. If you are interested in being interviewed or have pictures to share, then please call (513)-398-6750 at the Mason Historical Society and leave a message and we will get back with you to coordinate. Thank you.

## MHS Monthly Events

All events held at the Alverta Green Museum/Mason Historical Society. Park on street or at Two Cities lot (enter thru white gate).

### PHOTOS, FARMS AND FAMILIES

A HISTORY OF COX-SMITH ROAD • MON. AUGUST 29TH @ 7 PM

**Sherri Reed Federle**, a Mason Historical Society volunteer, grew up on Cox-Smith Road and has lived in Mason almost all her life. She will be sharing some history of the farms, houses and families who lived along this once rural country road. Photos will help tell the stories of some of the earliest homes in our area.

### CEMETERY WALK

TUE. OCTOBER 11TH @ 7 PM (RAIN DATE – WED. OCTOBER 12TH)

Join us at Rose Hill Cemetery for our annual fundraiser featuring the Mason Community Players. Come hear voices from Mason’s past speaking from their gravesites about their lives and times. Tickets will soon be available at the Museum.

**1928:** When the school board met in August they were approached and asked by some older students who were working at the local cannery, if the opening of school could be postponed until the work at the cannery ceased. However, they refused the request and the school opened on September 4. Mason School was still overcrowded, and more desks and books were needed. The two rooms at the Knights of Pythias building were being rented at \$275 a year with the lodge paying for the heating.

**1963:** In August a company called Palmyra, Inc. was formed by Walter Chesney and James Coulson with Francis Canty of Grand Island, New York. The firm’s purpose was to purchase land to promote industrial development in Mason.

**2021:** The Western & Southern Open celebrated its 20th anniversary with title sponsor Western Southern Financial Group. It is the longest title sponsorship of the nine worldwide prestigious ATP Masters 1000 events.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the Mason Historical Society

Theresa Dorgan  
Joanne Mathison  
Doug Reed  
Karen VonBargen  
Sharron Wilson

## YOGA AT THE MUSEUM



Every Monday from 7–8 pm. All levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat and water. No pre-registration is required, men and women are welcome to attend. Classes are donation-based; with half of all donations going back to the Historical Society. Call Missy Courts at 513-289-3086 with any questions.