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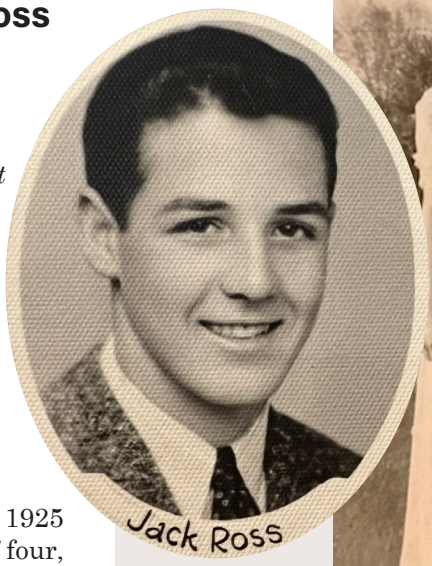
SO MUCH MORE THAN A COACH

The Lasting Legacy of John "Jack" Ross

Sally Sherman Caudill, Editor

To say that Jack Ross was just a coach is to say that the NCAA championship is just another game. Jack didn't just build up his players as athletes, he taught them how to be men; giving them lessons that stayed with them all their lives. In addition to being their coach, he was also their surrogate parent, teacher, trainer, drill sergeant, confidante, therapist, chauffeur… and the list goes on. Oh, and his wife Janet, was their "chef" (more on that one later).

Note: John "Jack" Ross was known by both John and Jack at various times of his life, so for clarity's sake, I'll refer to him as Jack.



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Jack's senior photo, 1943

right High school sweethearts, Jack and Janet on Prom night, 1943.

Jack Ross was born in Nevada City, CA on June 19, 1925 to Kenneth and Helen Ross. He was the youngest of four, joining sisters Peggy and Charlotte, and brother Dick. His parents had been born and raised in Mason, but moved out to CA after they married and their 4 children were born out there. Once the Depression hit in 1929, the family was forced to moved home. The six Ross' loaded up in their Model T with their dog, and all their worldly possessions and headed east for a journey home that took several weeks.

They moved into the farmhouse where Kenneth had grown up *(located next to where the Manor House is today on Mason-Mont.)*. At the age of 9 years old, Jack could no longer claim to be the baby of the family, as one more Ross was added; Winifred, whom everyone called "Freddie." When Jack was 17, and Freddie, 6, their father died of a heart attack. Jack was a wonderful older brother to his baby sister through the years, even walking her down the aisle at her 1955 wedding to Richard Grisham.

Jack's love of sports was with him throughout his childhood. His daughter Nancy Valentine told me that her grandmother Helen allowed Jack to nail a chair, with a hole in the seat, up high on one of the farmhouse walls. This allowed him to practice basketball year-round. *(The Ross' must have been a VERY understanding family…)*

At Mason High, Jack was in his element. He started dating a classmate named Janet Jones, and he excelled in both basketball and baseball. His freshman year, he had been cut from the basketball team (by his brother-in-law, no less, who was the coach). He was devastated, but the practical joker in him got revenge. While sitting in the stands on game day, Jack would randomly blow a whistle, which would bring the game to a screaming halt, everyone on the court trying to figure out where it came from. His daughter Nancy tells me he was even better at baseball than at basketball, but it was basketball that would soon become his calling and his legacy.

After graduating from Mason in 1943, Jack was drafted and served 3 years as a Navy radio operator in the Pacific. Upon returning home from the war, and with the help of the GI Bill, he attended Wilmington College. He earned

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Jack Ross, cont.

his teaching degree in 3 years, while also lettering in both basketball and baseball. He and his high school sweetheart Janet had married when he was home on leave in 1945, and over the next few years had 3 daughters: Nancy, Jeanne, and Tina.

Jack taught and coached basketball at several Dayton-area high schools in the 1950s. In 1961-62, he was named head coach at Belmont High School, and it was there that he guided one of the greatest teams in Ohio prep history. Nancy told me that to prepare his high school team, he would take them to scrimmages against Wilberforce and Central State, both powerhouse college teams, and unbelievably, the high schoolers would more than hold their own. In 1963-64, Belmont went 26-1 and crushed everyone in the tournament to win the Ohio State Championship Title in Class AA (now AAA-big school). The display of passing, shooting, and multiple defenses by Belmont in the final two games is still considered by many to be the best performance ever seen in the state championship. The first of many accolades came Jack's way when he was honored as "Ohio High School Coach of the Year."

Coach Ross on the sidelines at Belmont, 1964.

Jack was very close to all his Belmont players. Many of them were from troubled homes, so he became their father figure. This was a role he embraced thruout his life.

The next year, Jack quit coaching to work on his master's degree at Xavier (which he earned in 1966). He also started his own scouting business. According to Jim Brown, one of his former Belmont players, Jack would look at local schools like Miami, Xavier, Cincinnati, and Dayton, and check out their schedules. He would find opposing teams that were a long distance away. "Instead of those teams sending somebody and spending a lot of money to scout, (Jack) would travel around, do a report and sell it to them."[2] Jack's nephew, Jim Grisham, recalled traveling with his uncle on a 1974 scouting trip during Easter break for Coach Don Donoher at Dayton. The game was Wichita State vs. Louisville, and as a high school freshman, Jim was blown away sitting at the scouts' table next to Dave Cowans and the Boston Celtics GM.

Jack gained a notable reputation as a scout, and a perceptive judge of basketball talent. He soon found himself scouting for famed Coach John Wooden at UCLA as well as for Ohio State, Marquette, Florida State, Memphis State, Virginia Tech, and many more schools.

In 1968, Wright State University (WSU) was planning to start up a basketball program. The hiring process turned out to be very short, as local legend Jack Ross was the first name to be discussed. Jack was always game for a challenge and accepted the part-time coaching job. The other part of Jack's job was to supervise student teachers. In the off-season, he would travel around to observe and critique them (much like his players) to help them become better teachers.

Building a team from scratch is no easy feat and takes humility and a lot of sacrifice. They had no gym, no scholarships and no money. The players washed their own uniforms, and practiced at local Stebbins High School from 9 pm to midnight. They traveled by station wagon and vans to away games, always returning the same day. Mark Donohue, a member of the first WSU team recalled that Jack's wife, Janet, would pack bologna sandwiches for them on long road trips. Jack once recalled he would splurge after the games. He said, "If they lost, they got a hot dog. If they won, they got a hamburger."[3]

Their first year was a freshmen/JV schedule and his all-walk-on team finished a respectable 7-17. But astonishingly just two years later, the varsity team had their first winning season with a record of 17-5. Mark Donohue said, "(Jack) was called 'The Marine' for a reason. He was really tough, but strategic; he knew the Xs and Os very well. We were very disciplined for a team with so little experience. We overperformed because of him."[1]

Jack's scouting and recruiting skills really came into play at Wright State. Bob Grote had played for Elder in Cincinnati, which was (and is) a rabid sports-oriented environment. He said "Coach Ross was the ultimate recruiter. I wasn't even sure where Wright State was. At Elder, we had a 12,000-seat football stadium, and a packed gymnasium… and Wright State didn't even have a gym. But Coach Ross told me it would be a good place for me. He said 'We're gonna have a brand new facility.' " Grote laughs when he recalls the brand-new facility was Stebbins High School.[3] *(Bob Grote went on to become an All-American in basketball, and a right-handed pitcher who was drafted by, and played 3 years for the NY Mets.)* Jack also started the baseball program at WSU in 1971 and served as head coach that year.

Almost every one of his players over the years says the same thing; Jack was a father figure to them. Former player Tim Walker recalls that while he was at WSU, he hadn't spoken to his own father for two years after a falling out during high school. "Coach Ross came up to me after that second year and said 'You WILL make up with your father.' And I did."[3]

In 1975, Jack stepped down from coaching to become Asst. Athletic Director at WSU, but not before he had finished assembling a team that would make its first NCAA Division II regional tournament appearance. Jack retired in 1980, but that period of leisure was short lived. Just 2 years later, Jack was cajoled out of retirement to return as an asst. coach. His first year back in 1982-83, WSU won the NCAA Division II National Championship. I would say Jack was their good luck charm, but I think we all know luck had nothing to do with it.

The Ross' moved to Florida in 1994, but Jack's heart stayed with Ohio basketball. He would return every year for get-togethers with his old Belmont team and his WSU team. He'd also attend games at Wright State, Wilmington and a few local high schools.

Jack Ross, cont.

Dayton Belmont Ohio State Champions, 1964 team photo. Jack is seated in front, far right. Next to him are Bill Hosket #25, and Donnie May #15. Hosket became an All-American at Ohio State, and won a gold medal at the 1968 Olympics. May was an All-American at UD, where he was a teammate of Mason's Rich Fox when they went to the NCAA finals against Lew Alcindor *(featured in the March 2022 newsletter)*.

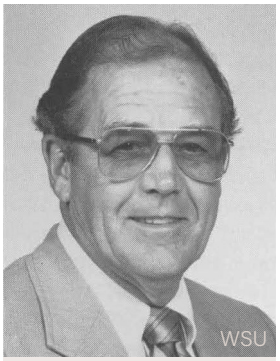
Both Hosket and May were drafted by the NY Knicks. Donnie May once recalled that Coach was a disciplinarian; he laughs and says, "he was just what the doctor ordered for a bunch of wild Belmont boys."[1] This 1964 team was inducted into the Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame in 2013.

In 2015, after having recently celebrated his and Janet's 70th wedding anniversary, the "Father of Wright State Basketball" died at the age of 89. Tom Archdeacon, sports writer for the *Dayton Daily News* wrote: "Ross planted the seeds that have produced quite a hardwood harvest: an NCAA Division II national title, two trips to the Division I NCAA tournament, a 10,000-seat basketball arena and a state-of-the-art practice facility. Coach Ross' promises – some sooner than others – all came true."[3]

Jack Ross is enshrined in several halls of fame – Wright State, Wilmington, and Ohio Basketball – for his talents as a coach. But his true lasting mark was in the hearts and minds of many of his former players. At his funeral, his 'boys' showed up in droves to mourn their surrogate father and to pay their respects. He and Janet had 3 daughters, and WHOLE lot of sons.

Former player Bob Grote said it well. "(Jack) was a tremendous human being. His character, the way he treated people, was exemplary. He had a way of being fair – whether you liked it or not – and you ended up respecting him for it. I loved him dearly."[3]

If Jack Ross wasn't an example of virtuous leadership, I'm not sure who is.



Jack Ross, 1985.

Many thanks to Jack's daughter, Nancy Ross Valentine, and nephew, Jim "Sweat" Grisham, for their stories and recollections.
Thanks to Dan Campbell, Jr. for the story idea.

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IN MEMORIAM

We lost two very special ladies this past month. Our heartfelt condolences to their families and many friends.

Debby L. Mount was born in Mason, on Nov. 16, 1949, and passed away on Feb. 2, 2023 at the age of 74. Debby will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all those who knew her. While her independence and stubbornness were well known, the lessons we have learned from her strength and resilience will live on in each of us. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness and iconic laughter that will ring forever in the hearts of all who knew her.

Debby leaves behind her loving partner Don Eberhard, her daughters Angie and Beth (Ryan), nephew Jeff (Katy), nieces Traci (David), Shawn (Fred). Her former husband Chris (Wendy). Don's daughter Kim and Son, Scott. Sister Christy (David) along with so many other family, friends, loved ones and pets. She is preceded in death by her parents Vernon and Geneva Mount, and sisters Becky and Nicki.

Gertrude "Trudie" E. Pringle (nee Easter), born May 4, 1930, passed away February 3, 2024 at age 93. Loving wife of the late Lawrence Allan Pringle, cherished mother of Larry (Patti) Pringle, Alan (Betsy Keegan) Pringle, and the late Elaine Ann Greene (Jerry Greene), grandmother of Tara Greene, Tracie Greene, and great-grandmother of several great-grandchildren, dear sister of Don Easter and dear sister-in-law of Carol Easter, and aunt of many loved nieces and nephews. Trudie graduated from Norwood High School in 1948, and received her Cosmetology certification, and worked in the downtown Cinti. Shillito beauty salon. In the late 1960's, she received a certification in Library Sciences and became a school librarian (1967-1980). She became Asst. Director of the Mason Public Library when they opened the new building in 1980. Trudie was also a 60+ year member of the Mason Heritage Presbyterian Church. She will be deeply missed.

LUCILE COX MELAMPY – ALL AROUND GOOD SPORT

Helen Fox, Contributor

Ask any Mason resident who attended intermediate school between 1947 and 1974 and they will know and respect the name of Mrs. Melampy. The stories are legendary, according to her son, CDR Ronald F. Melampy, USN, Ret., who currently resides in Virginia. "She was known as a strict disciplinarian and a tough taskmaster. Students entered her class each year with fear and trepidation and completed the year feeling that they had learned a great deal academically and grown in character." This writer's husband, Jim Fox, who was a former student of Mrs. Melampy, states, "Mrs. Melampy was tough, strict, sweet, and kind, all rolled into one. She expected the best out of her students. Before she passed away, I took my sons to visit her because I wanted them to meet one of the best educators I'd ever known. Well into her 90s, she was still as sharp as when I'd known her as a 6th grader."

Former student Barb Doria Mustard brightens when the Melampy name is mentioned. She admired both Mr. and Mrs. Melampy. "Mrs. Melampy made me love English and love learning. I liked doing well for her." Barb recalls that Mrs. Melampy made learning fun by holding contests diagraming sentences on the board. Barb has special memories of being chosen to be a patrol girl by Mrs. Melampy and having upbeat daily chats with Mr. Melampy as she performed her patrol duties.

Lucile's school photo, ca. 1950

Lynn Calvert laments that she didn't get Mrs. Melampy as her teacher, but claims, "She was so full of energy. Mrs. Melampy was here, there and everywhere. She was a doer, not a talker."

Mrs. Melampy is the reason that Lisa Wilt Oravec became an eighth-grade language arts teacher. "You're writing about my hero," Lisa noted. "Her nickname was 'Machine Gun Melampy,' so we were mildly terrified of her initially. But she was the best teacher I ever had." Oravec related that decades after being in her class, she ran into Mrs. Melampy at a picnic and said it was like seeing the Queen of England. "That's how high in esteem we all held her."

In addition to her teaching accolades, Lucile Cox Melampy was an accomplished athlete who is a member of the 1998 Mason Athletic Hall of Fame. She played forward on the first girls' basketball team in 1924. Lucile participated in track and field events as well, setting the county record for her baseball throw. Her son Ron adds, "Mom was an avid sports player and in her later years she and Dad bowled several nights a week." Lucile Melampy carried a high average of 170 up until the time she tore her rotator cuff when she was in her early 90s and had to quit bowling. She promoted athletic outlets for others too. After the Mason Bowl was opened, Mrs. Melampy organized and supervised a bowling league for pre-teens. Ron continues, "While a teacher at Mason School, Lucile always volunteered for lunch playground duty, and on any warm, sunny day, you would find her on the softball diamond, pitching to the students in a hotly contested game of "rotation" or "scrub" as we used to call it."

Lucile Cox and Francis Melampy both graduated in 1927 from Mason High School. The husband-and-wife team established the Mason Comet Club in the 1950s, which provided wholesome activities for teenagers of the community at a time when there was not much to do for this age group. Ron claims that their home from 1950 to 1966 located at 123 South East Street "was always a stopping place for students around town, for a cold drink or just some conversation on the front porch." The Melampys continued their contribution to the community after retirement by volunteering at Mary Haven Youth Center in Lebanon, as well as for other organizations. The entire community of Mason and beyond benefitted from their good works.

Whether on the sports field, in the classroom or out in the community, Lucille Cox Melampy was an inspiration for all. We invite you to send in your comments regarding Mrs. Melampy's influence by emailing mason.oh.historical@gmail.com

Lucile Melampy *(on right)*, always involved with community activities, is riding alongside Eileen Geckler Mount for the Community Unity Days Parade ca. 1968.

60th wedding anniversary photo of Lucile and Francis. Today, the Melampy legacy includes 4 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Lucile Melampy is buried in Section 31. Sources: personal interviews, *The Cincinnati Enquirer, The Western Star,* Cemetery Walk script by Lynn Calvert

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We love hearing from you, so if you have any thoughts you would like to share regarding Mason history or our monthly newsletter, please email them to: mason.oh.historical@gmail.com

Mardee Sherman – Reading the excerpt about Wick Calvert's taxi service brought back memories. As a student attending St. Susanna in the 1960's, my siblings and I were not allowed to ride the school bus as we lived less than a mile from the school (9/10s to be exact). My parents only had one car, which my dad took to work. So on most days we walked to and from school. On days with heavy rain or snow, however, our mom took pity on us and called for a taxi from Wick. Those days were the best!

MHS recently hosted a "Drum Clinic" for **Badges Drum Shop** who is a new historical society business member located in downtown Mason. The clinic was led by **Mike Mangini**, who is an American musician, and former drummer of progressive metal band Dream Theater (2010-2023). Before joining Dream Theater, Mangini was a faculty member at Berklee College of Music. Between 2002 and 2005, he set five World's Fastest Drummer records. He appeared on the Discovery Channel show "Time Warp," displaying his drum skills for high-speed cameras.

MYTHBUSTERS

Sally Sherman Caudill, Editor

When Gina and I started researching and writing the MHS newsletter in the spring of 2020, one of the first articles I wrote was on four generations of the Coleman family, who called Mason home for almost 100 years starting in 1832. One member of the family I featured was Percy Coleman, who was a professional baseball player for the Cincinnati Reds and other teams in the late 1800s.

MYTH: Percy Coleman is the only Mason High School graduate to have played professional baseball. I reported this in my June 2020 story as I had read the information in several places in the museum, including a Cemetery Walk script from a few years ago that had featured him.

ANSWER: NOT TRUE. In the 2016 MLB draft, 2013 Mason grad T.J. Zeuch was the 21st overall pick by the Toronto Blue Jays. Born Timothy James Zeuch in 1995 in Mason, the right-handed pitcher nicknamed "T.J." was considered a top prospect in the draft.

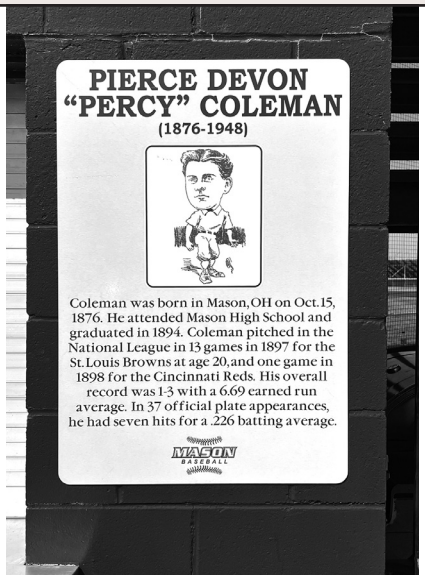
He worked his way up through the Blue Jays organization, and made his major league deput on September 3, 2019. At the moment the pitched ball left T.J.'s hand that day, Percy's 121-year-lone legacy came to an end.

T.J. was traded from Toronto to the St. Louis Cardinals in 2021, and the next year, ended up at our hometown Reds in 2022. In 2023, he played for the Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A team, but is no longer with them.

One other Mason ball player that I researched was Charles Heiberger *(half brother to Jack Rebold, who was featured in the 2023 Cemetery Walk).* In Rose Marie Springman's book *Around Mason, A Story,* she mentions a "local ball player, Charles Heiberger, signed to pitch for the Charleston team during 1898." In Charles' 1933 obituary, he was listed as a former professional baseball player.

However, according to MLB.com and StatsCrew.com (both repositories of vast amounts of sports statistics), Charles never made it to the "show," as he didn't rise above the minor league level. He spent the 1898 and 1899 seasons throwing for the Charleston Seagulls, and three other minor-league teams in Ohio.

Another Mason myth has been busted!



Plaques at the Comets baseball field, honoring our two Mason MLB greats.

THIS MONTH IN MASON HISTORY

Excerpts (up to 1965) from *Around Mason, Ohio: A Story*, R.M. Springman

1855: On March 26 council passed an ordinance allowing any citizen the right to destroy any dog running loose in the village because cases of hydrophobia were suspected. (Hydrophobia is an extreme or irrational fear of water, especially as a symptom of rabies in humans.)

1871: In March council finally passed an ordinance requiring every able-bodied man in Mason to perform annually two day's labor on streets and alleys. *(See article below)*

1892: Prompted by the demand for fire protection by 69 Mason residents, council purchased fire fighting equipment from the Howe Pump and Engine Company of Anderson, IN. It was described as a "new fire engine" with a hose cart and 500 feet of two-inch cotton hose at a cost of $848.80. The Howe Pump & Engine Co. sold manual and horse-powered fire pumps. In a late March meeting, a resolution was introduced and adopted fixing a constitution and by-laws for the governing of a fire company for the village.

1900: At the March council meeting the officials were instructed about how to light the streets of the town by a representative of the Welsbach Street Lighting Company but the councilmen rejected the system. Electrical lights were eventually installed in 1915.

1909: On March 6 "A Grand Army Man" was presented at the Mason Opera House by David Warfield, a leading nationally known American actor in comedy, with a cast whose show had toured the entire United States.

1933: On March 17 the Mason Grange celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner and the surviving charter members were seated at a special guest table. (This year celebrates their 116th anniversary!)

1942: In March the firemen had a meeting on Home Defense and how to handle fires caused by air raids.

1953: The Rev. Warren C. Silven was elected the pastor of the Mason Presbyterian Church and he and his family moved to town soon afterward.

1964: Maurice Peck, director of the Mason Baseball League, was allowed $245.75 from the H. B. Thompson estate money for 10 baseball helmets, one catcher's mask, one chest protector, two pairs of leg guards, five catchers' mitts and five sets of bases in March.

"PUBLIC SERVANTS" IN THE VILLAGE

Life in Old Mason

Gina Burton Arens, Editor

From its very beginning, there was an ongoing issue with road conditions in Mason. In 1866 A writer living in the village described the streets as follows: "…the heavy teaming (wagons with teams of horses) plowed the roads from stem to stern during stormy seasons, so you see it was mud in winter and dust in summer."

In 1870 the town councilmen came up with a solution to fixing the terrible road conditions. They decided that every able-bodied man in the village would be required to work two days free street labor each year to fix the roads. Many men abided by the council requirement but over time an increas-ing number of men ignored it. Threats were made that those who failed to put in their two days would have to "answer to the mayor" but those threats were never carried out.

Yet the expectation of free street labor continued for many years. Those men who failed to fulfill their obligation were not only threatened with some sort of "action" but typically were penalized with a fine however it was not noted if these fines were ever collected. Council notes indicated that "….in 1891 two men, John Willoughby and Sherman Scofield, were fined $3 each for not doing their two days of free road work."

The last mention of free street labor occurred in 1893 when the marshal reported that 15 local men had not fulfilled their street labor duty. Somewhere around the turn of the century the practice was halted as council notes mention in 1904 that street laborer's wages were raised to $1.50 per day. Thus ended thirty plus years of "volunteer" street workers.

APRIL PROGRAM

BLACK WEDNESDAY

We are partnering with the city of Mason to have the April 3rd Black Wednesday (50th anniversary of the tornado that hit Mason) program held at the Atrium at the city municipal building. There will be plenty of seating so an **RSVP will not be required** in order to attend. It is open to the public and free of charge.
We hope to see many of you attending the "Black Wednesday: The Day that Mason will never forget" documentary program.

Wed. April 3rd, 2024

Mason Municipal Atrium

6000 Mason-Montgomery Road

6-8 PM

The Board Report

Jay Meibers, President

Hello & Happy Spring!

Included in this newsletter are the 2023 expense/income results. Our expenses were slightly higher than our income due to some special preservation projects. Our membership income continues to grow as we see ongoing growth in memberships. The city of Mason once again provided us matching funds as we continue our ongoing partnership. Please review and let us know if you have any questions or concerns on the 2023 income/expense results.

This month we will include a memorial brick order form with the newsletter in case you may be interested in having a brick engraved. Ordering a memorial brick is a great opportunity to remember family & friends and have them join our memorial brick walk at the museum.

Please make plans to attend the **"Black Wednesday: The Day Mason Will Never Forget"** program to be held at the Mason City Building Atrium on Wed. April 3 from 6:00 – 8:00. A lot of time and effort has been put into this presentation and you will not be disappointed. This historical event is so significant that the city of Mason has partnered with us for the April 3 program. Pass the word to your family, neighbors and friends. Let's pack the house on April 3!

Membership fees for 2024 are due. Thank you to everyone who have already sent in their 2024 dues. Just a reminder that new members who signed up after June 2023, your 2024 dues are covered. If you have any questions on your membership then please call or email us at the museum.

The 2024 Ice Cream Social and Baked Goods Auction is set for June 10 on the museum grounds. Last year we ran out of chairs due to such a large crowd. Hopefully we get the same great weather. Gene Steiner will be back as auctioneer and entertainer!

Stay safe & stay well.

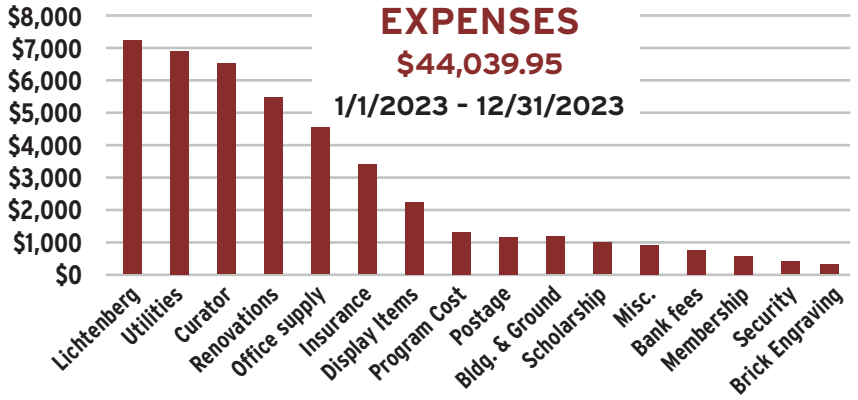
SAVE THE DATE! Monday, June 10th

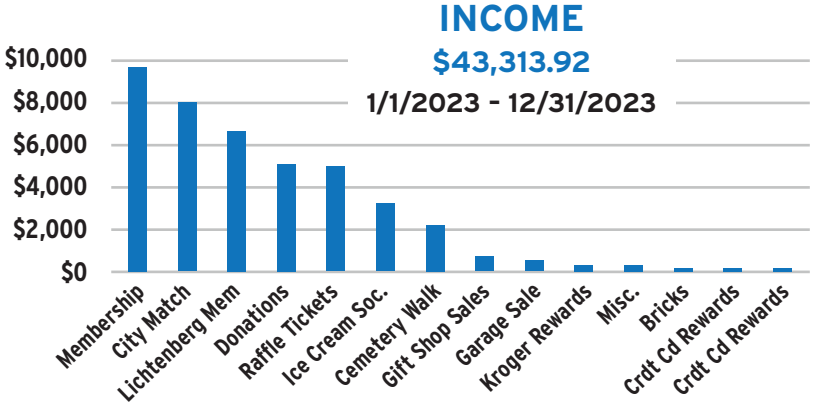
2024 Ice Cream Social!

Join us for our annual Ice Cream Social and Bake Sale Fundraiser.

2023 MASON HISTORICAL SOCIETY FINANCIALS

Expenses	Amount	Percent
Lichtenberg Mem.	$7,250.00	16.46%
Utilities	$6,903.15	15.67%
Curator	$6,500.00	14.76%
Renovations	$5,468.97	12.44%
Office Supplies	$4,543.61	10.32%
Insurance	$3,395.00	7.74%
Display Items	$2,279.29	5.18%
Program Costs	$1,325.95	3.01%
Postage	$1,192.70	2.71%
Building & Grounds	$1,181.55	2.68%
Scholarship	$1,000.00	2.27%
Misc.	$919.01	2.09%
Bank Fees	$767.42	1.74%
Membership Fees	$568.90	1.29%
Security	$419.40	0.95%
Brick Engraving	$325.00	0.74%
Total	**$29,102.03**	**100%**





Income	Amount	Percent
Membership	$9,800.00	22.63%
City of Mason Matching	$8,000.00	18.47%
Lichtenberg Memorial	$6,750.00	15.58%
Donations	$5,234.00	12.08%
Raffle Tickets	$5,071.00	11.71%
Ice Cream Social	$3,352.00	7.74%
Cemetery Walk	$2,270.00	5.24%
Gift Shop Sales	$825.24	1.91%
Garage Sale	$655.00	1.51%
Kroger Tewards	$455.83	1.05%
Misc.	$400.85	0.93%
Bricks	$300.00	0.69%
Credit Card Rewards	$200.00	0.46%
Total	**$43,313.92**	**100%**

BUSINESS MEMBERS *and* PARTNERS

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Air Authority Heating and Air Conditioning

Al's Heating and Cooling

American Legion, Post 194

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 194

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People's First Savings Bank

R.E. Middleton Construction LLC

Senour-Flaherty Insurance

Shorten and Ryan Funeral Home

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Walldogs – Mason Sign Company

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Artis Senior Living of Mason

Baysore's Flower Shop

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Dick & Darlene Cline

Dan Dawson

Dave & Katie Hicks

Betsy Jayne

In last month's newsletter, we asked for help in identifying two young ladies posing in a box car at the Canning factory. We heard from Ladd McCarnan who thought the tall girl on the right looked like it might be Kay Spuhler *(Cliff and Edna's daughter, older sister of Sue)*. Unfortunately we've been unable to verify with other photos. Based on her birthdate (1933-34), Kay was likely in the class of '51 or '52, but doesn't appear in the yearbooks. If anyone has a photo or addl. info, please let us know.