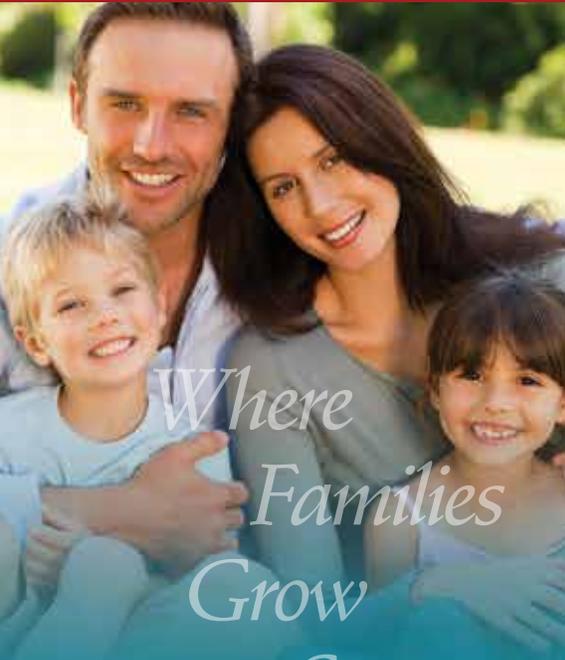


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Letter from the Mayor



Ben Garlich,
Mayor, Village
of Middlefield

Happy New Year to all. 2015 was a busy and rewarding year. Our Village finances improved, and our income tax revenue has improved every year for the last four years. This is only made possible by the investment of individuals who create jobs within our community. We make every effort to support those entities and create an environment that fosters job creation. This has been our focus these past four years, and we've made many changes to streamline and encourage quality business development. I appreciate those who support and help promote those ideals. It is no longer time to reflect but move forward.

In 2016 and 2017, we have projects slated for continued occupation of empty available retail space, continued manufacturing, and commercial expansion is being constructed. We are also focusing on amenities that we feel will support and improve the area.

Some of these goals are only in the idea stage, and our ability to be effective is yet to be determined. We are going to revamp the downtown pocket park using grant money to jump start the project. We are pursuing the possibility of having a license bureau back in the area, a social security office in this county, an e check kiosk, and buggy lanes along some of the major arteries which will improve the safety and logistics for the Amish community. All of these take cooperation outside local government. We are committed to working with those that can help us achieve these initiatives.

We will continue to work with the schools and local trustees to help strengthen the area. A vibrant school system and township are required if we are to be a community where people want to live, work and raise their families. We are a committed group and welcome any and all positive ideas that will enhance our community. I am looking forward to 2016 and wish all of you a healthy and prosperous year.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Sincerely,
Ben Garlich

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Chem Tech Embarks on Second Phase of Expansion

Another expansion is underway at Chem Technologies that recently opened a 36,000-square-foot down the street from its primary base of operations at 14875 Bonner Drive in Middlefield.

Chem Technologies, Ltd, is a manufacturer of cutting-edge custom rubber mixing and chemical dispersions and blends. Chem Tech combines five decades of experience in both dispersions and custom mixing with innovative compounding and mixing technologies. The company is privately owned.

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The second phase will house its 8th and 9th lines and possibly more depending on market conditions. Company owners envision a 277,000-square-foot facility to be built in seven phases on a 589,000-square-foot plot of land, as business dictates.

(l-r - Kevin Cohill, VP; Donna Decker, VP; Randy Vancura, COO and Jim Schill, CEO.



Chem Tech's executive staff include Chairman and CEO Jim Schill; Chief Operating Officer Randy Vancura; Donna Decker, vice president of customer relations and purchasing; and Kevin Cohill, vice president of sales and marketing. Vancura

says expansion is in response to the firm's strong growth. According to a Rubber & Plastics article, Vancura reports Chem Tech has seen annual growth of about 30 to 40 percent the last four years and that half of its top 10 customers by volume in 2015 were not customers with the company in 2014.

Middlefield Police Department Welcomes 2 New Officers

Join us in welcoming Officers Bryan Dawson and Gino Notarian to the Middlefield Police Department.



Officer Bryan Dawson

Officer Dawson, age 26, grew up in Southington, Ohio and graduated from Maplewood High School in Cortland. He is a 2012 graduate of the Police Academy. Officer Dawson was employed at the Braceville Police Department in Newton Falls, Ohio prior to joining the Middlefield Police Department.

"I am excited to join the Middlefield Police Department," says Officer Dawson. "I was always here growing up, visiting many family and friends. Middlefield Village is a small town where everyone seems to know each other. It has a homey feel. In my mind, Middlefield is one of the safest places around. People look out for one another."

Officer Dawson says he is committed to keeping everyone as safe as possible and will be there when needed.

Officer Notarian, age 24, a Chesterland resident, graduated from West Geauga High School in 2009. He went on to earn a BS degree in Criminal Justice from The Ohio State University,



Officer Gino Notarian

graduating in 2014. He also completed an internship with the Ohio Homeland Security Office while a student at the university. Officer Notarian graduated from the Police Academy in 2015.

"I pursued a career in criminal justice because I thought it was an exciting field," explains the enthusiastic police officer. "Something different occurs each day. I am enjoying this work a lot." He says the Middlefield Police Department is comprised of highly skilled, dedicated individuals who are committed to serving the community at the highest level.

The young police officer concludes, "My goal is to continue to learn and improve each day while insuring the safety of all community residents."



MINI'MART SELLS WINNING TICKET

On Saturday, January 2, a Middlefield resident won \$9,900 on the Cash Explosion television show. She appeared after purchasing the winning ticket at the Middlefield Mini'mart, located at 15965 East High Street. *(The resident prefers to remain anonymous.)* 🌿

Congratulations!



East Geauga Kiwanis asks Shoppers to Stuff The Bus

The East Geauga Kiwanis asked area shoppers to “Stuff The Bus” on December 5 at the Middlefield Walmart. All items and money collected was given to Geauga Job & Family Services to be distributed to area families in need this holiday season. 🌿



Middlefield Police Department “Fill A Cruiser” Event Helps Locals in Need

Middlefield Police Department’s annual “Fill A Cruiser” event successfully collected approximately 1,400 food items and \$988 in cash for The Samaritans Society of St. Edward’s and St. Lucy’s giveaway to needy people in the area. In addition to food items, The Samaritans Society distributed more than 1,000 presents to children. Much thanks to the 45 parishioners from St. Edward’s and St. Lucy’s who provided labor for the distribution. 🌿

“Shop With Cops” Program Spreads Holiday Cheer



Middlefield police, Village officials and Walmart helpers assisted 25 area families

in choosing gifts for themselves and loved ones using donated funds from many area fundraisers. Much thanks to Mary Yoder’s Amish Kitchen for sponsoring their Annual Chinese Auction to benefit Shop with Cops program as well as the Middlefield First United Methodist Church food pantry. More than \$4,600 was raised from the 135 people who attended. 🌿





Letter from Dr. Scott J. Hunt, Superintendent of Cardinal Local Schools

Dr. Scott J. Hunt,
Superintendent



School is back in session, and 2016 promises to bring hope for a brighter future at Cardinal Schools. I am looking back proudly at all of the accomplishments of the previous year. We have been fortunate to fully implement 1 to 1 iPad roll out at the high school, build a distance learning lab, and provide a variety of college/career prep courses so students are ready to face the challenges of the world when it is their time to embark on their careers. That's only to name a few of the exciting things that create Huskie Pride in our schools.

The New Year always brings new changes and that includes our Board of Education. I would like to welcome Greg McClain who took the board member oath at the organizational meeting on January 4th. He joins Ken Klima, Board President; Wendy Anderson, Board Vice President; and Katie Thomas. Our board has just embarked on the journey to fill a board vacancy left open by a resignation. They will be looking to appoint another member at the regular meeting.

As we begin this new year and new semester, there is a renewed sense of bringing back into focus what is most important -- our students. Our students are the primary reason we are here. It is our obligation to protect them and provide them with the very best academic programming, the very best care, and the very best opportunities to be successful. Unfortunately, we cannot do this alone. We need the assistance of our community, from Parkman to Middlefield Village. If we collectively keep our students at the center of our focus, we can take our recent past and turn it into a bright future. It is my hope that our community will be able to engage with our schools to bring about the necessary changes we need to make and to support us for doing the right things for our students.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott J. Hunt
Cardinal Superintendent

Guest Readers Visit Classrooms During National Young Reader's Week

Jordak Elementary School and Cardinal Intermediate School welcomed nearly 24 guest readers to their classrooms on Nov. 12. The special visits were part of National Young Reader's Week, an event held each year to raise awareness around the importance of reading.

Guest readers included Superintendent Dr. Scott Hunt, middle and high school principals, district administrators, athletes and coaches, a Big Brothers Big Sisters representative, Middlefield Police Officers, and Middlefield Mayor Ben Garlich. Thanks to everyone who took time out of their day to read in the various classrooms. Students loved having "celebrities" in the classroom.



Mayor Ben Garlich enjoyed reading to this class on Nov 12.

AROUND the CORNER

Flowers By Emily

A ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the grand opening of Flowers by Emily recently. Located at 15620 West High Street in Middlefield Village, owner Emily Martin says her most important goal is to “make our customers happy with our service and products.”

The friendly business owner and her husband of 10 years, Craig, are the proud parents of Ethan, 10, and Ivy, 7. “Craig is an amazing support,” exclaims Emily. The young family lives in Burton Village. “I’m lucky it’s not a long commute,” she adds with a laugh.

Emily earned a degree in Horticulture from Trident Technical College in Charleston, South Carolina, where she also worked in a floral shop for four years before returning to the area.

The talented florist began her business five years ago, working primarily with the Amish community. “I worked from home. I had an Amish friend who asked me to do the flowers for her wedding. Business grew within the local Amish community. In fact, in 2015 I did 100 Amish weddings alone. This year, I’ve already booked 70 weddings. I would not be here today without the Amish community,” readily admits Emily. “Today, 80 percent of my business is Amish, but I hope to gain more diverse clientele as people get to know me in the community.”

The shop’s unique open-concept showroom allows visitors to watch the shop’s experienced designers bring their beautiful arrangement to life. “We invite customers to design their own special arrangement from our well-stocked flower coolers, or collaborate with our friendly staff, who will help them craft

“ Our floral style and inventory are also always changing. I love my job and seeing people smile.”

— Emily Martin, owner, Flowers by Emily



a floral statement straight from their heart,” says the enthusiastic business owner. “I have a very talented, creative staff.”

Customers can also purchase an assortment of unique houseplants, designer vases, Amish candles, lanterns, silk arrangement, gourmet baskets, balloons and much more at the Middlefield Village floral shop. Emily encourages community residents to visit often to see the store’s ever-changing displays that reflect the latest trends and techniques. “We also offer classes in seasonal centerpieces, wreaths and specialty designs,” says Emily.

“What differentiates Flowers by Emily from other local floral shops is our staff,” insists Emily. “We have a very friendly, diverse staff. We listen to what people want and do not dictate what they should have. Our floral style and inventory are also always changing. I love my job and seeing people smile.”

Flowers by Emily is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Store hours will be extended in the spring. Call Flowers by Emily today at 440.632.8056 or go online to flowersbyemily.net and let that someone special know you are thinking of them! 🌿



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Middlefield Village Appreciates Citizens

During the Village of Middlefield regular Council meeting on Dec. 3, Mayor Ben Garlich, Recreation Director Billie Warren, and Police Chief Joe Tucholski announced several appreciation awards for citizens who consistently donated time, energy and resources to benefit the community. Congratulations to the following Middlefield Village awardees:

Nick and Jess Giardina For their generous donation for the downtown Christmas lighting

Rebecca Miller For her continued participation in the T.N.R. Program of the feral cats in the Village of Middlefield

John Avalon For his years of volunteering/coaching for The Middlefield Recreation Department

Tom DeLong For his continued support of the Village, Police And Recreation Programs

Walmart For their continued support of the village, police and recreation programs

Great Lakes Outdoors For their support of the Shop With Cops Program

Milt Boggs For his years of volunteering/coaching with the Recreation Department

Steve Marcu For his continued support of the Recreation Department through the Nina Marcu Scholarship Fund

East Gauga Kiwanis For improvements to Mineral Lake Park facilities

Save-A-Lot For their continued support of the Fill-A-Police-Cruiser

Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen – Tina Rasmussen For their continued support of the Shop With Cops program

Dave Harrington For the donation of the use of Harrington Square Mall for Summer Fest

Jeff Zeigler For his continued support of the schools and area youth

Brian Zeigler For his continued support of the schools and area youth

Friends Of Mike's For their continued support of the schools

Virginia Davis For her continued support of the schools

Middlefield VFW For their support of the Shop With Cops and Recreation Department

Dairy Queen For their support of the Middlefield Recreation Department and Middlefield Activities Committee

Burton Post 459 American Legion For their support of the Shop With Cops program

Tony Duncan For donation of his time and dedication to the Village

Ric and Janet Weirick For their continued support of the schools and area youth

Bruce Mahler For his donation of toys to various organizations

Greg McClain – University Hospitals For the donation of the hot chocolate and cookies at the tree lighting

Rotary Club For remodeling the Girl Scout Lodge

Mark Merryfield For donation of electrical work at Summer Fest

Flambeau For continued support of the Cops N' Kids Fishing Program

Phil Smallwood For installation of the Christmas Tree lighting

Middlefield Village truly is a great place to live and raise a family!

Middlefield Recreation Department UPDATE

BASKETBALL

Middlefield Recreation Department runs a basketball league for grades Pre4 – sixth grade. This year's league has 60 teams participating. Games are played on Saturday at the Cardinal Middle School from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The league is eight weeks long. There are 11 teams playing for Middlefield Recreation in the league. The other teams consist of Burton, Newbury, St. Helen, Ledgemont, Grand Valley, and Bristol.

WRESTLING

Middlefield Recreation Department's wrestling team consists of 20 wrestlers ranging in age from 4-12 years old. The wrestling team travels to Madison, Ohio every Sunday to wrestle in the North Coast Youth Wrestling League. They wrestle for eight weeks and then have a tournament where wrestlers can qualify to wrestle at a State Competition.

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams must be registered by Feb. 19. The cost is \$300 per team, and there needs to be a minimum of four teams to run the league.



Don't Miss 2nd Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt

The Middlefield Recreation Departments will sponsor the **Second Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 p.m. at Mineral Lake Park**. Tickets are limited and go on sale the first on February 1 for \$10 each. Participants must be 21 and over and provide ID.



Middlefield Recreation Department



2016 Program Guide

*VR-Village Resident NVR-Non-Village Resident

Spring & Summer	Spring & Summer	Fall	Winter	Miscellaneous
 Spring Soccer Register by March 11 th Pee Wee- U6, U8-4yrs- 2 nd grade Fee: \$45VR/\$55NVR U10, U12, U14- 3 rd -7 th Grade Fee: \$55VR/\$65NV  Baseball/T-Ball All baseball Register by March 4 th T-ball- ages 4-6yrs. Fee: \$55VR/\$65NVR Pee Wee- ages 7-8yrs. Fee: \$65VR/\$75NVR* Minors- ages 9-10yrs. Fee: \$85VR/\$95NVR* Majors- ages 11-12yrs. Fee: \$95VR/\$105NVR* Ponies- ages 13-14yrs. Fee: \$105VR/\$115NVR* *NEW SKILLS CAMP INCLUDED for ages 7-14 March 12 th & 19 th	Softball/Softball camp included *** Register by March 4th 8U-ages 7-8Yrs. Fee: \$65VR/\$75NVR 10U- ages 9-10yrs. Fee: \$85VR/\$95NVR 12U- ages 11-12yrs. Fee: \$95VR/\$105NVR 14U- ages 13-14yrs. Fee: \$105VR/\$115NVR Adult Basketball Register by Feb. 19th Games will be played evenings in March. Fee: \$300/ team Adult Softball Register by May 13th 10 week season starting on May 27 th followed by end of season tournament. Fee: \$650/team  Amish Buggy Classic 5K Race June 18 th ** Fee: \$20VR/\$25NVR **NEW DATE**	 Youth Football (tackle) Register by June 17 th Grades: 1st-2nd Mighty Mites Fee: \$130VR/\$140NVR Grades: 3rd-6th JV/Varsity Fee: \$140VR/\$150NVR Skills Camp Included  JR Cheerleaders Register by June 17 th 4yrs-6 th Grade Fee: \$90VR/\$100NVR (shell, skirt, briefs & pompoms)  Fall Soccer Register by July 22 nd Pee Wee U6, U8- 4yrs-2nd grade Fee: \$50VR/\$60NVR U10, U12, & U14 Grades: 3rd-8th Fee: \$75VR/\$85NVR	 Youth Volleyball Register by Aug. 26 th Grades: 3 rd -6 th Fee: \$70VR/\$80NVR  Youth Wrestling Register by Oct. 21 st Grades 1 st -6 th Fee: \$65VR/\$75NVR  Youth Basketball Register by Oct. 21 st Grades 3 rd -6 th Fee: \$60VR/\$70NVR Pee Wee Register by Oct. 21 st 4yrs-2 nd grade Fee: \$50VR/\$60NVR  JR Cheerleaders Register by Oct. 21 st 4yrs-6 th Grade Fee: \$90VR/\$100NVR or \$25 if using football cheer uniform	Kids Easter Egg Hunt March 19 at 10:00AM Jordak Elementary Adult Easter Egg Hunt March 19 at 8:30pm Mineral Lake Park  Cops N' Kids "Take me Fishing" Saturday June 11 th Ages: under 18 Fee: FREE  Halloween Coloring Contest Ages 2-12 yrs. Fee: FREE  ** If you work in the Village you qualify for the Village Resident rate with proof of employment.

LATE FEE OF \$20 WILL BE ADDED AFTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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Adult Coloring Contest Winners Announced

This year the Middlefield Recreation Department also held its first-ever Adult Coloring Contest. The winners are Christina Zeigler, Heather Sautar, and Deborah Kowal. Congratulations! Adult coloring has become

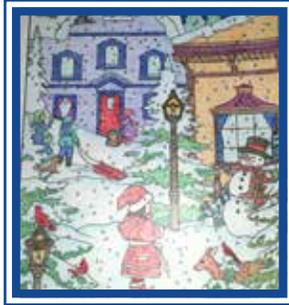
all the craze throughout the United States. Coloring is a great way to reduce stress and let your creative juices flow. Why not pick up an adult coloring book today?!! 🎨

Children Enjoy Snacks with Santa

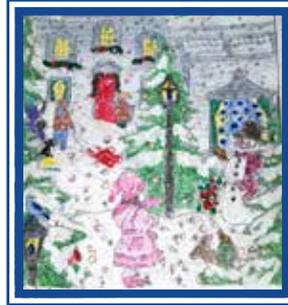
This December was the 4th year for the Middlefield Activities Committees (MAC) to sponsor Snacks with Santa. Approximately 150 families visited Jordak Elementary to enjoy a snack, craft and received a picture and goody bag from Santa. This was all provided free of charge for the community. 🎅



artwork by: Christina Zeigler



artwork by: Heather Sautar



artwork by: Deborah Kowal



Home for the Holidays Outdoor Decoration Contest

Middlefield Recreation once again held their home decoration contest, and this year there were two categories: Traditional and “Clark Griswold”. The winner in the “Clark Griswold” category is Richard Geraci. Mr. Geraci also won the contest in 2013 and 2014. The winner in the traditional category is Robert Elko. Mr. Elko also won in 2013. The winner for businesses is Flowers by Emily. The Recreation Department is looking forward to what this year’s contest has to bring. 🎄



MIDDLEFIELD RECREATION 2015
MOST TRADITIONAL



MIDDLEFIELD RECREATION 2015
BEST DECORATED BUSINESS



MIDDLEFIELD RECREATION 2015
CLARK GRISWOLD AWARD

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www.middlefieldohio.com

And for your one-stop resource for all the local business news, visit:

www.middlefieldmeansbusiness.com

