Renewal of the Township's Current Expenses Levy

On the November ballot, township residents will be asked to renew the 0.50-mill levy for the "Current Expenses of the Subdivision." This levy was first approved by voters in 2007 and provides important funding for the Township's General Fund.

The cost of the renewal is approximately $11 per year for each $100,000 of the County Auditor's market value of a property. The levy would be renewed for a period of five years, with collection beginning in 2028.

Funds from this levy are deposited into the Township's General Fund, which is the primary fund used to support the Township's day-to-day operations and general services provided to residents. The General Fund is also the most flexible part of the Township budget, allowing the Board of Township Trustees to make discretionary expenditures for a wide range of township needs.

VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Renewing this existing levy will help continue providing the financial resources needed to support the general operations and services of the Township.

Longtime Resident Celebrates 100 Years

Longtime Hambden resident Ellen Smith recently turned 100.

Born to Harlan and Margaret Wilmot Tucker on August 4, 1926, she was raised in Huntsburg, Ohio. After graduating from Huntsburg High School and Kent State University, she began her teaching career at Chardon School's Park Elementary teaching second grade.



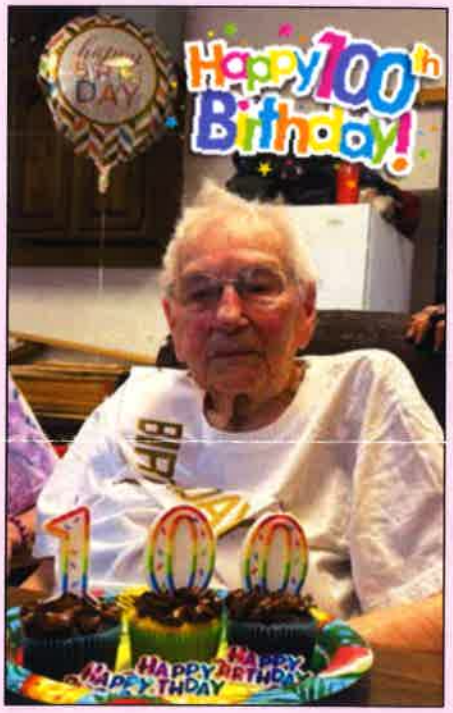
Ellen married the late Harley Smith on April 11, 1952 and moved to Hambden Township. Harley and Ellen were parents of two children, Lu Ann Smith Burger and the late Dale Smith.

After the children started school, Ellen returned to teaching. She taught first grade at Hambden Elementary from 1962 until it was closed in 1981. Her final year of teaching was back at Park Elementary for the 1981-1982 school year.

Ellen is a grandmother of four (Juli Stone, Sally Burger, Paul Burger {Heather} and the late Sarah Smith {Adam Robbins}) and a great grandmother of seven (Cara Stone, Charlie Chapek, Collin Chapek, Carter Chapek, Austin Burger, Tristyn Burger and Diana Robbins).

She still lives in the house she and Harley built in 1962 with the assistance of family and caregivers.

Hambden, Montville, and Thompson fire departments made a special drive by during her 100th birthday party Aug. 15.



Hambden Park News

The Park was full of energy as the residents gathered for the annual Hambden community picnic in August, an event packed with local tradition. Smells of sizzling burgers and hot dogs drifted from the fire department's fundraising grill, drawing a steady crowd. Nearby, people gathered around tables to drop their tickets into bags for the Chinese auction, eyeing the many prizes donated by businesses and residents. Laughter erupted from the pavilion as music played for the cake walk, where lucky participants vied for homemade desserts from Patterson Fruit farm, while just a few feet away, the sidewalk was transformed into a vibrant gallery during the chalk walk. Both adults and children enjoyed a magic show. The afternoon blended delicious food, creative art, and an unforgettable celebration of community spirit. Thank you to all who once again made the Community Picnic Day a fun event.

The Hambden Handmade Market made a spectacular return to Hambden Township Park on Aug. 16, drawing crowds of residents and regional visitors. Organized and sponsored by The Nest, the beautifully curated event featured over 90 unique artisan vendors showcasing handmade, upcycled, and vintage treasures. Attendees enjoyed a vibrant community atmosphere filled with food trucks and photo opportunities. The event proved to be a success, highlighting the local talent, community spirit, and beautiful park spaces that make Hambden Township such a wonderful place to live.

Weather permitting, the 11 concrete picnic tables and slabs in the Park will be pressure-washed and sealed with a food safe sealant beginning Sept. 1. This process is done periodically – the last time being 2018. The company will need several days to complete the process. During that time the pavilion picnic tables will still be available for your use.

The Park Board is always evaluating how to make the park more fun and useful for township residents. In this spirit, we research grant opportunities from various public and private organizations. We are currently working on an application for a NatureWorks grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources and are considering several uses for the grant that will help us continue to improve our Park.