



# The Randolph Review

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## Randolph Township Trustees Organize for 2014

On January 2, 2013 the Randolph Township Trustees met to organize the township government for the new year.

Susan White will be Chairman this year and Michael T. Lang will be Vice Chairman. The Meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meeting changes will be advertised.

### Department Assignments were made as follows:

Trustee Lang: Roads, Cemetery, Buildings, Machinery, and Equipment.

Trustee White: Zoning, Regional Planning, Parks, Cable and Community Betterment

Trustee Klodt: Fire, EMS, Health Board.

### Parks

The trustees appointed Janice Adelman, Nancy Breidmeier and Carol Kline to the Park Advisory Committee.

### Fire & EMS

Mike Lang Jr. was appointed Randolph Township Fire Chief. Diane Bunker was appointed Assistant Fire Chief and Ryan Hall, Jasen Bryan and Adam Lang were appointed Captains.

### Roads

Larry Klodt was appointed as Road Supervisor and Tim Pfile was appointed Assistant Road Supervisor and Bruce Wagner Road Department Employee.

Randolph Township Road

Department will install up to 30 feet of culvert pipe for driveways for the cost of materials only. For driveway culverts over 30 feet, or additional culvert work, there is a \$5.00 per foot labor charge plus the cost of materials (pipe and stone). These charges will be billed to the resident.

### Zoning

Dan Kolasky was appointed Administrative Assistant, with his duties to include Administrative Assistant to the Board of Trustees, Zoning Inspector, JMV inspector, animal control contact, secretary to all Zoning Boards, hall rental coordinator, general hall maintenance, park and property use and inspection contact at the direction of the trustees, website construction, newsletter editor, and all other functions as required at the direction of the Randolph Township Trustees.

### Hall Rental Fees

Rental of the Community or Senior Center or The Town Hall:

Resident \$125  
Non-resident \$175

Ball Field Pavilion: (Residents only) \$25

The person renting the hall will be required to complete a contract and will be responsible for any damage repairs or special cleanup costs.

### Cemetery Fees

The Randolph Township Family Picnic will be held on August 30, at the Old School Park starting at 12 pm. The Randolph Lions Club will be the organizer this year. Please Plan to attend.



## Portage County Celebration Week August 24th-30th

Portage County Celebration Week is an offshoot of the Visioning in Portage concept to educate and keep alive the vision for a vibrant and exciting County. The events include a Portage County Celebration Dinner, Community Volunteer Day, Battle of the High School Bands, A Car Show and College Football Season Kickoff concluding a fireworks show.

Watch for more details as they develop.

Four (4) graves per family will be sold to residents at \$200.00 per grave, residents with honorable discharge from the service will receive one free lot for their own use;

Non-residents are permitted four (4) lots per family at a cost of \$400.00 each.

One casket and one cremation or four cremations is permitted on each regular lot.

### Burial fees are:

Opening/Closing Week-day \$300  
Opening/Closing Weekend/Holiday \$500  
Cremation Weekday \$100

Cremation Weekend/Holiday \$150  
Infant Burial Weekday \$150  
Infant Burial Weekend/Holiday \$200  
Disinterment \$500  
Footers \$60/sq. ft.

There is a Chapel located at the Hillside-West Cemetery on Hartville Road. This chapel is available for services free of charge.

### Zoning Fees

Single dwelling \$200  
Duplex \$250  
Driveway \$50  
Oil and gas drive \$800  
Conditional permits and variances \$200  
Road boring \$500

## Randolph Township Recycle Day

Saturday, May 10th, 2014

from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A Special Clean Up Event will be held Saturday, May 10th, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Randolph Township Administration Building located at 3636 Waterloo Rd. The event is free and is available for Randolph Township Residents only. The event will occur rain or shine and will start promptly at 8 am. No early birds please.

Acceptable Items Include:

Scrap Tires, with or without rims (limit of 10 per family) For additional tires there will be a charge of \$1 for passenger tires and \$5 for truck and farm tires (with a total of 20 tires)

Appliances with Freon Removed

Misc. scrap metal items

Lead acid batteries

NOT Acceptable:

Trash or debris



Paint, oil and hazardous waste

For more information please call Randolph Township at (330) 325-7338 or the Portage County Solid Waste Management District at 330-678-8808.

**Trustee Sue White would like to invite all residents to take some time between now and Recycle Day and clean up around your home and neighborhood and bring any recyclable items to the township recycle site and any items accepted to the Recycle Day. They are listed above.**

**She wants everyone to remember that the aluminum cans dropped at the Randolph Recycle Site are sold and the money is sent to the Randolph Suffield Atwater Food Shelf to help carry out their mission for our community.**

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Rezoning	\$200
Storage shed, swimming pool, hot tub, garage, signs, lot splits	\$25
Residential addition or deck	\$50
Commercial/industrial building or addition	\$75 plus \$.01 per square foot to maximum of \$225
Multi-family site plan review	\$225
Zoning books	\$20 CD \$5
Land Use Plan Book	\$65
\$.25 per page copies	

### Proposed 2013 Projects

The following are proposed projects. Budgetary constraints may be a factor in completing these projects.

1. Gazebo or shelter at Old School Park
2. West Cemetery improvements
3. Town Center improvements
4. Permanent Restrooms at School Park
5. Parking Lot improvements at Administration Building and Town Center

This is an overview of the 2014 Randolph Township Trustees Organizational Meeting. If you have any specific questions please call the township offices at

## REVIEW OF RANDOLPH HISTORY

Randolph township in the original survey of the Western Reserve was known as number 1 in the 8th range. Townships were numbered in tiers from the Pennsylvania border and from south to north. The southern boundary being the southern boundary of the Western Reserve. The survey of Randolph and adjoining townships was completed in 1797. Due to error in the survey Randolph Township is larger than the proposed size of townships, thus giving it the distinction of being the largest township in Portage County. Randolph Township is on the southern end of Breakneck Creek a feeder that supplies the Cuyahoga River, meeting it in Franklin Township. Breakneck Creek supplied the power that helped Randolph grow in its early years.

Randolph was first settled March 31, 1802 by Bela Hubbard and Salmon Ward. Both men were from Middletown, Connecticut and after a three year stay in Jefferson County, N.Y. the men proceeded west and settled in Randolph. Their first night was spent under an oak tree one half mile west of the center of town. After the men built a cabin Salmon Ward became ill and upon his recovery he became discouraged and returned east. He later returned three times with other settlers. On his fourth trip he disappeared and was never heard from. During this time Bela Hubbard remained and built the foundation for the town of Randolph.

By 1803 others had settled in Randolph including: Arad Upson and family, Joseph Harris, Joseph Ward and family, Jehial Savage and family, Timothy Culver, Aaron Weston, Levi Davis, Josiah Ward and family, (Including Clarissa who later was married to Bela Hubbard). Settlement continued and in 1810 there were 165 persons in Randolph.

Randolph was given its name by the owner prior to settlement in

honor of his son, Henry Randolph Storrs, Lemuel Storrs of Middletown Conn. had purchased the land in 1798 along with other land in the Western Reserve.

The first crop of wheat was raised in 1803 by Bela Hubbard on the northwest corner of lot 57, (Intersection of Hartville and Waterloo roads) which was the first land cleared in the township. He had to borrow a plow to break the ground.

The first death in Randolph was that of Mary, wife of Josiah Ward in February, 1804 Prior to her death she had remarked while walking on a hill about one mile west of the center, "What a beautiful spot this would be for a burying-ground". She was buried on that spot upon her death. This ground is now the site of Randolph's Hillside Cemetery and contains the remains of Bela Hubbard and many of Randolph's past residents.

The first marriage was that of Bela Hubbard and Clarissa Ward, in April of 1806. It was later believed that the officiating clergyman was not authorized to solemnize marriages, a few years later they were remarried by a Justice of the Peace. At the time of their marriage Miss Ward was the only marriageable girl in the township.

The first child born in Randolph was Sophronia Upson, daughter of Arad Upson in the spring of 1803. The second was Amanda Culver in the spring of 1806. The first doctor in Randolph was Dr. Rufus Belding. He arrived with his family in 1807. For 25 years he was the only physician in the township. A short time after the Belding family came to Randolph two of the children, Justin who was 4 years old and Louisa who was 2 years old were playing near the house when a wild hog seized Louisa and started toward the thick woods. Little Justin seized an axe, and with a few well placed blows the hog dropped Louisa and left. Louisa had few injuries.

Wilbur's parents were Charles Franklin Hankey and Nettie Elizabeth Rodenbaugh. His brother Eugene was 4 years older than Wilbur. The old farm house on Wilbur and Joanne's property was originally located a bit to the north and closer to route 44 on a small knoll. Charles and James Coe lived there then. It was later moved to its present location in 1860 (across from what is now known as Friendship Acres). The Coe's operated a tile factory on this property and the clay quarry site is still in evidence. Wilbur has found several lengths of tile in good condition. George Knapp owned the house after Coe.

Mr. Chain was a barber in Randolph. His shop was in a small building just south of the present day Junior's Ford Showroom. There was a town pump at the north-west corner of old route 224 (Waterloo Rd.) and route 44. It was a tall hand pump which was used by local citizens and travelers for drinking and for refilling car and truck radiators. Wilbur can recall the old spring fed watering trough 1 1/2 miles north of the center on the east side of route 44 (across from the trailer park).

There was a small building behind Lang's General Store/Post Office where Claude Lang did custom butchering. Other stores in the area were Bormet's at St. Joe and the Beersford Store (which is now Warner's Furniture Store). These stores sold a variety of food staples and also provided many hardware and miscellaneous items for sale, even tools, clothing and shoes. Customers were known to barter or exchange eggs, fruits and vegetables instead of using money.

Wilbur and his older brother along with Lee Seifert trapped Breakneck Creek and swamplands for muskrats. One morning they found a skunk in one of their traps. While trying to release the unfortunate animal, the boys were sprayed with the skunk's offensive odor. Naturally the boys tried to wash off the obnoxious scent; but when Gene got to school the teacher immediately sent him home. Mr. Hankey took his son right back to school and informed the teacher, "This boy doesn't smell any worse than your perfume!"

Apples were a very important crop to the residents of Randolph Township. Large orchards were located on many farms: Sabin, Meacham, Honeywell, Merriman, Begue, Kibler, Fluharty, Brockett, Knapp and Moss to mention a few. Many varieties of apples were not only used for cooking and eating but for making cider and apple butter which were very popular in those days.

George Case owned and operated a sawmill, lumber yard and cider press on the east side of route 44 across from the Town Hall. Wilbur remembers the long trough which Mr. Case had lined with pipes connected to his steam engine. The trough was filled with cider and the

heated pipes boiled the cider down into the most delicious apple butter.

In addition to farming, Wilbur also painted barns and houses for a living. He also butchered hogs for some nearby farmers. One such customer was Emmett Bauer who lived of Bassett Road with his sister Frona (Fronnie). Emmett wanted the hogs stuck and the blood collected to make blood pudding. This sounded repulsive to Wilbur until he learned blood and liver pudding wasn't eaten with a spoon like dessert pudding; but stuffed in a casing with other meats and spices, then sliced for making sandwiches.

Emmett drove an old Model T. The passenger side door was broken and jammed and could not be opened. Fronnie would always get in the driver's side and slide across the seat to the right side of the car. It was a common site to see her doing this at church, or the store, anywhere they happened to go. On one occasion some ornery boys attached a smoke bomb under the hood of the car without Emmett and his sister's knowledge. He opened the door and she got in and slid across to the other side, he then got in and turned the key. BANG! BOOM! Sparks and smoke bellowed everywhere. When all the dust settled and the smoke drifted away, to everyone's amazement Fronnie had been able to open the broken door and jump out.

Another neighbor, Benny Bentz, was known to raise grapes and fruit to make his own wine - a lot of wine, because Benny liked to drink. After he died, his possessions were sold at auction. The most popular items for bid were all those jugs of wine .... \$1 a gallon.

Mr. Hankey also remembers the depression years as being especially hard for people who lived in towns and cities. They usually didn't have gardens and orchards for vegetables and fruit or animals for meat, milk, eggs and butter, etc. "We always had enough food, but it was still hard living for a lot of folks in Randolph Township".



**This Structure is presently Randolph Home Furnishings**



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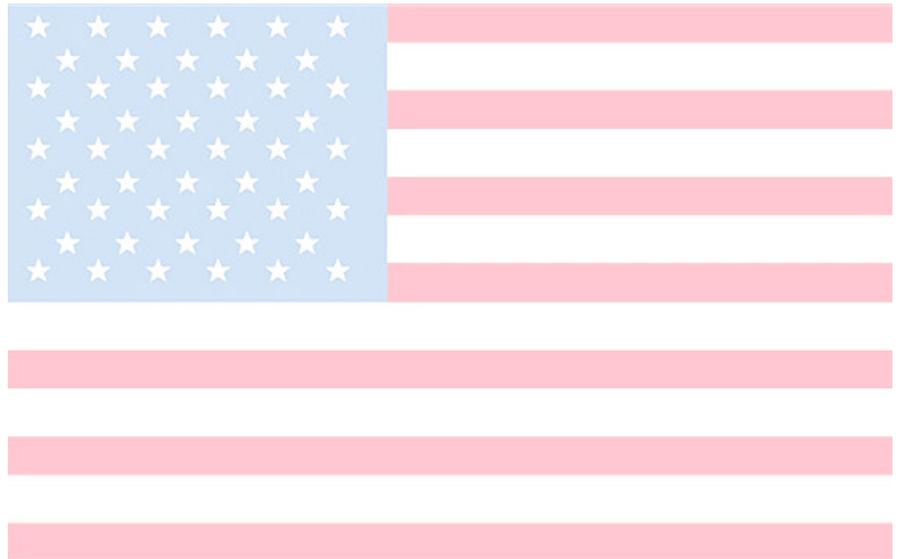
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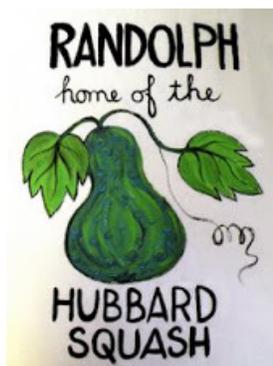


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Randolph when originally created by the County Commissioners on December 3, 1810 included Suffield. It was not until April; 6, 1818 that Suffield was detached and became a separate township. In 1820 the population of Randolph had grown to 328 and more than doubled in the following 10 years.

In 1831 sons of Hubbard and Belding took a journey into the southern part of Ohio. After spending some time there returned with some choice squash seeds. From these seeds Bela Hubbard raised a splendid crop of winter squash. From this incident the Hubbard Squash took its name.

These are only a few highlights of early Randolph history. Later would come the growth of a part of the township that became known as "Johnnycake Hollow". The Hollow situated along Breakneck Creek in the northern part of the township was an industrial center until it was destroyed by fire in 1854. The Hollow in its heyday had more than twenty shops and factories. It was the largest manufacturing center in the county at that time. It is said that Johnnycake Hollow got its name because of the large amounts of corn pone served to the hungry workers that lived in the vicinity. The Randolph Flour Mill was known far and wide after its start in 1868 and operated until 1917. It stood south and west of the center. Also in the southeast of the township the Keller Bros. Machine Shop supplied the needs of the growing township. Many other businesses and organizations have come and gone in the years since Bela Hubbard made his mark on this small portion of the world, but there is a common thread that links the community today with its past. The rich soil and rural beauty can still be found if you look in the right places.



## Join a Community Organization

There are many active Community Organizations in Randolph. The following are the organizations and contact information:

- Randolph Lions Club 330 388-3543 or 330 947-2741
- Randolph Garden Club 330 325-9369
- Ladies Cemetery Association 330 877-2095
- Randolph Senior Citizens 330 325-1256
- Randolph Historical Society 330 325-7542
- Friends of the Randolph Library 330 325-9781
- Randolph Business Roundtable 330 325-7338
- Atwater Randolph Suffield Food Shelf 330 325-7466

