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JOHN PAUL OF HONEY CREEK: A FRONTIER STORY THAT SHAPED NEW CARLISLE

If you've ever driven the rolling ground along Honey Creek and wondered who first dared to call this place home, the answer—at least in the county's earliest written histories—is John Paul. His family's story—part courage, part tragedy—became one of the connecting links in the settlement era of what is now Clark County and the New Carlisle area.

A cabin on the hill

In the late 1780s, following the opening of the Northwest Territory, John Paul brought his family north from Kentucky, traveling up the Miami River valley with a small wagon, livestock, and tools. Drawn by the quality of the soil, water, and timber he had seen on an earlier scouting trip, Paul chose a low hill above a spring near present-day Twin Creeks along Honey Creek. There, he built a simple stockaded cabin—by most accounts one of the first cabins erected by

a Euro-American family within the county's future boundaries.

Like many frontier households, the Pauls cleared a garden patch, hunted, and kept constant watch. The region was a contested homeland for the Shawnee and other Indigenous nations, and violent encounters were tragically common in this period of displacement and war.

A family tragedy – and two survivors

Sometime around 1790, as preserved in local oral histories recorded decades later, Indigenous raiders descended on the Paul homestead while the family was at work near the cabin. In the chaos, several family members were brutally murdered. Accounts say that John Paul was mortally wounded, and only two of his children—a son, John Jr., and a daughter—survived by fighting their way back into the cabin and holding off further assault. The exact location

and sequence have been debated by historians, but the episode became part of the area's early memory of the frontier years.

Rebuilding and roots that lasted

Out of that devastation came perseverance. John Paul Jr. remained on the land, farming the site, and years later, erecting the brick house that many residents will recognize from old photographs of the New Carlisle area. The home stood near the spot where the original cabin once rose above the spring.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT ON...

ANGELA GUMP



Meet **Angela Gump**, our Central Cashier for the City of New Carlisle since June 2017. If you've ever called or visited the City Building, chances are Angela was the first friendly face or welcoming voice you encountered.

In her role, Angela manages a wide variety of responsibilities, including processing payments for water and sewer services, permits, shelter reservations, cemetery services, pool passes, tap-in fees, bulk water, abatements, and assessments. She also supports city operations by ordering and managing supplies for all departments, ensuring that day-to-day functions run smoothly.

What Angela enjoys most about her job is working alongside her teammates and building connections with the community—always ready to lend a helping hand or a listening ear.

Outside of work, Angela treasures time with her family and the lively company of her cat, dog, and pet turtle. She lives by the belief that kindness matters most, guided by her favorite quote: "Above all, just be kind. You never know what someone else is dealing with in their life." She encourages everyone to remember that even the smallest act of compassion can make a meaningful difference in someone's day—or their life.



JOHN PAUL *from page 1*

John Paul (Sr.) is also remembered in church history as a founding voice in organizing the Honey Creek Presbyterian congregation, which is still standing on West Jefferson Street and was one of the area's earliest churches.

Why his story still matters

The Paul family's experience reflects a complicated chapter in our region: courageous settlement on the one hand; conflict, loss, and the displacement of Native peoples on the other. Today, we strive to tell this history with honesty and respect—for the settlers who built new lives here and for the Indigenous communities whose homelands and lifeways were profoundly affected.

Learning about John Paul offers more than a dramatic tale; it reminds us that Clark County's roots were planted by people who worked the

soil, endured hardship, and created community—farms, homes, and churches—that helped shape New Carlisle. The grit and resilience of the early settlers has been a characteristic of the culture of New Carlisle for over 200 hundred years.

Editor's note: This article draws on early local histories and oral traditions that were written many years after the events described. Language and interpretations in those sources reflected their time. We share the story here with modern care and with respect for the Shawnee and other Indigenous peoples connected to this land.

Additional reference: *New Carlisle Sesqui-Centennial Magazine 1810–1960: "The Record Shows New Carlisle Grows,"* with editorial assistance from the *New Carlisle Sun*. This material was provided courtesy of David McWhorter of the New Carlisle Historical Society.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...

NCF SAVINGS BANK

Serving Clark County since 1883, **NCF Savings Bank** has been a trusted partner for families, individuals, and businesses for over 140 years. As a true community bank, NCF is proud of its role in supporting local schools, events, and projects — including helping to fund the new Global Impact STEM Academy campus, Ohio's first high school located on a college campus. Recently, three of NCF's leaders reached impressive milestones in their professional development.

- **Jason Bucey**, *Senior Vice President of Business Development*, graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, also earning a Certification in Executive Leadership. Jason has been with NCF for nearly 20 years and is passionate about the value of community banking.
- **Jamie Fletcher**, *Chief Operating Officer*, completed the Graduate School of Banking

at Colorado, earning a Committed to Lead Micro-Credential. Jamie joined NCF in 2014 and has worked her way up through several leadership roles before becoming COO in 2024. She is dedicated to helping employees grow and succeed.

- **Kaylee Houseman**, *Chief Financial Officer*, also graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado. With advanced degrees and a CPA license, Kaylee brings both expertise and a strong commitment to teamwork and community service.

Together, Jason, Jamie, and Kaylee represent NCF's ongoing investment in strong leadership and community impact. What they love most about NCF is its connection to people — building relationships, supporting goals, and making a difference right here in Clark County. NCF Savings Bank is proud to continue its mission as your local community bank, dedicated to service and support since 1883.



HONORING LOWELL R. MCGLOTHIN — 2025

HERITAGE OF FLIGHT GRAND MARSHALL

The Heritage of Flight Committee has selected **Lowell R. McGlothlin** as the Grand Marshal of this year's Heritage of Flight Festival, and the City of New Carlisle couldn't be happier with their choice. We are proud to join the community in recognizing Lowell for his lifetime of service, leadership, and dedication to both New Carlisle and Clark County.

Born and raised in Clark County, Lowell graduated from Tecumseh High School before serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he traveled the Pacific as a guard for a two-star admiral. Stationed in Long Beach, California, he experienced adventures across Japan, Hawaii, and the Philippines—and even a surprise visit to MGM Studios that launched a 20-year career in modeling with the prestigious Ford Modeling Agency in New York City.

While living in New York, Lowell raised two sons, Brock and Blake, and returned frequently to New Carlisle, where he owned a restaurant and later purchased a farm. Eventually, he chose to come home for good, raising his family here and building a business that has become a cornerstone of our community—McGlothlin Insurance Co., serving New Carlisle for more than 30 years.

In public service, Lowell has been a true leader. He served on New Carlisle City Council



from 2002–2016, including four years as Mayor, and went on to serve two terms (2017–2024) as Clark County Commissioner. Today, he continues his civic involvement by serving on the Board of Trustees for the New Carlisle Library. He is also active in Rotary, the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge, and the Heritage of Flight Committee, where volunteering has long been one of his favorite activities.

Lowell is a proud father and grandfather, with two adult sons and three grandsons.

He remains active and visible in the community—whether at civic events, on the golf course, or lending his time to volunteer efforts.

Through it all, Lowell has consistently shared one important message: he encourages everyone—especially young people—to get involved in their community and make a difference. His life of service, from the Marine Corps to City Hall to countless volunteer roles, reflects that belief.

This year, as he leads the Heritage of Flight Festival as Grand Marshal, Lowell represents not only the spirit of flight but also the enduring values of service, leadership, and community pride. We are grateful to the Heritage of Flight Committee for honoring him with this role, and the City is proud to recognize him for all he has done for New Carlisle and Clark County.

MEET ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT CHRISTINA EVENS FISHER

I'm proud to introduce myself as the newly appointed Administrative Sergeant with in the City of New Carlisle. I bring with me 26 years of dedicated service to the department and the communities we serve.

Like every deputy, my career began in the jail, an essential part of learning the operations and responsibilities of our department. I was later selected as the Bethel Township Deputy, a position close to my heart. Growing up in the Park Layne area and having strong ties to New Carlisle, I've always felt deeply connected to this region.

After many years serving Bethel Township, I transitioned into the role of SORN (Sex Offender Registration Notification) Deputy. I then earned a promotion to Road Patrol Sergeant, serving across the county. While that role was extremely rewarding, I continued to seek opportunities to expand my service.

I was later appointed as Investigative Sergeant, where I had the privilege of working on major crime cases and drug investigations alongside our dedicated detective team. Most recently, I was honored to be selected as the department's Administrative Sergeant for New



Carlisle, a role I'm proud to step into.

With my appointment, I'm also excited to share that the community will gain another unique and valuable member of the team, one with four legs and a heart full of compassion. Please join me in welcoming Dotty, a yellow Labrador Retriever, who will serve alongside me as a certified facility dog also certified in court testifying support who can be utilized from the time of the incident to the final step going

to trial.

Dotty is trained to support victims and witnesses during traumatic incidents and can even testify in court settings when needed. Her presence will be felt at community events, school visits, and other details where emotional comfort and connection can make a real difference.

Together, Dotty and I are committed to serving the community, not just with professionalism and integrity, but with care, compassion, and a focus on connection.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

NEW CARLISLE'S IMPORTANT DATES

City Offices Closed

October 3 at Noon Heritage of Flight

October 13 Columbus Day

November 11 Veteran's Day

November 27 & 28 Thanksgiving

December 12 at Noon Staff Christmas Celebration

December 24 -26 Christmas

Upcoming Events

October 3-5: New Carlisle Heritage of Flight Festival -Join us on Main Street fun

October 5-11: National Fire Prevention Week – The theme is "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home!" Join us at the fire station on October 11th from noon to 3 pm for our open house, complete with food, games, and fire safety talks.

October 25: Trick or Treat 6pm to 8pm

November 4: Election Day-Vote at Tecumseh High School

November 29: Holiday Tree Lighting – Kick off the holiday season with us on Main Street at 6 pm. Enjoy hot cocoa, caroling, and a visit from Santa!

December 6: Christmas Parade 10 am on Main Street.

December 13: Jingle Jam Parade

City Council Information

New Carlisle City Council Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm now at Heritage Hall! If Monday is a holiday the meeting will be held on Tuesday. The public is encouraged to attend and participate. Attendees will be given the opportunity to voice questions and comments to the Mayor and Council. Please limit comments to 5 minutes or less..

Dates

October 6

November 3

December 1

October 20

November 17

December 15



Stay informed about what's happening in New Carlisle by following us on social media and

checking our website regularly. We look forward to a wonderful end of the year with our vibrant community!



ART CORNER IN THE NEWSLETTER

The City of New Carlisle is excited to announce that we're adding an **Art Corner** to our quarterly newsletter! We invite residents to share their creativity with the community.

You may submit a drawing, painting, poem, or other original artwork for consideration. Please note that while we would love to feature as many submissions as possible, **publication is not guaranteed**. All content will be reviewed and is **subject to approval by the City Manager's Office**.

Submit your artwork to: alowrey@newcarlisleohio.gov

COLDER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

A Message from Chief Trusty New Carlisle Fire & EMS

As the weather cools and the holidays approach, it's a great time to check a few safety basics at home. Below are quick tips our department wants every household to keep in mind this fall.

October Safety Focus: Lithium-Ion Batteries at Home

BUY only listed products

- When purchasing devices that use lithium-ion batteries, take a moment to research the brand and model.
- Look for a mark from a nationally recognized testing laboratory on the packaging and the product—this shows it meets established safety standards.

CHARGE devices safely

- Always use the charging cable and power adapter that came with the device (or a manufacturer-approved replacement).
- Follow the manufacturer's charging instructions and avoid placing devices on beds, couches, or under pillows while charging.

DISPOSE/RECYCLE responsibly

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular curbside recycling—they can catch fire.
- Use a designated battery recycling program or drop-off site.

November Safety Tips

- Deep-frying a turkey? Fry outdoors and well away from buildings or anything that can burn, on a flat, stable surface.
- Make sure the turkey is completely thawed and dry before lowering it into hot oil.
- Use a timer and check food regularly—unattended cooking is a leading cause of fires.

December Safety Tips

- Chimney & Fireplace: Have your chimney professionally cleaned at least annually before regular use.
- Furnace: Schedule a checkup and change filters per the manufacturer's recommendations.
- Alarms: Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and replace batteries if needed.
- Christmas Trees: If using a real tree, make sure it's fresh and water it daily. Keep trees away from heat sources such as fireplaces, radiators, or space heaters. Dispose of the tree promptly after the holiday season.
- Holiday Lights: Inspect lights each year for frayed wires, broken sockets, or loose connections. Only use lights that are UL-listed, and never overload outlets or extension cords. Always turn off holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Stay safe and enjoy the season!



On behalf of the New Carlisle Fire Department, I wish you and your family a safe, joyful, and peaceful holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

— Chief Steve Trusty

Questions?

Non-emergency line
(937) 845-8401.

For emergencies, dial 911.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION: A STORY OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT

Recently, New Carlisle resident Gary Gose contacted the City after finding that the microfiche machine at the library was temporarily out of service. Gary had been searching for a very special article published in the *New Carlisle Sun* back in 1970.

While serving in the military at that time, Gary received a clipping about Lillian Roach, a young community member in need of a transplant. Moved by her story, Gary and his unit rallied together, in a warzone raising over \$2,000 to send back home in support of her medical needs. Now, as his unit prepares to celebrate their 40th anniversary reunion, Gary wanted to share that meaningful article with them.

The City reached out to Dave McWhorter of the New Carlisle Historical Society, who quickly provided a copy of the original



Gary Gose

Kidney Transplant Completed

Lillian Roach is currently in University Hospital, Columbus, where she received her new kidney Tuesday, June 2.

As we went to press there was no news of her condition, but the surgery is said to have taken over five hours to per-

form.

Thanks to generous-hearted people in the Dayton area and a platoon in Vietnam, more than enough money has been collected to pay for Lillian's hospital bills. A total of over \$14,000 was collected in our area through the efforts of an appeal on WING, and a check for \$2,545.55 was donated by the young men in Vietnam.

The WING appeal was instigated by a friend of Lillian's, who is blind himself. He is seventeen year old Larry Honaker of Dayton. The Vietnamese fund was started by eighteen year old Gary O. Gose of New Carlisle, and teenagers in Medway collected from door to door.

Any money left over from the fund will go toward surgery for a Blanchester youth, Ernest Gibbs, who suffers from the same kidney ailment as Lillian.



LILLIAN ROACH some weeks before her operation sat with her friend Larry Honaker, who started the WING appeal for the Lillian Roach Fund. She received her new kidney Tuesday in an operation which took over five hours to perform. The new kidney was donated by her uncle, Earl Burton of Marion, Ohio.

article. We are pleased to share it again here in this issue, honoring both Lillian's story and the kindness that connected so many people decades ago.

Gary also shared that after spending years away, he returned to New Carlisle in 2023. While he's noticed the community has grown over the years, he says it is still filled with "good people"—a reminder of what makes New Carlisle such a special place to call home.

From the Archives

To the left is the original 1970 article from the *New Carlisle Sun*, provided by the New Carlisle Historical Society.



June 4, 1970 New Carlisle Sun

PLANNING AND ZONING

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER:

The City of New Carlisle Social Services Commission is committed to improving the well-being of all residents by promoting access to essential services, fostering community partnerships, and addressing the needs of our most vulnerable populations. Our mission is rooted in a simple belief: **everyone in our community deserves the opportunity to thrive.**

What We Do

The Social Services Commission works as a bridge between local government, nonprofit organizations, and residents to identify gaps in service and develop practical, compassionate solutions. Our areas of focus include:

- **Food Security:** Supporting local residents that are struggling with food security.
- **Housing Support:** Advocating for emergency housing assistance and resources for those facing homelessness or unsafe living conditions. Providing resources for residents that cannot physically or financially maintain their properties.
- **Senior Outreach:** Connecting older adults with services like transportation, home care, and social activities to reduce isolation.
- **Youth & Family Services:** Promoting programs that support youth development, childcare, mental health resources, and educational access.
- **Crisis Response:** Coordinating efforts during emergencies (such as extreme weather or utility disruptions) to ensure all residents are protected.

Recent Initiatives

- In August 2025, the City Council interviewed five applicants and approved the Social Services Commission through Ordinance 2025-31. The first organizational meeting will be held in October.
- In 2025 launched an initiative to gather volunteers from local organizations and churches to provide property maintenance for senior citizens, veterans and individuals with disabilities, and single parents that could not physically or financially maintain their properties.

Upcoming Ideas

- Launch a monthly Community Resource Fair, offering residents a one-stop shop for information on health care, employment, legal aid, and more.
- Secure funding for transportation vouchers for seniors and low-income families to access essential services.
- Expand outreach efforts through social media and community bulletin boards to ensure residents know where to turn for help.

How You Can Get Involved

We believe that lasting change happens when community members come together. You can support our work by:

- **Volunteering** with local service programs.
- **Sharing resources** or needs you see in your neighborhood.
- **Attending meetings**, held monthly at Heritage Hall Shelter House and open to the public.
- **Offering feedback** to help us better serve the city.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to New Carlisle, your voice matters. Together, we can create a city where everyone has the support they need to live with dignity and hope.

For more information about our meetings, initiatives, or resources, please contact the City of New Carlisle at 937-845-9492 or visit www.newcarlisleohio.gov.



➔ Shape New Carlisle: Volunteer Board Positions

New Carlisle is seeking volunteers to fill two seats on the Board of Zoning Appeals and to form the Parks & Recreation Board. Please email Bryan Moore, Planning Director at bmoore@newcarlisleohio.gov or visit www.newcarlisleohio.gov to apply.

➔ Property Maintenance: FALL TIPS



The weather will be much cooler in the coming months to get your property prepared for winter. Below are some fall maintenance tips to help you get started.

- Check smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, & first aid kits
- Clean your chimney and fireplace
- Wrap indoor pipes
- Inspect your roof for missing or loose shingles
- Inspect your heating system
- Stock up on supplies
- Finish seasonal yard maintenance
- Check foundation for cracks
- Repair peeling paint
- Repair and seal driveway
- Clean gutters and downspouts
- Caulk windows and weatherstrip doors
- Remove and store window and door screens
- Install storm windows and doors

➔ SIGN UP FOR TEXTMYGOV!



FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S LOG

New Carlisle wrapped up a busy, feel-good summer—and we're not slowing down!

Summer Snapshot

- Movie Nights at Smith Park drew great crowds (and plenty of popcorn smiles).
- Pool events were a hit—thank you to staff and volunteers.
- Farmers Market vendors kept us stocked with produce and goodies.
- Fireworks & Foam Frenzy brought big energy and bigger grins.

It's been a joy meeting so many of you out at these events and seeing families enjoy our parks and programs. Also, this has been nostalgic for me, as I was once one of those children that enjoyed similar events decades ago – to see our community pride being stretched into our current generation fills me with great confidence in our future. I continue to be humbled and honored to be the manager of this great City.

Welcoming New Businesses

Please help us welcome Modern Day Flooring, TD Browning Group (Landscaping), Nature's Jewelz, and Bath Masters. Shopping local strengthens our community—stop in and say hello!

Public Safety and Social Services

We've added a Sergeant to our Clark County Sheriff's Office contract who will serve as our own City Police Administrator. Having a dedicated Sergeant will further strengthen our community security and deepen relationships with residents and businesses. We are very thankful of the partnership we have with the Sheriff's Office. Additionally, we have stood up a Social Services Commission as a City Council initiative to

address human suffering and resource voids within our community. I'm very appreciative of our residents who have volunteered to serve on this noble endeavor. Please check our city webpage for more information and meeting schedule.

Streets & Infrastructure

Paving is complete on:

- Henry St. / Richard Court
- Villa / Orth
- Bell Oak
- South Smith

Thank you for your patience during construction—these improvements are already paying off. We are very lucky to have the project leadership of our Service Director, Mr. Howie Kitko, and the hard work and commitment of our Public Works Department led by Mr. Dave Coleman.

Community Development

Homebuilding continues to move forward: sales at the new subdivisions are surging, and Monroe Meadows has begun Phase 2, with utilities now being installed.

We're very fortunate to have so many great community events. None of this would be possible without the charitable community businesses, countless dedicated volunteers, and loyal civil servants that make these events possible. I hope to see you at the Heritage of Flight Festival, Trick-or-Treat, Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Christmas Parade. We are New Carlisle, known as Neighbors helping Neighbors- let's roll into the New Year with our heads held high!



*Don Hall
City Manager*

FALL LEAF PICK-UP

**THE CITY OF NEW CARLISLE WILL PROVIDE
FREE LEAF PICK-UP THIS OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2025**

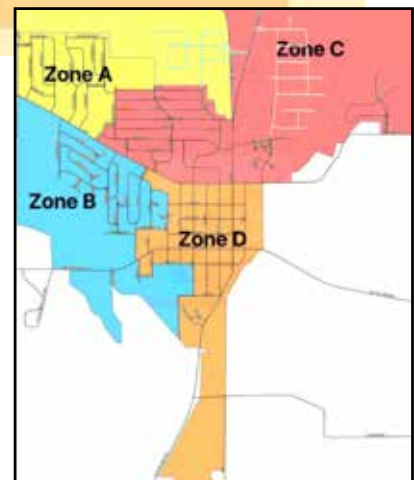
WHAT TO DO

- ✓ Rake leaves into the street, 2 feet from the curb
- ✓ No sticks, rocks, or yard waste—leaves only!
- ✓ Keep cars off the street during pick-up weeks
- ✓ Put leaves out no more than 1 week before your scheduled pick-up

COLLECTION DATES

	1st Collection	2nd Collection
A Northwest	Week of Oct. 20th	Week of Nov. 17
B Southwest	Week of Oct. 27th	Week of Nov. 24
C Northeast	Week of Nov. 3rd	Week of Dec. 1
D Southeast	Week of Nov. 10th	Week of Dec. 8

OTHER OPTIONS: Mulch them or leaves can be placed in your Rumpke trash toter on your regular trash day. Leaves in bags outside of the toter are not accepted.





NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING COMING IN 2026

The City of New Carlisle will soon begin offering advertising opportunities in the quarterly community newsletter, starting in 2026. Both print and digital options will be available, giving local businesses and organizations a chance to reach thousands of residents directly each quarter.

Advertising space will be limited, and all ads must be family-friendly and approved by the City Manager's Office. More details, including ad sizes, pricing, and design options, will be shared later this year.

To learn more or to be added to the interest list, please contact:

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