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More of the Best of the Valley

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Seymour surveyor marks end of long career

By Patricia Villers

SEYMOUR - Land surveyor Michael H. Horbal recently surveyed the landscape and decided it was time to retire.

On Jan. 31 Horbal, 74, sold Horbal & Judson Land Surveyors and Associates to longtime employee Jesse T. Judson.

“I’m very happy Jesse is going to continue the business,” Horbal said. “He’s a very competent person with high standards.”

Judson said he was "excited" to carry on the business. “Mike has a great reputation in the Valley and I want to carry on that as well.”

Horbal’s wife of 53 years, Marion, worked as secretary at the 52 Main St. office and has also retired.



A sign Horbal installed next to the entrance of the brick structure built in 1900 reads “The Marion Building” in her honor.

Since establishing his business in town in 1976, Horbal has worked on innumerable construction projects throughout the Valley.

Some of the subdivisions he surveyed in Seymour include Ajello’s Great Hill Estates, Country Club Estates, and Rolling Hills Acres.

Horbal also worked on Chatfield-LoPresti Elementary School, Seymour High School athletic fields, Smithfield Gardens assisted living facility, and the Norman Ray House. Other projects include Ansonia High School, Prendergast and Mead elementary schools in Ansonia, Ansonia Nature and Recreation Center playground, St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, taxiway improvements at Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford, and many more.

“We work with engineers, architects, lawyers, and contractors,” Horbal said. Surveyors are required to attend municipal commission meetings such as Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning, he said.

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“We really are [like] historians,” Judson said.

As the years went by Horbal traded in his paper field journal in which he wrote his notes and measurements for a hand-held computerized device. He and Judson showed visitors during a recent interview the “old and the new” surveying equipment they use. (See photo)

Horbal has volunteered on the Broad Street Park Committee, the Skate Park Commission, Seymour Founders Day Committee, and he belongs to the Seymour Historical Society and Seymour Land Trust.

Horbal said his plans include fishing, travel, and spending time with his family. He and his wife have three children and nine grandchildren.

“I’ll miss the involvement I had with the good people of Seymour,” Horbal said.



Peck School memories solicited

Dear readers,

Peck School alumnus and Ansonia resident Andrew Sellars suggested The Valley Voice ask Peck graduates to share their memories for publication.

To participate, send your name, your memories and the years you attended the school to thevalley.voicect@gmail.com and we will publish them in an upcoming issue.

Thanks!



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Would Like to Invite you to 2 GREAT EVENTS!**

**SATURDAY
MARCH
17**

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**Ansonia's Annual
Irish Flag
Raising Ceremony**

**The Festivities Start at 11am
City Hall , 253 Main Street
In Front of City Hall**

**Dancing by
Mulkerin School
of Irish Dance**

**Music by
The Coastal
Chordsmen**

**Followed by a
Corn Beef N' Cabbage
Buffet at Copper City!**



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MARCH
24**

**THE FUN BEGINS AT 11-AM
AGES: 1 TO 12
All children must be
Accompanied by an Adult**

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