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It's just an ordinary cemetery with ordinary people who lived ordinary lives, married, raised families, attended church and worked in various factories and businesses in the city. There is a story behind each of the more than 3,000 headstones in 2498 Erie St. S.Hassan, who chairs the cemetery committee, wants to ensure those in the 127-year-old burial ground receive the respect they deserve. Every tombstone has a history or history behind it. We may not know what everyone is telling us, but there was a goal for everyone buried there, he said. Recently, improvements were made to the cemetery. Officials invite the public to the open house from .m 2 p.m. on October 11.New Look. Joseph is not immune to the struggles faced by many cemeteries. Funding comes from the purchase of plots and burial costs and contributions from church parishioners. Today, more and more people are choosing to be cremated, Seesan said. The cost of cremation is much less than a traditional burial, he said. Although the income is short, the costs are not. brick roads that have raised safety concerns for drainage issues. V.O. V.O. According to Esan, he was ready to move forward with the work when an anonymous donor stepped up and funded improvement projects. The cost is unclear, Sisan said. The donor took care of everything, including solving drainage problems, re-equipment of landscaping in the gardens around the chapel, removing the brick road and replacing it with asphalt, as well as repairing other roads and parking areas and lighting upgrades. The most noticeable change is the new entrance gate to the cemetery. Brick poles, fences and electronic gates now welcome visitors. A new sign will be installed in a few weeks, Hassan said. That's great,' Hassan said. We have someone taking care of mowing. In summer and after school, members of our youth group (scraps) around the headstones. Sisana's wife, Chiquita, tends to the gardens. He often reaches out. It's therapeutic for her, Tom Seesan said. The couple's son, Army 1st Lt. Aaron Hassan, who was killed while serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, is buried in a cemetery. Chiquita also likes to talk to visitors, he said. We want it to look beautiful,' said Tom Seesan. We have to respect the people who came before us. In addition to sharing improvements in the cemetery, the open house is aimed at the Catholic area. St. Joseph wants the fellow faithful to know that they have a place in the cemetery.1 There are many people who did not know that the cemetery existed, Said Hassan. The burial site has about 30 acres of undespring land. We know that some other cemeteries in the Catholic Church are full or near capacity, he said. I know those who really don't want to be buried in Calvary (cemetery in Perry Township). They would prefer to be closer to home or their church. St. Joseph can give them this option.1 Many non-parishioners are buried in St Joseph's Cemetery, including some parishioners from St. Mary's Catholic Church.The long historyThe life was moved to a site on the east side of Erie Street south of Forest Avenue in 1893, when Cleveland Bishop Ignatius Horstmann purchased seven acres of land on Erie S. Street from Charles E. and Caroline E. Jarvis, across the street from nearly 50-year-old Massillon Cemetery. According to local historian Margie Vogt, two years later John Wilhofer, from Navara, was hired to move the bodies from the church's original cemetery, set up in 1863 on Faye Street, to the new Erie Street cemetery. He moved about 10 graves a day for months. Over the years, the cemetery has undergone changes. In 2000, a chapel was built for families to use instead of grave services, and parishioner Kevin Rupert created the rosary as an Eagle Scout project about five years ago. Among the many who intervened at the burial site are philanthropist Paul David of Camelot Music, Andrew Ertl, owner of The Ertle Bottle Works. and Frank A. Vogt, of Finday Brewing and Stoner and founder of the Massillon Chamber of Commerce.This is the final resting place for church and community leaders, including Mayor Mark Ross and Police Chief Dick Bryan. Sesanza's daughter, Becky, researched the cemetery as part of the college's project. She discovered that one of the 360 buried veterans was linked to a raid of Hitler's bunker during World War II.Tom Seesan said, that his daughter learned that four of the veterans died on their birthday, and they represent all the great wars, starting in the Civil War, to operations iraqi freedom.Reach Amy at 330-775-1135 or amy.knapp@indeonline.com.On Twitter: @aknappINDE Categories: Stark Massillon, Ohio Profiles posted in this category with this text [[Category:St. Joseph's Cemetery, Massillon, Ohio] There is one profile on this category page. 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