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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Donald Abrahamson

Journalist & Graphic Designer:
Anna Aubrey

Donald Abrahamson has been a member of the Argyle community for his entire life. Donald began his education in a one-room schoolhouse and he remembers walking to school everyday or riding with the milkman. In his earlier years of schooling the schoolhouse was on North Street Road in Argyle. In 1939, while the current ACS building was being built, Donald attended classes in a house in the village of Argyle until construction was complete.

Donald was in second grade when he started school at the new location in 1940; there he made many memories. In elementary school, Donald and his friends always played sports on their own and they would split up the teams according to the different areas within the town of Argyle. My grandfather was a part of the Cossayuna group.

When he was in fourth grade, Donald and his brother Rich were both gifted their first baseball glove. They were always playing sports, and baseball was one of their favorites to play together. Donald also enjoyed spending his time doing outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, skiing, skating, boxing, and wrestling. He still owns the boxing gloves that he was given! In 7th grade he started to participate in school sports, rather than getting in groups and playing at houses. When Donald and his friends assembled to play these sports, they would ride their bikes or walk. It did not matter who was there, they all just wanted to come together to play the games they loved.

Sports were a very important part of Donald's life. When he tried out for the Junior Varsity basketball team with his friend, he didn't make the team at first. But when the JV team got together for their first practice, he and his friend showed up determined to play and the coach had to let him on the team. This shows his perseverance through all the sports that he played.

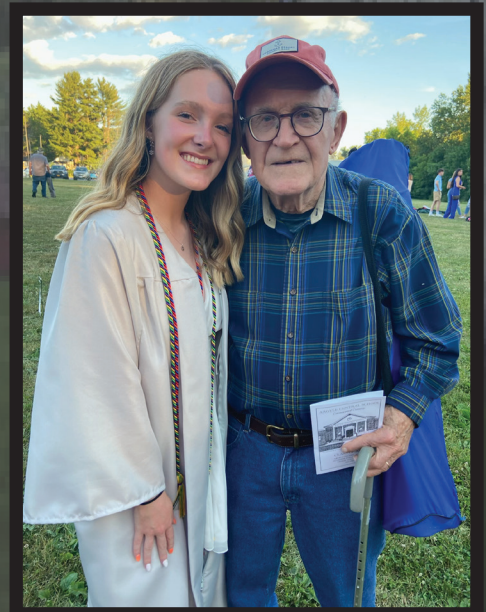
Don Abrahamson graduated from ACS in 1950, fourth in the class, and then went right to work on the farm. They started out in the turkey business and then went into the cow business. In 1987 they had to sell the cows because it was only Donald and his father working the farm. When he was 55, he went into construction for two years; he realized he was getting too old for that and was hired as a custodian at Argyle Central.

Donald started working at the school in 1989. He remembers working with a lot of nice people. He always remembered the faculty as being welcoming, supportive and respectful. Donald was able to get very close with the people that he worked with and enjoyed having great bosses. He and his fellow workers took a lot of pride in their work and demonstrated a strong work ethic. They were able to follow this mindset of good workmanship throughout their entire lives.

Donald's advice to everyone is to do your job to the best of your ability and, when you go home at night, remind yourself that you did your job the best that you could and that's okay. Donald wants others to keep believing in yourself and working hard to achieve your goals. This mindset has helped him to be a positive influence for everyone in his life and I am so thankful to have a grandpa like him to look up to.



Don and his granddaughter, Anna

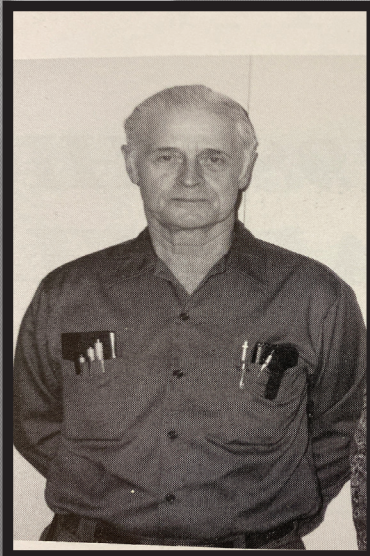


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A Tribute to Past Custodians

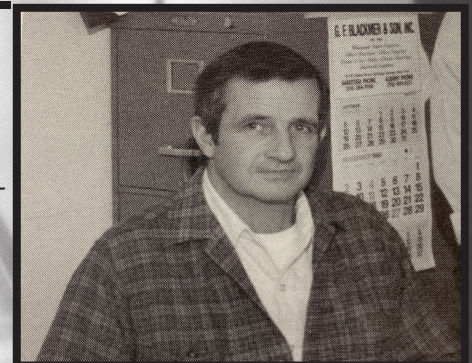
MAC PENDERGRASS



Mr. MacAvoy "Mac" Pendergrass was a 1937 Argyle graduate and longest working employee at ACS. He began his work at the school in the late 1930's as General Contractor on the original Argyle Central School building. It was said that his title for years was "clerk of the works". He did many jobs at Argyle school, but his most recent role was as the Superintendent of School Grounds. Mac officially retired from ACS in 1985 but he continued to do summer work at school as a painter until 2010. That means Mac worked at Argyle Central School for over 70 years! In 2008 the school's courtyard was dedicated in Mr. Pendergrass' name. On February 1, 2019 Mac Pendergrass passed away at 99 years old. Fun fact: Mac was known to have fun by throwing tin balls (made out of aluminum foil) at co-workers in the halls of the school.

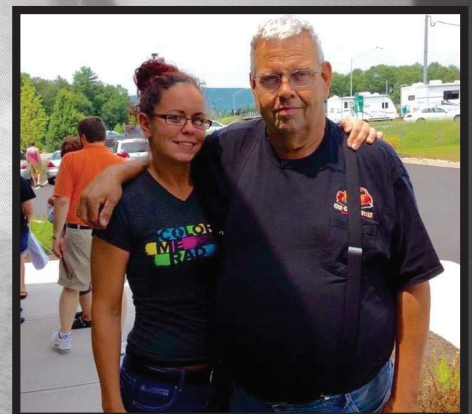
BOB BRENNAN

My grandfather Bob Brennan was a student at ACS, graduating in 1957. In 1968 he became a custodian at Argyle Central. He retired in the 1990's. My grandfather then dedicated his time to working on his farm. Bob passed away on April 25th, 2022 due to a car accident. He was well known at school to have a good sense of humor. Fun fact: Bob's wife (Sue Brennan) is the town historian of Argyle NY.



PETE LONGDAUE

-Pete Longdaue was a custodian at school for 28 years before retiring in 2013. After growing up in Argyle, he continued to live there his entire life. Pete enjoyed talking with co-workers, especially about his days of growing up in Argyle and was known for his "quirky" sense of humor. The students always put a smile on Pete's face and they were one of the reasons why he loved his job so much. You could count on seeing Pete at various sporting events at school; he hardly ever missed a basketball game to cheer on the Scots!



Above is Pete with his daughter Carey

Argyle School Flash Back Trivia

Graphic Designer: Luke Kingsley

The list below indicates which of the following:
A. The first 16 homes in Argyle
B. 16 different schools that were once in Argyle.
C. Landmarks found in Argyle.

- No. 1 South Argyle
- No. 2 South Church
- No. 3 Head of the Lake (Cossayuna)
- No. 4 Goose Island
- No. 5 Coot Hill
- No. 6 The Hook
- No. 7 Shannon's Corners
- No. 8 Brennan Road
- No. 9 Pleasant Valley
- No. 10 Village
- No. 11 North Argyle
- No. 12 The Ridge
- No. 13 Plank Road
- No. 14 Street Road
- No. 15 Lick Spring
- No. 16 Dutchtown



Do you know the location of these Early Argyle Schools?

Below is a school picture of Argyle students in the late 1800's. What grade levels attended a one room classroom back in the day?



This is an image that was found on The Argyle History Facebook page. The date was listed as unknown. Can you figure out which decade it was?
Hint: The photo was taken in front of the Argyle School that stands now.



Andrew Foster Dutchtown

History of Argyle

Graphic Designer & Journalist: Alexandra Irizarry-Hadfield

The patent of Argyle was granted March 13th, 1764. Some of the first settlers arrived in 1738 from Argyllshire, Scotland. The name of Argyle was given because the settlers were all from the shire of Argyle in Scotland. Some of the first settlers that were attracted to this area were German, Irish, Dutch and Polish. Before the revolution, population growth was very slow. In 1771 there were only 90 voters in the entire town. By 1790, the total population had grown to 2341 and there were 299 homes. During that time, Argyle had the largest population in the county by 100 people.

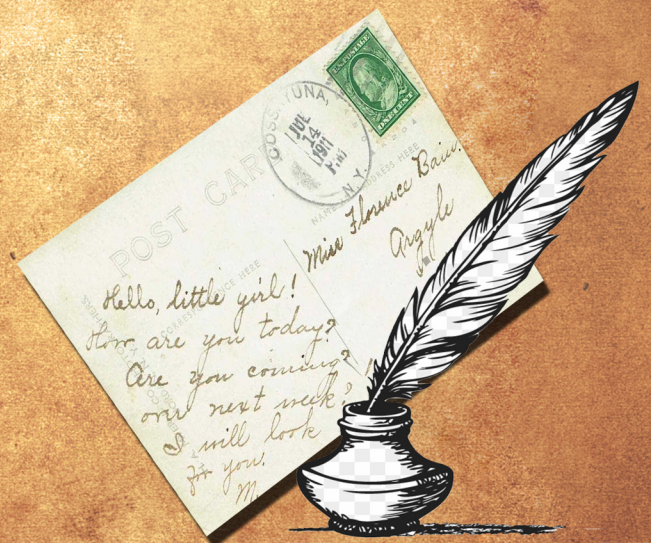
Recognize this building?
This was originally the
Argyle Post Office.
The building still
stands today on Main Street.



Did you know Argyle once
had it's own pharmacy,
hotel and several different
schools in the 1800's



The Argyle Hotel was located where today's IGA parking lot exists. The structure burned.



The Streets of Argyle Then and Now

By: Alexandra Irizarry-Hadfield



Mid 1800's

Main Street, Argyle



2022

On the left is East St. and
on the right is Barkley Avenue.



Student Q & A

What do you think school
was like 100 years ago?



Sam Richardson- grade 1
"I don't think there was electricity, no computers, they taught about old things and their paintings were black and white because colors weren't really made yet and they didn't know how to blend colors."

Emma Poprawski - grade 1
"They didn't have phones or computers. They taught about old math. No smart board but they used chalkboards. Back in the day they wore old clothes, like girls wore black and white dresses and boys wore boy clothes."



Jackson Mitchell- grade 1
"The school was a wood school. They did not have specials. They played baseball and basketball. When kids were bad, teachers slapped your knuckles with a ruler."

Donovan Beckwith - grade 3
"I think 100 years ago my dad went to school here. They probably learned the same things that we learn."



Graphic Designer: Ciara Skidmore & Journalist: Emma Harwood

Vicky Myott

By: Kathy Zanoni

It's hard to believe, but Vickie Myott is retiring! A happy day for sure, but she will certainly be missed! Vickie has taught at Argyle Central School for more than 30 years. She started her career in kindergarten, but spent most of her years teaching, laughing with, and encouraging 6th graders. Her classroom has been a warm and welcoming environment for all students, but especially for those students who need a bit of extra kindness and understanding. Her classroom instruction is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to her contributions to ACS.

Vickie has been extremely active in extracurricular activities with students of all ages. She was the advisor for many different clubs, one of which was Elementary Student Council. Every year she had Elementary Student Council members bring holiday cheer to the residents at Washington Center by making beautiful holiday cards for each and every resident.

She also had student council members organize a Teacher Appreciation Valentine's Day breakfast for ACS staff members. In addition, the Elementary Student Council raised thousands of dollars for organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Ronald McDonald House. By focusing on hard work and community service, Vickie helped shape the next generation.

Although much of her time was spent working with elementary students, Vickie also worked with junior high students. She was the advisor for the Junior Honor Society, and did community service activities with Jr. Honor Society students such as The Walk to End Alzheimers. Junior Honor Society members also donated their time and energy to help with PTSA events such as dances, and Field Day, where they would be face painting and serving ice cream. In addition, Vickie and her husband, recently retired teacher Dick Myott, shared their love of science by organizing a Science Expo for grades 3-6 every spring. Students of all ages designed and displayed their science experiments; the displays were judged by Science Honor Society students, and awards were given. Vickie and Dick also ran an evening session of the Science Expo when there would be many exciting demonstrations such as RC airplanes and model rockets. ACS students loved sharing their projects, and seeing the work of their peers.

One of Vickie's favorite clubs was the ACS Drama Club. Every year Vickie would organize and direct 1 high school play or musical and one elementary play. Students were delighted with the opportunity to be on stage and perform. Vickie was even able to pull together a play during the Covid pandemic. There were strict Covid guidelines in place and multiple students missing rehearsals due to quarantines, but she was determined to make sure her cast got their chance to perform, and they did. ACS hosted a school-wide remote viewing of *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life on Earth* after which students lined the hallways to applaud and give thanks to the cast and their fearless director. Through it all, she was a woman on a mission, and she got it done!

ACS won't be the same without her, and as much as we will miss her, we know her future looks bright. She will be spending time with her husband Dick and the rest of her family. She can't get enough of her granddaughter Ellie, and whatever other bundles of joy may appear in the future.



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Lisa Cornell

By: Jolene Jenks

Lisa Cornell has been a bright spot in our elementary school for twenty-five years. Originally a reading specialist, she has been an outstanding teacher in first grade, second grade and kindergarten.

Mrs. Cornell has often shared her various hobbies and interests with her classes to broaden their experiences. We have appreciated her expertise not only in the classroom, but also her immense musical talents shared with students conducting high school musicals for many years, and directing second grade musicals many times. She has used her gifts in every way possible to benefit the school, including playing her flute in concerts to benefit Operation Santa Claus.

Lisa keeps busy directing plays in her church and directing the Community Band in Hartford. She will now be taking time in retirement to enjoy quilting, gardening, raising sheep for the wool, knitting, bee-keeping, maple sugaring, camping, and spending time with her husband, her three sons and her grandson. Best wishes to Lisa! She will be sorely missed!

Lisa worked closely with former ACS teacher, Sue Pidgeon. Sue had this to say about her:

Lisa brought a wealth of skill and talent with her into the classroom. She incorporated music and drama, involving children in a number of musicals and plays over the years. These projects helped foster a love for the arts and helped students learn to use their voice, and gain self-confidence in public. She taught students about nature and farming, crafting and creating. She helped students learn through a variety of hands-on methods and materials. She held high standards for her students, encouraging them to reach their highest potential, both in academic learning and responsibility to themselves and the classroom community.

Quote from a student, Cameron Sipowicz:

"I like it when she says, 'You can play with cars, puzzles, and toys. Mrs. Cornell is happy.'"

Quote from a student, Ella Pattenaul:

"I like it when Mrs. Cornell gives us a game to play. She has red hair like my brother. Mrs. Cornell is nice."



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Cindy Morehouse

By: Leslie Balcom



When the going looks tough
When problems seem enough,
When difficulties stack,
When there is no looking back,
When deadlines pile,
When there is no reason to smile,
There is one beacon of light,

And that is you, Cynthia Morehouse, a colleague so dear!

For 27 years you have walked the hallways of ACS. You've planned and prepared lessons, activities and Field Day, but the most important thing you have done here is make everyone smile!

Dustin Durkee said, "I could always stop and talk to Coach Morehouse about hunting and being outdoors."

Brooke Bristol will never forget the special email you sent to her at the end of the school year.

Gavin Bapp remembers how you'd give out prizes for homeruns into the hoop!

4th graders can't get enough of ScooterTown and Mrs. Bailey's 2nd graders always love "when you say we do good!"

Carter Durrin "likes when we talk about our day with her!"

Cole Ernenwein said, "Cardioball was fun because each time I would get up she would say, "Here he comes!!!" I remember when she would encourage us not to give up. She says kind words to everyone.

Raymont Robinson said, "She was always nice to us and taught us to never give up."

First Grader Abby Hill said, "She always says good job to everyone!"

Our youngest friends in Mrs. Cook's Pre-K class said, "I like when she thinks of new things for us to do and she's kind."

They also said, "She helps us do the exercises and the pushups."

The impact you have left on the students, faculty and staff here at Argyle Central School is immeasurable! Argyle certainly won't be the same without you, but we wish you much joy and happiness as you begin this new chapter in your life. Nature awaits yo

Jack Sherwin

By: Terry Chamberlain



After teaching over five different decades, Jack Sherwin is hanging up his whistle. Coach Sherwin began his teaching career at Newcomb Central School where he taught for four years. In 1988 he came to Argyle Central School. In his 34 years here at ACS he not only taught physical education and health education, but also served as the Athletic Director and coached basketball, baseball and soccer over the years. Sherwin has 38 years invested into education.

Coach Sherwin earned his BS degree in physical education with a minor in health education as well as earning his MS degree in Administration.

Mr. Sherwin said that he will miss the relationships he has had with many students that had been developed throughout his years of teaching. He said that it has been a privilege to be able to observe many young people develop from very young students into young adults with their own thoughts and beliefs.

Coach has found his time at ACS to be challenging but also very rewarding. Upon his retirement, he said he wants to slow things down and take a breath to cherish what is around him.

Congratulations to Coach Sherwin on his long and illustrious career in education. Thank you for your years of service to Argyle Central School and we wish you the best in your retirement.

Peggy Seese

By: Jen Flower

31 Years! Peggy Seese has served the students and community of Argyle for 31 years. She has held a variety of roles throughout her time here: 3rd grade teacher, 4th grade teacher, AIS Math Teacher, Technology Teacher, Softball Coach, Volleyball Coach, Teacher Leader. Regardless of the position, Peggy has executed it with her organized, no-nonsense, do the job and do it well approach, and in doing so has left an indelible mark on many hearts and lives.

In her classroom, Peggy sets high expectations. Whether exploring a theme unit about earthquakes and volcanoes, helping students tackle the challenging NYS math modules, or encouraging students to find their voice as young writers, students know that anything less than their best effort is not accepted. They also know that if they need help, she will give them the support they need.

As a coach, Peggy has always recognized that athletics is a tool to teach discipline, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The athletes she coached remember her fondly for team dinners, poems taped to their lockers on game days, and an unwavering belief in them as individuals especially when they didn't believe in themselves. Under her leadership many of her teams made it to sectional competition and several to state tournaments. As a coach, she takes the most pride in the fact that all of her teams have been Scholar Athlete Teams (like they had a choice!).

As a member of the school community, Peggy has always led by example. She has served the school community and her colleagues in countless ways: leading the Professional Development Committee, volunteering on the Safety and Mentor committees, being a CPR instructor, and chairing the Grandparents' Picnic, to name a few.

Peggy has served the Argyle School and Community well over the past 31 years! We are grateful for her and will miss her greatly. We wish her well as she focuses on her favorite roles: wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.



For the last twenty- nine years Marilyn Ellis has dedicated her life to creating a positive, safe place for students. Her compassion, words of encouragement and unique sense of humor have helped many students (and staff) to feel a little better about their day. Her best known remedy for a bad day is a little joke, a piece of gum, a bottle of water or a snack. Her genuine concern for others makes the chairs next to her desk a popular hangout.

Marilyn is known for her work ethic and dedication to making Argyle the best that it can be. Her cheerful disposition and tremendous work ethic have had a positive impact on generations of students. She arrives early, stays late and brings work home. Her love for Argyle School, the students and staff does not go unnoticed. She attends every event and is a presence in the crowd, known for her specific cheers.

Although Marilyn's work family will miss her dearly, her husband, children and grandchildren will be thrilled to spend time with her in retirement. The school won't be the same without her. Lunch won't be the same without her. We have survived so much in the last 3 years. Her departure will be the hardest. I wish her all the best. She deserves some rest and to watch the last five minutes of Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman in the morning without having to rush off to work.

Marilyn Ellis

By: Karen Beck

VARSITY SPORTS

BASEBALL

By: Carsen Bartow



The ACS 2021-22 Varsity baseball team was excited to play a normal season. With Matt Stevens as head coach and Shanon Riley as co-coach, the team played a season full of games with no Covid restrictions! Without a JV team this year, Argyle Varsity consisted of 16 players: Nate Stanley, Jared Montello, Caden Cuthbert, Talha Dar, Jacobie Depew, Lucas Kingsley, Clay Bates, Carsen Bartow, Zack Riley, Victor Aguero, Brandon Saunders, Dru Austin, Ben Cuthbert, Gavin Porter, Shea Squires, Brad Koopmann and Nick Seybolt as the team's bat boy. The most exciting part of our season was victory over St. Johnsville in the semi-finals.

SOFTBALL

By: Lillyrose Prevost

This year's softball team consisted of seniors Lillyrose Prevost, Anna Aubrey, Paige Cormie, Skylar McDougall, Lillianna Kingsley, Kaitlyn Lindsay, Lyndsey Milne; junior Kylee Humiston; and sophomores, Mya Munoz, Madison Eldred, Rebecca Campbell, Carrie Humiston and coaches: Lexi Nazzivera & Jared McDougall.

The Argyle Lady Scots softball team won the Regional championship this year! They have proven their drive and determination to succeed and moved on to States.



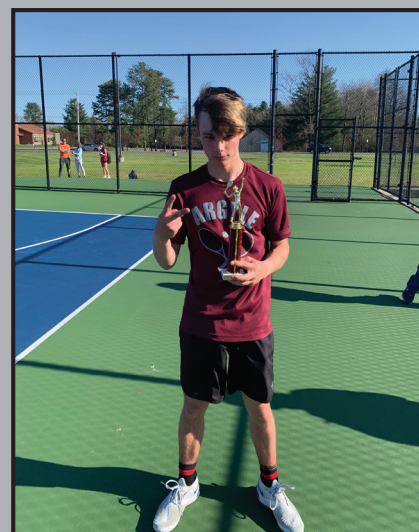
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TENNIS

Tennis Team: Liam McKernon, Dan Castrio, Gabe Burch, Luke Burch, Cayden McWhorter, McKenna McWhorter, Erica Sialunski, Carlie Depew, Maddy Branion, Cole Schilling and coach: Frank Endieveri.



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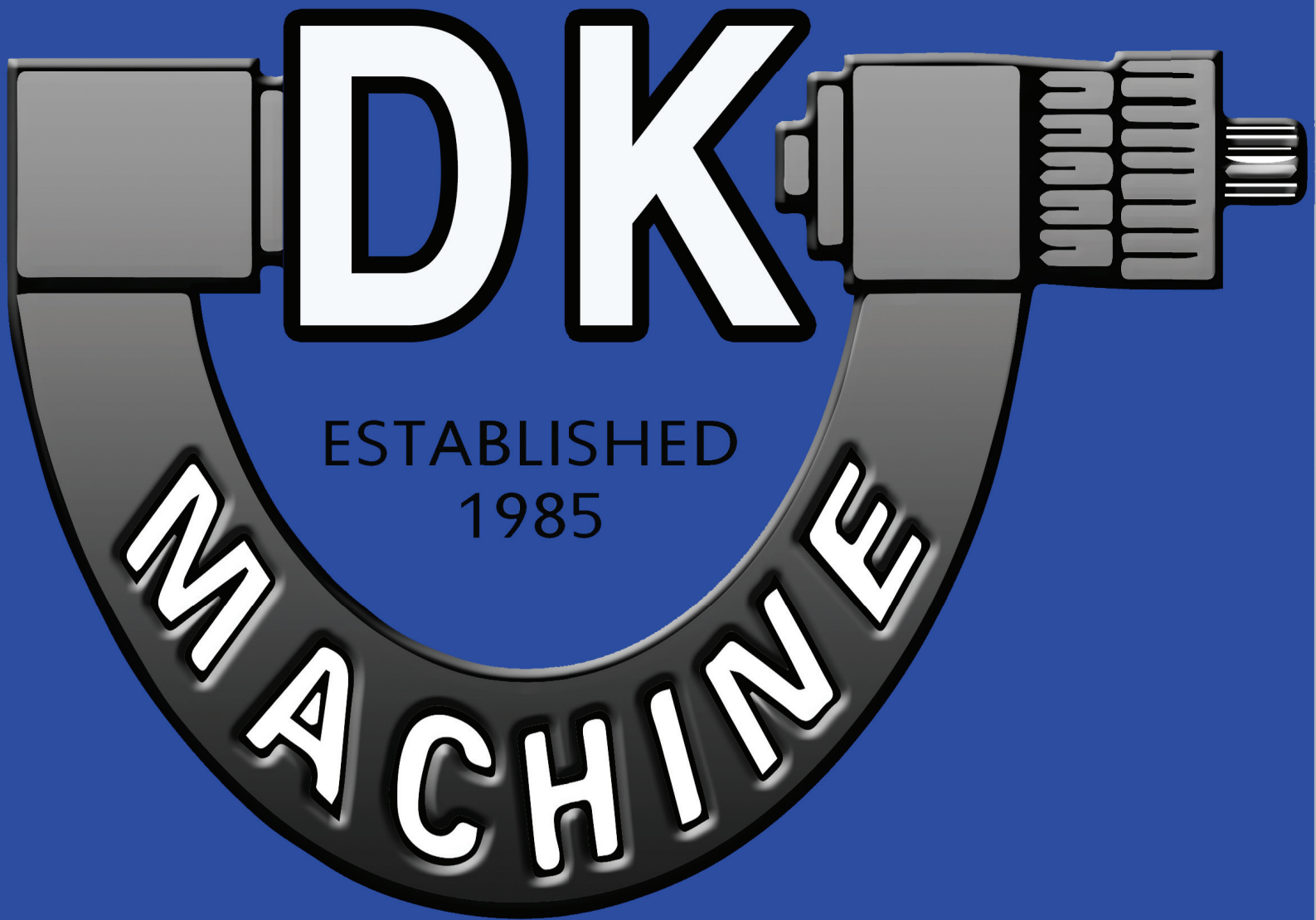
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