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FROM THE DIRECTOR

KEEPING ALUMNI CONNECTED

FROM A gathering of alumni in the gymnasium of the Philomethian Street School, currently the Chagrin Falls Intermediate School, in 1989, the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association has been keeping alumni connected to the school and each other for over a quarter of a century. While the Alumni Association's roots lie in Chagrin, our 10,000 plus graduates are spread across the nation and the globe. Staying connected through experiences at Chagrin is a simple but powerful bond, and provides the opportunity to reflect on our time at Chagrin and the rich tradition and growing community that make our alma mater unique.

LET'S GET SOCIAL

WE HAVE been active over the years on our Facebook group, but are now reaching out on other media platforms hoping to connect more with all of our alumni.

Our efforts are to keep you connected to our fellow alumni and Chagrin Schools. We hope to see more of you online.

TWITTER

@cfaatigers

INSTAGRAM

Cfaatigers

FACEBOOK

Chagrin Falls Alumni Association

LINKEDIN

Chagrin Falls High School Alumni

WEBSITE

<http://chagrinalumni.org/>

YOUTUBE

Chagrin Falls Alumni Association

We all have special memories of Chagrin, including the bonds we made with friends and teachers, as well as the classes and experiences that touched our lives. There is no better way to keep those memories and that meaning alive than actively being a part of the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association. I encourage you to connect with each other, give back to the CFAA and the Chagrin Falls Schools so you, your fellow alumni, and current students can take advantage of the opportunities that Chagrin continues to offer.

We are looking forward to the 2017 Blossom Time Festival with many thanks to the Chagrin Valley Jaycees for all of their hard work in making it one of Chagrin's finest events. Many alumni are past and present members of this wonderful Chagrin Valley service organization. During the weekend there will once again be numerous reunions highlighted by the All-Class Reunion on Friday evening at Chagrin Falls Township Hall. On Saturday, we will welcome many to the 7 - 12 campus for a variety of events that include alumni athletic games (soccer and baseball) to the annual CFHS Mollie Macknin Alumni Chorus Concert.

Have a great Blossom and terrific summer! 🐾

Brian McKenna '88

Chagrin Falls Schools' Alumni Director

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BLOSSOM TIME

May 25-29

Friday, May 26

***All-School Reunion Party
for Alumni, Teachers & Friends***

7:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Chagrin Falls Township Hall

There will be a Chagrin Falls High School Reunion/Homecoming Party at the Chagrin Falls Township Hall. Refreshments will be available. Re-new old friendships and meet new alumni. It will be a great place for reunion classes to have their "ice breaker" for the Blossom Weekend.

There will be a small admission charge to help pay for refreshments and the rental of the Township Hall.

Saturday, May 27

CFHS Mollie Macknin Alumni Chorus Concert

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Performing Arts Center - CFHS

Alumni Athletic Games

BASEBALL

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Lenny May Field (Front of CFHS)

If you are interested in playing, email Mike.sweeney@chagrinschools.org.

MENS SOCCER

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., C.S. Harris Stadium

If you are interested in playing, email Brian.mckenna@chagrinschools.org.

Sunday, May 24

Blossom Parade

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day Parade

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Triangle Park to Evergreen Cemetery

MARRIAGES

Mary Owen & **Don Green '47**,
Jan. 1, 2017.

Todd Hague '86 & Ruben
Garcia, Jan. 7, 2017.

Lindsay Bartel '99 & August
Hernandez, Aug. 26, 2016.

LITTLE TIGERS

To Tina & **Dan Tutolo '90**,
a boy, Lucas Li, Feb. 3, 2017.

To Tim & **Jennifer Lind
Wanner '93**, a boy, Sebastian
Macpherson, Jan. 31, 2017.

To Don & **Meredith
Neidhardt Connerton '95**,
a boy, Donald Christopher,
Dec. 27, 2016.

To Shane & **Jessica Lowe
Herendeen '99**, a boy,
Jack Michael Herendeen,
Feb. 12, 2017.

To Doug & **Libby Boles
Freeman '01**, a girl,
Elizabeth Cutting Blyth,
Feb. 16, 2017.

To Sarah and **Matthew
Crawford '01**, a girl,
Olive Mae, Jan. 14, 2017.

To Stephanie and **Cliff
Snavelly '01**, a girl, Lacy Ann,
Jan. 15, 2017.

To **Alex '01** and **Emmy
Wisniewski Vittek '00**, a girl,
Frances Eliana, Feb. 2, 2017.

To Aleksandr & **Jessica
Korkosz Korzhiletskiy '02**,
a girl, Vera Aleksa, Nov. 30, 2016
and Amelia Kwiatkowska,
March 10, 2015.

To Bob & **Abby Budin Dippel
'04**, twin boys, John Patrick and
Victor Robert, June 16, 2016.

To **Aaron '04** & **Emily Wood-
en Jackson '02**, a girl, Elea-
nor "Nora" Joan, Jan. 17, 2017.



CLASS & REUNION NOTES

Class of 1962 — 55th Reunion Weekend...August 18 - 20, 2017... '62 Locals have been hard at work and report the following... Friday: CF Township Hall... Saturday Day: Tour the Chagrin Falls Historical Museum & Philomethian School... Saturday Night: Dinner at Punderson State Park Lodge (room/cottage blocks are set aside & can be reserved now)... Sunday Brunch: John Terry's Resort... Please confirm we have your current address/e-mail/phone by contacting: cfhs1962atplay@gmail.com or call/text 216-905-4591... Reunion details and costs will be sent early 2017 via email, USPS, Facebook, etc.

Class of 1967 — Our 50th Reunion planning for this year's Blossom Time is well on its way... We think a commitment will be needed by mid-April, and we're happy about the number of people who have responded. The weekend of Blossom Time begins Thursday, May 25, and goes until Monday, May 29. More specific information on the 50th will be mailed soon, (and hotel suggestions if needed), to those who have responded as being interested in coming. If you have not been contacted, and wish to be, please contact Cindy Close Wyszynski at cwysinc@roadrunner.com or 216-272-3353 (leave a message).

Class of 1972 — The 45th Reunion on Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend is alive and well! The committee reconvened and decided on a reunion with the theme of KISS — Keep It Simple Silly. We are looking forward to an informal gathering that requires no commitment or cash up front from class members — just come and have fun! WHO: Members of the Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1972 and friends are welcome. WHEN: Saturday, May 27, 2017, 4-11 p.m., rain or shine. A picnic and bonfire with friends at the Lake Erie beach-front home of Sarah and Paul Kesselem. If you have other



Standing: Katie Collins '13, Robert Sickling '65, Gary Palmer '58, Lee Minichiello, Bill Szitar '59, Norm Weizer '60, Jim Long '59, Jim Fitz '58, Robert Chapman '56, Chuck Stebbins '56 & Dianne Stebbins, Bob Lambert '57, Ken Lauterer '56, John Lambert '62, Bob Huber, Reed Carpenter '62. Seated: friend of Katie Collins, Kerry Seekamp '71, Barb Palmer, Lynne Seekamp '67, Phil Cleaveland '55, Janet Stroud Franzen '60, Doug Thomas '65, Shirly Gross Long '59, Cay Lambert, Suzie Sutton Wright '62, Diana Lambert, Carolyn Groth Huber '59, Marilyn Lambert Fluitt '63, Mary Lou McIlrath Voss '70, David Voss '70, Dr. Jane Phend '83, Carolyn Benner Miller '60, Janet Carpenter. Missed Group Photo: Mark Laderer '62 & Stacy Laderer.

CHAGRIN REUNION IN FLORIDA

ANOTHER YEAR, 2017 and another successful CFHS Day in Lakeland, FL. While we were growing up in Chagrin Falls, we did not realize we were making memories. We were just having fun. The fun has continued; and over the last five years we have enjoyed the company of over 65 graduates, spouses, and friends. This year alone, 36 people joined together for a stroll down memory lane.

Carolyn Groth Huber '59 and her husband Bob, hosted the event again at the Colonnades Clubhouse. Jeff Holbury, Sr. supplied the group with a fabulous aerial DVD of the village of Chagrin Falls. Interested parties can view this DVD on his YouTube site Drone Ohio.

Gary Palmer '59 shared his personal story of his childhood years in Chagrin Falls. He read several paragraphs from his new book, which will go into publication soon, revealing to everyone how he was blessed with the opportunity to grow up in Chagrin Falls. Gary's other book, *Chagrin Falls a Memoir* is still available by PublishAmerica.com.

Each graduate was presented with a nylon tote bag, decorated with a picture of the Main Street falls which read, "Chagrin Falls Is My Happy Place." "Growing apart doesn't change the fact that for a long time we grew side by side and our roots will always be tangled. I am happy for that." Ally Condie... I am happy also that Carolyn, **Jim Fitz '58**, and **Reed Carpenter '62** have been at my side from the beginning of the endeavor in 2013. Special thanks to my three buddies and all those who took the time to attend. **Suzie Sutton Wright '62**.

Please join us next year, March 6, 2018, at the Colonnades Club House in Lakeland, FL. Watch for details in the *Tiger Tales*, on Facebook, and emails. — Suzie Sutton Wright wsuzannebg@yahoo.com and Reed Carpenter CFHS1962atplay@gmail.com.🐾

plans for that day and can only attend the reunion for a couple hours — please come! FOOD: Main food will be provided — BYOB and bring a dish to share. ATTIRE: Beach shoes and clothing — maybe shorts with the weather we've been having! For more informa-

tion on this and the plans for our 50th, please visit our FB page: Chagrin Falls High School — Class of 1972. Please call or email if you have any questions to Sarah Stratton Kesselem 216-577-0521 or kesselem7@sbcglobal.net.

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Class of 1977 — The Class of 1977 will be gathering on Saturday, May 27, during Blossom Weekend for its 40-year reunion. The event will be held at Berkshire Hills Country Club, 9760 Mayfield Rd., Chesterland, OH 44026. The party begins at 6 p.m., will take place in the "rustic barn" and will include wonderful dinner stations and a well stocked bar. Cost of dinner, soft drinks, and coffee is \$23 p/p plus a nominal fee for bar drinks. The sound system will be piping out our favorite 70's tunes for everyone to enjoy. Let's talk it up so many of our classmates will attend this one! Golf will be available during the day at a bargain price. Please contact Bill Miralia at wtm@roadrunner.com to sign up for tee times. Please RSVP for the party to Jen Ogden Johnston at jenj30801@aol.com, more details will be forthcoming on the Chagrin Falls High School Class of '77 Facebook page. Please contact anyone on the committee with questions. Jen Ogden Johnston at jenj30801@aol.com; Debbie Arnold Burnett at burnett.debbie@gmail.com; Martha Beattie Bistriz at mbtbistriz@gmail.com; or Ford Fram at fram-brass@gmail.com.

Class of 1982 — The Class of '82 will be having its 35th Class Reunion Saturday of Blossom Weekend at the Town Hall. More detailed information will be sent via email and posted on the class Facebook page. We still need to hear from many classmates whether or not they will be attending. Please contact Jana Boysen Young at janayoung542@gmail.com with your RSVP, class news or updated contact information.

Class of 1985 — Class of 85 Still Alive 50th Birthday Bash Weekend - Fellow Chagrin grads that want to celebrate turning the big 5 - 0, we will be celebrating the special birthday over Blossom Weekend 2017! If interested in taking part in the festivities, then please reach out to Rob Busby at rgbusby@busbysupply.com or at 267-374-9167. You can also visit the Facebook group CFHS - class of 1985. Feel free to join us if you already had the special birthday, will be celebrating it in the near future, or are close with the Class of '85.

Class of 1987 — The Class of 1987 will be hosting its 30-year reunion over Blossom Weekend (Friday, May 26-Monday, May 29). Marty Weber, Josh Gibbs and Kip Dodson invite you to catch up with your classmates and have a little fun in the process. The festivities are as follows: Friday, May 26, 6 - 11:30 p.m. at Pine Lake Trout Club Reading House. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music, and old stories will be served up. Cost of the event is \$50.00 per person (spouses are encouraged to attend). Payment ahead of the event is required at <https://www.gofundme.com/CFHSclassof87>. Saturday, May 27 - fellow classmate Allison Owen will host a family skate at the Chagrin Valley Roller Rink from 2 - 4 p.m. Bring your spouse and kids and show them your best Hokey Pokey stuff. Cost of the skate rental is covered by generous contributions from a few fellow classmates. Saturday, May 27 - there will be an informal, casual meet up at Gamekeeper's Outside Patio (weather permitting) starting at 8 p.m. Cash bar for food and drink. Sunday, May 28 - meet us along the Parade Route at the Post Office parking lot from 2 p.m. until those nutty Krazy Kops take the last prisoner. Our Class will be raising funds for the school's Innovation Lab with donations received over the \$50/person cost of Friday night's festivities. For those interested in learning more about the Innovation Lab and/or donating to the fundraising efforts go to the following link: <https://www.gofundme.com/CFHSclassof87>. Spread the word, email your contact information to cfhsclassof87@gmail.com and keep an eye on the Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School - Class of 1987. Looking forward to seeing everyone and Go Tigers!

Class of 1992 — The 25-year Reunion for the Class of 92 will be Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at the Pine Lake Trout Club. Details to follow at the Class of 1992 Facebook page, CFHS 92. Make sure that your contact information is updated with Rachel Freshman at rbfreshman@hotmail.com.

Class of 1997 — Save the date! The Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1997 Reunion Committee invites you to celebrate our 20-year Reunion on Saturday, May 27, from 7 - 10 p.m. The

event will be held at the Village Martini & Wine Bar in Chagrin Falls, which is owned and operated by our very own '97 Graduate, Jeff Rumprik. The event is free to classmates and a guest. There will be a cash bar. Please RSVP to the Facebook Event on the "Chagrin Falls Class of 1997" Facebook Group Page by May 15. Please contact Jenny Freshman Ward with any questions at jfreshman@hotmail.com.

Class of 1998 — The Class of 1998 will have its 20-year Reunion Blossom Weekend of 2018. If class members have a new address, email or other contact information please email it to CFTigers98@gmail.com. More information to come later in 2017!

Class of 2002 — The Class of 2002 will be having an informal 15-year Reunion Saturday, May 27, over Blossom Weekend. The casual afternoon event will be held at Jukebox in Ohio City at classmate Alex Budin's bar. Details will be communicated closer to the date and posts will also be made on the class Facebook group. Make sure that Matt Trinetti (mtrinetti@gmail.com), Garrett Monda (gamonda@gmail.com), or Alex Budin (budinaj@gmail.com) has your most recent contact information.

Class of 2007 — The Class of 2007 will be having its 10-year reunion on Saturday of Blossom Weekend. Make sure Brad Nosan and Kate Sloan have your current contact info. Email Brad at bradnosan@gmail.com with your info. and if you want to get involved with planning the event. You can also stay updated on the event at the class Facebook group, "Chagrin Falls Class of 2007".

Class of 2012 — The Class of 2012 is planning for its 5-year Reunion on Saturday, May 27, of Blossom Weekend. The event will be held at Katydid Shelter at Frohring Meadows (16780 Savage Road) from 5 - 7:00 p.m. Some food and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided, while it will also be BYOB. For more information and to get an accurate account, join the class Facebook group at SENIO12S. Make sure to pass along your most current contact information to Brooke McEntee at brookemc12@gmail.com. 🐾

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



Ted Rood, Al Pearch, and Bill Street, members of the Class of 1965, recently participated in Wreaths Across America. The organization's mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as over 1,100 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states each December.

DO YOU REMEMBER

Taking the class picture; the Chagrin Valley Roller Rink; your first Homecoming; where your locker was in the school; your Home-room teacher in high school; your first crush; getting your driver's license; a cheer from a football or basketball game; the day you got your letter jacket or class ring; swimming at the Rec Center; walking into town after school; neighborhood pick-up games; trick or treating in town or in your community?



SPECIAL GIFTS THANK YOU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

WE REGRET that we made an error in the January newsletter. **Vicki Odenweller Millard '60** made a donation in memory of classmate **Barb Tenny Rowe '60**. Unfortunately we listed Vicki as deceased as well. We are happy to say that Vicki is doing well! We appreciate her donation and are sorry for the error.

The Malmquist family has made a donation in memory of **Ann Malmquist '49**.

Gale Crittenden Blevins '58 has given a donation in memory of **Jeanette Green Bertsch '51** and classmate **Kathy Kermeen Sindelar '58**.

Jeff Birr '73 has made a donation in memory of classmate **Chuck Chaapel '73**.

Virginia Taft '80 and **Tad Taft '84** have made a donation in honor of retired CFHS German teacher Dr. Mario Gerhardt and in memory of retired CFHS science teacher **John Hurst '52**.

Retired physical education teacher

Marty Dworak and his wife, retired Chagrin Falls Schools secretary Liz Dworak had made two memorial donations recently. One donation was in memory of retired CFHS social studies teacher and coach Frank Phillips, while the other was in memory of retired CFMS physical education teacher and coach Jim Bucar.

Parents Barnes and Sally Taft have made a donation to the CFAA in memory of **Tom Luckay '64**.

Paul Dzuroff has made a donation in memory of **Ed Kagy '48**.

Retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville and Marilyn Wyville, retired Chagrin Schools Secretary, have made a donation in memory of Kathleen Vild, mother of **Kathleen Vild Rogers '79** and **Chris Vild '85**.

Paul Dzuroff has given a donation in memory of his colleague **Ed Kagy '48**.

Jon Fitzpatrick '54 has given a donation in memory of his brother **James "Jim" Fitzpatrick '52**.

Karen Krohn Langdon '74 has

given her Tiger Pride donation in memory of all her classmates who have passed away.

Jeffrey & Elise Richey Conner '74 have given a donation in memory of **Edmund Kagy '48**.

Beth Barber '75 has given her Tiger Pride donation in memory of her mother CFHS Librarian Assistant Carolyn Barber.

Don Brown '80 has given his Tiger Pride donation in memory of former high school teachers Ralph Quesinberry, Neal Wheatcraft, and Carolyn Hanson and in honor of Don Wem.

An anonymous donation was given in honor of **Tom Mattern '55** and **Brian McKenna '88** in thanks for all they do.

Retired English teacher Katherine "Kaye" Oker has given a donation in memory of her great friend and colleague music teacher Molly Macknin.

Shirley Abraham has given a donation in memory of her friend **Ed Kagy '48**.



WINTER SPORTS REVIEW

By Charlie Barch, Athletic Director

THE WRESTLING TEAM came in 2nd place at the Berkshire Duals and finished 4th place in the CVC and had 3 district qualifiers this year. The Boys Basketball team finished the season with a record of 10-12. The team finished in 4th place in the CVC conference. The Girls' Basketball team had a 12-11 record this year and came in 4th place in the CVC. The Girls Swimming and Diving Team came in 2nd place in the CVC. Eleven girls qualified for districts and one qualified for states. The boys team came in 4th place at the CVC meet. The boys team sent 10 to the districts and one to the state meet.

Senior Peter Nachtwey ended up as the state runner-up in diving and made it to the podium during all four years of his high school career. The Hockey Team won the GCHSHL White South Division and was a number 1 seed in the Baron Cup. The team finished with a 20-5- 1 record and won the Normandy Thanksgiving Tournament. 🐾

WITH MORE THAN \$1 MILLION IN PRIZES TO SHOOT FOR, THE NATION'S TOP PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ARE ROLLING IN MONEY

The story below is an excerpt from the Nov. 25, 1963, issue of *Sports Illustrated* on Chagrin's very own **Harry Smith**, CFHS Class of 1949...

By Robert Boyle

NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, the line leading up to the box office at Long Island's Garden City Bowl snaked all the way out to the street as customers elbowed their way in to see some of the most prosperous stars in the professional sports world compete for one of its richest purses.

The event? The \$60,000 Professional Bowlers Association National Championships.

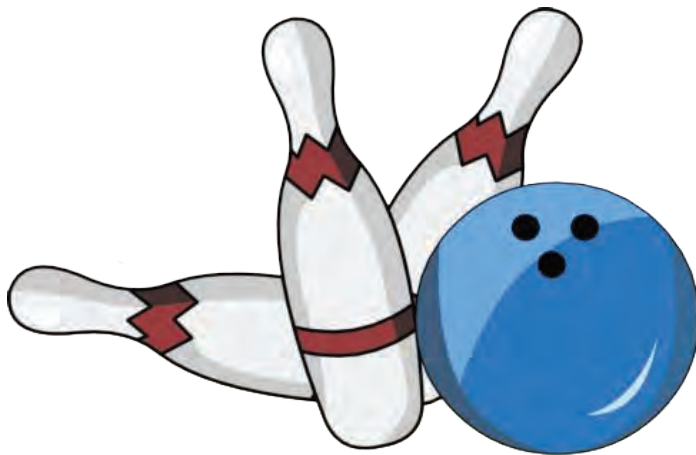
The stars? Well, there were Johnny King and Billy Golembiewski and Andy Marzich and Bill Hardwick. And then there was Harry Smith.

Harry Smith?

Yes, Harry Smith. And wipe that expression off your face, you baseball, golf and football fans, because Bowler Harry Smith stands to bank as much money this year as Sandy Koufax and Y. A. Tittle combined. Before last week's action in Garden City, he was No. 1 in prize money on the PBA tour, with winnings of \$30,557. In non-PBA tournaments he had earned another \$10,000. Don January, the pro golfer and a friend, recently asked Harry how he had done on the bowling tour.

He was flabbergasted to learn the amount. "Good lord!" exclaimed January, "I've only won \$33,000 on the golf tour!" In addition to his tournament winnings, Harry Smith gets a \$20,000-a-year salary as the local pro at Johnny Unitas' Colt Lanes in Baltimore and draws a fee from Brunswick. All in all, what with prizes, salaries, endorsements and TV money, he does so well that he is able to support a wife and four children in style, tool around the circuit in a maroon Lincoln Continental and indulge a taste for epicurean delicacies. Harry, in short, is the personification of the prosperity that has suddenly overtaken the world of professional bowling.

Now 33, Smith was born on a farm near Cleveland, one of four children. From the beginning he had to scrap. At 8 he was a pool hustler. When the owner of the local pool hall and bowling alley refused to let him shoot unless he set pins, he learned how to bowl and became a hustler in that sport as well. "When I was in high school I made \$50, \$60 a week shooting pool," he says. "I didn't get



much sleep. Then I used to travel 50 miles to get a match game in bowling. The stakes would be \$5, \$10, \$20. I always looked like I was easy to take. I was young, all skin and bones, and unorthodox. Because I was a kid, I had to hold the ball way up high—it weighed 16 pounds—and it would throw me. The weight made me weave and hop. But I always had my aim straight on, and I got the job done. You don't have hustling now. You wouldn't think of making a side bet now. In my first year, when I was 12, I had a 288 game. Then Eddie Koepp, one of the greatest bowlers of all time, took me under his wing and to all the tournaments. When I was in the ninth grade I won \$500 in a tournament in Cleveland, and that was like a million dollars." 🐾

BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW

BEFORE THE OHSAA began sponsoring a state basketball tournament in 1923, the state tournament was a one-divisional invitational at Ohio Wesleyan. Chagrin Falls was selected to compete in the 1918 Ohio Interscholastic Basket Ball Tournament. In the first game, Chagrin lost to Akron Central 14 - 10. The game was noted for its trash talk with Central players apparently referring to Chagrin as "jerk water town." In the consolation game, St. Petersburg did not show up to play. Even though Chagrin played only one game, captain **Everett Kline '19** was selected for second team for the All Ohio High School Team.

On June 16, 1963, Ohio Bell Telephone Company made significant changes to the Chagrin community. Before, residents had to dial 9 before calling a Cleveland number. Residents would also need to dial the complete 7-digit number for calls within the Chagrin 247 exchange. Callers would also now be able to dial the number 1 instead of 112 to be connected with the Direct Distance Dialing. This now allowed residents to call directly to those outside of the 216 area code.

In 1963, rides opened for the Blossom Time Festival on Wednesday, May 29. One dollar bought a pass for unlimited rides that day. The Festival concluded on Sunday, June 2, with a fireworks display.

In 1940, George Srail, Director of Admissions at Adelbert College (now known as Case Western Reserve University), gave a speech to the Chagrin Falls P.T.A. on the topic of "Who Should Go To College."

The location of Philomethian Intermediate School used to be known as College Hill when Asbury Seminary was located there. Asbury was a private school built by the Methodists. In 1849, the newly established school board voted to raise \$800 to be raised for the purchase of the site and erection of two or more school houses. A 4 mills tax was put in place was put in place to start the Chagrin Falls school system. Four teachers were hired, each at \$1.50 per week. In 1850, the board determined more space was needed and required all scholars above the age of 14 to be required to attend high school. Originally the high school was located in town just north of the river. In 1855, the school acquired its first library books. In 1858, Asbury Seminary was purchased for \$1300. The school spent an additional \$1400 on improvements and remodeling. In 1859 the Board voted to pay the superintendent \$500, women teachers \$5.00 per week, and men teachers \$7.00. The following year board members would get 50 cents for attendance at meetings. Also in 1860, the school year began on the first Monday in September instead of in July as it had been done in the past. With space issues, first and second grade was taught in the basement of the Methodist Church, followed by space in Town Hall. Finally with a growing population, a brick building was erected next to Asbury Seminary in 1885 for the cost of \$12,870. By 1893, an addition of four new classrooms and an assembly hall were completed at the cost of \$12,000. With high school requirements increasing a two room building housing the first two primary grades

was built in 1909. Within 5 years the high school had outgrown its space. In 1914 a bond issue was passed to erect a new brick high school at the cost of \$38,000. The 1914 high school is still operating, but now as a portion of today's Chagrin Falls Intermediate School.

The Fourth Annual Boxing Show was sponsored by the CFHS Varsity Club on Friday evening, March 24, 1950. A packed gymnasium witnessed ten bouts. The boxers fought three, one-minute rounds and were judged by Superintendent Lewis Sands, Principal T.C. Gurney, Russell Casebolt, and J. Harper of the faculty. Ralph Quesinberry served as referee.

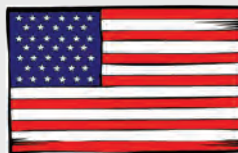
On Tuesday, June 9, 1959, the commencement was held for the first time at Harris Stadium. Among the 77 seniors, William Cordes, Charles Robinson, and Patricia Barriball gave addresses on the subject of "Is it Possible?" Another first for CFHS that year, two foreign exchange students, Nozomu "Ned" Nakagawa of Japan and Anne Rigoutat of France, received diplomas.

The interurban, an electric railway, ran through Chagrin Falls from 1897 - 1925.

Currently on the CFHS campus students can participate in 10 different clubs: Art Club, Drama Club, Engineering Club, Environmental Club, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), International Club, Key Club, Philosophy Club, Science Olympiad, and Speech & Debate/Forensics. 🐾



SERVING THE U.S.



BELOW IS an addition to the list of Chagrin graduates who have served our country in the armed services.

The overall list is posted on the CFAA website and contains 758 graduates. We also have a framed

plaque in the CFHS due to the the generous donation from the **Kelly Small '99** Memorial Fund.

John Storaasli '10

UPDATE YOUR INFO

HELP US in helping you by keeping us updated with your current home and email address. We also appreciate parents that receive the newsletter to make sure we have the updated addresses of your children that are CFHS graduates.



TIGER GRAPEVINE

Gertrude Beattie Mayne '43 is enjoying retirement in Sedona, AZ. Besides daily walks, Gertrude participates in the church bell choir, belongs to the local retired teacher organization and is involved in PEO International. PEO is a philanthropic organization that celebrates the advancement of women.

Don Green '47, after being widowed twice, was recently married on New Year's Day. Don and Mary are enjoying retirement in San Antonio, TX. Don is a former newspaper editor in Wooster, OH, and Gallup, NM.

Bill Darlin '49, member of the Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame, has recently stepped down from being an Executive Director on the Board for Directors of Global Operations Development/ Giving Children Hope. Bill has been active on this Board for 20 years and has traveled the world over on behalf of their humanitarian effort to furnish medical equipment, food, clothing, inoculations, and shelters to areas where there is a disaster and or just plain need. They have been first responders in many recent world disasters. Bill is now a Director Emeritus but will continue to work with this organization. Besides its world-wide work, Giving Children Hope fills and distributes 1,400 back packs a week to local needy families. Because of the mild weather in Southern California, many people are attracted to the region and unfortunately become needy and homeless. You can go to www.givingchildrenhelp.org for more information and how you might help their efforts.

David and **Vicki Odenweller Mil-**

lard '60 have bid aloha to Hawaii after 39 years. They recently moved to Dallas, TX, to spend time with their daughter and grandchildren.

Laura Winters Moore '68 is a guidance counselor at Ridgewood High School. Ridgewood is a New Jersey city just outside of New York City.

After 10 years as a petroleum engineer, **Karen Krohn Langdon '74** went back to school at 40 to become a physician assistant. Karen has been serving patients for 21 years now.

After 36 years in education in South Carolina, **Beth Barber '75** has returned home in September and is now the Director of Preschool at the United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls.

Joni Wilson Crawford '75 is the owner John Anthony salon in Novelty, OH.

Rod Davis '77 is a Thales project manager working with Qatar Airways, where he is developing the next generation of inflight entertainment systems.

Kevin Conneighton '79 is Managing Director - Midstream at Pivotal Energy Development in Chicago. Pivotal Energy Development provides customers with expertise in the development and marketing of natural gas storage facilities.

David Musselman '79 has been keeping busy after a 30-year career in legal and executive positions. He is currently seeking a community development role to use the skills he is learning in the MIT Urban Studies and Planning program and his 30 years' legal and executive experience to build stronger communities. His master's thesis focuses on the role anchor institutions can play in revitalizing their communities. David is also on the Board of Trustees of The Stickley Museum of Craftsman Farms.

Don Brown '80 and his wife Karen live Louisville, CO. Don is the founder and Managing Director of Optimal Blue, which is the mortgage industry's largest product and pricing engine providing a number of tools for mortgage bankers.

Susie Pike '81 is the founder and President of Golf Therapy. The business provides individuals to play golf alongside someone with early onset or mid stage Alzheimer's Disease, dementia issues, recent strokes, or other cognitive impairments who used to golf, but now are too embarrassed to be out there with friends or alone. A percentage of profits from Golf Therapy are donated to the Alzheimer's Association, Walk to End Alzheimers. You can learn more at golfterapy.net.

Kelli L. Wall '83 recently joined the Health & Sciences Foundation at The University of Pittsburgh and UPMC as a Major Gifts Officer.

Mike Clark '85 is President of CSM Truck. CSM is one of the nation's leading providers of comprehensive services to the transportation industry with operations out of 20 locations in Wisconsin, Michigan, Nebraska, Texas, North Carolina, and Arizona. Mike and **Kim Carpenter Clark '86** live in Winchester, KY.

Jennifer Karpel Hansen '88 is head of institutional business at Copenhagen, Denmark based Saxo Bank.

Jennifer Teeft Bauer '88 renovated an abandoned home she purchased in Omaha, NE. Her efforts were so successful, that this past fall her home was part of a neighborhood walking tour of eight other historic homes and churches. Due to Jennifer's involvement with Restoration Exchange and her volunteer work to preserve old buildings and homes in Omaha, she was voted in as President of the Aksarben/Elwood Park Neighborhood Association in December. For 2017, she will be overseeing several beautification efforts, community involvement plans, garden walks, a community garden and other items funded by various city and private grants.

Lou D'Ambrosia '90 is Director Architecture and Technical Design at The Howard Hughes Corporation and Sr. Project Architect at Simon Property Group. Lou is currently working on a 800-foot riverfront tower proposed to replace Chicago's old General Growth Building.

Chapin Simpson '93 is an account

manager at Half Pint Ciders in San Diego.

Meredith Neidhardt Connerton '95 is a 6th grade science teacher at Richmond Heights Schools. Meredith and her husband live in Russell Township with their daughter Brie, who goes to West Geauga Schools, and newborn Donnie.

Jenny Hageman Young '97 is the owner of the Brooklyn Robot Foundry. The company teaches children how to build robots at their locations in Brooklyn, Tribeca, and Manhattan.

Meghan Zenker Bell '97 is Director SOX & Internal Audit at Real Alloy in Beachwood, OH. Real Alloy is a global market leader in third party aluminum recycling and specification alloy production.

Chris Male '99 is the Managing Director of Hypur Ventures following its merger with Anslinger Capital, the cannabis venture fund that he co-founded in 2013. Additionally, Chris is a Director of Dope Media, LLC, and Calyx Brands.

Rebecca Bloomfield '00 came out with an album of cover songs in January with all of the proceeds being donated to the ACLU. You can check it out at www.singbigger.com for more info. Currently Rebecca is the Associate Director of Adamah in Falls Village, CT. Adamah is a community that builds Jewish identity and support, while organically farming 10 acres with sustainable methods.

Belen Tangona '00 owns Trulenz, a real estate photography firm where she lives in Laguna Beach, CA.

Brian Trapp '01 is a faculty fellow in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Brian received a Taft Fellowship from the University of Cincinnati, a fellowship from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, and was a Borchardt Scholar at the Sewanee Writer's Conference. A former associate editor of the Cincinnati Review, he is currently fiction editor of *Memoriosis: A Journal of New Verse and Fiction*.

Jaime Axthelm '02 recently graduated with her masters from East Carolina University. Jaime received a Master of

Arts in Education - Instructional Technology Education.

BJ Koval '03 is a Senior Tax Analyst at Ferro Corporation in Cleveland.

Sam Moore '03 is now Senior Financial Analyst for La Senza, a member of the FP&A, LBrands in Columbus, OH.

Danika Haffenden Molarni '04 is a multi-family property manager for Legacy Management Services in Columbus, OH.

Zak Gebler '05 is a Data Collections Manager at Market Track in Solon, OH.

Ryan Luby '05 joined the storied investigative unit at KMGH-TV in Denver late this past summer. It's historically had one of the best local television investigative teams in the country. Ryan held a similar role at KOB-TV in Albuquerque for roughly three years prior. There, as a result of some deep-diving work he did, the New Mexico legislature unanimously voted to reform the state's campaign finance reporting system. They essentially made it more accessible and transparent for everyday people and journalists.

Lindsey Bourne '07 is Director of Finance and Operations at Youth Speaks in San Francisco. Youth Speaks produces local and national youth poetry slams, festivals, and reading series, alongside a comprehensive slate of arts-in-education programs in an effort to create safe spaces that challenge young people to find, develop, publicly present, and apply their voices as creators of societal change.

Danny Brown '08 is completing his time with the Peace Corp in the African country of Togo. He has had several roles including a Community Development Specialist, an English and Gender Education Instructor, and overseeing a national program to eradicate malaria. Due to his efforts he received The Meritorious Honor Award from the United States Ambassador to Togo.

Michael Cappetta '08 is a producer at NBCUniversal, where he works on the news programs *Today* and *NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt* covering business, technology, and consumer stories. Previously Michael was a producer and cameraman for *Deadliest Catch* where

he was responsible for filming and documenting the trials and tribulations aboard the Fishing Vessel Cape Caution under the command of Captain 'Wild' Bill Wichrowski.

Sean McEntee '08 Sr. Director, Client Services at 3Q Digital in Chicago. Integrated Digital Marketing professional with a degree in Interactive Media from DePaul University and Business Administration from Linköping University, Sweden.

Chris Tinetti '10 is an Account Executive at the IT hosting company and services provider SingleHop in Chicago.

Kaitlin Wolfe '10 is an architect in Baltimore, MD, with Design Collective Inc.

Bill Cale '12 is now Project Manager at Epic in Verona, WI. Epic is a health-care software developer.

Ted Cogan '12 is now Consultant at the Chicago technology consulting firm Pariveda Solutions.

Wes Kenyon '12 is now Associate Software Engineer at Hyland, creator of OnBase, which is an enterprise content management and process management software suite

Danny Wolfe '12 is a systems analyst in Ft. Worth, TX, with Lockheed Martin.

Matt Wolfe '13 is studying abroad in his fourth year at the University of Oslo, Oslo Norway.

Dan Herbener '14 is a Media Relations Assistant at The Ohio State University.

Ali Magyaros '15 is a Director of Coaching Intern at Quicken Loans. Ali is a sophomore at Detroit Mercy College where she is in her second varsity season on the Div. I lacrosse team.

Twin sisters **Hallie Thome '15** and **Hannah Thome '15** faced each other for the first time in their basketball playing careers. In the match-up, Hallie's University of Michigan squad was able to hand Hannah's Ohio University their first loss. Hallie earned several awards for her play on the Wolverines this season including 1st Team All-Big Ten. 🐾

NEWS OF ALUMNI MOVERS & SHAKERS

TIGER SPOTLIGHT



Peter Van Nort '55, member of the Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement and Athletic Halls of Fame, was elected Chairman of the Board of Enhanced Energy Group this past year. Peter was also elected Supervisor of Glen Arbor Michigan in the November election.

John Bourisseau '64 was honored by the Chagrin Valley Jaycees with the 2016 Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented annually to a person who has "demonstrated contributions to their profession and commitment to the general welfare and betterment of the Chagrin Valley." John has had considerable involvement in the Federated Church, Chagrin Falls Alumni Association, and the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. Recently John has overseen a major fundraising effort for the Historical Society that has placed them in the beautifully renovated new location on 87 E. Washington St.

Dame Helen verDuin Palit '66, member of the Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame, was awarded the Ohio School Board Association's Proud Product of Ohio Public Schools in 2016. Helen has received several honors for her Harvest programs from being named the fourth point of light by President George Bush in his thousand points of light speech to earning the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from then NY State Governor Mario Cuomo. Helen's America Harvest program includes 1,103 non-profit organizations that partner with local governments, individuals and businesses. The organizations efficiently distribute already prepared food that would be thrown away and get them to those that are hungry. Currently Helen is starting her newest Harvest program, Trillium Harvest.

"Coach" Bob Thomas '69 was recognized last month at the State of Florida (FHSAA) high school wrestling championships held in Kissimmee. Coach has been selected to receive the "Lifetime Service to Wrestling" as a member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Florida Chapter class of 2017. He coached the Bradenton Southeast High School Seminoles for 32 years beginning in 1978. The Seminoles finished in 1993 as state runner up and had 5 top 10 finishes in other seasons. Bob coached 4 state champions, 31 state placers, 67 state qualifiers and 2 high school All Americans. He was coaxed into wrestling by best friend **Mike Solether '69** and first stepped on the mat as a Tiger in 1966, wrestling for Jim Hoppel. As an aside Coach Thomas played football as a 78 lb freshman for Hoppel in 1965. Bob retired from coaching wrestling in 2010 and as a Social Studies teacher in 2013 after all 35 years at Southeast.

Dr. Sean Kay '85, member of the Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame, had his most recent book published. *Rockin' the Free World: How the Rock & Roll Revolu-*

tion Changed America and the World takes readers inside "Bob Dylan's America" and shows how this vision linked the rock and roll revolution to American values of freedom, equality, human rights, and peace while tracing how those values have spread globally. Sean is an international relations expert and professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. The book has received strong reviews and the CFAA is thankful to include a copy in the Elsa Jane Carroll library in the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Dave MacDonald '89 has recently landed a recurring role on the upcoming Stephen King series *Mr. Mercedes*, starring Brendan Gleeson, Harry Treadaway, Mary-Louise Parker & Holland Taylor. Dave has had roles in the series *Nashville*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *The House of Cards*, *The Inspectors*, *Chicago Fire*, *The Playboy Club*, *The Chicago Code*, and the TV movie *Killing Reagan*.

John Meyer '91 and **John Chuldenko '93** recently produced the movie *Dave Made a Maze*. The movie's plot is that Dave, an artist who has yet to complete anything significant in his career, builds a fort in his living room out of pure frustration, only to wind up trapped by the fantastical pitfalls, booby traps, and critters of his own creation. The movie premiered at the 2017 Slamdance Film Festival in Park City, UT, where it won the Audience Award and Best Narrative Feature. Meyer is also an actor, who has been on episodes of *NCIS*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Mike and Molly*, and *Anger Management* to name a few. Chuldenko is primarily a director known for such films as the *Nesting* and *Thirteen or Bust*.

Casey Cott '10 plays the character of Kevin Keller on the new television series *Riverdale*. The show on The CW is an American teen drama television series based on the characters by Archie Comics. 🐾

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