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FROM THE DIRECTOR

## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

**WE HAD** another terrific Blossom Weekend that deserves many thanks. The always popular All-Class Reunion was held on Friday. The event was sponsored by the Class of 1984, while the cups were donated by the Chagrin Falls Education Foundation. Saturday we had tours given by **Tom Mattern '55**, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Mollie Mack-nin Choral Concert led by Bill and Carol Foley and **John Bagley '72**, the Annual Alumni Baseball game put on by Varsity Head Coach Mike Sweeney, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Men's Soccer Game. Naturally, Sunday was highlighted by the Blossom Parade. We continued with the tradition of placing pictures of the 11 CFHS graduates who gave their lives in service to

our country in store windows. Yard signs were also placed along the trees by the stadium for the weekend to recognize each of these brave men. Those 11 graduates are **George Rowe '37**, **"Tony" Rosengreen '41**, **Roy E. Warburton '42**, **Alvin W. Smith '44**, **Robert F. Plazak '49**, **Ronald K. McDowell '64**, **Wade L. Groth '65**, **David A. Riegel '77**, **Jeffrey T. Abromaitis '80**, **Mark Rulman '81**, and **Michael Kashkoush '01**.

After a busy summer that started with several reunions and an All-Class Reunion over Blossom Weekend and more reunions over the summer, we are gearing up for an eventful end of the year. On Saturday, October 24, alumni musicians will come together for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni Rock Jam held at the Bainbridge Township Hall. On October 22, we will be having our 12<sup>th</sup> Chagrin Falls Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The class includes **Jeff Thompson '69**, **Tim Lockert '72**, **Kristin Clark Reboul '88**, **Ben Smith '01**, **Christopher Smith '03**, **Dr. Mario Gerhardt**, and the **1971 Boys Varsity Cross Country Team**, coached by Chagrin Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 1995 inductee **John Hurst '52**. The class will also be introduced the following evening at the Homecoming Football game on Friday, Oct. 23, verse Painesville Harvey. We hope you can join us for one or all of these special events.

— **Brian McKenna '88**  
Chagrin Falls Schools' Alumni Director

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALUMNI ROCK JAM  
Saturday, Oct. 24, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.  
Bainbridge Township Hall

HOMECOMING WEEKEND '15

12<sup>th</sup> CFS' ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
Induction Banquet

Thursday, Oct. 22, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.  
Tanglewood Country Club

6:00-7:00 p.m. Social Time & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres  
7:00-9:30 p.m. Induction Program

All alumni and friends are welcome to attend this banquet. Tickets may be purchased by mail or in person from Jana Young '82 or Brian McKenna '88 at the Alumni office or at the Chagrin Hardware. The cost is \$35 per ticket. Checks should be made out to the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association.

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Chagrin vs. Painesville Harvey

Friday, Oct. 23, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be guests at the game and introduced at half-time.

"KEEPING TIGER PRIDE ALIVE"

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# ROCKIN' HALLOWEEN PARTY PLANNED FOR HALL OF FAME WEEKEND

**WE'RE CALLING** all ghosts and goblins to join us on Saturday, October 24, from 7:00 - 10:00 pm for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Tiger Pride" Rock Jam and Halloween Dance Party. This year's event will be held indoors at the Bainbridge Township Hall located on Rt. 306 behind the Bainbridge fire station.



Our "Tiger Pride Band" will again be rockin' everyone with great classic tunes from the 60's, 70's and 80's and there will be plenty of room to strut your stuff and dance the night away.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, and will be on sale beginning Saturday, September 14. They can be purchased at Chagrin Hardware and Chuck's Fine Wines in Chagrin. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Tickets will include all of your beverages and light snacks. Hot sandwiches and other food will also be available for purchase.

So plan to bring classmates and friends (21 and over please) for an evening of ghostly good fun. Halloween costumes are encouraged, but optional. Hope to see you there! 🐾

## ALUMNI CHORUS CELEBRATES 6 YEARS



**IN OUR SIXTH YEAR**, we are happy to welcome Bill and Carol Foley to our music team and **Bill Barker '65**, **Skip Regan '69**, and **Jay Regan '75**, to the risers. 2016 concert plans are in the making and music will be selected by early Fall. Please contact - at [jtbagley54@gmail.com](mailto:jtbagley54@gmail.com) for more information or visit our Facebook page at CFHS Mollie Macknin Alumni Chorus.

## IN MEMORIAM

Jack Davidson 1948

Richard Chambers 1950

Bob Butler 1955

Sonya Bowers Stockler 1955

Claire Smith Hildebrand 1958

Nancy Odiorne Williams 1960

Sally Mitchell Larsen 1961

Tim Harris 1968

Bruce Barton 1969

Ken Miralia 1975

Jon Sachtjen 1992

Retired CFHS Spanish Teacher & Tennis Coach Carolyn Hanson

## MARRIAGES

**Cory Powell '88** & Christine Vinson, May 29, 2015.

Kevin Huddleston & **Jodie Lerz '89**, April 18, 2015.

Brian Began & **Jennifer Priem '93**, July 11, 2015.

**Ryan Eshelman '00** & Kelsey Crookshank, June 29, 2014.

Richard Jentsch & **Liesl Baumgartner '01**, June 6, 2015.

**Chloe Levien '03** & Ray Soto, July 18, 2015

**Aaron Jackson '04** & Emily Wooden '02, June 13, 2015.

**Zacc Martin '04** & Krislyn Berdine, June 20, 2015.

Matthew Glode & **Kasey Stever '04**, June 13, 2015.

Brian Cost & **Carley Tanchon '04**, May 30, 2015.

**Zak Gebler '05** & Amanda Shope, June 20, 2015.

**Michael Hermanson '06** & Rachel Bonomo, May 9, 2015.

**Tyler Shea '07** & Lisa Mongiardo, June 13, 2015.

Christopher Mullins & **Morgan Sutherin '07**, June 5, 2015.

Ryan Wilson & **Lanier Savage '09**, June 20, 2015.

David Evers & **Samantha Gebler '10**, June 27, 2015.

Adam Rysell & **Kim Johnson '10**, June 20, 2015.

## LITTLE TIGERS

To Stacy & **Cary Weatherhead '87**, a girl, Clara Elizabeth-Sue, Oct. 16, 2014.

To Catherine & **Brian Desberg '88**, a boy, Jack Ira, March 26, 2015.

To **Stephanie Marks '88**, a girl, Everly May, June 2, 2015.

To Sarah & **Matt Voelkel '96**, a boy, Andrew Michael, April 17, 2015.

To Kelsey & **Ryan Eshelman '00**, a girl, Ellery, May 12, 2015.

Matt and **Beth Subel Hanson '00**, a girl, Helen Mary, July 3, 2015.

To Alice & **Dan Podor '01**, a girl, Nora Grace, July 2, 2015.

To David & **Robbie Long Locher '02**, a girl, Cassie Jane, Oct. 16, 2014.

To **Jeff '02** & **Lauren Smith Miller '01**, a girl, Marah Kate, July 15, 2015



## CLASS & REUNION NOTES

**Class of 1945** – On July 5, area residents of the Class of 1945 met together with spouses or family to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> reunion. They were Donald Peterson, Virginia Briggs Fast, Betty Farrar Brunst, Doris Whitlam Kennell and Patricia Crain Hosmer. They enjoyed lunch and a long talk session.

**Class of 1955** – The Class of 1955 60<sup>th</sup> reunion is being held over the August 14-16 weekend. Look for a recap in the January newsletter.

**Class of 1960** – The Class of '60 will be having its 55<sup>th</sup> reunion the weekend of October 9-11, 2015. We will be meeting at a local establishment on Friday evening for an informal get together. On Saturday, our plans are to visit the High School, the CFHS Alumni Room, and the new home for the CFHS Historical Society.

We also plan to stop by the Western Reserve Conservancy Headquarters on River Road for a short visit. Two of our class members, Diana Otis and Ann Bowers grew up in homes on the property and we have good memories of time spent there. In the evening we will gather at the Welshfield Inn Party Center for a dinner. If anyone would like to join us at Welshfield, please call Karen Johns, 440-247-7211. On Sunday we will have a farewell brunch.

**Class of 1961** – The Class of '61 is beginning the process of reunion planning for its 55-year reunion in 2016, possibly in September. Classmates that would like to be part of the committee, have updated contact information or have ideas to share, then please contact Bill Meyer at parlin\_bill@yahoo.com or 207-691-9842.

**Class of 1965** – The 50-year reunion for the Class of 1965 will take place the weekend of September 18-20.

Interested classmates should contact Steve Thomas, 100 North Main, Ste. 235, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022, 440-247-4765, email: steve@sgtlaw.net for details and to sign up for dinner at the Pine Lake Trout Club on Saturday, September 19.

**Class of 1966** – Is anyone interested in a class reunion over the weekend of Blossom time May 27-30? Please e-mail Mary Herrington Rozhan at bump1947@aol.com or Claudia Koepf Jackson at claded66@aol.com. We need at least 50 to make it a go. We also need updated mailing and email addresses sent to us as well.

**Class of 1970** – CFHS Class of 1970 - 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion (July 24-26, 2015). A three day/ four event weekend reunion was planned. A casual social gathering was held at Paninis Bar & Grill followed by a Saturday morning school tour with Alumni Director Emeritus - Tom Mattern. The tour down "Memory Lane" began by gathering (parking) in the front parking lot of OUR old Philomethian Street Middle School.

Following the Philomethian tour, we gathered at the High School for a tour of the Tom Mattern Historical Room and other areas of the school, including our engraved class paver/stone at the Harris Stadium located at the bottom/center of the western stairs.

Our main reunion event was held on Saturday at Bass Lake Taverne & Inn in Chardon. Our evening started with a meet and greet hour and light appetizers followed by a buffet dinner and a light program.

A closing picnic on Sunday was held at the South Russell Village Park pavilion located on Bell Road (the old Muggleton Farm property). The next gathering will be our 50<sup>th</sup> in the summer of 2020.

**Class of 1971** – Dear Class of '71; Next year will be our 45<sup>th</sup>! If you want a reunion, we need to know. Memorial Day or alternative date? Your locals need to hear back, please. Contact either Gail Hastings or Ruth McIlrath Cavanagh on Facebook. Thanks!

**Class of 1986** – The Class of '86 will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion during Blossom Time Weekend 2016. Stay tuned for more information and visit the class Facebook page at CF Class of '86 to stay in the loop.

**Class of 1990** – An informal gathering of members of the Class of 1990 got together at Gamekeepers on Saturday of Blossom Weekend to celebrate their 25-year reunion.

**Class of 1991** – The Class of 1991 is planning a 25-year reunion in 2016 over Blossom Weekend. Classmates that would like to be part of the committee, have updated contact information or have ideas to share, then please contact Laura Wurster Jones at joneslau@windstream.net.

**Class of 1996** – Mark your calendars for Memorial Day/Blossom Time weekend 2016 (May 27-30) for our 20-year reunion! An event is in the works for Saturday night, May 28. Join our Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1996" or email Julie (Ferlito) DiMatteo at julie.dimatteo@gmail.com to stay in the loop on reunion info. See you next May!

**Class of 2001** – The Class of 2001 is beginning the process of reunion planning for its 15-year reunion in 2016 over Blossom Weekend. Classmates that would like to be part of the committee, have updated contact information or have ideas to share, then please contact P.J. Orazen Glass at pjglass2010@gmail.com or you can visit the class Facebook group, Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2001, to keep updated.

**Class of 2006** – The Class of 2006 is gearing up for its 10-year reunion on Saturday, May 28, 2016 over Blossom Weekend. To be involved or to stay in the loop on the event, contact Grant Monda (grant.monda@gmail.com) or Michael Hermanson (mhermanson4@gmail.com). Classmates are also encouraged to join the Facebook group Chagrin Falls Class of 2006. 🐾



## SPECIAL GIFTS

# THANK YOU ALUMNI & FRIENDS



**John Cahill '63** has given his dues in memory of retired CFHS Athletic Director and Physical Education teacher Mr. Ralph Quesinberry.

**Michelle Rovner Skala '64** has given her dues in memory of pre-school

and elementary teacher Alice Fitz.

**George Cale '70** has given a donation in honor of former history teacher and football coach Mr. John Piai.

**Beth Barber '75** has given her dues in memory of her mother, CFHS Librarian Assistant Carolyn Barber.

**Colleen Clegg Mahoney '80** has given her Tiger Pride membership to honor and remember the great science teachers she had at CFHS including

Mr. Ramon Battles, **Mr. John Hurst '52**, and Mr. Neal Wheatcraft.

Retired CFHS biology teacher Dr. John Olive has made a donation in memory of his colleague in the Science Department Mr. Neal Wheatcraft.

An anonymous donor has given an original copy of the "Chagrin Falls Tigers Football Playbook - 1953" to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room. 🐾

## ALUMNI KIDS

**THIRTY-TWO MEMBERS** of the Class of 2015 are children of Chagrin alumni, while six of them have both parents as graduates of CFHS. At graduation they all received corsages to signify this tradition.



Front Row (L to R) - Morgan Ehrenbeit (**Dan '67 & Linda Maistros Ehrenbeit '72**), Allie Dustin (**Jim '83**), Anne Moyse (**John '83 & Susan Schiemann Moyse '84**), Kirsten Hendricks (**Kelly Shuster Hendricks '83**), Hailey Baker (**Jeff '79 & Jackie Venning Baker '80**), Devon Riegel (**Jeff '79**); 2nd Row - Alexandra Gottschalk (**Edwin '78**), Rayna Himes (**Don '77**); 3rd Row - Emily Gebler (**Jon '83**), Elizabeth Hugget (**Scott '80**), Nicole Cale (**Bill '72**), Kendal Baker (**Jeff '79 & Jackie Venning Baker '80**); 4th Row - Sara Parker (**Jane Jackson Parker '77**), Taylor McDaniel (**Shannon Wrench McDaniel '87**); 5th Row - Bryant Kennedy (**Colleen Thome Kennedy '87**), Max Maistros (**David '82**), Ella Bourisseau (**John '64**), Margaret Schlaker (**Scott '81**), Lauren Mahoney (**Tim '81 & Colleen Clegg Mahoney '80**), Mac DeGreen (**Keith '67**), Jacob Rathbone (**Bob '88**); 6th Row - Tyler Kennedy (**Colleen Thome Kennedy '87**), Peter Girouard

(**Cindy Keim Girouard '85**), Maddie Clegg (**John '78**), Cate Cantlay (**Doug '77 & Christine Youngberg '85**), Brad Hollis (**Steve '76**), Tristan Subel (**Jack '84**); 7th Row - Charlie Winovich (**Barry '84**), Nate Diedrich (**Steve Diedrich '82**), Ben Stapulionis (**Heidi Exline Stapulionis '85**), Thomas Harmat (**Akos '81**), Jon Karyo (**Sally Garrett Karyo '81**) 🐾

(Photo by John Tillotson '72)



# 2015 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

## Jeff Thompson '69

- His senior season he captained the 1968-69 basketball team that won the CVC and was named to the Plain Dealer's Dream Team.
- Played baseball and basketball at Dickinson College where he earned All-MAC recognition in both sports.
- Still holds the Dickinson College single-season rebounding record in basketball and is one of two players to average a double-double for their career.
- Only Dickinson College basketball player to amass 300 points and 300 rebounds in two different seasons.
- MVP of the 1972 Sun Coast Classic where he had 28 points and 22 rebounds in the championship game verse Brandeis.
- Recipient of the MacAndrew's trophy, as the outstanding Dickinson College athlete in 1972.
- Won 400-plus basketball games while a varsity basketball coach of both boys and girls programs in Pennsylvania. He has led teams to district playoff wins in all four classifications.

## Tim Lockert '72

- 1st team CVC, MVP in the CVC, All-Ohio and the Cleveland Touchdown Club recipient in football.
- As a starting offensive guard & linebacker during his junior and senior years, he helped lead the Tigers to a 19 - 1 record where they were CVC Co-Champs in 1971 and undefeated and CVC Champs in 1972.
- Played four years and captained the football team at Rose-Hulman University.
- Tied for 8th on the career list for unassisted tackles at Rose-Hulman University.
- Three sport athlete at Chagrin Varsity in football, wrestling, and tennis.

## Kristin Clark Reboul '88

- 1987 State Runner-Up at Ohio High School Girls Golf State Championship with a 6th place finish in 1986
- 3-year Boy's Varsity Golf

## Team letter winner

- Qualified for the 1987 & 1988 USGA Junior Girls Championship and the 1987 Junior World Golf Championships
- 4-year letter winner at Penn State University in Women's Golf and 2-year Captain
- Eastern College Athletic Conference All-Conference Team, 1990 & 1991
- Cleveland Women's Golf Association, Champion, 1991 & 1992
- Ohio Women's Amateur Championship, Runner-Up, 1991
- Atlantic International Golf Championship (Bermuda), Champion, 1989
- Cleveland, Greater Cleveland, Akron Tri-League Championship, Champion, 1988

## Ben Smith '01

- Holds CFHS baseball career record for runs scored (104) and walks (70) and ranks in the top 5 in four other categories.
- Holds 3 single season records for CFHS in baseball: Average - .570, Home Runs - 9, & Runs - 55, while also ranking in the top 5 in 5 other single season categories.
- Tied for 8th in Ohio Single Season (2001) record for Runs - 55
- Earned 2nd Team All-Ohio, CVC M.V.P., and named to the all-star teams by the Plain Dealer, News Herald and Sun Press in baseball.
- Selected 3rd Team All-Ohio, 1st Team All Greater Cleveland, 1st Team CVC as goalie on the CFHS Boys Soccer team.
- Four Year starter at Shortstop for Division I Cleveland State Vikings
- Selected to the Horizon League All-Newcomer Team (2002), All-Horizon League Championship team (2003), Horizon League Player of the Week (2004)
- Prospect of the Atlanta Braves and St. Louis Cardinals before being sidelined from a torn shoulder labrum, yet still recovered to be the starting shortstop his senior year.

## Chris Smith '03

- Earned 12 Varsity letters in cross country, hockey, and track
- 1st Team CVC all four years in cross country while finishing first in the CVC Invitational his junior year and 2nd place his senior year
- 4 year starter on the hockey team where he was selected to the Blue Division All-Star Team and was the team's leading scorer his senior year.
- Earned many 1st team All-CVC honors during his sophomore - senior year in track and was selected the CVC MVP in track in his senior year.
- Finished 8th in the 1600M in his junior year earning All-Ohio honors and 12th place his senior year.
- Competed throughout his collegiate career at Butler University in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track.
- Was a member of the cross country team that was Horizon League Champions each of his four years and placed 4th at the NCAA Div. 1 Meet in 2004 and 25th in 2005.
- In indoor track, he earned 1st Place three of the years at the Horizon League Championships in the distance medley.
- Set Butler University's 1000M record and also 4:10.88 mile at the Iowa State Classic.
- In outdoor track, he won the 1500M at the Horizon League Championships and was a NCAA Regional Qualifier (2005).

## Dr. Mario Gerhardt

- Winningest boys high school soccer coach in Ohio with 504 wins entering the 2015 soccer season
- Began the Boy's Soccer Team in 1970 and is entering his 46th season as the Varsity Head Coach.
- Team was State Runner-Up in 2003 and made the State Final Four five times
- Has 11 District Championships, 26 Sectional Championships, & 18 conference titles
- Has coached 59 Academic All-Ohioans, 32 All-Ohioans, 11 Regional All-Americans, & 1

## All-American

- Inducted in the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Hall of Fame (1993) & Ohio North Youth Soccer Hall of Fame (2003)
- NSCAA Regional Coach/Finalist for National Coach of the Year (2004)
- Has been selected as the Ohio Coach of the Year 3 times, Greater Cleveland Coach of the Year 6 times, and Conference Coach of the Year 10 times
- NSCAA Robert W. Robinson High School Long-Time Service Award (2009)
- OSSCA Pinsenschaum Sportsmanship and Ethics Award (2010)
- OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Integrity Award (1997-1998)

## 1971 Boy's Cross Country Team

- Won the OHSAA State Cross Country Championships in 1971 and finished 2nd in 1970.
- The program was only in its 9th year, but had a 58-8 record in dual meets and in the previous 7 years in the CVC, Chagrin won 5 league championships and never finished below second.
- First state title in Chagrin's history.
- Team finished 7-0 in dual meets.
- The lowest a team can score is 15, which was accomplished twice in the dual meets. Team never scored over 20 in a meet.
- Won 3 large regular season meets that season - Warrensville, Gilmour, & Chagrin.
- JV squad went 7 - 0 in dual meets and won three large meets - Gilmour, Chagrin, & CVC.
- Those that earned a varsity letter that season included **Glenn Bombback '72, Mark Freemantle '72, David Hart '72, Mark Lodwick '72, Dan Miller '72, Dwight Woodward '72, John Brandon '73, John Jackson '73, Todd Gardenier '73, Sam Narten '73, James Nelan '73, Rick Pamer '73, and Alan Streater '74.**



## SPRING SPORTS REVIEW

**THE END OF** the school year saw the Tigers bring home a state title and state runner-up finish in lacrosse, while our other programs found continued success. The boys lax team finished the season with a 17-3 record and won the state title in double overtime. They tied the game with eight seconds to go in regulation by a goal by *Plain Dealer* Player of the Year Tristan Subel (**Jack Subel '84**). This is the sixth state title for Chagrin and second for Boys Lax (2003). We do have other prominent alumni boys starting on the squad from Charlie Winovich (**Barry Winovich '84**), *Plain Dealer* Goalie of the Year Jackson Markley (**Lisa Howard Markley '83**), & Pierce Fricke (**Laura Wilharm Fricke '83**). The girls lax team had a 16-4 record and finished as state runners-up with a 9-8 loss to Columbus Academy.

Alumni children were also well represented on the girl's team with Hailey & Kendal Baker (**Jeff '79 & Jackie Venning Baker '80**), Kirsten Hendricks (**Kelly Shuster Hendricks '83**), and Shea Salyers (**Mike Salyers '90**). The ladies were also represented by senior Kelsey Owen, who for the the past two seasons has been an All-American and *Plain Dealer* Player of the Year. Senior Molly Hopkins was selected the *Plain Dealer* Goalie of the Year. The boys track team came in fourth place at CVCs and sixth at districts. The girls track team won the CVC meet and were district runners up. Junior Joey Bistriz (**Rich '77 & Martha Beattie Bistriz '77**) was runner-up in the mile run at the State Track & Field Meet. Of the seven others on the podium, Joey is the only one that will be returning next year. Last fall Joey won the state title in the cross country meet. Both the boys and girls 4 by 800 relay teams made the podium with fourth place finishes. On the girls relay team is Allie Dustin (**Jim Dustin '83**). The baseball team went 22-8 this season and at one point had an eight game winning streak. They came in second place in the CVC and lost a very exciting district semi final game vs Tallmadge. The softball team returned to the diamond for the first time in two years. The team had impressive wins over Newbury and St. Martin DePores and all the players on this year's roster return next year. With a tough schedule, the boy's tennis team went 8-7 and had a doubles team advance to districts. 🐾

## DO YOU REMEMBER

**GARY PALMER '58** is keeping quite busy as a freelance writer, Certified Personal Trainer, motivational speaker, and also hosts a weekly health and fitness cable TV show in Wadsworth, OH, called Reversing the Aging Process. Gary is now working on his fourth book. Continuing on with Chagrin Falls a memoir, Gary is authoring *That Palmer Boy*, which is intended for young adult readers. He includes many Chagrin memories from the 1940s. Gary's wife Barb does the illustrations. Below is an excerpt from Chapter 3 - *That River Town*:

If I am truly an alien that was sent to Chagrin Falls, Ohio, from some far away planet, it could not have been designed more perfectly. The name and the town itself are unique and very special. It is the only town named Chagrin Falls in the entire world.

The setting, which is picturesque and spectacular, begins with the river. The Chagrin River, which flows into Lake Erie, runs under North Main Street smack dab through the middle of the village.

A French explorer named Sequin is credited with discover-

ing Chagrin Falls. But Native Americans had set up camps in the Chagrin Valley, hunting the dense woods and fishing the river and streams hundreds of years before Europeans set foot in the area.

A falls lies on both sides of North Main Street. Northeast of town, near the paper mill sat a third falls. The Popcorn Shop overlooks the most scenic and biggest falls in town. The Popcorn Shop and the paper mill are old landmarks in Chagrin Falls.

North of town on North Main Street, overlooking the village stands Grove Hill. The hill, which is very steep, was probably carved during the ice age.

I moved around town at a much faster rate than most kids. I remember living in six different houses in the village of Chagrin Falls, and I was told I lived in several more. Three of the houses sat a short distance from the top of Grove Hill. When I was six and seven years old, I lived with my grandmother in one of the hill top homes.

Everyone that has visited this little town has probably been to the Popcorn Shop, known for its ice cream, frozen custards, and

popcorn. It has always been an attraction for townspeople and for tourists who drive to the village for an old-fashioned small town visit. It takes them away from their faster-paced lives in more heavily populated areas. Since all the old buildings in Chagrin have been restored to preserve their originality, a visit to the village is a step back in time.

But the Popcorn Shop that Mr. and Mrs. Kewish owned back in the day didn't have my favorite food—hamburgers. The Standard Drugstore, Speice's Drugstore, and Frizzells Restaurant were places that kids and adults went to for hamburgers, ice cream and other treats. My grandma took me to Speice's for ice cream. Two giant scoops cost 10 cents, and a single scoop of ice cream was five cents.

Grandma didn't drive a car, but she didn't need one. Everywhere she lived was in or near the village, close to stores. And her husband, Bill Kelley, walked to and from his night shift job at the paper mill.

As much as I liked chocolate ice cream at Speice's Drugstore, nothing could surpass hamburg-

ers cooked on the grill, in most places, right in front of your eyes. Burgers were 15 cents in the 1940s and a whopping 25 cents when the 1950s rolled around. All the drug stores had a grill for cooking burgers and hot dogs, but the best burgers in town came from Brimm's Beer Garden.

Grandma rarely had enough money for burgers and fries, but when she did, we went to Brimm's.

Growing up in Chagrin, I wasn't aware how special that little town really was. It was just my hometown—nothing more, nothing less. I didn't even realize what a bargain the movie theater was. There weren't many movie houses anywhere in the 1940s and 1950s that only charged 14 cents to see a motion picture or to see Superman, a weekly serial. If you went to the "show" with a quarter, you could have a coke, a small box of popcorn, and come home with change. People really didn't make a lot of money back in those days. But with food and movie prices being so low, you really didn't need to make a lot of money to have a decent life. 🐾





## ALUMNI SALUTE A FALLEN HERO

**THE 2015** "Sgt. Michael Kashkoush Memorial Garden" is in full bloom at the entrance to the Chagrin Falls Post Office. The Alumni Garden Committee, consisting of **John Tillotson '72**, **Debi Shukys Gebler '75**, her husband and retired Chagrin Falls Postmaster **Mark Gebler '75** and **Tom Mattern '55** have planted a beautiful red, white and blue flower garden to honor **Sgt. Michael McClaren Kashkoush**, Class of 2001, who died in Iraq in 2007 while proudly serving his country. The Post Office, through an act of Congress, was officially renamed in Michael's honor on May 7, 2008. This memorial garden will be planted and maintained every spring by the Alumni Association Garden Committee. We would like to thank Ted, **Todd '93**, **Travis '95**, & **Kyle Kruse '01** at Chagrin Pet and Garden for donating the flowers and all of the planting materials for the garden. 🐾

(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**THE CHAGRIN FALLS** Alumni Association awarded eight seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship. This brings the total to 121 scholarships given out since 1989 by the CFAA. The picture is from the Senior Awards Banquet held recently.

From left to right: Grace Furnas (Class of '74), Kirsten Hendricks (Alumni Child), Matt Kohn (Tom Mattern), Avery

Friedman (Alumni), **Pam Fischley Hermanson '74** (Scholarship Committee Chairperson), Gabby Vidmar (Ruth Noble), Blake Wynveen (Tiger Pride Rock Jam), Elizabeth Martin (Alumni Chorus), & Ali Magyaros (Class of '64). 🐾

(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

## TIGER TALES COMES WITH YOUR SUPPORT

We thank you for the understanding on the necessity to control our costs regarding the newsletter. We do want to clarify how this works. To the right of your name on this Tiger Tales, it will state why you are still able to get a hard copy: TP – Tiger Pride member, TCHR – Retired Chagrin Schools Employee, SR – Graduated in 1962 or earlier year, and if there is a 2013, 2014, or 2015, then it is due to your recent donation. We will continue to send you a Tiger Tales provided your donation has been in the past two years or you fall under one of the other categories. Naturally we will continue to post the newsletter online. Annual dues for an alumnus is still only \$10, just as it was when we started in 1989.



During the Bainbridge Civic Club's annual steak roast, the Bainbridge Area Food for Friends honored **Jack Batchelor '43** for his decades of service to provide food for needy families and individuals. Jack, who still serves on the board for the organization, held the Director position for 17 years. His career was in education teaching math at the Bainbridge School and retired from West Geauga School District in 1979.

**Judith Spresser Holder '67** lives in New York City, but is able to visit Chagrin Falls almost once a month, which is a great antidote to NYC life.

**Scott Lax '70** is currently teaching creative writing at Hiram College, and as of this fall will be a graduate student at Hiram (but will remain on faculty as a creative writing instructor) in pursuit of a Master of Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) graduate degree. He is also teaching creative writing classes at the Valley Art Center in Chagrin. Scott is still getting more reviews of his newest novel, *Vengeance Follows*. James Cox, Editor-in-Chief of *Midwest Book Review*, wrote "Scott Lax is a master wordsmith of the first order and once again demonstrates his talent and expertise with *Vengeance Follows*. A minor masterpiece of suspense and human nature, *Vengeance Follows* is a terrifically entertaining read from beginning to end. Very highly recommended." The book, along with the softcover version of *The Year That Trembled* are both available on Amazon. Scott and his wife Lydia enjoy spending time with their son, Finn, who is four, and loves nature, art, music and sports.

**Brett Jokela '72** is General Manager of Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility.

**John Fast '73** has been Director of Tax at United Agri Products in Greeley, CO, for the past nine years. Prior to that he held the same position for Coors Brewing Company.

## TIGER GRAPEVINE

**Beth Barber '75** recently finished her 35th year of teaching in South Carolina. Beth is currently teaching kindergarten at McColl Elementary School and has enjoyed several honors, including being chosen as "Teacher of the Year."

**Michael Fury '76** for the past decade has been owner- KMSR Enterprises, LLC Home Renovations, based in Painesville, OH.

**Sali McSherry '79**, opened Paris Room in downtown Chagrin Falls in February -- French inspired comfort food, signature cocktails, French wines and live music Thursdays and Saturdays, mostly blues and jazz. Find us on Facebook: parisroombistro or visit our website: parisroombistro.com

**Brent Charlton '81** accepted new position of Safety Director for Metal Technologies, Inc. They have plants and foundries in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, and Tennessee. Brent and **Carey Evans Charlton '82** live in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Paul Kershey '81** is IT Quality Control Analyst Senior at Anthem in Cleveland. Paul has also been a lead programmer, software engineer and consultant to several banks and hospitals in Northeast Ohio.

**Joel Adelman '82** is Founder and CEO of Advance Partners in Cleveland. It is the leading independent provider of payroll funding and operational support to temporary staffing agencies, providing nearly \$2 billion in financing annually. Additionally, Joel is President of Adelman Capital. He also donates much of his time as a Board Member of University Hospitals Case Medical Center and Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. He served as the past Cleveland Chapter President of the YPO (Young President's Organization). Joel has been honored with the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year 2013 Award in Northeast Ohio, recognizing high-growth entrepreneurs in innovation, financial performance and community involvement.

**Tracy Davis '83** is Principal of the interior design firm Urban Dwellings. Tracy is one of New England's leading interior designers and her work has been featured in countless magazines. Recently Tracy opened a new studio and retail location for Urban Dwellings in Portland Maine's fabulous East End. Urban Dwellings provides a complete range of design services for luxury primary and secondary residences, boutique hotels, and restaurants. In 2011, Urban Dwellings was awarded Boston's Perspective on Design Award for Best Object Design for their chandelier made of repurposed local Elm. In 2014, Urban Dwellings joined the Haute

Design Network as the exclusive member for Portland, ME and is named one of America's Top 100 Interior Design firms by Design Bureau Magazine.

**Bethany Rall Rista '84** is Account Manager at K+S Services in Southgate, Michigan. K+S Services, Inc. is a global supplier specializing in the repair of industrial automation components.

**Alisa Bowe Lenhardt '85** recently traveled with her daughter and 13 other team members from Sewickley United Methodist Church for a mission trip to Honduras. Their focus, aside from music ministry, was on vision screenings and health and hygiene education. They spent some very intense time at the clinic there, in third world conditions. The small impoverished mountain village just got electricity in the past two years. They were able to see 462 patients in three days. This was Alisa's 6th trip to this same village since 2005 and she is hoping to return in two years with her youngest daughter. She cherishes the strong relationships she has developed with the residents there. They are beautiful and kind and so thankful. It reminds her somewhat of Chagrin, a place where the community cares deeply for each other, almost everyone knows each other and many are related! There are even four churches in this tiny little town. They identified 12 adults who are in need of minor surgeries that would bring them from their current status of almost completely blind to full sight for approximately \$150 per person. Mostly cataracts from years in the intense sun with no protective sunglasses. Also of the approximate 400 students in the school there (grades 1-9), at least a dozen of them were not able to see the top line of the chart. They brought 2000 pairs of glasses with them, purchased through the lions club. It was amazing for Alisa to watch their reactions when they were able to walk out of the clinic being able to see.

**Mike '85 & Kim Carpenter Clark '86** moved to Lexington, KY, for their daughter Macy to continue her riding aspirations. Mike is still a Senior VP of CSM companies out of Madison, WI.

**Diana Finley '87** is an Actuarial Supervisor at Family Heritage Life Insurance in Cleveland.

**Brenton Luce '88** is Senior Portfolio Manager at Carnegie Investment Counsel in Pepper Pike, OH.

**Mark Rupp '88** got remarried in August last year and finished his studies and credentials to become a certified financial planner in



December. Mark lives in Idaho.

**John Meyer '91** is now producing the feature film *Dave Made A Maze* in partnership with **John Chuldenko '93**. "Dave Made A Maze" re-imagines classic 80's adventure films with a modern comedic edge and a higher body count. 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. Ignoring his warnings, Dave's girlfriend Annie leads a band of oddball explorers on a rescue mission. The handmade fantasy world comes to life with puppetry, stop-motion animation, and in-camera optical illusions, re-igniting the tactile sense of wonder from the movies of our childhoods." IMDB.com

**Ryan Munz Burns '93** is a Leadership Coach in the Managing, Marketing & Logistics Department of the Business School at John Carroll University.

**Dr. Kate Mottinger Bjordahl '94** is a veterinarian at Powder Paws Veterinary Clinic in Park City, UT. She and her husband, Terrence, have two kids and keep busy with the many outdoor opportunities Utah has to offer.

**Craig Call '96** graduated from Baldwin Wallace University in May with an MBA in Systems Management.

**Kate and Max Hood '96** moved to Atlanta, GA, in July. Max left GE Aviation to be the Operational Controller with GE Energy Management. Allie (4) and Jack (2) are excited for the longer summers!

**Robin Lowe '96** received the Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Hiram College in May 2015. She has been with Althans Insurance Agency, Inc. in Chagrin Falls for 10 years and is an Account Executive in the Commercial Lines Department and has lived in Newbury, OH, for 14 years.

**Sarah Munson '96** is a Dual Licensed Radiological Technologist/Mammographer and lives in Portland, OR.

**Shaun Street '96** is a Product Specialist for Trico, Inc. in Cleveland. Tribco is a small high technology company that produces friction products for brakes, clutches and other industrial applications. Shaun is also a co-owner of a MC/DJ company.

**Dr. Katie Boland '98** is a collaborative scientist and researcher specializing in immunosequencing, immunology, veterinary anatomic pathology, and comparative pathology. Katie works in New York City for Adaptive Biotechnologies Corporation. She earned her Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University, a PhD in Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology from

Washington State University, and recently completed a Post Doctoral Fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

**Amy Browne Faler '00** is Purchasing Manager at Just Jewelry in Springboro, OH, and is also a realtor for OwnerLand Realty in Dayton.

**Laura Fredrick Lytle '01** is President of Little L Communications, an advertising and public relations firm in Geneva, OH. Recently the firm received both Gold and Silver awards in public relations during the Lake Communicators 10th Annual APEX Awards, which honors the top firms in Northeast Ohio. The Gold Award was in PR-Consumer Products, Services and Community Relations for its Ready Lake County Public Relations campaign and the Silver Award was in PR-Media Relations for the Lake County YMCA 2014 Dream House Media campaign.

**Adam Kerlek '01** is Associate Attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC in Naples, FJ. His focus is on estates, trusts, asset protection and as counsel for businesses.

**Chuck Hunt '02** is a border patrol agent for the Department of Homeland Security in Tucson, AZ.

**Julianne McCall '02** recently finished her PhD in Gene Therapy for Brain Neuronal Regeneration at Heidelberg University in Germany and is directing two programs: TEDxFulbright and the International Neuroscience Competition for high school students.

**Meme Reinart Wagner '02** is a financial consultant at Wagner Enterprises, LLC and Manager, Financial Services at Aon Corporation in Chicago, IL.

**Chris McCall '03** lives and works in Zurich as an engineer for a start-up company, Fotokite, and plays for the Swiss National Lacrosse Team. He just won 1st Place at the European Qualcomm Business Pitch Competition, earning \$250k for his start-up and is preparing now for the International Round.

**Robert Carleton '04** is Director of Humanities at Colegio Britanico in Quito, Ecuador.

**Zacc Martin '04** is National Account Manager for EmployeeScreenIQ, a global background screening company in Cleveland.

**Kathryn Ogden Johnson '04** is a human resources analyst and executive assistant at OptionsHouse in Chicago.

**Drew Stelzer '04** is an Account Manager at Score Marketing, Inc. in Warrensville Hts. Additionally Drew is the Wide Receivers Coach at Kenston High School.

**Kasey Stever Glode '04** is Senior Web Designer/Developer at Stonewall Kitchen in Portsmouth, NH.

**Grant Monda '05** recently completed a Ryan Fellowship and his principal residency year at KIPP Memphis Collegiate Schools. KIPP is national network of over 140 free, open-enrollment, college preparatory, public charter schools that prepare students from under-served communities for success in college and in life. Grant recently accepted the Head of School position at Aurora Collegiate Academy. Aurora is an independent public charter elementary school in Memphis, serving roughly a 95% free and reduced lunch population.

**Tyler Pearl '07** is Assistant Band Director at Euclid City Schools.

**Alex Hinch '08** is now Logistics Account Executive at Total Quality Logistics, a freight brokerage firm, in Columbus, OH.

**Leslie Cakra '09** was recently drafted by the Hi-Pass team, which is part of the Korean Volleyball Federation. Leslie was a four year player for the Lady Volunteers at the University of Tennessee. She earned 1st Team All-SEC honors as well as Honorable Mention All-American status. Leslie has been playing professionally since graduation and has also been training with the U.S. women's national team in California. She has also been a leading part of the effort to have the University of Tennessee bring back the Lady Volunteers nickname, which was recently removed from all their women's sports except basketball.

**Lindsay Petrenchik '09** is a biology and chemistry teacher at Raymond S. Kellis High School in Peoria, AZ. Lindsay is a track coach and the advisor to two clubs at the school: War Against Racism and Prejudice (WARP) and the Japanese Culture and Media Club.

**Brooke Kratche '11** will be completing her first marathon on Sept. 26th in Akron and will do so to raise money for the organization Destiny Rescue. Essentially, Destiny Rescue rescues children out of sexually abusive situations, provides them with safety, therapy, and education. It costs \$1500 to rescue one child out of the sex trade. Brooke's goal is to raise \$3000, so that 2 children can be saved. If you are interested in donating to the cause, then please visit <http://www.donationto.com/26-for-two>.

**Morgan Liber '11** is a Promotions Coordinator for the Tampa Bay Rays.

**Joseph Sitzwohl '11** recently authored the book *Surrounding Saturdays*, which paints a simple yet dynamic picture of the U.S. undergraduate college experience. Intended for soon-to-be college students and their parents alike, the light read is a collection of personal anecdotes through Joseph Sitzwohl's four years attending one of the world's largest schools, The Ohio State University. 🐾



## NEWS OF ALUMNI MOVERS & SHAKERS TIGER SPOTLIGHT

The Ohio School Boards Association has selected **Helen ver Duin Palit '66** for their annual

"Proud Products of Ohio Public Schools" program. The OSBA highlights graduates who have achieved great success in their chosen fields. Helen is the Founder & President of America Harvest, which feeds 900,000 people daily and over 10 billion meals since its inception. Helen will be honored in Columbus this September. Helen was influenced by many of her teachers while at Chagrin and, in particular, CFHS English instructor Mr. Robert Dober. Over the years Helen has been honored by several organizations from selection to the Chagrin Schools Achievement Hall of Fame to being selected as the 4th Point of Light by President George H.W. Bush in 1989.

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) announced that **George Gliba '68** had an asteroid named after him. George is one of the founders of the Chagrin Valley Astronomical Society (1963). He worked on the International Ultraviolet Explorer

(IUE) satellite, The Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and the Gamma Ray Observatory (GRO) orbiting observatories during his days at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) in Greenbelt, MD. George is currently a Senior Technical Specialist at the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD, where he has worked as a contractor on several satellite projects since 1979. He has been employed with the company SP Systems Inc. since 2000. He also enjoys collecting meteorites, Natural History, bicycling and Buddhism.

**Jennifer MacDonald '86** has been a cryptologist, multi-award winning producer/writer, and educator. She also founded Luminous Scope, a non-profit to support a culture of empathy and understanding around the people of North Africa and the Middle East. This summer, Jennifer brought baskets of simple & traditional toys for the children in the refugee camps in Lebanon by the border of Syria. Most of these children have lost one if not both parents and are unable to attend school. This project is called Hadaya and you can learn more about this project and Jennifer's work by visiting [www.theluminousscope.com](http://www.theluminousscope.com).

**John Gadd '04** is CEO of Hotcards. Hotcards is an online printing company based in Cleveland primarily producing postcards, business cards, event tickets and door hangers. John serves on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Ohio. He also co-chaired plans for this year's New Year's Eve party in downtown Cleveland. He recently spent almost two weeks on a service and mission trip in South Africa with his church. John has founded and co-founded multiple companies in the software, print and marketing industries. His first startup, flozio.com, was at age 22. He and his partners cofounded Quez Media Marketing, headquartered in downtown Cleveland. John also founded Gadd Corporation to serve as strategic counsel to C-level executives at Internet, graphic arts and marketing companies ranging up to the Fortune 300.

**Corey Cott '08** is back on Broadway as Gaston Lachaille in the romantic comedy *Gigi*. Corey made his Broadway debut starring as Jack Kelly in *Newsies*. His other stage credits include university productions of *Suddenly Last Summer*, *Assassins*, *Sweeney Todd* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. TV: Recent guest star on *Madam Secretary* and a recurring role in the upcoming TNT drama *Public Morals*. 🐾

## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW?

## RETIRED TEACHERS SPOTLIGHT



**DR. JOHN OLIVE** is retired from teaching and currently lives in Wooster, OH. He was a biology teacher at CFHS from 1958 - 62 joining his boyhood friend Mr. Neal Wheatcraft in the Science Department. He went on to be a Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University of Akron. Dr. Olive is considered one of the pioneers in the science of using bioindicators for the evaluation of water quality.

**Arline Miller Moore '43** recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Arline was primarily a 3rd grade teacher from 1965 - 1995. Even in retirement, she has continued on in many roles for the community and school. Many of you have seen her happily taking tickets at the Alumni all class reunions, football, volleyball and basketball games for many years. She is also very active with the CF Library and Chagrin Falls Historical Society. Arline also serves on the CF Alumni Association Board of Trustees as Vice President.

Former CFMS & CFHS Principal **Lou Weaver** is enjoying retirement in Palm Springs, CA. He is Chairperson of the volunteer council at the Palm Springs Art Museum, which is ranked one of the 10 best contemporary mid-size museums in the world. Lou does find time to complete multiple cruises every year.

**Jan Mottinger**, former 4th grade teacher at Sands and the Intermediate School, has moved to Palos Verdes, CA. She and her husband Don, a former CF school board member, are enjoying living on the ocean and in the same city as son **Drew '99**. Although they do quite a bit of travelling, especially to see their five grandchildren, Jan finds time to volunteer in a 4th grade classroom in San Pedro. 🐾





## SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Join The Tiger Pride Club

Join the Tiger Pride Club as a Life Member and receive: Your name permanently inscribed on the Life Member plaque displayed at the Chagrin Falls Alumni Office; a lifetime pass to any CFHS regular season athletic event where admission is charged (if or when you are 55 years or older); and your name listed in the *Tiger Tales* newsletter.

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$250    ☐ Enclosed is my check for \$100  
(for those 70 years and older)

### ADDITIONAL GIVING OPTIONS:

☐ Yearly Alumni Association Membership - \$10    ☐ Other - \$\_\_\_\_\_

The full amount of yearly and life memberships IS tax deductible. The Chagrin Falls Alumni Association did not provide any goods or services in consideration of these memberships. Any tangible good sold on behalf of the Chagrin Falls Alumni Association is priced at its fair market value and its purchase price is NOT tax deductible.

☐ NEW ADDRESS

Name (incl. Maiden Name): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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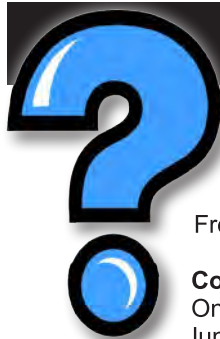
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My Donation Honors This Special Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Tiger Pride membership will go to the Scholarship Fund and Dues to the General Fund. Other donations will go to the General Fund unless you specify a different fund. Make checks payable to: Chagrin Falls Alumni Association. Mail to: Brian McKenna '88, Alumni Director, Chagrin Falls Schools, 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022; phone 440-247-4387; fax 440-247-2071; alumni@chagrinschools.org; www.chagrinalumni.org.

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## BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW

**THE HIGH SCHOOL** Drama Club would also be known as the Falls Foot-lighters for a period of time.

From the Chagrin *Exponent* (5/23/1958) ...

### **Coach Saves Girl's Life**

On May 8, a young girl in the Chagrin Falls Junior high school was taken with an acute seizure and her breathing ceased. While a doctor was being summoned, Coach Ralph Quesinberry gave the girl artificial respiration and saved her life. As a result of the incident, Allard Hardy, director of Safety for the Cleveland Chapter of the Red Cross will come to the school and give the teachers instructions in first aid.

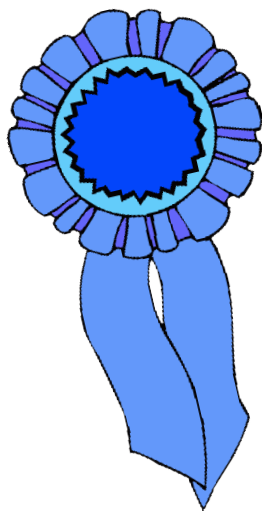
The Chagrin Falls Historical Society has a significant wealth of Chagrin Falls history. They now have a tremendous new home at 87 E. Washington St. where they can continue to hosts numerous events, school programs and tours. In addition, they print a monthly newsletter. We hope that you would consider joining and/or donating to the Historical Society. They can be

contacted at 440-247-4695 or via their website at [www.chagrinfallshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.chagrinfallshistoricalsociety.org). Below is from the April 2015 issue of the *Exponent* by Volunteer Curator Pat Zalba:

### **The Chagrin Falls Municipal Airport Dedication**

The Chagrin Falls Airport was dedicated on July 10, 1932. 10,000 people attended the dedication and enjoyed the aerial demonstrations of daring deeds by famous flyers of the day. These flyers included Major James Doolittle, Major Alexander de Seversky, the Russian War Ace, Eddie Rickenbocker, "Casey" Jones, Barnstormer and a dozen other pilots. In all 28 different planes landed at the airport during the day. Albert Warren was the first mayor of the then , new South Russell Village. He had leased 74 acres of his farm on Bell Road for the airport just two weeks before the dedication day. Signers from Chagrin Falls for the lease of the land for ten years were J.C. Steel, mayor and Gladys M. Foster, Clerk. David S. Ingall, Naval war ace, candidate for governor of Ohio, gave the dedication speech. He said "It is a great tribute to the progressiveness of Chagrin Falls that your citizens are taking up this most modern form of transportation". The former airport land is now Kensington Green. 🐾

## CHAGRIN EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



### SINCE 1986

the Chagrin Falls Schools has honored one teacher and one staff member for their contributions to the school. On the first day of orientation in August, the winners are announced. Below is a list of the previous winners:

### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

1985-1986 Thomas Mattern  
1986-1987 Debra Roads  
1987-1988 Lenny May  
1988-1989 Eileen Parmelee  
1989-1990 James Bucar  
1990-1991 Helen Samstag  
1991-1992 Alan Sekerak  
1992-1993 Karen Lewis  
1993-1994 Phyllis Nelson  
1994-1995 John Schroth  
1995-1996 David Quesinberry  
1996-1997 Donald Wem  
1997-1998 Laura Wurster  
1998-1999 Jeffery Williams  
1999-2000 Diane Cantor  
2000-2001 Carolyn Petite  
2001-2002 Andy Spooner  
2002-2003 Sandra Solomon  
2003-2004 John Rydquist  
2004-2005 Kathleen Gill  
2005-2006 John Ponikvar

2006-2007 Katherine Owen  
2007-2008 Nancy Kevern  
2008-2009 Patricia Haynish  
2009-2010 Sheryl Halagan  
2010-2011 Carole Fahey  
2011-2012 Todd Thombs  
2012-2013 Marianne Canter  
2013-2014 John Brownlow  
2014-2015 Lisa Janson

### STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

1985-1986 Margaret Dahn  
1986-1987 Frank Varrati  
1987-1988 Frank Duncan  
1988-1989 Marilyn Wyville  
1989-1990 Milan Pelton  
1990-1991 Ray Markuszka  
1991-1992 Jean Sulik  
1992-1993 Betty Santa Maria  
1993-1994 Kelly Mathews-Davis

1994-1995 Sally Kaas  
1995-1996 Elizabeth Dworak  
1996-1997 Mary Lou Voss  
1997-1998 Ira Cunningham  
1998-1999 Barbara Wilson  
1999-2000 Ann Calder  
2000-2001 Karen Gallagher  
2001-2002 Mike Kanyok, Jr.  
2002-2003 Rose Buczkowski  
2003-2004 James Rodgers  
2004-2005 Debra Gebler  
2005-2006 Diana Kecso  
2006-2007 Jackie Oestrike  
2007-2008 Jacqueline Kerlek  
2008-2009 Mark Johnson  
2009-2010 Chris Sobolewski  
2010-2011 Carol Ripley  
2011-2012 MaryLee Halaburda  
2012-2013 Pam Hermanson  
2013-2014 Mary Jo Czerr  
2014-2015 Carla Guseilo