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# From the Director...

I hope the start of 2020 has been terrific for you and your family. After organizing this version of the newsletter, I realized it was important to keep my section to a minimum to showcase all that is CF Alumni.

On a somber note, we mourn the loss of **Dr. William Foley**, a tremendous fixture from our community and school. Doc Foley, along with the help of his wonderful wife Car-

ol, poured their lives into the CFHS Music Department. Doc was also the Music Director of the Federated Church for five decades, the Men of Chagrin Choral Group, the Cleveland Boy Choir, and Joyful Noise, to mention a few. Many were also fortunate to see performances of the The Foley Family Singers in the early 80s at such locations as Sea World, with Bill, Carol and

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their three sons — **Will '81**, **Ken '83**, and **Tom '85**. We send our thoughts and support to Carol and her sons. We hope you enjoy reading about all that is the CFAA.

Our group is made up of all volunteers, and we always encourage any Alum to get involved. To find out how, please contact me, or any board member. Your time or financial donations are greatly appreciated.

We are fortunate to

have members of Ken Kasee's CFHS newspaper class as editors of the Tiger Tales.

The co-editors are **Madison Bottcher '20**, **Alison Brown '21** and **Katherine Nelson '21**. Madison is the daughter of **Shawn Conley Bottcher '91** and granddaughter of **David Conley '68**.

We wish you the best for 2020!

Brian McKenna '88

## A Look Back at 2019

- Hosted the Chagrin Falls Schools Achievement Hall of Fame Induction ceremony
- Provided memorabilia for the newly renovated Chagrin Falls Intermediate School
- Installed a touch screen display in the Intermediate School highlighting the history of CF Schools and its graduates
- The Alumni Association finished with 7 new Life Memberships – bringing our grand total to 911 to help endow the scholarship fund
- Awarded 5 scholarships, totaling \$5000, to graduating seniors (145 scholarships since 1990 totaling around \$150,000)
- Published three Tiger Tales newsletters (89 issues since January 1991)
- Updated the Alumni Association website
- Sponsored a Blossom weekend All-Class Reunion Party at the Town Hall with over 250 alumni attending
- During the high school commencement, presented a flower for those who have a parent that graduated from Chagrin Falls High School (33 altogether, with 4 having both parents as Chagrin alumni)
- Helped organize and support many class reunions
- Oversaw a spring clean-up in the village on Earth Day
- Hosted our 8th annual alumni men's soccer game
- Acquired and displayed more school memorabilia

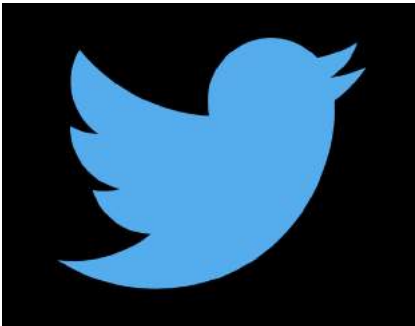
## Join Us Online

Be a part of our past and future by joining us on social media. We have a terrific time sharing memories from the past, accomplishments of our alumni and future alumni, and keeping in touch.

We are fortunate to have over 1600 following us on Instagram, over 500 on Twitter, and nearly 1900 in our Alumni Face-

book group. We share some items on all platforms, but do try to cater to varying interests on the different platforms.

Hope you would join us if you haven't already. On Twitter we are *ChagrinFallsAlu*, on Instagram follow us *@cfaatigers*, and on Facebook our group is *Chagrin Falls Alumni Association*.



## Support for Tiger Tales

We thank you for understanding the necessity to control the printing costs of the newsletter, and would like to clarify the ways in which Alums are able to receive a hard copy.

To the right of your name on this Tiger Tales, there is a code stating the reason for receiving a hard copy: TP – Tiger Pride member, TCHR – Retired Chagrin Schools Employee, SR – Graduated in 1965 or earlier year, and if there is a 2018 or 2019, then it is due to your re-

cent donation.

We will continue to send you a Tiger Tales provided you have made a donation 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.

## Dates To Remember

- Saturday, Feb. 22**  
1st Annual Chagrin Falls Euchre Tournament
- Tuesday, March 3**  
Trustees Meeting
- Saturday, March 7**  
CFAA Day in Florida
- Monday, May 4**  
Trustees Meeting
- Friday, May 22**

- All-Class Reunion
  - Saturday, May 23**  
13th Annual Alumni Baseball Game  
Alumni Lacrosse Game  
9th Annual Alumni Soccer Game
  - Sunday, May 24**  
Blossom Parade
- Designed by Alison Brown '21, Katie Nelson '21 and Madison Bottcher '20*

# Class Reunion Notes

**Class of 1946** - We started with 39 graduates. How many of you are still out there?  
Contact **Charles "Chuck" Miralia** at 440/338-3313 or email [cmmm26@gmail.com](mailto:cmmm26@gmail.com)

The CFHS **Class of 1970** will be celebrating their 50th Class Reunion in 2020. The reunion is planned for the weekend of July 24, 25 and 26. Yes, events all three days! Local classmates have been meeting now for several months discussing the reunion plans and they are well underway. We will be contacting classmates via email and making postings on our Facebook page. But we are requesting your help. We want an up to date/current email address for you and any other classmates you are in contact with. Please send this information to **Darrell Johnson** at [commish94@aol.com](mailto:commish94@aol.com). Please don't think that another classmate have sent their contact information. We want to hear from you. This is going to be BIG and we want ALL to attend. Mark your calendars and watch for updates. The Class of 2020 just started their last year of high school a few weeks ago. It will take them five decades to do what we have accomplished.

Fellow classmates are in the process of planning the 45th reunion for the **Class of 1975**. The event will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2020 from 6:30-10:30pm at Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. The cost is \$30/person. Checks can be sent to the Chagrin Falls Alumni Asso-

ciation (CFAA), 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, 44022. Make your check out to CFAA and put Class of 1975 reunion on the memo line. You can also pay online by going to <https://www.chagrinalumni.org/donations/>. Get your reservation in early; the deadline is April 15th. The planning committee is hoping to communicate additional details via email and Facebook. Please make sure we have your current email address by contacting us at: [cftigers75@gmail.com](mailto:cftigers75@gmail.com) and providing us with that information. Thank you! We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in May!

The **Class of 1979** will be holding a 41st Reunion on May 23, 2020. Why? Because we had so much fun at our 40th and 5 years is just too long!! The event will take place at Holbrook Hollows - Geauga Parks Lodge (7250 Country Lane, Chagrin Falls, OH 44023). Tentative Time will be from 4:30 - 11:00 PM. Does Jeff have your email address? If not, contact: **Jeff Baker** at [bakej38@gmail.com](mailto:bakej38@gmail.com).

The **Class of 1980** is planning their 40-year reunion over Blossom Weekend (May 22 - 24). Please make sure **Colleen Mahoney** ([mhnytim@aol.com](mailto:mhnyt看im@aol.com)) has your current contact information. You can also be in the loop on class news and the reunion by joining the class Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School 1980.

The **Class of 1985** is in the process of planning our 35th reunion over Blossom Weekend 2020 (Saturday, May 23rd). Please email **Kristin Mapes Wood** at [kandjwood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kandjwood@sbcglobal.net) if your email address has changed in the last 5 years and/or join our class Facebook page 'CFHS - Class of 1985' for updates and reminders. More specific information to come in the next few months.

The **Class of 1990** will be having their 30 Year Reunion over Blossom Weekend. A committee has been meeting and is finalizing the plans. Please make sure that **Amanda Vandesteeg Miller** ([miller44202@gmail.com](mailto:miller44202@gmail.com)) or **Julie Bowe Youngblood** ([julesyblood@gmail.com](mailto:julesyblood@gmail.com)) have your current contact information. Keep in the loop by following their Twitter page [@Chagrin1990](https://twitter.com/Chagrin1990) or liking their Facebook page Chagrin Falls Class of 1990 30th Reunion.

The **Class of 1995** is planning their 25th year reunion over Blossom Weekend (May 22 - 24). Please contact **Frank O'Brien** ([obrienf4@hotmail.com](mailto:obrienf4@hotmail.com)) to provide your updated contact information and obtain ongoing details of the event. You can also check class news and reunion updates by joining the class Facebook group Chagrin Falls High School Class of 95.

The **Class of 2000** is planning its 20th year reunion over Blossom Weekend. If you are in-

terested in helping plan the reunion, please contact **Lisa (Laufik) Nelson** at [LML113@yahoo.com](mailto:LML113@yahoo.com). Look for updates on the class Facebook page, CFHS Class of 2000.

The **Class of 2005** is looking forward to gathering for their 15 year reunion on Saturday, May 23rd of Blossom Weekend. The reunion will be held at a location to be determined. To keep in the loop join the class Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School: Class of 2005 Alumni Group". Please reach out to **Kim Leary** ([kimberly.leary@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.leary@gmail.com)) or **Lindsay Street** ([lstreet212@gmail.com](mailto:lstreet212@gmail.com)) with any questions or if you would like to join the planning committee!

The **Class of 2015** 5-year reunion will be held at Panini's from 5:00-7:00 on the Saturday of Blossom Weekend, May 23rd. Light appetizers will be served and the first drink will be included. Hope to see everyone there! Please look for more details on our Class Facebook page (Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2015) or reach out to **Claudia Lewis** ([cblewis619@gmail.com](mailto:cblewis619@gmail.com)) or **Pat Donley** ([patrick.h.donley@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.h.donley@gmail.com)) with questions. Thanks a bunch for all of the help! Also, please let us know if you have any suggestions for changes to make/things to add.

Best,  
Pat

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# School News

Newsweek announced its ranking of the top 5,000 STEM high schools for 2019, honoring excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Chagrin Falls High School earned the number 670 ranking in the nation.

In November, Chagrin Falls Middle School received the prestigious Interdisciplinary Unit Component Award at the Ohio Middle Level Association (OMLA) Conference. The honor was for the seventh grade boat regatta unit. The unit includes reading the book A Long Walk to Water by Linda

Sue Park, which details the water crisis in South Sudan. They will work with scale drawings in math class, water density in science and the best types of boats for racing according to history in social studies.

The unit even included a service-learning component for students raised money for a village in South Sudan. The Middle School was also named a School to Watch by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades.

Senior Wendi Song was one of 556 across the nation that was selected for the Na-

tional Association for Music Education's (NAfME) 2019 All-National Honor Ensembles. Wendi recently performed with the 2019 NAfME All-National Honor Ensembles Symphony Orchestra in Orlando, Florida. Wendi has been a member of the Chagrin Falls Orchestra program for the past seven years and has received many honors over the years.

Chagrin Falls Schools was recognized by the State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria for achieving high performance

and outstanding progress and momentum for students. This year, Chagrin Falls Schools was one of only four districts in the state to earn the "All A Award" by recording straight A's on the Ohio School Report Card.



# Betcha’ Didn’t Know

More than 40 houses and buildings have been relocated in Chagrin.	bolted to the floor. In 1891, Miss Anna Brugh, had to make a formal request as a teacher to the school board to have a new seating arrangement. The school board agreed, but did not approve her other request for an advance in her pay.	both began in the fall of 1957. In 1919, CFHS graduated 22 seniors. In 2019 the graduating class was 175. This past August, Chagrin Falls hosted its inaugural TEDx Conference. Included in the eight speakers were <b>Dinah Walter ‘19</b> and senior <b>Molly Miller ‘20</b> . Dinah’s speech focused on negativity in young people, while Molly looked at the successes and failures of the educational system.	After Police Chief Harold Ols retired, the Chagrin Falls Township Police Department disbanded in 1991. Since that time, police protection has been provided by the Chagrin Falls Village Police Department. Bentleyville, with an area of 4.5 square miles, was originally a part of Chagrin Falls Township.
The first male elementary teacher in Chagrin Falls was Jess Rankin. When Gurney Elementary School opened in 1966, he was the first principal. He would retire in 1983 when it closed due to declining enrollment. It would reopen in 1988. Hugh Christian was the first person to receive a Chagrin Falls High School diploma in 1879.	The first Boys’ Glee Club and Girls’ Glee Club were both formed in 1912.	Henry Church, Jr., the second person born in Chagrin Falls, carved Squaw Rock in 1885 in the South Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks. Church was a blacksmith and artist.	The Valley Drive-In opened August 28, 1968 with Doris Day and Brian Keith in “With Six, You Get Eggroll” & Paul Newman in “Hombre.” At the opening, every adult got a free egg roll. The current 14-screen Chagrin Cinemas was built on the site in 1989 starting with 6 screens at the time. (credit Cinematreasures.com)
The Popcorn Shop celebrated its 70th anniversary this past November, for it opened in 1949.	In the second week of November 1913 it snowed so much that it left Chagrin residents snowbound, closing much of Chagrin. School was closed for a week and this may have been the first time that Chagrin had a snow day in its history.		
Originally school desks were	The Spanish Club and Art Club		

## Donations

<b>Loretta Lee Ditmer ‘61</b> has given her Tiger Pride donation in memory of her daughter <b>Laurie Ann Kerr ‘81</b> .	ence teacher and coach <b>John Hurst ‘52</b> and CFHS Athletic Director and coach Ralph Quesinberry.	retired CFHS science teacher Mr. Neal Wheatcraft.	The <b>Class of 1994</b> made a donation to the CFAA with proceeds from their 25 year reunion.
<b>Bonnie Matthews Wise ‘67</b> has made a donation in memory of all the classmates that have already passed.	<b>Marti Ward ‘72</b> and <b>Janet Ward Curley ‘84</b> have donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.	<b>Natalie Gross Remington ‘86</b> has made her Tiger Pride donation in honor of retired Chagrin Schools secretary and cheerleading advisor <b>Debi Shukys Gebler ‘75</b> . Natalie has also donated memorabilia to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.	Retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. Glenn Wyville and Marilyn Wyville, retired Chagrin Schools Secretary, have made a donation in honor of newly retired CFHS social studies teacher, cross country, track, and basketball coach Jim Serluco.
<b>Bryant Schneider ‘67</b> has donated his Tiger Pride donation in memory of retired CFHS Sci-	<b>Richard D’Ardenne ‘76</b> has made a donation in memory of		

### SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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- ADDITIONAL GIVING OPTIONS:
- ☐ Yearly Alumni Association Membership- \$10
- ☐ Other- \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Your Tiger Pride membership (\$250 or \$100 if you are over 70) will go to the Scholarship Fund and Due 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 School, 400 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

# In the News

**Scott Miller '74** was inducted into the Kent State Varsity Athletic Hall of Fame this past October. Scott is the all-time scoring leader for Kent State Men's Soccer with 41 goals and 13 assists. He was a three time Ohio Collegiate Soccer Association All-Ohio selection. A team captain, Scott also earned All-MAC honors in 1975 after leading the conference in scoring. He was a four year starter at KSU (74-77), as well as a 3 year starter for the Tigers (71-73), under Coach Mario Gerhardt. Coach Gerhardt, **Harry Jacob '74** and **Joe Burwell '74** were in attendance to honor Scott on his induction to the KSU HOF.

**Andrew Wiese '83** is currently the Chair of the History Department at San Diego State University where he has taught for 22 years. He specializes in urban and recent American history. In his leadership role he helped to secure a \$3 million donation from the USS Midway Foundation to create a Center for Military History. It was the largest single donation ever made to the SDSU's College of Arts and Letters. Additionally, Andrew is the author of the award winning Places of Their Own: African American Suburbanization in the 20th Century and co-editor of The Suburb Reader, a volume on the history of American suburbia.

**Tracey Canada Goldenberg '85** recently retired and relocated with her husband to Costa Rica. She now hunts with her camera to take amazing photos of wildlife. They travel the country with a total of six suitcases with all of their possessions. She is finding the Gypsy life freeing and is learning Spanish rapidio.

**Beth Gaile Loxley '85** is the President and founder of E.A. Loxley & Associates, a full service tax, accounting, and business consulting firm located in Stow, Ohio. It was recently selected as a 2019 Weatherhead 100 Upstart company. Weatherhead School of Management is part of Case Western Reserve University. Beth and her husband live in Hudson with their two sons.

**Doug Hall '85** retired from the Department of Defense Police this past August with 20 years of federal service. Doug recently started a successful business, Virginia Pilot Cars LLC, with his wife Evangeline. Both their daughters are at Virginia Tech.

**Jason Rosette '86** screened his contemporary classic New York City documentary, 'BookWars' at the Museum of Modern Art in New York in November 2019

as part of the 'Histories of Film' showcase. The gritty, jazzy street side documentary was initially released in 2000 to critical acclaim, and has since 'seasoned and tenderized' with time to be considered a definitive New York story. Jason has also produced several other films and a slate of new music projects under the aka Gone Marshall, with two albums and several EPs available on Apple Music, Spotify, and other platforms. Catch up with Jason through his website at <http://www.jasonrosette.com>

**Carlene Cox Holtz '88** will be opening a second location of her business, MC studio, on the corner of Bell and 306 in Dr Holtz's dental office buildings. We will be offering gallery space to local artists, art classes, preschool smARTs, special events like birthday parties, artist and family workshops, sip and paints and much more...Preview opening is planned for March. Please visit [mcsmartstudio.com](http://mcsmartstudio.com) to learn more. Local artists interested in becoming members of the Geauga Arts Council, then please reach out to Carlene for she is also the President of the organization. Their goal is to support and keep the arts alive in Geauga county. You can reach Carlene at [misscars-garden@me.com](mailto:misscars-garden@me.com).

**Lisa Kroon '88**, PharmD, was awarded the 2019 Pharmacist of the Year Award, the most prestigious award offered by the California Society of Health System Pharmacists (CSHP). CSHP annually awards one member who has made significant and sustained contributions to pharmacy practice in California. Kroon, who leads the School's Department of Clinical Pharmacy, researches diabetes and tobacco cessation. As a pharmacist patient care provider in the UCSF Medical Center's Diabetes Center and Diabetes Teaching Center, she cares for patients with diabetes and other chronic illnesses. In 2004, she co-developed Rx for Change, a comprehensive tobacco cessation training program for health professionals who help patients quit. She is also instrumental in expanding the scope of practice for California pharmacists. Kroon chaired the California Pharmacists Association task force during the rollout of SB 493, a state law that established provider status for pharmacists and allows pharmacists to furnish hormonal contraception, provide smoking cessation services and furnish nicotine replacement therapy, furnish certain travel medications, administer vaccinations, and order tests. A recent paper by Kroon examined the impact of the hormonal

contraception portion of the law and found that pharmacists and community pharmacies were a good access point for patients seeking hormonal contraception.

**Chip McAslan '00** is the founder and CEO of Lavo Solutions, which provides cost effective and accurate chemical dispensing solutions for the hospitality industry. It is based in Laguna Hills, California.

**Jessica Korkosz Korzhiletskiy '02** is Manager of NERC Compliance Risk, Controls & Investigations at FirstEnergy in Cleveland. Jessica and her husband Stan recently welcomed son Maksym into the world joining big sisters Amelia and Vera.

**Kevin Consolo '03** is Co-Founder and Director of Sales at FTI Brands LLC. Recently their product SneakERASERS, their patent-pending innovative instant sneaker cleaners, made their debut in Costco. Along with AutoERASERS, their products are also available on Amazon and over 33,000 locations.

Former Chagrin Falls Intermediate School teacher **Abby Budin Dipel '04** recently welcomed daughter Grace Josephine to her family joining her husband Bob and 3 1/2 year old twin brothers John and Victor in Aurora, Ohio.

**Liz Korkosz '04** is the Choral Director at North Broward Preparatory School in Coconut Creek, Florida. Liz recently got engaged to Vincenzo Greco.

**Matt Cooperrider '05** is the Senior Director, Finance at APEX Clean Energy in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**Dr. Meggi Howard Kranek '05** was inducted into the Slippery Rock Ring of Honor with her Championship Soccer Team. This Division II team won the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference in 2005 and in 2007 went on to hold the best win/loss record in school history, also competing in the NCAA tournament.

**Caitlin Carleton '06** is an actor and director in Los Angeles. She has starred in dozens of films, web series, TV shows, commercials, and plays. Caitlin has her own production company "Red Sage Productions" which has produced pilots, web series, theater, films and stand up shows. She also started a non-profit organization called "Just Give Love" which helps the homeless living in Los Angeles.

**Grant Monda '06** is the Executive Director of Aurora Collegiate Academy in Memphis, Tennessee. The K-5 public charter school continues to earn awards at the local and state level for its 325 students.

**Nathan Wynveen '07** continues to develop commercial real estate in northeast Ohio and is engaged to be married in early 2020.

**Taylor Parrish '10** is Storyboard Director for the Emmy award winning show Archer. As a female storyboard director, she was requested by the producer of the show "Full Frontal with Samantha Bee" on TBS, to create the storyboards for an animated segment that aired in the month of March 2019 on the #MeToo movement with the animation industry. She has also been featured in podcasts at the recent ATX television festival in Austin, Texas.

**Tim Porter '11** is a manager in the Risk Advisory Services niche within Skoda Minotti in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Joe Sitzwohl '11** is the Manager of the Client Advisory Department at CloserIQ, an organization that helps build sales teams for companies. Joe is based in New York City.

**Rory Gilbert '13** is Head of Talent Acquisition at Genesis Technologies in Chicago, Illinois.

**Sonia Fantz '14** is part of the Teach for America Corps, where she teaches special education and science to high schoolers in Waianae High School in Hawaii.

Singer and songwriter **Spencer Hendricks '14** has released his latest musical video, Losing Touch, which can be found online.

**Chloe Slavin '14** is a Public Relations Account Executive at Marcus Thomas LLC, a marketing communications agency in Cleveland.

**Olivia Marti '15** is a business analyst at Insight2Profit in Beachwood. The company provides pricing strategies for companies in the U.S. and abroad.

**Matt Hanson '16** is in the United States Marine Corp. He is stationed in Miramar, California and is an aviation mechanic specializing in helicopter repair.



# Lewis Sands



Lewis Sands was the CFHS Principal from 1927 - 34 and Chagrin Schools Superintendent from 1934 - 1958. The 24 years at the helm has been the longest of any superintendent at Chagrin.

In 1957, the new elementary school was opened and aptly named in his honor. At the end of his tenure, the School commissioned renowned portraitist David Philip Wilson (1902 - 1994) to do a painting of Mr. Sands.

The portrait of Lewis Sands has been familiar to many. It currently hangs in the Sands Community Room on the 7 - 12

campus. Portraitist Wilson's clientele included several governors, astronaut Gordon Cooper, and President Lyndon Baines Johnson.

His works hang in many state houses and have been exhibited in such places as the Art Institute of Chicago and the Cleveland Museum of Art. The portrait of Mr. Sands was in the Chagrin Artists 12th Annual Exhibition in 1958.

Wilson, who taught for several years at Trinity University, was also noted for his marine paintings. David was also the father of **Bonnie Wilson Gatlin '59, Gretchen Wilson Richards '62, & Cynthia Wilson '65.**

## Little Tigers

To Stan & **Jessica Korkosz Korzhiletskiy '02**, a son, Maksym, July 16, 2019.

To **Aaron '04 & Emily Wooden Jackson '02**, a son, Peter Monroe, Sept. 28, 2019.

To Michael Hinman & **Deanna Kramer Hinman '03**, a son, Hugo Joseph, August 3, 2019.

To Cory & **Eric Meckler '03**, a daughter, Emerson Lynne, Jan. 1, 2020.

To Bob & **Abby Budin Dippel '04**, a daughter, Grace Josephine, Sept. 30, 2019.

To Kaitlyn & **Gar Heintzelman '04**, a daughter, Grace Diana, Dec. 18, 2019.

To Ann & **John Blecher '05**, a son, Thomas John, Dec. 18, 2019.

To Molly & **Judd Harrold '06**, a daughter, Brynley Joan, Dec. 13, 2019.

To Nathan & **Emily Richmond Cherrier '06**, a son, Auron James, Dec. 6, 2019.

To Sarah & **Ben Jackson '07**, a son, Charlie Mitchell, Sept. 24, 2019.

To Christopher and **Morgan Sutherin Mullins '07**, a daughter, Ellory Grace, Aug. 27, 2019.

To Jessica and **Patrick Walenhorst '08**, a son, Charles Martin, Nov. 15, 2019.

To Drake Brown & **Grace Juergens '14**, a daughter, Kaelyn Marie, Nov. 9, 2019.

## In Memoriam

**Richard Ettinger '42**

**Donald Green '47**

**Jim Stoneman '50**

**Retired teacher Joan Myers Satava '51**

**Charles Stebbins '56**

**Frank Simmons '65**

**Sally Lloyd Woelfel '65**

**Susan Hodges Gillich '69**

**Todd Irvin '72**

**Hilton Holtkamp '79**

**Laurie Ann Kerr '81**

Retired Secretary Lois White

Retired teacher and band director Dr. Bill Foley

## Wedding News

**Patrick Cogan '06** & Lauren Victory, Oct. 26, 2019.

Joe Butler & **Tara Nadeau '06**, Oct. 12, 2019.

Jack Jamieson & **Nicole Rothfusz '07**, Aug. 24, 2019.

Thomas McNiff and **Ann Riede '07**, Oct. 26, 2019.

# Fall Sports Recap

By Charlie Barch, Athletic Director

The fall season for Chagrin Falls High School was a memorable one. Over 346 student athletes competed this Fall, including 89 Seniors. Boys Golf won the CVC Championship and Head Coach Anne Bierman Caja '81 was named Coach of the Year. Chagrin Falls had 17 student-athletes named 1st team CVC, 17 named 2nd team CVC, and 16 named honorable mention CVC. Madeline Swentor from the Volleyball team and Katie Schumacher from the Girls' Soccer team were named CVC MVP's for their respective sports.

In State competition, our Girls Cross Country team won districts, placed sixth at regionals, and then finished the season in 13th place at the State meet. This was the sixth year in a row the Girls Cross Country team made it to state. The Girls' Soccer team won the

district championship, regional championship, and lost in the State semi-finals. Katie Schumacher was named All Ohio from the Girls' Soccer team.

In order to be named to the CVC All-Academic Team you must be a senior, have a 3.25 Cum GPA, and lettered twice in your sport.

Our Girls Tennis team

team had a record of 5-5 and came in 4th place in the CVC. The Boys Soccer team went 8-4-5 and came in 2nd place in the conference. The Girls Golf team finished with an overall record of 9-4 and came in second place in the CVC.

The team also qualified as a team to Districts. The Boys Golf team went 10-2 and 9-1 in conference play and they won the CVC. The Boys Cross Country team came in 5th in the CVC, 3rd in the District, and 12th at the regional meet. The Girls Cross Country squad came in 5th place in the CVC, were district champs, and were 6th at regionals which qualified them for the state meet and they came in 13th place in the State. The Girls Soccer team went 18-3-1 and came in 2nd place in the CVC. They won the district championship, regional championship, and lost in an exciting game in the State Semi Finals.



Senior Will Richmond breaks through the Homecoming poster at the Homecoming game.  
Photo taken by sophomore Emma Jones.

Not only was it a successful season on the field of play, but also in the classroom. 46 student-athletes were named to the CVC All-Academic Team.

went 9-9 and came in 4th place in the CVC. The Girls Volleyball team finished with a 16-8 record, finishing in 2nd place in the conference. The Football

## Pay For A Bad

The author asked if it could be included in the next Tiger Tales. We are honoring the request.

"I attended Chagrin High School in the late 1980s. Although I like to think (and hope) I have lived an upstanding and honest life, like all of us, I made (and probably still do make) some mistakes that I regret.

One of those mistakes was stealing money from the person who had the locker next to mine. I remember he kept his wallet in his jacket and on at least two occasions I stole \$10-20 (that I promptly used to go to McDonalds at lunch). In the grand scheme of life, the dollar amount wasn't

much, but the act itself, dollar amount aside, was wrong and I have thought about it for 30 years. I am ashamed of my actions and want to apologize.

His name is Scott Morris. I am sorry Scott. Since I do not know Scott today, nor have contact information for him, I am making a lifetime \$250 pledge to the Chagrin Alumni Association in his name. I am also hoping this true story will inspire others to try to 'right their wrong' in a sense and do something good to 'pay for a bad'.

We all do dishonest things we are ashamed of, I have learned from my mistakes, just hope Scott will forgive me as well."

## Do You Remember?

The Little Red School House at Sands; Waking up and seeing Chagrin listed on the TV for a snow day

Dinks; Nash's; climbing the rope and doing the peg board in gym class; passing notes to your friends; making a mixtape for a friend; pet rocks; TV dinners; the ice cream truck; swimming at the Rec Center or one of the community lakes in S. Russell; hearing the whistle go off at Chase Bag

Quinn's Restaurant in Solon; Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, Valley Art Center; going to the movies with your friends; Hunan's; Violante's; Parkside Grill

Yours Truly; doing paper mache projects in art class; exchanging Val-

entine cards in elementary school; your gym locker combination; swimming at the Rec Center during gym class; your class senior prank; your first crush; dressing up on game days; clap out'

Walking into town after school or a game; the smell of the paper that had just come out of the ditto machine.



# Milk Bottle

By **John Nosol '68**

When you're a kid, you have a different perspective on how you view things. I remember a former coworker commenting on how, when he was a child, the house where he lived seemed so big to him. When he grew up and returned to his childhood home, he was astounded that he and his family were able to live in such cramped quarters. And so it goes with any object when seen through the eyes of a four foot tall and growing child. But I digress. With that introduction, please stick around and let me tell you about a baseball bat that appeared to be as round in diameter as a milk bottle to a few thirteen- to-fourteen year olds. It was about 1964 when the kids on the east end of South Russell would meet for a baseball game in a field not too distant from where they lived. About a half mile down the road were a few kids that I got to know through school and just being in the neighborhood. On Bell Road just west of the entrance of the newly developed Maple Hill Colony lived the Fuhry boys: **Johnny '67, Dave '69 and Ken '71**. In Maple Hill Colony lived Waverly **French '69, Greg Goodrich '68, Kerry Sue Knauff '68** and her brother **George '70** and **Dennis Szell '65**. Closer to my home and on Bell Road lived **Alvin (Beany) Smith '69** and his brother **Mike '70**.

When needing a place to play ball, we were permitted to congregate in, (or should I write, "not chased off"?) a vacant lot which was the west end property of Mr. Frank Plzak. He was my neighbor who lived across the street from me. His son, **Don '51** lived with his dad and at that time was dedicating his spare time to building a lake in his Dad's

'back yard'. I guess you could say we played ball at Plzak Field since today we refer to Don's finished project as "Plzak Lake", (pronounced "Plazek").

About the time I took up the sport of baseball, my dad worked with a guy at TRW. This man was clearing out some old items that his son outgrew. When asked if he would be interested in taking some of those articles that might be of use to his kid, my dad gratefully took said items off his co-worker's hands. In the group of things was a very large (at least to a boy) Louisville Slugger bat. Back then it appeared so huge – and not only to me but also to the kids I chummed around with. One day, after getting tired of playing with the 'skinny' kids' bats that I had, I decided I might have a better chance at hitting a speeding baseball with the monster bat that my dad brought home.

I certainly don't remember the exact words of their commentary, but when the other kids saw me bringing that bat, the chuckles, snickers and laughter ensued. I think it was either John Fuhry or his brother, Dave who referred to it as a milk bottle. To everyone's eyes back then it did look like a milk bottle – especially when compared to the small-diameter bats the other kids were using. As I remember, the laughter subsided when an older kid, at least three years older than the rest of us, picked up the bat and hovered over home plate waiting for the pitch. That kid was Dennis Szell. I don't know how many pitches before he took that swing, but when he did, he sent that ball sailing into Mr. Plzak's driveway. When considering that home plate was near the west end of the field and Dennis was facing east, he struck that ball about 180 feet. If there were any players on

bases, Dennis drove them and himself home that afternoon. Old Milk Bottle - and Dennis - earned some respect that day!

As usual, kids grow up. The summer vacation baseball games at Plzak Field came to an end, we graduated from Chagrin and went our separate ways. It was in 1988 at the Bainbridge Town Hall that the **Class of '68** held its 20 year Friday night informal reunion. Among us - and to my surprise - was **John Fuhry, '67**. When he first saw me after all those years, he burst out laughing and started to reminisce about ol' Milk Bottle. He was having a heck of a good time telling others about Johnny Nosol bringing a [huge] bat to our games.

About 17 years ago, I was going through some things I had stored in my basement, and there it was - old Milk Bottle. Just like an elderly person shrinks in size compared to his early years, Milk Bottle seemingly did the same, being stored all those years in a dark corner of the basement.

I had the opportunity around that time to meet with Dave Fuhry's brother Ken. We had breakfast with Tom Lerch, my 8th grade history teacher at Philomethian Street School. It was at the old Cogan's Restaurant in Burton when it was located just north of the rectangle. I told Ken that I had Milk Bottle in my car to show him how small it now appeared. After breakfast we went out to the car for a look. I don't remember Ken's exact words; I suppose he was probably just as disappointed as I was when I rediscovered it after all those years.

I remember at the time of playing those games, I would write with magic marker the names of those who used old Milk Bottle to swing at a ball and got a home run.

. Beginning at the top-end of the bat are the following names:

Milk Bottle ("Bottle" now being difficult to see) \*John Nosol Dave Fuhry Al Smith Deny Szell ("Deny", As misspelled on the bat) Ken Fuhry

Yes, there is an asterisk on the bat next to my written name. I think I put it there to state that it is my bat and I also believe it was because I never hit a home run with it. I was just too small and skinny at the time I used it to play ball.

Not named on the bat, but members of our baseball 'gang', are the following Chagrin Falls alumni: Waverly French, John Fuhry, Greg Goodrich, Kerry Knauff, George Knauff

On August 26, 2019 while being in Burton, I decided to check if Ken Fuhry was at his law office; he was. It was only a minute or two into our conversation that I brought up the subject of my old baseball bat. He also asked if I remembered "the old man in the crate", referring to an elderly guy driving a dilapidated old car up Bell Road while we were playing ball. Unfortunately, I don't recall such a man.

I asked Ken what he thought of getting the old ball team, or at least remnants of the old ball team back together again to visit Plzak Field and walk around trying to imagine where home plate was. I suggested that afterward we should all convene at a restaurant of majority choice and talk about our experiences playing ball during those summers. Ken shared the idea by contacting brothers Dave and his oldest brother John. It was shortly after my visit to Ken's office that I received an email message from Dave. He also asked in his message if I remembered the "old man in the crate".

# Milk Bottle (Continued)

I replied that the old man could now be me! Dave also mentioned how we used to use old

Milk Bottle to grasp with one hand over the other on the handle to choose members of the respective teams. Subsequently, I also received an email from John that he liked the idea of getting together at Plzak Field and began to contact as many former players as he could. Thanks to John he successfully reached Waverly and Greg and they agreed to meet at an appointed time. I, in turn, tried to reach Alvin and his brother Mike. Alvin was open to the idea. Shortly after, John sent me an email with the suggested date and time of Saturday, September 28th at 4:00 PM to meet at the field and afterward dinner at Burntwood in Chagrin.

Since this is what worked for them, I was all for it. I then proceeded to contact my neighbor and daughter of Mr. Plzak, Doris Plzak Gilbert '50 to ask permission for our old baseball team to revisit the old ball field. I should add here that she really liked the idea!

When Saturday 4:00 PM arrived, the overcast skies began to produce some light rain which, thankfully subsided in a manner of minutes while we posed for a group picture in the shelter of the front porch of Mr. Plzak's old home. This was Mr. Plzak's favorite place to sit in a chair reading the Cleveland Press, the afternoon newspaper at the time. It was also the spot from which he would watch us kids play ball. According to Doris, her dad really enjoyed watching us kids play. (I wonder if he also enjoyed hearing us arguing from time to time?) Waverly enlisted his wife Sue to be our designated picture tak-

er while standing partially under an umbrella as she took some snapshots using a smartphone.

Ken and Greg were the first to reach the area where home plate was originally installed back in the '60s. Greg had mentioned he used to push a lawn mower from his home in Maple Hill Colony up Bell Road to the field to mow paths from home plate to all the bases. Waverly, (as Ken had also mentioned to me at his office a few weeks prior), said that they used to set off an M80 firecracker when someone hit a home run. He also added that the

and he also limed the lines going to each base. (These aforementioned items were all new to me as I realized my baseball playing frequency was at a minimum compared to the rest of the gang. I also had a summer job mowing the lawn and doing some landscaping for my neighbor, Mrs. Kutis who became a widow shortly after Christmas in 1961).

They also recalled Beany's dad, Joel Smith umpiring their "All Star" games. Ken and a couple others said they believed Mrs. Smith took a movie of one of those games. If

essence it was first Ken's contacting both brothers, then Dave's encouraging email, and finally John's further encouragement accompanied by his trying to contact as many former players as he could. Without the Fuhry brothers (and naturally, old Milk Bottle) the event would never have taken place.

Nostalgic thoughts came to the surface for each one of us, and I believe I can truthfully write it was a very fine and memorable afternoon and evening that last Saturday in September for which, at least I can say, will cherish until my time on this earth has expired.

Fifty five years have passed since our ball games commenced and any landowner reading this today would more than likely wince at the thought of hosting (or should I write "yielding to"?) a group of neighborhood kids looking for a place to play ball and taking advantage of such an opportunity. Present day owners of Mr. Plzak's property would no doubt

feel a bit nervous themselves when considering the risks involved. Could it be that back in the day as Mr. Plzak was perusing articles in The Cleveland Press and reading about the casualties of the Vietnam War that was already in its fourth year, that he looked beyond the three foot high ledge of his open air porch and saw young men approaching draft age in a few short years and thought, "Let them enjoy every bit of life while they can."?

With all of that said, thanks to all of you who participated that day in making it a very memorable one. I hope it was for you, too!



*From left to right: Waverly French, Ken Fuhry, Dave Fuhry, John Fuhry, John Nosol (Milk Bottle in hand), Beany Smith, Greg Goodrich. Photo courtesy of Sue French.*

field was nicknamed "M80 Park".

Greg and Wave were discussing with one another as to which window in Mr. Plzak's house or garage was broken when Dennis Szell hit one 'out of the park' on one particular day. The present consensus among those who were present back in the day confirms that it was one of Mr. Plzak's garage windows. (Since I wasn't there when that occurred, partial credit cannot be given to Milk Bottle since it was in my possession).

While at our table at Burntwood, John had mentioned that he, Greg and Wave maintained the field

Beany should ever come across it, I more than likely won't appear in it since I know I didn't qualify as to being an "all star", that's for sure. Note: While finalizing this story, I received an email from John Fuhry that he has on DVD a converted from 8 mm movie of one of our games but doesn't believe it was an All Star game.

After dinner, I discovered that John had paid for my dinner for which I was grateful, but of course didn't expect as I had mentioned in emails leading up to the event that we would each pay our own way. He thanked me for arranging our reunion, however in



# Hall Of Fame Update

In the Fall issue of the Tiger Tales, we highlighted our Achievement Hall of Fame inductees. We inadvertently did not include the bio on Lisa Gorretta '72. Our apologies to Lisa.

Lisa has had a successful career as a businesswoman, entrepreneur, consultant, professor, president, and official to name a few. Upon graduation from OSU Lisa went to work for the family manufacturing company. They added a horse products division to Gorretta Machine and Mfg Company called "Paddock Products" that designed, produced and marketed stable equipment. When the company was sold Lisa started a tack shop in all products for the Sport

Horse enthusiast. It was nationally recognized as one of the top 100 tack shops in the US. After selling that business, she started her consulting firm, The Paddock Group LLC, specializing in equestrian-based

businesses. She specializes in equestrian retail but also works with startup companies bringing new products to the market. Lisa does some career coaching for young professionals finding their pathway as trainers, instructors or officials. She has served as an Entrepreneur in Residence and as an Adjunct Professor teaching Management of Equestrian Activities for Lake Erie College.

Another important aspect of her career is that of show official in the sport of Equestrian. She has been a Technical Delegate for the United States Equestrian Federation for the Dressage discipline for over 35 years. She is considered an expert, nationally and internationally, in equipment

and rules and regularly conducts continuing education forums for dressage judges and technical delegates on competition rules, equipment and professional conduct, ensuring that competitions are run in compliance with current rules, thus providing a level playing field for all competitors, with the welfare of the human and equine participants considered at all times. She has officiated at several major international competitions, notably serving as the assistant Chief Steward for the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada and the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil. Lisa is also an active volunteer in sport governance, serving as Co-Chair of the Dressage Sport Committee and as a mem-

ber of the Board of Directors for the US Equestrian Federation. She serves currently as the President of the United States Dressage Federation, a 33,000 member non-profit organization based at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky and dedicated to the sport of dressage and the recognition of the achievements of its members. She is the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the US Dressage Finals, a national head-to-head dressage competition for Adult Amateur and Professional competitors.

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## Memorial Weekend concert dedicated to Dr. William Foley

The 11th annual alumni choral concert will be held Saturday, May 23th from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The event will allow those participating or attending the opportunity to rekindle friendships and their passion for music and honoring our country. Once again, the audience will be invited to join with the chorus in singing all of our favorite patriotic songs. The Colors will be posted by Chagrin Falls American Legion Post 383, followed by the Patrick Henry "Liberty or Death" speech, our National Anthem and our Pledge of Allegiance.

In addition, we will present The Gettysburg Address, the folding of the American Flag, Echo Taps, and the tribute to our audience members who are mil-

itary veterans from the five branches of the armed forces. The concert is offered to our audience at no charge, but we do have expenses.

We also sponsor an annual scholarship through the alumni association and we make an annual donation to the Wounded Warrior Project. Those interested may make tax deductible donations to the chorus through the CFAA.

Please mark Alumni Chorus in the address line and on the memo line of your check. This concert was established to provide an opportunity for those unable to "make the trek" up Franklin Street on Monday morning to observe the holiday there. The members of our "cast" look forward each year to a reunion

with high school friends and to the opportunity to serve the greater Chagrin Falls community.

We are beginning out second decade of this performance. The first year was dedicated to our much loved choir director Mol-

lie Macknin. This year, we are once again honoring a former music teacher, Dr William Foley, for his dedication and contributions to Chagrin Falls students. If you are a choir alumnus and will be in town that weekend, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Ford Fram at frambrass@gmail.com to express interest or have any questions.



Photo by John Tillotson '72

# Seniors participate in Philanthropy Day

*Adapted from the CFHS Tiger Times.*

Contributing Writer: Garrin Bunker, junior, Chagrin Falls High School

On October 16, Chagrin Falls High School (CFHS) senior class volunteered at different nearby organizations for the school's annual Philanthropy Day. Service opportunities included helping garden at the Botanical Gardens' Urban Farms, interacting with students at Gurney Elementary School and reading to children at the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank. Other volunteer locations included Meals on Wheels, The Weils senior community, Chagrin Falls Historical Society, Chagrin Falls Park, Camp Ho Mita Kota and Chagrin Falls Intermediate School.

It feels good for me to help out in the community with my friends," said Winston Breeden. "It was cool to go back 10 years later and catch up with my former teachers. I enjoyed teaching the students basic math and reading skills. My time with them taught me to have patience. I also gained infinitely more respect towards the staff of

Gurney after seeing all their hard work they do on a daily basis to keep the school amazing." Rand Singer attended the trip to the Botanical Gardens' Urban Farms where he served through gardening. "I

torical Society said the students were fantastic. "They were incredibly helpful with moving and cleaning our basement and garage to help us with our collection and storage issues."

before they left as it would have taken me hours to do it by myself!"

Philanthropy Day has been growing each year since 2014 when the seniors ventured out beyond Chagrin Falls to volunteer in Ohio City. "When I became the assistant principal, I wanted to use this as an opportunity to engage students in meaningful community service and to build on the school's relationships with community partners. We believe that service work is a social responsibility and that a single person performing an act of kindness does have the power to make a difference. Whether it's playing board games with the residents at The Weils, packaging food at the Cleveland Food bank, or assisting in providing access to fresh produce through gardening at the Botanical Gardens Learning Farms, our students are making a difference," said Assistant Principal Amanda Rassi, who organizes the day each year.



*Seniors Claire Lordan and Will O'Brien spend time with students.*

*Photo courtesy of Assistant Principal, Amanda Rassi's Twitter.*

learned how great of a program it is and how it makes healthy foods and spices while also helping underprivileged teens."

The seniors received numerous compliments from the organizations where they volunteered. Ruth Zeager of the Chagrin Falls His-

Maggie Kwasny of The Weils Assisted Living also agreed that the students were so helpful. "It was so fun to come into work and see all the familiar faces. The residents love the 'young blood' and enjoyed playing games with them. I selfishly enjoyed having them help with a project

## Legendary ballroom dance instructor passes away

Richard D. "Dick" Blake, founder of Dick Blake School of Ballroom Dance and Etiquette, passed away at age 84 due to natural causes in October. For many Chagrin students, it became a rite of passage to take his class in 6th grade. He taught his six week dance and deportment course to our young students for 29 years. The course, which he would teach alongside his wife, would conclude with a formal dance.



*Adapted from Senior Zach Thompson's article.*

"Richard D. Blake was cremated by DeJohn Crematory. A Celebration of Life Service was held on October 11, at 7 p.m. at The DeJohn Funeral Home. The Tiger Times Staff sends its condolences to Blake's family and friends, and hopes his legacy will continue in the years to come."



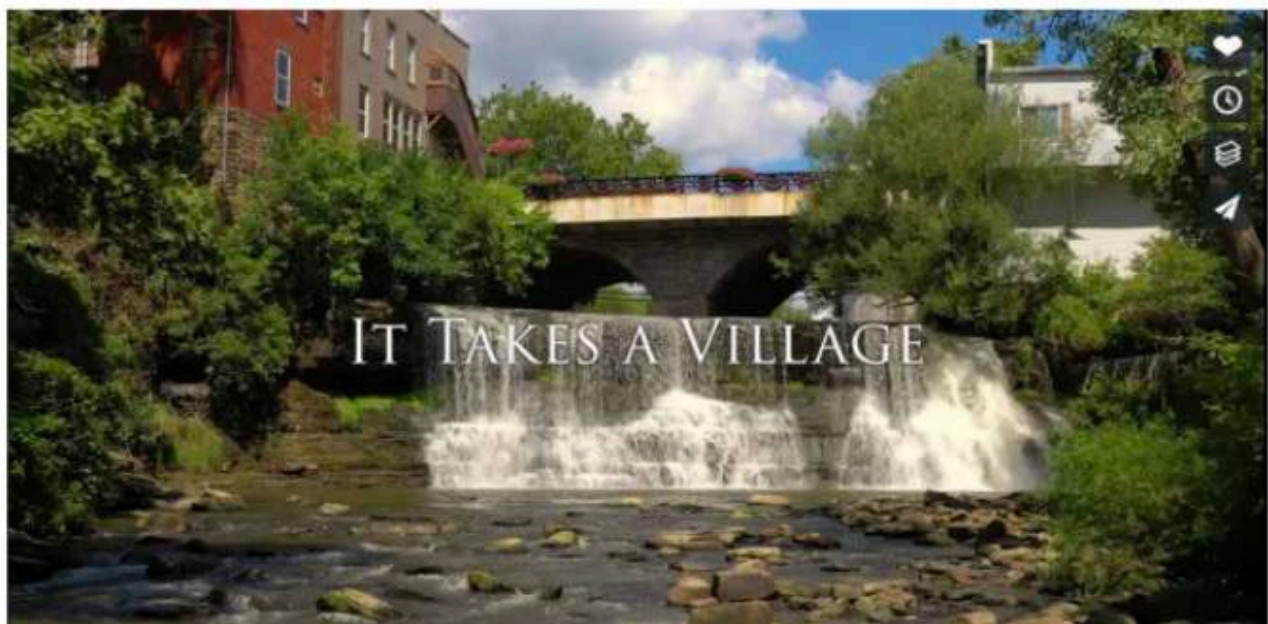
# Student-Athlete Signing Day



From Left to Right  
Rower **Ieva Adams** signed with San Diego State University, volleyball player **Madeline Swentor** signed with the University of South Carolina, soccer player **Katie Schumacher** signed with Western Michigan University, lacrosse player **Mia Razavi** signed with Lynn University, lacrosse player **Anna Gellin** signed with Kent State University, lacrosse player **Ben Kniskern** signed with St. Lawrence University and cross country/track runner **Alex Partain** signed with Saint Vincent College.

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## CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS IT TAKES A VILLAGE



The Chagrin Falls Schools had a documentary made on the new Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. It showcases how we, as a close-knit community, came together to foster the social, emotional and academic growth of our young people with this incredible project. If viewing this article online, then click on the picture to see the video. The link for it is <https://vimeo.com/356430498/051f97e199>. If you search “Chagrin Falls It takes a village video,” then you will likely see the video as your first result.

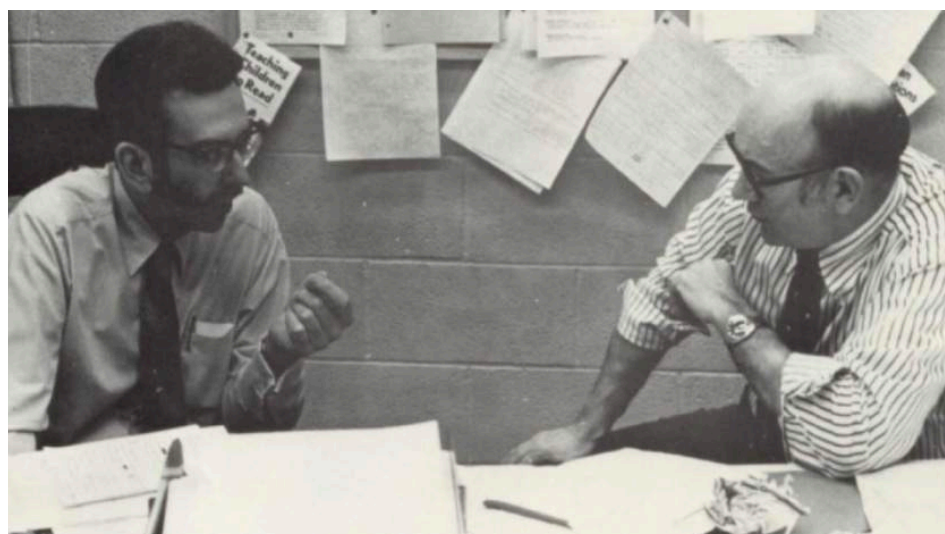


# Throwback Photos

*These photos are from the 1975 Zenith*



*Miss Wilcox joining her 1st period gym class at the Rec Center.*



*Dean of Students Dale Richmond in discussion with CFHS Principal John Gaydosh.*