



From the Director...

We hope the beginning of the school year has started out well for you and your family. There continues to be considerable progress being made on renovating the Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. In this issue we dedicated space to cover the current developments in the renovation. We are now in year two of having our 4th through 6th graders being taught in modern trailers in the area of the senior lot and tennis courts. It is going smoothly and certainly is fun to see the younger kids on the 7 - 12 campus. Once

completed, the Intermediate School will be a terrific location to host alumni events. We plan on having the 2019 Hall of Fame ceremony held there, which is a significant reason we decided to hold off on having an induction ceremony this year.

We are excited to share an updated CFAA logo with you in this issue. We would like to thank Jamie Rockwell '96 for his work to give us this impressive new look.

One of the things we are most proud of at the CFAA

is being able to award scholarships to our deserving seniors. Annually we will give out between 5 to 7 scholarships. It is one of the most challenging tasks to select from well over 40 applicants. Over the years, we have spearheaded the efforts to organize the school's support organization with a common scholarship application. It has been met with enthusiasm from both the seniors and scholarship committees alike. We would like to invite classes or individuals to sponsor a scholarship. If interested, please contact

me at brian.mckenna@chagrinschools.org.

We would like to thank CFHS "Tiger Times" newspaper staff designers Alexis Christie and Allison Brown for their substantial help with the newsletter. For your enjoyment, we have included some of their articles in this issue.

Have a terrific fall!

Brian McKenna '88
Alumni Director

Family Ties

Recently Chester Hill 2018 was able to complete his high school requirements early and was awarded his diploma from the Chagrin Falls Board of Education. His early graduation, although a bit unique, is not what sets Chester apart from many of our graduates.

In June, 40 of our graduates were able to say that their mother, father, or both were CFHS graduates. In Chester's case, he is the 5th generation to earn a CFHS diploma and a 6th generation to have been educated in Chagrin Falls.

His line of lineage follows Gregory Hill 1987 (father), David Hill 1955 (grandfather), Cecil S. Hill, Sr. 1927 (great grandfather), and Claude S. Hill 1908 (great great grandfather). Chester S. Hill was his great great great grandfather. The elder Chester began his education in the Bentleyville Country School, which became a part of the Chagrin Schools. He was born in 1843 and was a Civil War veteran. Chagrin Schools did not have graduation until 1879, so his completion of his education is unclear.

In addition, Chester has many relatives that earned a CFHS diploma including his grandmother Valerie Reitz Hill 1955, uncle Scott Hill 1984, great uncle Cecil S. Hill 1952, great uncle Gordon Hill 1955, great aunt Janice Hill 1962, great great uncle Gordon Hill 1930, and many more.

The story of the Hills got me thinking of other families that have a proud Chagrin past. I didn't need to look far as I have Evan Bargar 2020 in my government class. His older brother is Will Bargar 2017, while his

cousins are Connor Bargar 2012 and Justin Bargar 2016. Evan and Will's parents are Brian 1987 and Halle Philpott Bargar 1988. Connor and Justin's dad is Dave Bargar 1985. So Evan, Will, Connor and Justin have these CFHS graduates: grandmother (Kris Solether Bargar 1961), great grandmother (Carol Stroud Solether 1930), and great great grandmother (Minnie Brewster Stroud 1898). That's five generations of Chagrin graduates as well.

Philomethian Street School Updates

While some of us attended the school on Philomethian Street for a few years, others spent their entire education there. No matter the length, we all have an attachment. There has been a significant amount completed in the past year. We want to update you on the overall progress and on some unique items relevant to the historical preservation.

From the school website (Aug. 2018): Progress continues on the construction of Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. The project is on schedule and we anticipate to be ready to open for students and staff in August 2019. This past year, we completed the design process, demolition, site excavation and foundations. Currently, the main steel structure of the new building section is visible. Concrete slabs and floors will be poured soon and the exterior building enclosure is slated to occur in the next few months.

Overall, this future home for students in grades 4-6 is taking shape and we are excited and certainly grateful

for the communities support with this important endeavor. We would encourage you to follow progress by following #CFConstruct on social media or going to our construction tab on the District website: <http://www.chagrinschools.org/Construction.aspx>. We look forward to the completion of this dynamic space that will meet the educational needs of students while serving as a gathering place for our community.

We have also been briefed on the efforts to maintain part of the history. The School and architects are currently evaluating the interior stairwells. It is likely they will leave the exposed brick on the interior stairwells of 1914 to showcase the historic brick. Wood has been reclaimed from the floors and will be integrated into a few pieces in the building. The Public School stone from the 1885 building will be mounted down by the auditorium. The School also has vinyl graphics that will hang on the wall depicting various iterations of schools on that site.

In Memoriam

Joanne Sauer Pentz 1946

Francine DuBay 1965

Claude Binder 1970

David "Gary" Eaton 1970

Leah Deming 1973

Kris Rankin 1978

Mike Murphy 1999

Matt Lechner 2009

Retired teacher Kaye Oker

CFHS grad Hallie Thome set to go pro

By Emma Livingston
and Belle DiFranco

2015 Chagrin Falls alumna Hallie Thome has eyed the WNBA draft since seventh grade and now can follow her dream.

Thome played a vital part of the Chagrin program and now plays for The University of Michigan as a post player. She has had many successes during her time at both Chagrin and The University of Michigan.

"The [draft will occur] April of 2019. [The] early mock draft has me at second round pick 22," Thome said.

As of now Thome believes she will be picked by the Washington Mystics. However, more mock drafts will be published later in the year.

"I have never really thought I would be playing basketball in college let alone professionally. As I reflect on this year, it has made me realize that I am going beyond anything I thought I could ever imagine, let alone do."

Thome explained how basketball has changed her life and is optimistic about this new chapter opening up in her life. Thome said CFHS head girls basketball coach Brittany Anderson has also been an important part of her success.

"Having her as a coach but then a mentor as well, her and I have a really good relationship and still talk to this day. The support has carried on even though I still go to that school up north," she said.

Coach Anderson and Thome have similar perspectives on each other "Hallie and Hannah are excellent role models... [They] both come back to camp; people go up to their games at Michigan and OU. It is really important to have a positive role model who encourages girls to play sports."

Thome considers her ex-

perience at CFHS to be one of the best parts of her life. More specifically, she said her favorite memory was playing her last game with her twin sister.

"[My favorite part was] probably the last game with Hannah. As a team we had never been closer... It was a memory I'll never forget. The opportunity to play with Hannah will never be taken away."

One of Thome's favorite teachers, Mr. Serluco, was the junior varsity coach during her time at CFHS. Mr. Serluco coached with Coach Anderson and Coach Joe Monroe during his time with the girls basketball program. Serluco recalls her work ethic and confidence she had in herself.

"I think that a big part of it was her confidence. Coach Anderson put her in positions where she could be successful, and as she experienced that success, she gained confidence," said Serluco. Thome evidently blossomed over the four years. Thome's growth as a basketball player and person was obvious to her coaches.

Many people from Chagrin are excited for Hallie's success. Senior, Lydia Thombs knows how important Hallie's influence has been on her and the Chagrin Falls Girls Basketball Program.

"She was a big role model and I looked up to her to be the best I can be," Thombs said. "She makes me be a better player now in high school. It is really cool to know someone that is playing basketball and is that good."

As Thome gets ready to head to the draft next April, her coaches and current basketball players want Thome to enjoy the ride and never forget how special she is as a player.

"I would just say that I am so proud of you, enjoy it, keep that passion that you have for the game," Serluco said.



Beam Signing Adds Structure, History to New Intermediate School

By Peyton Lewis

From the October edition of "The Tiger Times": Students and community members of all ages came together to sign a structural beam that will soon be placed in the renovated Intermediate School.

Through cooperation between school administration and Gilbane construction company, the decision was made to allow students and community members to sign their name on the beam to engage them in the renovation project. through this alternative time capsule.

"It's an opportunity for the community – everybody gets to say that they had a part in it. Whether it's students already gone through there or students that will go to the new school, I feel like this gives everyone an opportunity to get involved," said Chagrin Falls Director of Operations and Strategic Initiatives, Mr. Chris Woofter.

Students had the opportunity to sign the orange-painted beam during school on September 6, and community members had the chance to sign at the third annual Lenny May Booster Tailgate party the evening of September 7.

Many teachers saw the value in this opportunity and took full classes down to sign the beam. "I took down a group of students of mixed ages to sign the beam because I just think it's so special to have a little piece of all of us hidden in that building. Especially because the high schoolers won't get to experience being students there. With the beam they still get to be a part of it all," explained high school English teacher Mrs. Jean Kanzinger.

The beam signing received a great reception from stu-

dents and members of the community alike. In total, over 2,000 people signed the beam to forever, and will forever be part of the Intermediate School for decades to come.

"I thought the whole idea of it is pretty cool. Obviously, the Intermediate School needed some work, but I feel like this is a good way to keep some of its legacy moving forward. Everyone has memories from the Intermediate School, and now it almost feels like they'll always be part of the school," said senior Livi Harmat, who signed the beam with her photojournalism class.

The beam has been transported back to the construction site of the Intermediate School on September 11. The 24-foot long steel autograph display will serve as the foundation for the new cafeteria, in front of what is now the auditorium. Despite the aesthetic appeal, the beam will be behind a wall and not visible.

"Even though it will always be there, people can't actually see the beam, but we'll have a photo of it and it should be a neat reminder for the school of the great history and legacy it has," added Woofter.

From outside the community, some might just see a brightly painted steel beam essential to the structure of a new school, but to the people of this community, the signing of the beam helps preserve history for years to come.

"It's such a unique building, I think with the memories people have of the school, and that now some elements of that school will be gone, I think there's something special about having our names on a piece of the structure that reminds us that the past students will always be a part of that school," said Kanzinger.

Class & Reunion Notes

2019 CHAGRIN FALLS DAY IN FLORIDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 5th

...Sarasota Area Venue to be determined...

Love everything Chagrin Falls and CFHS?...

...Then please join us and bring Family & Friends...

Join us for a chance to renew old friendships with Classmates, former classmates and anyone loving Chagrin Falls, or living/wintering/visiting Florida. This 1970's-1990's Annual Event was renewed in 2013 and has grown from a dozen attendees to over 40. Yes, Chagrin Falls continues to bind us together as we reunite with memories of that special place we will always call our 'Happy Place'.

As this will be the last Tiger Tales prior to 2019's Event, further Venue Details will be forthcoming via CFAA Facebook and emails. We welcome your interest, feedback, suggestions & help so please contact any of the following and we will see that you are kept updated as details are finalized: Suzanne Sutton Wright '62 wsuzannebg@yahoo.com / Carolyn Groth Huber '59 hubercarolyn@juno.com / Jim Fitz '58 sueandjim370@roadrunner.com / Reed Carpenter '62 reedatplay@gmail.com.

The Class of '52 would like to start a group email. To be included please email Pat Stonely Root '52 at patsroot@gmail.com.

The Class of '63 held its 55th Reunion during the Memorial Day/Blossom Time holiday weekend. While some of our

classmates had changed addresses and had not stayed up-to-date with the Alumni Association, many classmates did let us know that they would be unable to attend due to other commitments. We did, however, manage to have 45 classmates and spouses join us for dinner at the Pine Lakes Trout Club on Friday evening. Nancy Strick Stewart and her husband traveled the furthest, coming from Scotland. On Saturday, we attended a CFHS school tour led by Jana Young, then later that evening our class got together again at the home of Jack and Maryellen Schron. It was a fun time with great food and fellowship. What an honor it was to see John Piai and Glenn and Marilyn Wyville, and Brian McKenna and Jana of the Alumni Association. Thanks go out to John Dagil, Judy Ebersold Trivette, John Cahill, Kenny Shutts, Bob Strickler, Wendy Miller, my daughter, Blair, who designed the graphics on the "Save the Date" reminders, and to my wife, Jayme Schron, who helped spell check our Facebook page. If classmates wish to stay in touch, they can contact us at gmail with address changes or visit our Facebook or Website pages. It was a weekend to remember! Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CFHS1963/> Website <http://1963cfhsclass.com/> Class email: cfhs1963@gmail.com Left to Right: William Freer (NM), Robert Koroshes, Nancy Strick Johnston (Scotland) & Richard London

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Photo by: junior photojournalism student Ava McFarlane

Class and Reunion Notes Continued

The **Class of 1968** met at Pine Lake Trout Club on a beautiful day, May 27, 2018. There were 58 attendees which included some of the classmates spouses. Everyone enjoyed telling old stories, catching up on current lifestyles and listening to old music. Before taking several group pictures outside, the Class remembered those of us who are no longer with us with a moment of silence. As we slowly went our separate ways after our get together there was talk of when we could meet again. We are very thankful for having such a great class. The Class of '69 is looking forward to celebrating their 50-year reunion. Initial thoughts are to have the event over Blossom Weekend. Currently the committee consists of Bob Thomas, Mike Solether, Skip Regan, Vicki (Vince) Sutliff, and Mark Schroeder is the Chair. To make sure you get updated information please pass along your current contact information to Mark at mschroeder146@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1973** held their 45th reunion over Memorial Day weekend which attracted classmates from as far away as London, Fiji and Costa Rica. We are so grateful to Reggie Williams and his wife Pam for hosting our dinner at his home in Newbury. Reconnections, new memories and much laughter sustained us through the evening. Here is hoping that we will all be fortunate enough to meet again in five years to celebrate our 50th. The Class of '74 is planning our 45th (gulp!) reunion for Blossom Time weekend 2019. Location is tbd with details to follow. Pam Fischley Hermanson (pemmm222@aol.com) and Ted Kagy (tedkagy@aol.com) will serve as points of contact for classmates with questions or comments.

The **Class of 1978** had a reunion over the Blossom Time Weekend, and it was a great time! Some classmates were able to get together at the all class reunion on Friday night and meet up with other Chagrin alumni. Saturday evening we had 60+ attendees at the Frohring Meadow location. The catered food was delicious and the DJ kept us dancing til the park closed! We are also so sad to have lost two classmates this year. Scott MacLaren and Kris Rankin both passed away this Spring, and they will be greatly missed.

The **Class of 1979** will be celebrating their 40th reunion with an event Saturday, May 25 of Blossom Time weekend at the Bainbridge Town Hall. Please make sure that the committee has your most recent contact information: Jeff Baker (bake38@gmail.com), Sue Daniels (Susan.daniels@medmutual.com), and Cary Gluf (cjpgdesigns@earthlink.net). You can also get updates at the class Facebook group, CFHS Class of 1979 Reunion-40th.

The **Class of 1983** celebrated their 35th year reunion on Saturday, May 26th. The casual event, held at Chagrin's Town Hall, welcomed classmates with an evening of food, music, trivia and tribute. Additionally, classmates raised approximately \$1,100 to replace a giant magnolia tree that was removed during the renovation of the Philomathian School. The tree was originally planted in memory of Rusty Russ.

The Class of 1984

The time is upon us again. 5 years has passed. 5 new classes from CFHS have graduated. And Greg Gamm still stands by his 1992 statement that the Class of 1984 is the "greatest class of all!" We stand the test of time. The legendary class of 1984 will once again convene for their 35th reunion in the friendly confines of Chagrin Falls proper. Chagrin is never the same after we invade! We had an amazing turnout 5 years ago and would love to have a repeat performance. But it takes each of you to block your calendars on your iPhone or - for those anti-Apple rebels - your Android device. The dates? May 24-27, 2019. We have a Facebook Group if you haven't joined yet. Just search for "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1984." We've got 141 members in that group! Ask to join. You only have to answer one question to pass the approval process - Who was our Senior Class Teacher of the Year? Just answer Freya Zipperer and you are granted access. Events for the weekend are TBD, but suffice it to say All Class Reunion Friday evening with nightcaps likely at a local drinking establishment that rhymes with "Beanville". Saturday will likely be a day to hang and reunite with family and classmates and then have our big event Saturday Evening. Suggestions are always welcome. Sunday is parade tailgating with Tim Piai and Bubba Badal firing up a grill for break-

fast and burgers while we await the longest parade in Ohio. Let's try to celebrate Barry's Memory as well as our other classmates gone way too early the entire weekend - Mike Jung, Sarah Masters, and Dan Baldwin.

Let's do this. One. More. Time. See you in May! Stay tuned for more updates!

Love all you guys!

Your Humble Class Prez,
Matthew Harrington Hanley I

The **Class of 1988** enjoyed a terrific weekend for their 30th class reunion. On the Friday of Blossom Weekend the festivities began at the Greenville Inn. Class members gathered to listen to their classmate Dan Mills perform with his group Robbing Mary. The main event was Saturday evening at the picturesque Pine Lake Trout Club. A special hit of the evening was watching the senior slide show. The final gathering was at the Florkiewicz home to watch Sunday's parade together. The organizing committee would like to thank all the classmates that traveled both near and far to make the weekend special.

The **Class of 1994** is planning a casual 25th reunion in Chagrin Falls - Saturday, May, 25th 2019. Please visit our Facebook Page Chagrin Falls NinetyFour for updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/chagrinfalls.ninetyfour>. For questions, please contact Dana Matta at themattas@icloud.com.

The **Class of 1998** held on overwhelmingly successful 20th reunion on the Saturday evening of Blossom Weekend with over 130 attendees! Even though a downpour started right as the first classmates checked in, we had ample cover thanks to the large tent donated by Lindsay Skala Bird of Reliable Pet Sitting in Chagrin Falls over what we dubbed the outside "Partio". The Paris Room was a lovely venue, the food and drinks were delicious and the owner and staff were wonderful to work with. When the rain let up we were able to freely walk between the tent and The Paris Room allowing for great conversation and many, many laughs. At the end of the night, we distributed Class of 1998 Tshirts donated by Neil Mentzer of Southern Tier Brewing Co. Not only was Melissa Davis Cole a huge help on the Saturday reunion, but on Sunday, Melissa and her family hosted a fantastic Parade Party BBQ at her home on the parade route. Many

thanks to Melissa, Meghan Atwell Salas, Karin Quick Tenebria, Katie Wizniewski Tallman and Lauryn Thompson Sargent for all their tireless work. Please join our Facebook group, "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1998", for more info on our class and reunions. Any questions or suggestions- CaseyAChristopher@gmail.com.

Be ready to party like its 1999! The **Class of '99** is planning their 20 year reunion for Saturday May 25th 2019 at 6:30pm at the Chagrin Valley Athletic Club. Make sure you are a member of the Facebook group "Chagrin Falls Class of 1999" to get further information. You can also reach out to the planning committee Carrie Crawford, Jessica Giebel and Michelle Okuley at chagrin-falls1999@gmail.com

The **Class of 2003** celebrated a successful 15 year reunion at the Paris Room Bistro over Blossom Weekend. We were fortunate to see over 50 classmates. Between drinks and appetizers we watched a video that was played on the morning announcements before we graduated and we raised a class donation for the CFAA through a 50/50 raffle! We will see everyone again in 5 years! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILd3ZiD2wqw&authuser=0>

The **Class of 2008** met at the Greenville to reminisce and catch up for their 10 year reunion. Thank you to all those who joined and we hope to see everyone at our 15 year in 2023!

The **Class of 2009** will be gathering on Saturday of Blossom Weekend (Sat., May 25th) for their 10 year reunion. The location will be determined. If interested in helping to organize, then please reach Vince Coleman at colemani@gmail.com. The class Facebook group is titled CFHS Class of 2009.

The **Class of 2014** will be having their 5-year reunion on Sat., May 25th of Blossom Weekend. A location and time will be determined. If interested in helping, then please reach out to Tommy Collins t3collins.14@gmail.com or Dan Herbener at danielherbener@gmail.com. You can also visit the class Facebook group titled Chagrin Falls High School Class of 2014 to keep updated.

School News

The spring season for Chagrin Falls High School was a memorable one. The Baseball team won the Chagrin Valley Conference. Baseball Coach Mike Sweeney and Boys Lacrosse Coach Paul Corto were named Coaches of the Year in their respective sports. Chagrin Falls had 21 athletes named all conference/region, 14 named 2nd team all conference/region, and 12 named honorable mention all conference/region. Annie Zimmer from the Track and Field team and Erik Wilson from the Baseball team named CVC MVP's for their respective sports. Mark McGinley was named Region and State Player of the Year for Boys Lacrosse.

In state competition our boys lacrosse team won regionals, and were state semi-finalist. Our girls lacrosse team made it to the state finals for the 4th consecutive year, but lost 13-10 in the state finals and are state runners up. For the 3rd year in a row our girls 4x800M Relay team won the State Championship. The relay consisted

of Tallulah Haskett, Hannah Clark, Catherine Coffey, and Annie Zimmer. Catherine Coffey also won the State Championship in the 800M. Annie Zimmer finished off one of the best running careers at Chagrin Falls by winning the state championship in the 1600M as well. Fourteen individuals made all Ohio this fall and they were Catie Beg and Kelly Wynveen (Girls Lacrosse), Mark McGinley, Cade Salyers, Lucas Gaizutis, Otto Bergmann, and Clark Reboul (Boys Lacrosse) Catherine Coffey, Annie Zimmer, Hannah Clark, and Tallulah Haskett (Girls Track and Field) Jack Amendola, Kyle Zaluski, and Cole Newbauer (Baseball).

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

Also we had 15 student-athletes who were named

to the three club. That means you lettered in all three sports. There were 5 student athletes who made the 12 club. That means they participated in all 12 athletic seasons at Chagrin Falls. Those student athletes were Adam Bencko, Cam Lucas, Maddie Miralia, Maddie Stapulionis, and Aubrey Tutkovic. In August the School announced the Teacher and Staff Member of the Year. In the classroom, high school calculus teacher Josh Maas was selected. On the staff side, bus driver Alan Zdolshek earned the honor.

In June a group of 12 CFHS students and teachers traveled to Shanghai, Xi'an, and Beijing. While there they visited our sister school in Linhai City, Huipu High School. In August, Chagrin would return the hospitality and hosted students and teachers from Huipu. The trips were a part of the Chagrin Falls Schools' "Bridge to the World" program.

Chagrin celebrated

its 130th graduating class in June. Notable achievements for the class are: 92 students received a Diploma with Honors 124 students achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher 72 students had a 4.0 cumulative g.p.a. or higher 5 students were National Merit Commended Scholars 5 students were National Merit Finalists 61 students were named as AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Honor, AP Scholars with Distinction and National AP Scholars 36 students were inducted into the Cum Laude Society for academic achievement Athletically, the Class of 2018 over their 4 years had won 14 CVC championships, 8 District Championships, 7 Regional Championships, 1 team State Championship, and 8 individual State championships. 2 students won a State Championship this past year in Speech and Debate.

Wedding News

David Bowe '76 & Beth Sedlak, July 14, 2018.

Scott Gallik & **Sally Florkiewicz '91**, June 30, 2018.

Angela Blunden & **Scott Iantosca '98**, Sept. 1, 2018.

Brett Gebler '02 & **Carin Guseiolo '05**, February 3, 2018.

Ryan Praski & **Jane Leary '02**, June 23, 2018.

Mary Masek '03 & **Jeb Howard '01**, Aug. 31, 2018

Jude Santos & **Maggie O'Toole '03**, June 2, 2018.

Tom Shaughnessy & **Devon Murphy '04**, Aug. 4, 2018.

Ashley Moore & **Macklin Chaffee '05**, September 1, 2018.

Anthony Shreffler & **Cassie Hauserman '05**, September 7, 2018.

Jason Law & **Colleen Koval '05**, July 14, 2018.

Lisa Gotic & **Tyler Koepf '05**, Sept. 5, 2018.

Santiago Reina & **RJ O'Kane '05**, May 29, 2018.

Ryan Catanese & **Sara Stricker '05**, June 23, 2018.

Hannah Clayton & **Alex Timmons '05**, Sept. 15, 2018.

Rich Radis & **Hayley Kaminski '07**, Aug. 18, 2018.

Ashley Piszczak '07 & Max Natchemson, Sept. 15, 2018.

Joshua Sullivan & **Helen Vandendriessche '07**, May 19, 2018.

Greer Bivenour & **Kelsey Terhune '08**, July 21, 2018.

Emma Canter '10 & Bryan Leuszler, Aug. 25, 2018.

Pete Lafferty & **Kate Koberna '10**, July 28, 2018.

David Powers '10 & **Maggie Robinson '10**, Sept. 8, 2018.

David White '10 & Jasmine Lahoud, July 20, 2018.

Kayla Wilhelm & **Brendan Batchelor '11**, July 21, 2018.

AJ Tomcany and **Merry Johnson '11**, July 21, 2018.

Dale Foust & **Kristin Pinkett '11**, Aug. 4, 2018.

Everett Dishong '12 and Monica Hiller, July 28, 2018.

Retired Teachers

The 2018 Chagrin Falls Retired Teachers and Employees picnic was held on July 10 at the West Woods pavilion on Rt 87. A great time was had by all, sharing memories and friendship along with a lot of great summer food.



1st Row, (Left to Right)

Rita Owen, Mary Lou Voss, Tom Mattern, Bill Foley, Carol Foley, Janet Brown, Donna Rentz, Marilyn Wyville, Claudette Whitelaw, Melinda Redding, Lynn Mouritson, Barbara Graham, Pat Haynish, Lynn Reboul, Jack Stanton, Bob Ohlrich.

2nd Row (Left to Right)

Jim Cowan, Jean Sulik, David Buckle, Carol Willert, Barb Petrus, Toni Cordaro, Cathy Matthews, Rosemary Janoch, Patty Siko, Molly Francis, Glenn Wyville, Skip Riegel, Frank McWhorter, John Rydquist, Bill Fordyce.

(photo by John Tillotson '72)

Little Tigers

To Hunter and **Sarah Neidhart Walter '98**, a son, Hunter August Walter "Gus", Sept. 3, 2018.

To Mike & **Meagan Meyer Mulloy '00**, a son, Sullivan Thomas, Aug. 18, 2018.

To Matt & **Beth Subel Hanson '00**, a son, Frank Murphy, Sept. 3, 2018.

To Emily and **Andrew Olsson '02**, a son, Alexander Edward, January 17, 2018.

To Chelsie and **Evan Gerhardt '03**, a boy, Ethan Avery, July 9, 2018.

To Matt & **Leah Eichenbaum Christie '04**, a daughter, Zoey Jacqueline, July 6, 2018.

To Amanda & **Cameron Small '04**, a son, Carter Glenn Archie, Born June 18, 2018.

To **Brett '02 & Carin Guseilo Gebler '05**, a daughter, Madison Jane, June 29, 2018.

To Meagan & **Alex Bergman '05**, a boy, Simon, July 24, 2018.

To Lindsay Busch & **Chris Conley '05**, a boy, Colton William, June 22, 2018

To Bill and **Holly Jacobs Cunningham '05**, a girl, Olivia Marie, July 30, 2018.

To **Bill '05 and Jade Knittel O'Brien '08**, a boy, Aiden Fitzgerald, Sept. 25, 2018.

To Nik & **Janelle Keicher Robert '06**, a daughter, Alora Lynn, born July 30, 2018.

To Adam & **Kim Johnson Rysell '10**, a daughter, Natalia Ruthellen, June 11, 2018.

Donations

We are grateful for the many donations to support the CFAA. Below are donations made in honor or memory of someone special to Chagrin.

Julie Keck Thrasher '55 has made a donation of memorabilia to the Tom Mattern Chagrin Falls Schools Historical Room.

Peter Leach '68 has given his lifetime Tiger Pride donation in memory of retired math teacher Ms. Mabel Litchfield.

Debbie Bridges Baker '76 has made a donation of memorabilia to the Tom Mattern Chagrin Falls Schools Historical Room. Don Ferguson, former Philomethian School teacher and administrator, salvaged an old elementary school desk during a school renovation project many years ago. Recently his children, **Jeff Ferguson '84 and Megan Ferguson Allen '91** donated the desk to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room where it now resides in the Lewis Sands Community Room.

The **Class of 2003** raised

money to make a donation to the CFAA.

Retired CFHS teacher, coach and A.D. **Glenn Wyville** and **Marilyn Wyville**, retired Chagrin Schools Secretary, made donations in memory of Carol Wise (mother of **Kathy '78, Mike '80, & Sue '80**), Mary Beth Van Berkum (wife of Tim), and **Kris Rankin '78**.

During their reunions, the **Classes of 1973, 1978, and 2003** held fundraisers to make a class donation to the CFAA.

Tony Vidmar '79 has made a donation in honor of retired CFMS social studies teacher **Mr. Tom Mattern '55**, who instituted a love of the past in the United States.

Sara Leikin '91 and **Kate Leikin Mitchell '98** made a donation in memory of Martin and Jean Leikin, who were proud to raise their daughters in Chagrin

SUPPORT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Enclosed is my check for \$250 Enclosed is my check for \$100

ADDITIONAL GIVING OPTIONS:

Yearly Alumni Association Membership- \$10

Other- \$_____

Name (incl. Maiden name): _____ Class Year: _____

Relationship to CFAA id not an alumnus (circle): Parent Faculty/Staff Other: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

News About You: _____

My Donation Honors: _____

Your Tiger Pride membership (\$250 or \$100 if you are over 70) 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. Makes 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.

In the News...

We enjoy highlighting individuals in this section with how one is doing in their profession, retirement, or making a difference in their community. If you have some news to share on you or your classmates, then we would enjoy sharing it in the next newsletter.

Jack Buchanan '49 has a new book scheduled for publication in Spring 2019: *The Road to Charleston* (University of Virginia Press). It covers the last half of the Southern Campaign, picking up where his prior book, *The Road to Guilford Courthouse*, left off.

Jim Beard '72 is Sr. Vice President of Marketing at State Industrial Products, an industrial cleaning products manufacturer based in Mayfield, Ohio.

Richard D'Ardenne '76 is Senior Vice President of Oil Search Alaska. Richard is based out of Anchorage.

Chip Warren '77 is the owner of Epict Fitness & Performance in Silver Lake, Ohio.

Jim Lorentz '78 is a senior strategic planner for Roundtable in Chagrin Falls. Roundtable designs custom learning solutions, including a flexible learning management system and customized eLearning, ILT and video-based content. Jim helps lead organizations through startup, turnaround, and growth.

Betsy Towns '79 is the owner of Heaven's To Betsy, LLC. Based out of Chagrin, the service provides compassionate professional care to local elders. Their services include companionship, meal preparation, light housekeeping, shopping and transportation to doctor's appointments. To learn more call 440-708-3086.

Michael Mata '80 is a Enterprise VAR Manager at OCZ Storage Solutions in Akron.

Kristin Philpott Schrepferman '84 is the managing director of Spark Ventures, which directs human and financial resources to partners around the world to provide health, education and jobs. Recently Kristin traveled to Zambia to assist students in stocking a library among other acts to lift communities out of poverty. Kristin lives in Chicago and is married with two children. She has a long history of dedication to children in need. Her most rewarding life experiences have come from foster parenting, adoption, volunteering, and working in schools with students from some of Chicago's most underserved neighborhoods.

Diana Hall Pollock '85 is the Strategic Sales Manager at WKYC in Cleveland.

Ken Koprowski '85 is an area sales manager at Performance Food Group in Denver, Colorado.

Alex Goetsch '87 is the Director of Sikora Law LLC. Sikora is a law firm that represents real estate companies throughout Ohio. Additionally, Alex is a council member in the

Village of Bentleyville.

Lisa Krok '88 is a branch manager at Cleveland Public Library.

Cassie Gary '90 Oyster City Brewing Company was founded in 2014 by Cassie Gary, Susan Gary, Rex Humphries and Bo Walker. Cassie, Susan and Rex, owners of Apalachicola's Owl Cafe & Tap Room.

Katie Hays Rundell '90 is a senior graphic designer at Improvements Catalog in Hudson, Ohio. Katie's focus is on digital design of marketing emails, website assets, blog and social media graphics.

Michelle Cull Lease '91 is the owner of The Nantucket Collection. The company combines a carefully curated collection of Nantucket things, with all items preppy and classic. You can see more at www.thenantucketcollection.net.

Sara Leikin '91 accepted the position of Director, Teaching & Learning Strategic Initiatives with the National Math and Science Initiative.

Jason Watson '95 is the Senior Project Manager at The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. in Beachwood, Ohio. Jason oversees a wide variety of civil engineering projects including municipal, state, and private entities.

Adriane Zajackowskiv Laurie '96 is a Senior Instructional Designer for Progressive Insurance in Mayfield, Oh.

Natalie Kormos McManamon '97 is a marketing and administration professional in Brecksville, Ohio. Natalie does residential and commercial real estate with Stouffer Realty. She also has been leading a fundraising campaign to help raise awareness and funding for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder through the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. Additionally, Natalie is a three time Ironman finisher.

Jessica Smith '97 is the Event and Tourism Coordinator at Beachwood Convention & Visitors Bureau. Jessica also volunteers her time as Co-Leader of a Girl Scouts troop.

Casey Christopher '98 has been appointed to the Ohio University Board of Trustees for the term 2018-2020. She serves on the Board as an Alumni liaison, also serving as the Ohio University Alumni Association Board of Directors Chairwoman for the same term. Casey graduated Ohio University in 2002 and joined the Alumni Board in 2010. In 2007, Casey was transferred from Cleveland to Tampa, Florida with National City Bank. After National City's merger with PNC, she stayed in Tampa for 10 years working for CenterState Bank and was recently transferred back to her home state of New Jersey to work in Center-State Bank's NYC office. She resides in Westwood, NJ with her husband, Tom Gaggin, a Rutgers University graduate. Casey is always eager to connect with Tigers that are also Bobcats and if you have any suggestions or ideas for cultivating more of an OU alumni presence in your area, please reach out to her at CaseyAChristopher@gmail.com.

Jerry Jezek '98 is a Senior Graphic Designer and Creative Coordinator at Technical Consumer Products in Aurora, Ohio.

Derek Anderson '00 was selected Teacher of the Year at Ellerbe Middle School in Charlotte, North Carolina. Derek teaches 8th grade math and is the head coach of both the middle school football and girls soccer teams.

Christopher Koepf '01 is a Project Engineer for Panzica Construction in Cleveland.

Anthoni Fazio '02 is Assistant Project Engineer at NTH Consultants, Ltd. in Cleveland. His focus is as a subsurface utility engineer.

Christopher DiMichele '03 is a nurse manager at the Cleveland Clinic.

Ryan Luby '05 won 2018 Heartland Regional Emmy Awards, politics/government - News Series, Transparency Trouble. Ryan is an investigative reporter for Channel 7 in Denver, Colorado.

Patrick McCourt '05 is General Manager of MK Glass a custom glassware manufacturing and wholesale distribution. Patrick lives in Xuzhou, China.

Megan Murphy Holzheimer '05 received the Teacher of the Year honor from the Twinsburg Rotary. Megan is an English teacher at Twinsburg High School.

Matt Brandenburg '06 is CEO at Prince & Izant Company in Cleveland. Prince & Izant is a global source for brazing alloys and medical grade materials for the metal joining and medical device manufacturing industries.

Judd Harrold '06 earned First Team All-IFL honors this past season. Judd is a wide receiver for the Sioux Falls Storm in the Indoor Football League.

Liz Kampf '07 is a principal in Employee Experience at Qualtrics in Omaha, Nebraska.

Kelsey Terhune Bivenour '08 is an Intervention Specialist at Dublin City Schools.

Vince Coleman '09 was recently promoted to Manager at Deloitte in Portland, Oregon.

Tommy Fox '09 spent a few years teaching in the Southeast, but has now become a full time artist last year. Besides painting and doing mural work, Tommy enjoys paddling his ocean kayak on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia where he currently lives.

Chris Trinetti '10 is CEO of Atmos, a Spatial Science Consortium in Chicago's West Loop. Chris is working to bridge the gap between the virtual and physical through emerging spatial technology applied to the built environment. He is also an advisor for Invent2026, an initiative to grow the Midwest "Rust Belt" through invention, technology transfer, entrepreneurship, lab-to-

product value chain, and partnerships with the most progressive incubation programs. Additionally, Chris is founder of Trinetti Fine Art, an art agency that connects art enthusiasts, collectors, and business establishments with talented artists across the country.

Lindsay Lingafelter '11 is an associate of Paid Search at Reprise Digital in New York City.

Morgan Liber Pappas '11 is Manager of Marketing and Development at IRONMAN Foundation in Tampa, Florida.

Allison Tyson '11 is a speech language pathologist at Nicole Gerami Speech & Language Services in Beachwood, Ohio.

Natalie Davis '12 was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship that has sent her to Timișoara, Romania. She is teaching English at the West University of Timișoara.

John Sullivan '12 is a sales representative at The Energy Company in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alyssa Gardner '13 is a motion designer at WheelHouse Media in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Charles Hogan '13 is an Associate Urban Planner at Camiros, Ltd. in Chicago.

Quinn Malone '13 is the Assistant Director Of Admissions at Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School in Chardon, Ohio.

Emily Morgan '13 is a Regional Travel & Logistics Assistant at AFS-USA, Inc. in New York City.

Lauren Renton '13 is the Web and Email Content Coordinator at Washington Prime Group in Columbus, Ohio.

Nicholas Lenart '14 is Local Marketing Coordinator at BrandMuscle in Cleveland.

Ben Ahmed '16 is a Regional Sales Manager at Ntwo Media in Houston, Texas. Ntwo Media provides social media consulting.

Ben Winovich '18 recently began the business Leafy Bars, which sells a strawberry chocolate matcha bar. Matcha bars are granola bars that incorporate fine ground tea leaves called matcha. Besides getting a healthy breakfast, the bar gives the same amount of energy from a cup of coffee. While a senior at CFHS he took his idea to two business competitions, placing 3rd and 2nd respectively. Later, he entered the LaunchNet Kent State and Young Entrepreneur Institute Live Teen Pitch Tank Competition where he was one of three winners. Ben has now added **Jack Deignan '18** and **Isaac Hopkins '18** to help run the company. The bars can be purchased on the Leafy Cafe website (<https://leafy.cafe/>) and company updates can be found on their Twitter (@theleafycompany) and on Instagram (@leafycompany).

BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW

Much of the information for this section comes from History of the Chagrin Falls Schools, 1833 - 1960 by Tom Mattern '55. Currently Tom is working on volume two, which will cover 1961 - 1980.

Annie Zimmer '18 won the 1600 Meter run at the OHSAA Track & Field Championships. Her time of 4:53.98 was nearly six seconds ahead of the runner-up. Although this is the first time a female has won the mile at the state championships for the Tigers, she is the sixth overall from Chagrin to win the event. **Bus Nellise '26** won the 1925 title in 4:46.4; **Cecil Hill '27** won the 1927 title in 4:48; Andy Wiese '83 won titles in 1982 in 4:18:40 and in

1983 in 4:13.88; **Eric Harsh '88** won the 1988 title in 4:17.92; and **Joe Bistritz '16** set a Division II record and a Jesse Owens Stadium record time of 4:05.62. In 2017 Annie joined Joe in winning the individual title in cross country, which Joe had won both in 2014 & 2015.

The CFHS football team of 1934 holds the record, along with the 1897 and 1900 squads, for the least points scored in a season (0).

In May, 6th graders continued the tradition of reciting the Gettysburg Address and Logan's Order at the Memorial Day Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery. This year Sofia Clark '24 was selected for the Gettysburg Ad-

dress, while Sven Nielsen '24, son of **Sven Nielsen '84**, had the honor of Logan's Order.

In 2017-18 school year, CFHS offered 27 AP classes. 49% of the senior class participated in an AP class.

Ted Gurney was the longest serving Athletic Director of Chagrin Falls Schools. He served in that position for 28 years from 1938-1966.

Lewis Sands was the longest serving Superintendent of Chagrin Falls Schools. He served in that role for 24 years from 1934-1958.

In 1958, Chagrin Schools started several new clubs or chapters. They included the German

Club, Latin Club, Radio Club, nicknamed the Audio Aces, the Junior Council on World Affairs, and the Chagrin Falls Chapter of the A.F.S. During the winter they also added the sport of wrestling.

For 22 years (1924 - 1946) the Chagrin Falls Exponent printed the high school newspaper, the Echo, in its pages. In 1946, a change occurred when the high school began to publish its own Echo. Students were charged three cents for the first publication.

The 1943 Zenith listed 169 former Chagrin Falls High School students, graduates, and non-graduates serving in World War II.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Gym uniforms; pep rallies; the Zoo; Springfest; spring break; picture day; recess; middle school dances; Washington D.C. 8th grade trip; pumpkining; jumping the falls; passing notes in class; sleepovers; the first day of school; graduation; the marching

band; the first day of summer; swimming at the Rec Center; signing yearbooks; senior pranks; your favorite teacher; spelling bees; riding the bus; your first crush; Senior Week; Meet the Teams night; Homecoming Parade.

SERVING THE U.S.

Below is an addition to the list of Chagrin graduates who have served our country in the armed services. The overall list is posted on the CFAA website and contains 769 graduates. We also have a framed plaque in the CFHS due to the the generous donation from the Kelly Small '99 Memorial Fund.

George Pascoe '69

Mason Bartlett '18
Max DiLalla '18