



# Tiger Tales

CHAGRIN FALLS EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

### EVEN WITH CHANGE, MUCH REMAINS

AS WE PREPARE for another school year at Chagrin Falls, the 7 - 12 campus will be looking quite a bit different. For the next two years, 400 E. Washington St. will now be the 4 - 12 campus. A portion of the senior parking lot and the tennis courts will be filled with classroom modulars to house our youngest students. While this is going on, the Philomethian Street School will get a considerable upgrade. The school, which recently turned 100, will have the original building, gymnasium, and auditorium renovated. The 1929 - 1940 portion will be torn down and replaced with three stories that will provide the best of today while seamlessly connecting with the original portions of the school. This will be quite a change for all of us in the Chagrin community. It is something we have been seeing quite a bit of this past year.

After an absence of a few years, we finally got a grocery store in Chagrin with the opening of Heinen's in the plaza. We were later surprised by the closing of Gamekeeper's and the changing of ownership at Rick's Cafe. Even with all these alterations, there are so many things that have remained. Students still walk into town after school. Locks are not visible at the high school. Kids still enjoy summers at the Rec Center. The town comes together on Friday nights in the Fall to cheer on the football team. Our athletes battle it out to win CVC titles. The summer officially kicks off with Blossom Time. Swarms of kids go door-to-door in town on Halloween. Pumpkins find their way down Grove Hill by juniors and seniors in the late Fall. The day after Thanksgiving the community and, in particular, the Triangle is lit up for the holiday season. C.S. Harris Stadium honors seniors with a Sunday afternoon graduation under sunny skies. Most importantly, the Village has always valued education.

On October 12, we will be having our 14<sup>th</sup> Chagrin Falls Schools Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The class includes Harry Smith '49, Matt Crawford '01, David Iantosca '02, Katie Stancik Hanson '07, Coach David Kirk, Coach Pete Olah, and the 1991 Varsity Girls Cross Country Team. The class will also be introduced the following evening at the Homecoming Football game on Friday, Oct. 13, verse Geneva. This weekend will also have a special event on the Saturday with a joint event with the Chagrin Falls Historical Society and CFAA. We will be giving all of you one last chance to see the school before it goes through its transformation.

Whether you are near or far, we hope the start of the school year brings back fond memories of your days in the Chagrin Falls Schools! 🐾

Brian McKenna '88  
Chagrin Falls Schools' Alumni Director

### HOMECOMING WEEKEND 2017

14<sup>th</sup> CFS' ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME  
Induction Banquet  
Thursday, Oct. 12, 6-9:30 p.m.  
Tanglewood Country Club  
6-7:00 p.m. Social Time &  
Heavy hors d'oeuvres  
7-9:30 p.m. Induction Program

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

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME  
Chagrin vs. Geneva  
Friday, Oct. 13, 7-9:30 p.m.

*Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be guests at the game and introduced at half-time.  
"KEEPING TIGER PRIDE ALIVE"*

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Oct. 14, TBA  
*The Historical Society & CFAA will have guided tours & a look back at the last 100 years of Philomethian St. School.*



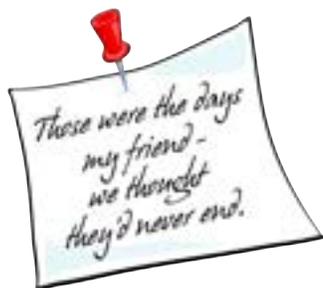
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# CLASS & REUNION NOTES

**Class of 1962** — 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend is being held August 18 - 20. We will have a recap of their get together in our next *Tiger Tales*.

**Class of 1967** — The Chagrin Class of 1967 had a wonderfully successful 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, during the Blossomtime Weekend. With about 25 classmates, we started out at the Eagles Club on Friday evening. It looked like rain, but the skies parted and all had fun, after which some went to the Town Hall All Class Reunion. We wandered the streets of CF on Saturday, looking at all the changes, and had our main dinner party Saturday night, at Adam Hall in Auburn. Thanks to Steve Grubich who made a good showing as MC, and then the microphone was passed from person to person for the better part of an hour, documenting favorite teachers, and "incidents" recalled from school. Thanks also to Mazzulo's Market (who catered and helped us eat very well) and the 75 attendees, including spouses and significant others. We welcomed people back from all corners of the US, the farthest this year being California. There was so much to talk about! And thanks so much to Keith and Lynn DeGreen, who continued to let us flatten their front lawn to watch the parade on Sunday. We'll miss that venue....but we want to have a 55<sup>th</sup>, because we had such a great time!

**Class of 1972** — CFHS Class of 1972 had a great 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. It was great to see everyone again and thanks to all for coming and sharing our time together! Check out our Facebook page Chagrin Falls High School- Class of 1972 page to see all the pictures. If you want copies, send your email to johnbtillotson@gmail.com. Please get classmates to join the site so that we can get in touch with all for our 50<sup>th</sup>!

**Class of 1973** — The Class of 1973 will hold it's 45-year reunion Blossom Weekend 2018. Be sure to update your



Class of 1967 Reunion -- Seated: Connie Klees Sickels, Karen Anderson Molineaux, Bruce Molineaux, Nancy Shelton Farrow, Barbara Leach, Bob Furst, Bob Lowe, Susie Shutts Johnson, Bob Welker, Rae Freemantle Huff, Chip Morrill, Judy Martt Hall, Kathy Williams Zellner. Middle: Dave Kotting, Missy Engel Kahn, Bill VerDuin, Brad Bolton, Monica Szell Radu, Rick Munn, Mary Jo Vecchiarelli, Bill Edwards, Julie Karshner Gaon, Bonnie Farrow Jemison, Ralph Hastings, Bry Schroeder, Judi Spresser Holder, Lynn Takas Heath, Heidi Koring, Joy Wilk Geisweidt, Ken Coryell. Back: Julia Osborne Tryk, Dave Rau, Rod Scott, Keith DeGreen, John Blazer, Kathy Garrett Gates, Bill Johannisson, (Bill Edwards) John Fuhry, Warren Wise, Bill Fitzsimmons, Steve Grubich, Tricia Taggart Pfaff, Gayle White Bone, Cindy Close Wyszynski, Mike Jones, Dan Ehrenbeit, Larry Alstrom, John Patton (Photo by Heather Grubich White '93, WhiteSandsPhotography.net)



Class of 1972 Reunion -- Front row: Jenny Wolf Evans, Gail Bingham Leach, Pat Lazio Harris, Doug Thompson, Tom Burnett, Rob Bricker, Wendy Russell Lodwick, Dwight Woodward, Mark Lodwick. Second row: Linda Patton Tierney, Dee Ann Speece, JoAnne Twitchell, Linda Klatka Kerchenski, Lorraine Cross, Tina Langer Barrow, Andy Sworan, Mike Lax, John Tillotson. Back row: Gail Stevens Druga, Mark Taussig, Brian McDermott, Sarah Stratton Kessem, Jeff Lawrence, Dennis Tierney. (Photo by John Tillotson '72)



Class of 1977 Reunion (Photo by John Tillotson '72)

contact information at alumni@chagrinschools.org. Additional information will be on the Facebook group CFHS Class of 1973. Please contact Betsy Hanson Street at betsygststreet@gmail.com, or Nancy Stern Lester at nkslester@gmail.com with questions.

**Class of 1977** — The Class of 1977 held it's 40-year reunion on Saturday May 27. The weather was picture perfect and the day began with a fun golf

outing held at Berkshire Hills Country Club. Cocktails, dinner and music was enjoyed by about 75 friends in the Rustic Barn later that evening. We shared lots of memories and laughs and many commented that it felt more like a family reunion. Please mark your calendars, in five years we will hold another reunion, same time and location. Thanks to everyone who came from near and far to make it a smashing success. Jen, Debbie, Martha, Ford, and Bill.

**Class of 1978** — The Class of 1978 will have its 40<sup>th</sup> reunion Blossom weekend 2018. For information please contact Greg Meek at [grollinmeek@gmail.com](mailto:grollinmeek@gmail.com), Katie (Stone) Watkins at [Katwat@aol.com](mailto:Katwat@aol.com) or Vic Baerman at [vbaerman@yahoo.com](mailto:vbaerman@yahoo.com). We will have an all class gathering Saturday afternoon/evening at a location to be determined.

**Class of 1982** — The Class of '82 celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> reunion at the Town Hall over Blossom Weekend. It was a wonderful celebration and even included a few classmates not seen in awhile! A large group also enjoyed closing down the Greenville Saturday night, celebrating with much younger CFHS graduated classes, including some children of class of '82ers!! We are planning on having a 40<sup>th</sup> but will need some classmates to step up and take charge. We're also hoping that'll be the reunion that brings in many of our long lost classmates. Until 2022...

**Class of 1983** — The Class of 1983 will be getting together Blossom Weekend 2018 for its 35-year(!) reunion. Kindly update your contact details at [alumni@chagrinschools.org](mailto:alumni@chagrinschools.org). Check out our Facebook group "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1983" for reunion news and updates on everything you won't want to miss!

**Class of 1985** — The Class of 1985 had a Nifty Fifty Birthday Party hosted by Margo Stanton with the help of organizer Rob Busby.

**Class of 1988** — The Class of 1988 will get together Blossom Weekend 2018 for its 30-year reunion. Make sure to update your contact information at [alumni@chagrinschools.org](mailto:alumni@chagrinschools.org). Additional information and discussion will be on the Facebook group CFHS Class of 1988.

**Class of 1993** — The Class of 1993 will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> over Blossom Weekend. We are looking for a chair and volunteers to help plan. Please update your contact info at [alumni@chagrinschools.org](mailto:alumni@chagrinschools.org) and let us know on the CFHS Class of 1993 Facebook page if you are willing to chair or help.

**Class of 1997** — The Class of 1997 celebrated its 20-year reunion Saturday night over Blossom Weekend at the Village Martini Bar in Chagrin Falls. The event was well attended and had about 40 members from the graduating class present plus significant others/



The Class of 1985 Nifty-Fifty -- Seated (L to R) Rob Busby, Chris MacPherson, Joey Vinci. Standing (L to R) Dan Haybron, Alisa Bowe Lenhardt, Pete Goldman, Helen Pope, Margo Stanton, Bonnie Rathbone, Chris D'Amato, Meghan Hunter, Brian Winovich, Bob Wing, Tom Asplin.



Class of 2002 Reunion -- Top row (L-R): Evan Atherton, Rebecca Bryan Szanyi, Gretchen von Boeselager, Kathryn Beller Fracci, Garrett Monda, Andrew Olsson, Patrick Lynch, Greg Welch, Alex Budin, Matt Glass. Bottom row: Andi Hoppes, Kate Gaskin, Emily Macey Stifter, Jane Leary, Matt Trinetti, Kathryn Kramer Gaydos, Jeff Miller, Jessica Korkosz Korzhiletskiy, Patrick Homans, Caitlin Howard.



Class of 2012 Reunion -- Pictured from left to right: Andrew Winkelman, Sam Lyttle, Bradley McKelvey-Askin, Alec Lockhart, Aileen O'Hearn, Lauren Isaacson, Anthony DeCamillo, Michael Tozzi, Taylor Maistros, Everett Dishong.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### ALUMNI & FRIENDS

# THANK YOU

David Conley '68 has given his annual dues in honor of retired industrial arts teacher and track and cross country coach Mr. Pete Olah.

Dennis Street '69 has donated memorabilia for the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Steve Shutts '70 and Chagrin Hardware donated flags for the memorial bricks placed in honor of those who died in service of our country (behind the stadium facing E. Washington St.).

Duncan Othen '71 has donated copies of his second thrilling mystery novel, *Last Dance with Death*, to the Alumni Association's Elsa Jane Carroll Alumni Memorial Library in the Historical Room.

Sarah Stratton Kesselem '72 donated several items to the Chagrin Falls Schools Tom Mattern Historical Room.

Pam Fischley Hermanson '74 has given her Tiger Pride Lifetime membership in memory of Ed Kagy '48.

Mark Vedder '75 has given a donation in memory of his mother retired teacher Faith Degen.

Retired high school German teacher & Boys Soccer Coach Dr. Mario Gerhardt has given a donation in memory of Tim Sukel, father of Zach '08, **Griffin '13**, and Spencer '14.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THEY NOW? RETIRED TEACHERS SPOTLIGHT



Once again the retirees got together for their annual summer picnic at The West Woods in Novelty. Photo by John Tillotson '72.

FORMER CFHS PRINCIPAL Jim Trusso and his wife recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a trip to Puerto Rico and St. Thomas. They even got the chance to stay in the same room at Blue Beards Castle that they stayed in on their honeymoon. Besides travelling and spending time with family, Jim keeps busy with dragon boat racing and volunteering at an aquarium. Another former CFHS Principal, Louis Weaver, lives in Palm Springs and is busy volunteering for three different non-profits. Former elementary school teacher Molly Francis is enjoying retirement and is very active in the local garden club in Lyndhurst. Retired librarian Barb Graham and her husband Jim are active in the Sons of the Union Veterans, a fraternal organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of heroes who fought and worked to save the Union. Former music teacher Pat Haynish has been working with the Chagrin Community Education where she continues to work with our theater program. She also directed a play about the Wright brothers. Retired elementary teacher Rita Owen has been enjoying time with her family and donating her time at the Chagrin Library. Former teacher Lynn Reboul is spending considerable time working with the Chagrin Falls Education Foundation helping to support projects for our current students. Retired art teacher Helen Samstag still enjoys playing golf in the summers in Cleveland. 🐾

### REUNION NOTES *continued from page 3*

spouses. The group enjoyed catching up with one another, as well as re-living some of their favorite memories of high school. BIG THANK YOU to classmate Jeff Rumprik for opening up his establishment at the Village Martini Bar for the reunion at no cost, as well as Jenny Freshman Ward for coordinating the event. Pictures of the event can be found on the class Facebook page "Chagrin Falls Class of 1997". The class looks forward to staying in touch.

**Class of 1998** — The Class of 1998 will celebrate its 20-year reunion next Memorial Day weekend. Please email any updated contact information to CFTigers98@gmail.com. Also keep an eye on our Facebook page "Chagrin Falls High School Class of 1998" for updates. Please let fellow classmates

you are still in touch with know too!

**Class of 2002** — The Class of 2002 hosted its 15-year reunion May 27, at Jukebox in Ohio City, a tavern opened three-years ago by fellow graduate Alex Budin. Over 50 alumni/significant others attended. The afternoon was fun for all and discussion has already begun for the 20-year. Thanks to all in attendance.

**Class of 2003** — The Class of 2003 will be celebrating its 15 year reunion during Blossom Time 2018. Please send updated contact info to scoteseabigail@gmail.com to stay in the know or to help organize the reunion! More info to come!

**Class of 2008** — The Class of 2008 is gearing up for its 10-year reunion on Saturday, May 26. For more information or to join the Reunion Committee go to

the class Facebook group or contact Liz Monda at emmonda@gmail.com.

**Class of 2012** — On Saturday, May 27, the Class of 2012 enjoyed a beautiful 70 degree evening amongst a scenic landscape at Frohring Meadows. Many hugs and life updates were exchanged while Dave's subs and Great Lakes beer were consumed. Throughout the night, the class scattered indoors and out, laughing at memories from CFHS and sharing new tales from life after.

**Class of 2013** — The Class of 2013 will be celebrating its 5-year reunion on Saturday, May 26, during Blossom Weekend. More details will be shared through the Facebook group, Class of 2013. If you have any questions, please reach out to Shannon Fung by e-mail (shfung@umich.edu). 🐾



# SPRING SPORTS REVIEW

By Charlie Barch, Athletic Director

THE GIRLS LACROSSE team made it to the state championship game for the third consecutive year, but unfortunately came up short 13 - 12 in the match verse Cincinnati Indian Hill. The team finished their season at 17-5 and has established itself as one of the premier programs in the state. The baseball team had a tremendous year going 24-7 this season, which included winning the CVC and district championship. Junior Erik Wilson was selected 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Ohio with a 10-0 record and 0.33 earned run average on the mound. His classmate Cole Newbauer was 2<sup>nd</sup> Team as catcher and four others were

selected Honorable Mention: senior pitcher Andrew Kwasny, sophomore outfielder Jake Amendola, and freshman infielder Kyle Zaluski. The softball team had been revived in 2016 and saw almost double the number of players from last season. They also doubled their wins and moved up 3 places in the CVC. The boys tennis team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the CVC. The boys track and field team came in 5<sup>th</sup> place at the CVC meet and 4<sup>th</sup> at districts. The girls track and field team placed fourth at the state meet. The 4x800 meter relay team defended their state title with a time of 9:12.1, which bettered the school record by 4 seconds. The relay team consisted of seniors Hailey Lowe, Halle McClintock, junior Annie Zimmer, and sophomore Catherine Coffey. Halle McClintock also finished as the state runner-up in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:12.09, while Annie Zimmer was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mile finishing in 5:02.25. The team also came in third at the CVC meet, district meet, and at regionals. The boys lacrosse team had one of the hardest schedules in the state. Although they ended with a record of 10-7, they were regional runners up in the state tournament.

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Chagrin Falls Alumni Association awarded 5 seniors with \$1,000 scholarships. This brings the total to 133 scholarships the CFAA has awarded since 1989. This year's winners and the scholarship they won: (L to R) Alex Amata (Tom Mattern Award), Yumeno Young (Lenny & Lana May Award), Madigan Copley (Ruth Noble Award), Collin Briggs (Alumni Award), & Owen Gruss (Class of '64 Tom Luckay Award)



## ALUMNI KIDS 2017

TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS of the Class of 2017 are children or stepchildren of Chagrin alumni, while five of them have both parents as graduates of CFHS. At graduation they all

received corsages to signify this tradition. 1st Row (L to R) - Molly Carroll (Jill Kramer Carroll '88), Avery Wood (Kristin Mapes Wood '85), Jessica Feucht (Mark Feucht '80), Edie Doman (Paul '88 & Susannah Thompson Doman '90), Charles Moyse (John '83 & Susan Schiemann Moyse '84), Mia Hunt Magerupp (Andy Magerupp '79) (Mike Topalian '80), Pearson Gottschalk (Ed Gottschalk '78), Emma Porter (Bill Porter



'83). 2nd Row - Will Bargar (Brian '87 & Halle Philpott Bargar '88), Brock Hammond (Colleen Kelly Hammond '86), Kaleigh Clark (Jayme Clark '98), Rem Weber (Rob Weber '81), Kevin Schlaker (Scott Schlaker '81), Pierce Fricke (Laura Wilharm Fricke '83), Gavin Blanks (Abby Gilkey Blanks '99), Carter Riegel (Jeff Riegel '79). 3rd Row - Collin Briggs (Steve '87 & Jamie Scolaro Briggs '87), Cody Krissing-er (Jack Krissing-er '85), Ben Karyo (Sally Garrett Karyo '81), Gabe Norton (Chris '92 & Dora McGregor Norton '92), Charlie Clegg (John Clegg '78), Charlie Miller (Cami Munz Miller '84), Andrew Kwasny (Joe Kwasny '83), Sam Jansen (Liz Youngberg Jansen '90). Not Pictured - Angus Allen (Scott Lax '70).

(Photos by John Tillotson '72)

A STROLL THROUGH THE CENTURIES:

## 150 YEARS OF IMAGES OF CHAGRIN FALLS



The Chagrin Falls Historical Society Press has published a new book, *A Stroll Through the Centuries: 150 Years of Images of Chagrin Falls*. It is a photographic tour of the downtown area from the 1840s to 2017, with photos that will bring back memories of Chagrin for those who moved away and those who still live in and around the village. The book was edited by Laura Gorretta '68. It is for sale for \$29.95 at the Historical Society and is available on their website: [www.chagrinhistorical.org](http://www.chagrinhistorical.org).

# 14TH CHAGRIN FALLS SCHOOLS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS



### Harry Smith 1949

- Charter member of Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame (1974) where 8 were selected.
- American Bowling Congress "ABC" Hall of Fame, 1978.
- Ranked as the #37 Bowler of the 20th Century.
- All-American, 1959-60, 1962-63, 1964-65.
- All-Star Champion, 1959-60.
- Masters Champion, 1963.
- 3 ABC Championships (1958, 1964, & 1967).
- 12 Professional Bowlers Association titles.
- Inducted into the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame in 1978.
- Bowled 12 sanctioned 300 games and an 843 series. Had 199 average for 25 ABC tournament appearances.

### Matt Crawford 2001

- Four year varsity baseball player.
- His career batting average of .478 was the highest in Chagrin history.
- Still holds the Chagrin record of 119 career hits.
- Helped lead the team to their best record, 26 - 3, and a regional finalist finish in 2001 going 9 - 0 on the mound.
- Selected All-Ohio in 2001 and 1st Team News Herald in 2001.
- Selected Plain Dealer All-Star in his senior season, which at the time covered the best 10 players in northeastern Ohio.
- Two time 1st Team CVC member.
- During his senior season, set the school record for hits in a season at 53 and runs batted in with 41.
- .558 batting average his senior season is 2nd all-time in Chagrin history.
- Four-year varsity letter winning pitcher and co-captain of the Wright State University baseball team during his senior season.
- Selected Horizon League Pitcher of the Week while a senior at Wright State University.

### David Iantosca 2002

- 4 year varsity starter in basketball.
- 3 year starter at quarterback where he led the team to 28 Wins in 3 Seasons, 3 playoff appearances, and 3 CVC titles.
- Two time Captain in basketball and captained the football team his senior year.
- Finished his athletic career in the top 10 in points and assists in basketball.
- Completed his football career as the winningest quarterback and all-time leading passer in school history.
- Twice was selected Honorable Mention All State, 1st Team Northeastern Ohio, 1st Team Geauga County Touchdown Club in football.
- Earned CVC honors in both basketball and football.
- Was selected to the News Herald All Star Team and earned multiple Plain Dealer and News Herald player of the week awards.

### Katie Stancik Hanson 2007

- Competed at the OHSAA State Championship all 4 years in both cross country and track and was All-Ohioan in 2005 helping her team to a 3rd place team finish in cross country.
- Competed in the OHSAA State Championship Meet in Indoor Track & Field as part of the 4x800m relay team that placed 5th in 2005 and 2nd in 2006.
- Chagrin Valley Conference (CVC) MVP 2003, 2004 in cross country and in 2006 in track.
- OHSAA All-District & All-Region all four years for both cross country and track.
- Was the anchor leg of the 4x800m relay team that placed each of her four years at the OHSAA State Championship Meet: 12th (2003), 9th (2004), 6th (2005), & 3rd (2006)
- Competed on the Women's Basketball Team: 2003-2005, 2006-2007
- Earned the CVC Sportsmanship Award 2006-2007, Chagrin Falls 12 Sport Award, Plain Dealer Player of the Week, &

News-Herald Player of the Week.

- At Allegheny College was a 3 sport captain and 1st Team selection to the North Coast Athletic Conference in cross country, indoor track & field, & outdoor track & field.
- Participated in the 2007 NCAA Division III National Championship in cross country.

David Kirk

- Head Track & Field Coach (1990-2014) & Head Cross Country Coach (1990-2010).
- Cleveland Plain Dealer Coach of the Year for Northeast Ohio (2013).
- Under his tenure, 80 athletes earned All-Ohio recognition and 19 athletes qualified to the National Championships.
- Ohio CC/TF Coaches Hall of Fame inductee (2012).
- Fred Dafler Career Coach of the Year for contributions to women's cross country (2006)
- State Coaches' Association Longevity Award (65 seasons) (Cross Country, Indoor TF, and Outdoor TF).
- District 2 Coach of the Year (Women's Cross Country) .
- Chagrin Valley Coach of the Year (1993, 1998).
- Helped bring about the addition of wheelchair T&F events (100M, 400M, 800M, Shot Put) to State Championship Meet.

Pete Olah

- Head Varsity Cross Country and Track Coach (1988 - 2000).
- Oversaw the girls cross country team that finished 6th at the state meet in 1990, 1st in 1991 and 2nd in 1992.
- His teams earned 3 district championships, 3 district runner-up finishes, and 4 CVC titles.
- Individually produced 189 Regional Qualifiers, 36 State qualifiers, and 20 State placers .
- Selected CVC Coach of the Year four times (1991 - 1994).
- Geauga Times Leader Geauga County Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year in 1990.
- Geauga Times Leader Coach of the year in 1991.
- Ohio Association Of Track and Cross Country Coaches District 2 Coach of the Year (Girls Cross Country in 1991).
- Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach during the 1980s & 1990s, which produced a Regional Runner-Up team finish, over 20 state qualifiers including 9 placers and 2 runners-up.

1991 Girls Cross Country Team

- Won the 14th OHSAA Girls Cross Country Championships amassing 90 points to easily outdistance runner-up Findlay Liberty Benton who had 120.
- Finished in 6th place at the 1990 OHSAA State Cross Country Championship and 2nd in 1991.
- Varsity squad included Seniors - Elizabeth "Tiggy" Hopkins, Amy Michel, and Sarah McGuire; Juniors - Jennifer Priem, Courtney Michel, Lori Fisher and Kerry Schoelch; Sophomores - Marie Irvin, Beth Wurster, and Christie Grano; Freshmen - Cortney DeGross and Casey Abley.
- Placed 1st at Wadsworth, Cunra, & Sim Erich Invitationals, 2nd at Malone College, and 3rd at Kirtland.
- Undefeated in non-league meets and were co-champions of the CVC with Twinsburg.
- In state competition, they won districts, regionals and the state meet, which were the first regional and state titles for the girls program at Chagrin. 🐾

## DO YOU REMEMBER

*Learning the alphabet through the Letter People; School-house Rock!; Canteen dances at the Rec Center on Friday nights; Frizzell's Restaurant; dances held in the gym or commons including homecoming*



*and prom; Picking out a special book to read with your parents at Fireside Book Shop; the dress requirements for boys and girls at Chagrin; Getting your driver's license; Choosing your 1<sup>st</sup> day of school outfit; Getting your first report card with letter grades; Your 1<sup>st</sup> field trip; The Washington D.C. trip; Your 1<sup>st</sup> job; Where your locker was at CFHS and CFMS.*

## MARRIAGES

Shannon Swyt Cosentino '87 & Jesse Mikluscak, May 6, 2017.

Jessica Duncan '97 & Phil Smith, December 3, 2016.

Kelsey Owen '06 & Nicholas Coleman, August 12, 2017.

## LITTLE TIGERS

To Brooke & Cody Linck '95, a girl, Ruby Dakota, July 8, 2017.

To Pete & Mary O'Brien Winchester '98, a girl, Emily Ann, May 15, 2017.

To Jesse & Molly O'Brien Davis '01, a girl, Nadine Greene, May 5, 2017.

To Kelby & Lizbeth Spresser Leuthold '01, a girl, Lucille "Lucie" Wren, Feb. 8, 2017.

To Luther & Michelle Lang Lemon '03, a girl, Fiona Mae, June 11, 2017.



Daniel Wright '67 has retired after a 35-year human resource management career with Steiner Corp. and Capco, Inc. in Grand Junction, CO.

David Conley '68 is a retired bricklayer. He and his wife, Theresa, enjoy spending their time with their three children and six grandchildren.

Scott Lax '70 teaches screenwriting at the Cleveland Institute of Art and is senior writer for The Braun Group, LLC, which is a Shaker Hts.-based company that specializes in biographies and memoirs. Scott still writes creatively, but he and his wife, Lydia, are enjoying spending time with their son, Finn, a first grader at Gurney...Tiger Class of 2029.

J. B. Raftus '78 serves as Chief Marketing Officer and Senior Vice President of GSD&M, an advertising agency headquartered in Austin, TX.

Tony Vidmar '79 is Vice President for University Advancement & Public Affairs at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX.

Susie Pike '81 is President of Golf Therapy. The business gives the joy of golf back to those that have not been able to play due to health reasons. They pick up their clients, take them to the course of their choice and get them out playing again. With this new venture, Susie has become a USGA member and certified dementia care practitioner. On Aug. 16, she will be the celebrity guest bartender at the Wild Goose in Willoughby to fundraise for

## TIGER GRAPEVINE

GolfTherapy.net Walk to End Alzheimers. A percentage of all business Golf Therapy does is donated to Alzheimer's programs. Susie also is volunteering this summer at the returntogolf.org program and the Bridgestone Invitational.

Jennifer Alexander French '82 was selected as Support Person of the Year at Hilton Head Elementary School. Jen is a special education assistant. Jennifer and her husband have three children and live in Bluffton, SC.

Kelly Scolnick Ingleson '83 is Director of Operation for the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program. The tribe has over 4,000 members in the northwestern part of Michigan's lower peninsula. Kelly's career has been spent in the counseling and prevention of substance abuse, especially with adolescents.

Matthew Burger '84 is Senior Director of Global Accounts at Avaya Inc. in Columbus, OH.

Alisa Bowe Lenhardt '85 just completed her 7<sup>th</sup> mission trip to Honduras. With members of the Sewickley United Methodist Church and her own family, they traveled to San Jose El Negrito to provide several services to those in the community with a focus on vision care.

Kris Reinhard '89 is a partner at Fifth Group Restaurants in Atlanta. They own award winning restaurants La Tavola, Ecco, El Taco, Alma Cocina, and Lure. Their catering company, Bold Catering and Design, was named the Eastern region winner of the Catersource Achievement in Catering Excellence (ACE) award. Last year they opened South City Kitchen, which now has three locations. Next year they will open a fourth in Alpharetta, along with a second Ecco outpost. If you are traveling through Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, then you can visit their El Taco and Ecco airport locations.

Darren Gretchko '00 was promoted to Major, United States Marine Corps, this past October. Darren continues to be a Marine aviator, piloting the V-22

"Osprey" tilt-rotor aircraft and is stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA.

Dennis Vana '01 recently was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant (E-9) in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently a Marine Corps recruiter near Cleveland, OH.

David Wise '01 is a Project Management Manager at Chemonics International in Washington, DC. He has spent several years overseas including a year in Kandahar, two years in Malawi, and three years with USAID development projects in Afghanistan. David has led country operations and managed teams of local nationals, overseeing significant improvements in academic performance and health standards in the many regions where he has been stationed.

Amy Booms Lemons '02 will be starting the school year as the new principal at New Prospect Elementary School in Alpharetta, GA.

Frida and Chuck Hunt '02 recently opened the second Villa Peru, a restaurant in Tucson that serves Peruvian cuisine. Chuck a military veteran, who served in Afghanistan, joins his wife in opening this family owned restaurant in Arizona.

Reverend Austin Shaw '03 recently received his doctorate from Oxford University. His dissertation focused on the theological debates in the decades after the Council of Nicaea (AD 325). Austin is Pastor of college and young adults at Grace Church in Middleburg Hts., OH. He and his wife Mallory have one son, Graham.

John Catani '04 was promoted to the rank of Captain for the Chagrin Falls Fire Department.

Mackenzie Duncan Miller '04 is a Marketing Specialist for Progressive Insurance in Cleveland. Mackenzie manages creative content for digital and social media campaigns.

Leah Grimm Lovell '05 is Senior Brand Manager of Neutrogena Cleansing

at Johnson & Johnson in New York City.

Josh Hurtuk '05 is an associate at Walter Haverfield real estate and corporate transaction group. Josh has been a part of the legal team that has brought The 9 Complex in Cleveland and the new Hall of Fame Village in Canton. He is currently the lead attorney for the Pinecrest development under construction on Harvard Road near I-271. Josh and his wife Carolyn Breitenbach Hurtuk '05 live in Shaker Heights with their daughter Kaylee.

Quinn Canter '06 is Global Supply Chain Coordinator at Prince and Izant Co. in Avon, OH.

Amy Cowles Weinrich '06 is a school counselor at Westerville City Schools outside of Columbus.

Kelly Fargo '07 is a pharmacist at Fairview Hospital in Cleveland.

Spencer Giesen '07 is a Senior Workday Analyst at Accenture in Chicago.

Morgan Sutherin Mullins '07 recently began working as a Dementia Consultant for Trovato, LLC, located in Northern Virginia. She also became a Certified Dementia Practitioner through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners.

Alex Hinch '08 is Internet Sales Representative at Travertine Warehouse in Tampa, FL.

Samantha Robbins '09 is a real estate agent at e-Merge Real Estate in Columbus, OH.

Samantha Gebler Evers '10 graduated from John's Hopkins University with a masters of science in education this past May. She recently began her second masters program at Ursuline College in education administration. Samantha is an intervention specialist at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Eastlake, OH.

Kevin Hamori '10 is an Account Manager for Hexion, Inc. in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Cam McLellan '10 is now Oracle GRC Advisory Associate at KPMG in Chicago.

Susannah Shelley '10 is an assistant marketing manager at Philips in Stamford, CT.

David White '10 was recently promoted from EMT to Firefighter with the City of Dayton Fire Department.

Joe Sitzwohl '11 is Business Development Manager at CloserIQ in New York City. Joe helps to hire and scale NYC's tech sales organizations.

Laurel Sutherin '12 recently graduated from Case Western Reserve University with a Masters of Science in Social Administration with a Health Concentration and will be getting married later this month to Pierce Bourgeois.

Will Hinman '13 is a Legislative Aide to Representative Bob Cupp at Ohio House of Representatives.

Matt Markley '13 is an Associate in the IT Advisory Services Department at KPMG in Cleveland.

Danny Spain '13 is Associate Vice President at Personal Capital in Denver, Colorado.

Maddie Wilson '13 will be playing with Team USA at this year's D1 Elite Showcase as part of the 2017 Women's Lacrosse World Cup in London. Maddie finished her collegiate career with several school records at Capital University in Columbus, OH.

Katherine Thomas '14 is an university honors student at Seton Hall University majoring in Diplomacy & International Relations and Modern Languages focusing in Arabic and Spanish. Katherine is also a Non-Legal Intern at U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys.

Quinn O'Brien '15 is an Internal Audit and Risk Management Intern at Union Home Mortgage Corp. Quinn is working towards her Bachelor of Business Administration at George Washington University with concentrations in both finance and marketing. 🐾

## BETCHA DIDN'T KNOW



These are excerpts from *History of the Chagrin Falls Schools 1833 - 1960* by Tom Mattern.

THE PRESENT Chagrin Schools 7 - 12 campus was originally leased to the school in 1927 from Cuyahoga County after the Fair had moved to Berea in 1924. The school got permission to use it for recreational and educational purposes at the cost of \$1 per year. The horserace track was made into a ¼ mile running track and the football field was moved to the center of the track. The first additions to the fairgrounds were tennis courts and a baseball field in 1932. Eventually the School Board purchased the old Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds for \$5,000 in 1955.

During the 1935 football season, Tom Walling gave the team the nickname, "Wildcats." He used this name because they fought like wildcats. The nickname only lasted one year.

The Chagrin Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce began in 1954. In 1956, the "Jaycees" put on their first festival, Blossom Time. It was a resurrection of the old Chagrin Valley Home Days celebration which was begun in 1935.

Lewis Sands Elementary School opened in December of 1957.

The Radio Club, nicknamed the Audio Aces, was organized in the winter of 1958.

The 1958-1959 school year brought a tougher classroom regimen under Superintendent Robert M. Finley. Until 1959 commencement week was also "senior week" at the high school with social activities dominating the calendar and occupying most of the graduates' time and attention. Dr. Finley stated at the May 15, 1959 school board meeting: "There will be no senior week this year. Seniors will attend classes 180 full school days as required by state law." The board also gave its approval to the superintendent's plan for final examinations. Senior high students would have two-hour examinations. Junior high exams would be 1 ½ hours long.

During the 1958-1959 school year the junior high school (grades 7 - 8) had a 45-minute class period. It encompassed a nine-period day from 8:05 - 3:34. The high school had a 60-minute class period, encompassing one seven-period day from 8:05 - 3:45.



## NEWS OF ALUMNI MOVERS & SHAKERS TIGER SPOTLIGHT

Tom Anderson '66 recently participated in the Music Box Supper Club's interview series called "Cleveland Stories." The one-on-one interview was conducted live on stage at the Music Box located on the river in the flats next door

to the Nautica Stage.

Tom's evening was entitled "In the Recording Studio with Heroes of Rock and Roll." Tom shared his experiences working with some of the greatest rock bands and musical artists of the 60's, 70's, and 80's. Tom has had an illustrious career as an independent recording engineer, producer, and studio design consultant. After graduating from the University of Denver, he went to the Bay area as a musician, audio production engineer, and recording studio assistant.

Tom was always in high demand by the top record labels like Warner Bros. and A&M Records. He has gone on to win many prestigious recording industry awards and has been nominated for three Grammy Awards.

Tom has worked with some of rock and roll's greatest bands such as Paul McCartney and Wings, The Allman Brothers, America, The Eagles, The Rolling Stones, The Grateful Dead, REO Speedwagon, and Supertramp, doing the lead engineering on their huge hit "Give a Little Bit". He has also worked with many great solo artists like the Dan Fogelberg, David Crosby and Stephen Stills, Van Morrison, Jimmy Page, Buddy Miles, Jimmy Cliff, Bing Crosby, Gary Puckett, Tommy Smothers, Rick Springfield, and Cleveland's own Joe Walsh.

A few years ago Tom moved back to the Chagrin Falls area and opened TA Audio, a sound engineering firm. In 2016, Tom was inducted into The Chagrin Falls Schools' Achievement Hall of Fame. If you would like to learn more about Tom's work and career go to [TA Audio.com](http://TAAudio.com).

David Mullins '89, who started working at Pixar as an animator on such films as *Finding Nemo*, *Monsters Inc.*, *The Incredibles*, *Ratatouille*, *Inside Out*, and *Up*, made his directorial debut with the short film *Lou*. The film was also written by David. The film premiered in front of *Cars 3*, which came out in June. Dave was also selected to be an Oscars Academy Member.

John Meyer '91 and John Chuldenko '93 produced the movie, *Dave Made a Maze*, which premiered at the 2017 Slamdance Film Festival in Park City, UT, where it won the Audience Award and Best Narrative Feature. It has since been selected by 30+ festivals in ten languages on five continents, and it has already taken home the top prize at seven of them. The movie is now hitting theaters across the US and Canada. Success is not new to the pair. Meyer is also an actor, who has been on episodes of *NCIS*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Mike and Molly*, and *Anger Management* to name a few. Chuldenko is primarily a director known for such films as the *Nesting* and *Thirteen or Bust*. To see the trailer or where the film may be screening, go to <http://davemadeamaze.com/>.

*Crain's Cleveland Business* magazine has released its 2017 Class of Twenty in their 20s, an inspirational group of young professionals that are helping propel Northeast Ohio's renaissance through their business, civic, and philanthropic endeavors. The class includes Chris Litzler '10, who is Vice President of Originations at Pinnacle Financial Group in Independence, OH.

Annie Bryan '13 was the recipient of the 2017 Patten Prize at Miami University. The Patten Prize is awarded to senior psychology majors who best typify excellence in general academics as well as devotion to and accomplishment within the field of psychology. Annie received the prestigious award after being nominated by three of her professors. She majored in Psychology with a social psychology focus along with a minor in marketing. 🐾

### MICHAEL KASHKOUSH 2017 MEMORIAL GARDEN



(Photo by John Tillotson '72)

## IN MEMORIAM

**Helen Birkin Kennedy Mitchell 1949**

**Elizabeth "Betsy"**

**Schroeder Scher 1949**

**Ken Wiley 1951**

**Terry Taggart 1962**

**Bruce McLellan 1965**

**Keith Karl 1975**

**Elizabeth Ann "Liz"**

**Topalian 1980**

**Barry Winovich 1984**

**Elizabeth "Tiggy"**

**Hopkins Hall 1992**

**Dr. Warren Thomas,  
Superintendent (1964 - 72)**





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Volume I 1833 -1960 *By Tom Mattern '55*



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