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SUMMER—2008 Newsletter

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CHILICOTHE EDUCATION FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Ann Brenning, '58, Treasurer

March 31, 2008

Chillicothe Education Foundation Gen. Fund \$ 21,584.60

CHS Alumni Assoc. General Fund 3,887.97

Alumni Association Plaza Bricks
and Paver Account 10,105.68

Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund \$494,300.00

2009 All Class Reunion Scheduled

Another All Class Reunion is being planned for July 3, 4, and 5, 2009. Some highlights to look forward to are Phil Dirt and the Dozers for Friday night. Fireworks in the City Park. Venue will be at the old Smith Middle School. Lots of ideas are floating around; we need help with many areas. Call Toni Harris, Alumni President 740-772-4229 or Linda Hill, 740-998-2611

Joyce Atwood Honored

Assistant Chillicothe Schools Superintendent, Joyce Atwood was honored during a reception at the high school cafeteria on May 29, 2008. Joyce plans to retire after 43 years in education on July 31, 2008. Her friends and colleagues in education surprised Joyce with a gift of a Cavalier Endowment Scholarship in her name to be presented annually to a CHS graduate beginning with the class of 2009. Nearly \$16,000 in donations were received in Joyce's name for the scholarship

Former superintendents, Dennis Leone and Mike Cline, were on hand to honor Joyce. Many of her colleagues made this a special day for Joyce by reminiscing about her start as a elementary school teacher and their recollections of her many contributions to Chillicothe Schools.

Bill Schneider Flag Pole Dedicated

With funds donated to the Chillicothe Education Foundation in memory of Chillicothe School's BOE member Bill Schneider, the flag pole circle at the CHS gymnasium entrance was landscaped and dedicated on May 19, 2008. Donations were also received for the planting of trees in memory of Dr. Jim Pocock, Larry Cox, Mary Kaye Trenary, Dorothy Ann Malone Gunlock and the Bain family.

The ceremony also marked the occasion of the awarding of three diplomas to CHS students who left school early for the military during WWII and the Vietnam conflict. James D. Miller, who left to join the Army in October 1941; George Malott who joined the Army in September 1944 and Ronald Lott who enlisted in the Marine Corp in February 1965

Alumni Donations and Dues Needed

Please take time to send in your annual dues payment. We need dues revenue to pay the administrative costs of operating the alumni office and to produce the newsletter. If you are a life member because of your donation to the Library Fund, please consider making an annual donation

Cavalier Endowment Awards 2008 Scholarships

At the May 20, 2008 academic awards assembly the Chillicothe Education Foundation awarded a total of \$37,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors. \$25,000 of this amount came from the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment and \$12,500 from the David Meade Massie Trust.

CHILLICOTHE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Chairman's Letter
John Wilson '58,

Last summer, at the all-class reunion, we honored nine new distinguished alumni. It was a moving moment when honoree Dr. Phil Hess, Class of 1956, described how he felt he had benefited from having his early education in Chillicothe. He went on to tell about an experience he had while a medical student at Ohio State when he was called upon to help with an emergency heart surgery and how it changed his life and from that day on he knew he wanted to be a heart surgeon. In his career he performed more than 4,000 open heart surgeries, including heart transplants at the Sanger Clinic in Charlotte, NC. His story was just one of nine we heard that day about how getting a start in Chillicothe helped create success in many fields of endeavor.

The current group of 35 distinguished graduates will be permanently honored with their photo and a brief biography on the wall outside of the Alumni Library. The accomplishments of CHS graduates are absolutely amazing. It makes you very proud to have fellow alumni doing such great work around the world in many diverse fields. From the chief scientist at Battelle Research Institute to the inventor of the computer icon to the Dean of the Graduate School of Business at Carnegie Mellon, distinguished alumni give you comfort that the Chillicothe school system is providing opportunities for young people to be whatever they want to be. They leave CHS with a foundation that puts them on an even keel with other students at the next level. And I think what we should expect from any K-12 school system is that it provide a student with the opportunity to "be what you want to be".

Your foundation board is working with the school system administration to find areas where our organization can make a contribution which has a lasting imprint on the educational opportunities we want every youngster to have. My class, 1958, will hold its 50 year reunion this fall. I know that when I left this school system and when my children left this school system we were prepared for the next level. I firmly believe that education is the great equalizer. That through our endowment we can make a difference in the lives of young people in our school district.

My term on the CEF Board expires this year; and in my remaining months, I would like to see more involvement in the alumni association from a broader group of graduates. When the association was founded in the late 1980's, the first major fund raising project was for construction of the library at CHS. It was a highly successful endeavor and received support from a diverse base of graduates. I think an equal impact can be had on the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund if we make the effort. We have seen the endowment assets more than double in the five years. The last two springs we have awarded \$50,000 in scholarships from the endowment alone.

We have come a long way since the endowment was established in 2000 with an initial gift of \$200,000 from a retired teacher.

In 2008 alone we have already added \$35,000 in new donations. We look forward to increasing participation from the alumni community in our scholarship efforts. Our goal is to give every CHS graduate, with the motivation to continue their education, assistance with their higher education financial burden

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Roger Crago

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As school year 2007-08 rapidly comes to a close, I would like to share some reflections concerning this year.

The new middle school (grades 7-8) was dedicated in August. Now both High School and Middle School components are open and the community, staff, and students have the use of updated technology within a safe, renovated and new environment.

Not only do we provide a strong curriculum throughout the district, but also, we provide many advanced placement classes.

This year through a grant we are able to provide the Chinese language presented by a Chinese teacher who's on loan to us for two years. This was done without cost to the district except for travel expenses.

At all levels the administrators, teachers and students are working diligently to move the district to Excellent as reflected on the State Report Card.

We are also moving towards Phase II of our building project of renovation and upgrading our elementary buildings. This will involve a bond issue to complete this task and also then receive the 20% of funding from the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission after the project is completed.

In order for the Chillicothe City Schools to continue to move towards excellence in academics and to provide updated facilities, we need your continued support.

As a fellow alumnus, please help us with your support to keep us on the cutting edge of education.

Sincerely,
Roger W. Crago
Superintendent

2007 All Class Reunion

The 2007 All Class Reunion was held July 6-7, 2007 in Yoctangee Park. Over 2,000 alumni attended. Nine distinguished alumni were honored at a ceremony on Saturday afternoon July 7. The honorees included:

William M. Havener, M.D. Class of 1940

Virgil W. Rinehart Class of 1943

Carl A. Alexander Class of 1946

Larry Gates Class of 1956

Philip J. Hess, M.D. Class of 1956

David Canfield Smith Class of 1963

Kenneth B. Dunn Class of 1969

Larry R. Cox Class of 1978

Everett Gallagher, Jr. Class of 1979

CLASS REUNION NOTES:

Class of 1969—Get ready for our 40th reunion, looks like it will be July 3 & 4, 2009. More information to follow. Contact Linda Byers Hill, 740-998-2611

CLASS REUNION NOTES:

Class of 1968— 40th class reunion, August 16th at the Chillicothe Country Club, \$25.00 per person. Committee will be sending information out to all the class mates that can be found. No information for 100 class mates. For more information contact Toni Harris 740-772-4229 or Debbie Blosser 740-663-2444 or Linda Ogden at chsclassof1968@hotmail.com.

CAVS BOYS BASKETBALL STATE DIVISION II CHAMPS

John Wilson '58

It was a storybook end to an unforgettable basketball season for the 2007-2008 version of the Cavalier's boy's basketball team. In what has been called the most exiting state finals ever, the Cavs beat vaunted Toledo Libby, featuring Ohio's Mr. Basketball, William Buford, 70 to 69 in OT. In the last 5.1 seconds of overtime, the Cavs All-Ohio guard, Anthony Hitchens, took the end bounds pass and raced up the center of the floor and bounced a pass to an open Ray Chambers under the bucket. The Cavs 6'7" center put a lay up against the back of the basket and 14,400 fans in attendance watched the ball circle around the rim several times before dropping through to give the Cavs the victory.

The Cavs were down by as much as 16 points early in the second half. I know I have to admit that I said to my wife as we watched the game from high up in Value City Arena, "Well it's still been a great season." Then, before I knew it we were clawing back. It was ten points down, then six and then we had the lead. It was amazing how these youngsters wouldn't give up. They just knew that they had the tools to win.

Chillicothe has always had a reputation as being a basketball town but we have never pulled off a state championship. . until this year. I have followed other great teams featuring players like Neil Johnson, Tom Bryant, Scotty Griesheimer, Wayne Stevens, Gordon Mickey, Mark Bayless, Garin Veris and Ron Rittinger. Now Anthony Hitchens and Ray Chambers and the rest of the crew will be remembered for their storied season and finish in 2008. It makes you proud to be a Cav!

Bryant Butt Family Funds Scholarships

The family of Bryant Butt, a member of the CHS class of 2007, who passed away in 2006 have made another donation in Bryant's name to the Cavalier Scholarship Endowment Fund. Their 2008 contribution of \$20,000 increases the total contributed to the endowment, \$37,500. Each year a scholarship or scholarships will be given in Bryant's name.

CHILlicothe BOARD OF EDUCATION
J. JEFFREY BENSON, '75 Graduate and BOE Member

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Our school district is striving for excellence and we have accomplished many goals in recent years. Our remaining goals are within reach.

The 2007-08 school year saw the completion of our 34 million dollar new high school/renovated middle school construction project. The facility provides our students with air conditioned classrooms equipped with the latest technology. Stated simply, our high school and middle school students now have state-of-the-art facilities.

The district's Early Childhood Education Program located at the Western Building and the Ohio University-Chillicothe Child Development Center has achieved accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). There are only 280 preschools across the nation that have achieved that certification.

Our district has all of its buildings accredited through the North Central Association (NCA). Chillicothe High School had been accredited and it is approaching its 101st year in meeting the rigorous standards set forth by NCA. Our high school continues to offer a comprehensive array of courses for all students including more advanced placement courses than offered by all other Ross County Schools combined! There are extensive math and science courses that prepare students to enter colleges throughout the nation. This year there are four global language programs for students to select: Chinese, Spanish, Latin and French all have four to five years of content that lead to advanced placement courses in their final year at the high school.

Finally, the Chillicothe Board of Education has envisioned the district reaching the "Excellent" designation on the State Report Card for 2007-08. To meet that ultimate challenge, every building has been using quarterly assessment data to ensure that all students are making progress in the content areas to attain at least a proficient level on state assessments. The BOE and the administration have made the achievement of an "Excellent" designation our top priority.

The BOE encourages all alumni to assist the district with your time, talents and financial support. We need your help and our kids deserve our best efforts.

Thank you for your past and future support.

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HUNTING FOR CHILlicothe
IN STORY AND SONG

Tom Thomas '56

Here's a short quiz for all you alums. (1) In what movie did Ann-Margret tell Elvis Presley that she once lived in Chillicothe, Ohio? (2) Why would Chillicothe appear in Penelope Pitstop's resume? (3) According to a reputable source, what is the connection between Chillicothe and Donald Duck?

If you did as well on this quiz as on the ones you took at CHS, you'll not need to check the answers below, but you might want to keep reading anyway.

I saw a cartoon in the former "Look" magazine back in 1971 that showed a disappointed man complaining to a bearded sage high on a mountain peak, "I travel all the way from Chillicothe, Ohio, and your only advice is 'Keep your options open'?" I thought it was amusing, wondered why the cartoonist chose Chillicothe, and put the cartoon in an envelope to which I added other references to Chillicothe I came across over the years in fictional works of various sorts. Last December, I organized the nine I had accumulated and joined with the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library in developing this into a full-fledged project.

As word spread through the efforts of community organizations and two newspapers, I received dozens of leads to possible new entries, some from CHS grads. I've read books and viewed movies that I otherwise wouldn't have read or viewed, often to be disappointed with a bum lead, but the thrill of the chase and the fun of sharing new sources has increased the collection to 30 entries from novels, short stories, motion pictures, songs, a print and an animated cartoon, a fanciful obituary, and a fabricated news release. Copies of most of them are in a display case at the library, which also maintains a professionally produced link on its web site that describes the collection at <www.crcpl.org/StorySong.htm>. Or you can view the collection at your alumni association's home page at www.chillicothealumni.com.

I encourage you to send any suggestions for new entries to Tom Thomas, 257 Independence Drive, Chillicothe OH 45601, or at <lawscience@roadrunner.com>. Fame awaits you.

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Answers: (1) "Viva Las Vegas", (2) Penelope finished an admirable second in Hanna-Barbera's wacky "Hot Race at Chillicothe", and (3) MAD Magazine in Donald's obituary reported that he was born in a marsh near Chillicothe, Ohio.

MEMORIALS FROM NOVEMBER 2007 TO June 2008

Contributions by LaVersa Motes and Carolyn Ault

Class of 1926

Bernice Stark Burke Notestone, died 11/11/2007

Class of 1928

Anniti Betsch, died 3-22-2008

Class of 1934

Charles E. Limle, died 4/21/2008

Forrest Drummond, died 4/16/2008

Class of 1935

Marjorie Dennewitz Graves, died 11/28/2007

Class of 1936

Elmer N. McCarty, died 5/31/2008

Class of 1937

William C. Baker, died 12/8/2007

Robert L. Harness, died 1/18/2008

Class of 1941

Arthur Vinings, died 11/15/2007

Robert E. Elliott, died 12/9/2007

William Henson, died 5/22/2008

Class of 1942

William Hattle, died 8/20/2007

Class of 1943

Don G. Kear, died 12/12/2007

Ann Sherry, died 4/06/2008

Class of 1944

Richard Porter, died 3/24/2008

Class of 1946

Mary "Polly" Rohrer Shonkwiler, died 12/4/2007

Catherine Gilsdorf Middleton, died 1/23/2008

Kathleen Terflinger Weiderman, died 5/22/2008

Class of 1947

Mary Ann Bohn Baily, died 5/20/2008

David C. King, , died 2/24/2008

John S. Street, died 1/26/2008

Jeannine Hommel Orr, died 4/13/2008

Class of 1949

David A. Richter Sr., died 12/22/2007

Jane Kunstel Breth, died 1/16/2008

Class of 1951

James "Buzz" Cockerell, died 3/24/2008

Ron L. Brown died 6/10/2008

Class of 1952

Lewis G. Eby, Jr., died 11/23/2007

Class of 1953

Robert E. Bucy, died 2/11/2008

Richard Hendershot, died 4/27/2008

Class of 1954

Donald T. Dixon, died 12/13/2007

Class of 1956

Dave Knab, died 2006

Class of 1957

JoAnn Lallier Reeves, , died 11/9/2007

Carolyn Cole Wickline, died 11/14/2007

Class of 1959

Sharon Cade Martin, died 12/31/2007

Kay McCorkle Ogan, died 1/18/2008

Carolyn Blevins Pool, died 1/1/2008

Class of 1963

William M. Marsh, died 2/29/2008

Class of 1965

William "Joe" Waters, died 2/18/2008

Class of 1966

Patricia Strausbaugh Lowe, died 3/31/2008

Class of 1968

Timothy D. Tuvell, died 11/21/2007

Class of 1970

Gary McCleese, died 6/15/2008

Class of 1973

Bradford Summers, died 3/6/2008

Class of 1974

Jeffrey Castle died 6/7/2008

Class of 1976

Carol Brandum Wolfhope, died 12/28/2007

Class of 1977

Ronald C. Hatfield, died 4/18/2008

Class of 1985

Michael Allen Hendershot, died 11/27/2007

Charles Marcus "Mark" May, died 4/25/2008

Class of 1987

Shane E. Behanna, died 12/5/2007

Class of 1996

Chad Michael Ihrig, died 11/19/2007

Teachers and Friends

Lynda K. Barnes, retired Worthington Elementary teacher, died 4/26/2008

2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership dues help publish and mail the newsletter and cover other office expenses. Will you please join by completing the application and forwarding to your Alumni Association? We need your help.

NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____
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TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____
WEB SITE _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

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ALUMNI DATABASE

We would like to build our database by having more selections to access if the interest arises such as alumni band, cheerleaders, football players, track members, etc. Please fill out the following **PERSONAL INFORMATION SHEET** and **RETURN WITH YOUR DUES**. You can copy the form and pass on to other alumni that might not receive the newsletter.

If you participated in any extracurricular activities not listed PLEASE add them.

MEN'S Football Basketball Golf WOMEN'S Basketball Tennis Soccer Softball
 Tennis Soccer Track Track Volleyball Cross Country
 Cross Country Wrestling Baseball Cheerleader Homecoming Queen/Court
 Cavalettes
CO-ED: Choir Glee Club Band Orchestra Drama Revue Cavalites
 Nat'l Honor Society Language Club Club _____ Hi-Y Tri-hi-Y AFS
 Journalism, year book, newspaper Other _____

CHILLCOTHE CONTACT PERSON (PARENT, SIBLING, RELATION, NEIGHBOR) WHO WILL KNOW YOUR WHEREABOUTS FOR CORRECT ADDRESS CONFIRMATION.

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ANNIVERSARY REUNIONS FOR 2008

YEAR WHAT WHEN CONTACT TELEPHONE E-MAIL

1938 70th July 6,7 Maxine Rittinger 740-775-4067
1943 65th July 6,7 Anna Stout 740-775-3636
1948 60th July 6,7 Jack Dobbins 740-775-2860
1953 55th July 6,7 Lee Ann Lindstrom 614-866-1823
1958 50th October 10,11 Sonja Detty 740-775-5828
1963 45th July 6,7 Carolyn Fox 740-774-4422
1968 40th Aug 16 Toni Harris 740-772-4229
1973 35th July 5 Kim Weaver 740-775-3001 weavekt@yahoo.com
1978 30th TBA Teresa Wood 740-775-8788 teresawd@roadrunner.com
1983 25th TBA Bryan Brown 240-423-2219 bryandbrown@hotmail.com
1988 20th (No information available at press time)
1993 15th No Date NO CONTACT PERSON—NEED ONE—CALL ALUMNI OFFICE
1998 10th July 6,7 Kary Brigger 740-775-2738 kary.brigger@wright.edu
2003 5th No Date NO CONTACT PERSON—NEED ONE—CALL ALUMNI OFFICE

The Alumni Office has a database of all class representatives. If you need a contact person for other years, contact the Alumni Office or harrisrt@roadrunner.com.

CONNECT TO THE WEB PAGE – www.chillicothealumni.com -FOR UPDATES ON YOUR REUNION.

As plans are made and finalized for your Class Reunion, you will be more informed by the Internet. Contact the Alumni Office with any updates or changes or Alumni President Toni Harris, harrisrt@roadrunner.com.

Send reunion information to us at contactus@chillicothealumni.com