

A Gray's Watercolor



This Gray's Watercolor is an original print created by an award-winning artist at Gray's Watercolor Studios in Ringoes, NJ. The artist created several originals and from those the very best were selected. A plate was then made of the monochrome of the original and a limited number of copies were printed. A team of artisans then applied the watercolors to each print by hand. The print is an original in every way and is a unique limited edition. A hardwood frame was offered at an additional cost. This is a portion of the information about the painting and the company that's attached to the back of the painting. Since the turn of the 21st century, the process of hand painting and the pochoir process has changed to a laser process. So if you have a hand painted version, it's obviously going to be worth more.

In researching this company, I found an article that indicates that different prints were offered at \$5.95 with a deposit of \$76 into your existing account or the opening of a new account in your local bank. They were also offered to high schools and colleges as fund-raising gifts. I have seen this painting in several different places around town but would like to know how they were distributed in our area. I was approached by an alumni that has one, but he has had it so long he doesn't remember how or where he got it. He asked if I knew anything about it, which I do not. I heard from other alumni (several decades apart) that had the same thing to say.

If you have one of these paintings and can offer any information on how you came into possession of it, please email me. I would like to be able to give an answer to those asking.



Notes From The Editor

I don't mind the winter and being closed up inside where it's warm and cozy but I must say, this year I am really looking forward toward the spring with hopes of life resuming some normalcy again. Stay safe until we meet again.

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The Major Saver Campaign begins on March 22, 2021. The cost of the card is \$10 and this year we are offering a buy one get one FREE. Go to majorsaver.com/cards to order online or you can send the money to MEF, 1402 S. Main St, Mishawaka, IN 46544 and we will mail the card(s) to you. You may also go to School City of Mishawaka 1402 S. Main St, Mishawaka to pick one up in person.

This is a picture of last years card because the 2021 card is not yet completed. Once the new cards are in, a picture of it will be posted on the MEF Facebook page as well as MHS Cavemen Alumni Facebook page. Please feel free to call me at 574-254-4523 if you have questions.

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In Memory

Waneta (Taylor) Bock

02-03-24 to 07-16-20
Class of 1942

Harold Brown

07-26-21 to 09-18-20
Class of 1939

Reva Brown

10-30-30 to 04-06-20
Class of 1948

Jeremy V Bush

08-12-78 to 08-04-20
Class of 1997

Dennis Cackowski

01-31-50 to 07-26-20
Class of 1968

Christopher Caduff

12-14-64 to 06-09-19
Class of 1983

Kenneth A Cannoot

10-16-39 to 07-20-20
Class of 1957

Mary Jo (Huys) Carter

09-01-38 to 08-28-20
Class of 1956

Eugenia (Groff) Chandonia

01-11-1920 to 08-20-2020
Class of 1938

Doris (Teegarden) Clark

11-29-27 to unknown
Class of 1945

Leland F Clark

02-26-25 to 08-01-20
Class of 1946

Loretta (Casper) Clark

10-12-29 to 12-11-19
Class of 1948

Paul D Clark

10-14-42 to 09-04-20
Class of 1961

The Last Wail

From J.B. Rivard's January 2021 blog

When I was twelve, my family moved to Mishawaka, Indiana, 90 miles around the southern lip of Lake Michigan from Chicago. At that time, Mishawaka was a small town on the main line of the New York Central (NYC) railroad.

About a year later, we moved to a house closer to Merrifield Avenue. This second move was to a house only a block from the previous address. (I remember sauntering that block on the day of the move, transporting household items from one house to the other). The new address



was about three blocks from the NYC tracks. Every morning back then, a railroad worker left Mishawaka's downtown depot with a pouch of mail. He trudged to a pole adjacent to the tracks where he mounted the pouch on arms protruding from the pole, ready for pickup. And every morning back then, around 6:30 a.m., train No. 25 roared past Merrifield Avenue, trailing smoke, jetting steam and emitting a high-pitched wail.

Thirty-seconds later, the pouch was snatched by the 'catcher arm' deployed from the train's mail car. This 'fast mail' would arrive with No. 25's passengers at the LaSalle Street Station in Chicago at 8:00 a.m. the same morning.

Train No. 25 left New York City on track 34 of the Grand Central Terminal at 5:00 p.m. the previous night. Each passenger had boarded on what became a trademark red carpet. To eliminate stops, its 90 miles-per-hour-capable locomotive scooped fresh water for its steam boilers from long troughs installed between the NYC's rails. With a dozen or more Pullman sleepers, two dining cars, and a lounge and observation car, No. 25 delivered its hundreds of passengers in luxurious comfort to their next day appointments with appreciated speed. Much of the train's luxury was symbolized by the Art Deco styling of its rolling stock by designer Henry Dreyfuss (1902-1972). The NYC roadbed, billed as the "water level route" avoided the Allegheny mountains which slowed its rival, Pennsylvania Railroad's Broadway Limited. For more than sixty years, these trains scorched the rails between 4th and 5th street at Merrifield Avenue. The trains, including eastbound No. 26, known throughout the world as the famous 20th Century Limited, never stopped at the Mishawaka depot. Yet to the kids of our town their speed, hissing vapors, and wailing whistles were as familiar as our bicycles.



The NYC's 20th Century Limited served the country admirably during World War II. A few years afterward, the line's steam locomotives were replaced by diesel-electric locomotives and the discordant horn displaced the high-pitched steam whistle. Competition from airlines and the improved efficiency of highway travel ultimately caused the last No. 25 to leave track 34 at Grand Central Station in December of 1967.

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No longer does that screeching wail between six and seven each morning bring a knowing grin to kids' lips like it did for all those many years, long ago.

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Robert Cochran

07-02-26 to 09-21-20
Class of 1944

Dale E Cox

02-23-33 to 08-07-20
Class of 1951

George Cunningham Jr.

03-07-65 to 09-17-20
Class of 1983

Theophil A D'Hoore

02-20-35 to 09-16-20
Class of 1953

**Lela (Muldoon)
Davis**

04-07-27 to 08-25-20
Class of 1946

**Glennard (Jerry)
Dare**

01-25-32 to 08-23-20
Class of 1951

**Kary (Mathias)
DeVall**

03-06-51 to 09-02-20
Class of 1969

Douglas DuComb

04-12-72 to 09-05-20
Class of 1990

Delford Eaton

08-25-24 to 07-24-20
Class of 1943

Daniel Edmonson

11-25-68 to 08-18-20
Class of 1988

James Fleming

07-23-43 to 09-02-20
Class of 1962

Joellen "Jody"

Hall-Fleming
05-22-38 to 08-05-20
Class of 1956

**Mary Beth (Newcomer)
Garman**

02-16-24 to 08-22-20
Class of 1943

Janice (Hesch) Golba

02-13-41 to 07-26-20
Class of 1958

Larry Guyton

07-02-49 to 09-01-20
Class of 1967

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A Heartwarming Story

You know you read or see these kinds of stories on TV or in newspapers but never in your wildest dreams would you think about it in your own family.

It starts out that I had an Aunt who lived in South Bend, Indiana and back in 1956 she had a baby girl who was put up for adoption. The baby girl was adopted at 7 months old to a wonderful family. My aunt passed away in 1960 when I was only 6 months old. As my sister and I got older we found this out and asked my grandmother (my aunts mother) about the baby. My grandmother would not tell us any details. My grandmother passed in 1999 so the secret of who the little girl was buried with them. The little girl knew she was adopted and also knew our last name, but she didn't feel the need to find her birth family. As she was adopted by a wonderful family.

My sister was involved in ancestry and genealogy and always wished that we could find our cousin. Well fast forward to 2020. My sister takes a DNA test, and the oldest son of the adopted little girl got a DNA test for Christmas. It was a few months before he decided to take the test. Low and behold the results were in and he reaches out to my sister to ask her if someone in our family had a baby that was put up for adoption. It was a match. Come to find out this little girl grew up in Mishawaka and graduated from MHS in 1974. This is the same high school that myself and my siblings graduated from. John A Strauser '73, Deborah K '76, Victoria '78 (me), James '79.

That little girl was Kathy Wilson, as I said she graduated in 1974. Kathy grew up and got married. Her married name was Holt. Her three sons Josh '96, Christopher '00, and Eric '04, all graduated from MHS. Unfortunately, Kathy Wilson Holt passed in 2009.

In July of 2020 I decided to visit Mishawaka as I currently live in Texas. I reached out to Kathy's sons and asked them if they wanted to meet. We decided to meet at Hacienda. I was nervous. It was hard to explain how I felt. Josh was the first son to see me and he had tears in his eyes and said wow you look like my mom. What an honor and a blessing. I actually got to meet Josh and his brother Eric as well as Josh's 4 sons, his girlfriend Cristina and Eric's wife Megan and their son Lennon. We exchanged stories and looked at pictures and saw how much our families looked alike. We will continue to keep in touch as my other siblings will want to meet them as well. God has surely blessed our families, what a truly amazing experience, one I will never forget.

Vickie Strauser 78'

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Ashley Kruzick

06-18-87 to 03-21-20
Class of 2005

James Lanphear

08-06-32 to 05-15-20
Class of 1951

Hattie (Steffins)

Lechlitner

09-03-29 to 04-14-20
Class of 1947

Gerald Lindstrom

01-24-62 to 07-02-20
Class of 1980

Richard Lutz, Jr.

12-28-46 to 05-05-20
Class to 1965

Patricia (Overpeck)

Mammolenti

02-12-40 to 07-17-20
Class of 1958

Patrick McQueen

11-17-32 to 06-24-20
Class of 1950

JoAnne (Ally)

Mikulyuk

11-06-34 to 07-16-20
Class of 1952

Judith (Marsic)

Myers

09-22-59 to 4-15-20
Class of 1977

Sally (Robinson)

Nasco

01-15-38 to 04-17-20
Class of 1956

Walter "Gene" Nichols

07-02-28 to 06-29-20
Class of 1946

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**Rosemary (Bice)
Nowicki**
10-24-28 to 04-05-20
Class of 1946

Steven O'Brien
03-25-62 to 06-10-20
Class of 1981

**Lois (Hoskins)
Overholser**
12-16-27 to 07-14-20
Class of 1946

Robert Pawlowski
08-18-52 to 03-28-20
Class of 1970

**Beulah "Ann" (Eby)
Phillips**
10-29-32 to 03-31-20
Class of 1952

Antonio Portolese
05-22-34 to 03-20-20
Class of 1953

Willa (Ivory) Riley
03-01-43 to 05-20-20
Class of 1960

Robert Sackowski
01-10-41 to 05-29-20
Class of 1959

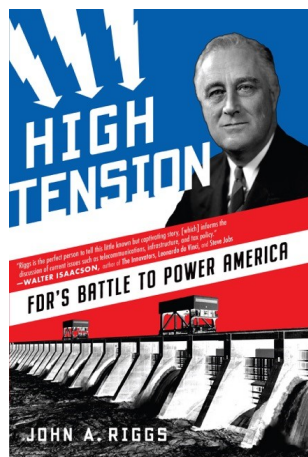
Michael Schmidt
07-02-35 to 04-13-20
Class of 1953

Joseph Schmitt
03-21-56 to 05-11-20
Class of 1975

Karen (Irons) Schwalm
06-10-52 to 07-11-20
Class of 1970

Uriah Scofield
06-26-97 to 07-01-20
Class of 2018

Local News



Jack Riggs '60 recently published a book: *High Tension: FDR's Battle to Power America*. Check it out at

<https://hightensionfdrbook.com/index.html>.

John Moore has moved from St. Paul's to Illinois to be by family. He welcomes phone calls. If you'd like to call him, his number is 574-247-4132. He would probably appreciate a note or something. His new address is 1865 E. Belvedere Rd. Apt.127, Gray Lake, IL 60030.

You will notice that there are a lot of names of alumni that we have lost this year. If you do not see your loved ones name here, it will be in one of the next few newsletters. The number of losses is just to great to put in one, two, or even three issues and I do not want to fill the whole newsletter with just names. It is a bit overwhelming but trust that you will see it in the near future. If you would like to know if I have the information on your loved on, especially if they lived out of town, feel free to contact me.

All memberships were due to expire in December but because 2020 was such a bust for us, we are extending all current memberships to December 2021. We will send out new/renewal applications at the end of this year. Please do not send in money for renewal at this time. We will collect that at the end of the year. Only new memberships will be accepted at this time. You can contact Sandy Mikesell or myself with any questions

I received an email from Jim Sirok 64' asking that I share this with MHS Alumni. Go to <https://youtu.be/qvYLR1DKO9w> and follow Jim as he hikes 2,650 miles along the Pacific Crest Trail. He will start his hike on April 10, 2021.

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Uriah Scofield
06-26-97 to 07-01-20
Class of 2018

Jean (Harsh) Sharp
05-29-26 to 05-24-20
Class of 1945

**Karen (Peobody)
Singh**
11-25-66 to 06-23-20
Class of 1985

Dennis Smith
01-05-47 to 05-07-20
Class of 1965

**Patricia (Geurs)
Spitaels**
12-06-36 to 07-25-20
Class of 1955

Joseph Stuller
07-10-30 to 06-14-20
Class of 1948

Peter Todd
02-14-67 to 06-29-20
Class of 1985

Leonard Wallace
05-11-51 to 05-16-020
Class of 1970

John Wensits
09-17-40 to 06-21-20
Class of 1958

**Mary Ruth (Hazelip)
Wileman**
10-04-35 to 04-26-20
Class of 1953

Patricia (Weaver) Wood
04-30-31 to 04-04-20
Class of 1949

**Marilyn (Lindzy)
Zigler**
06-09-47 to 06-22-20
Class of 1965

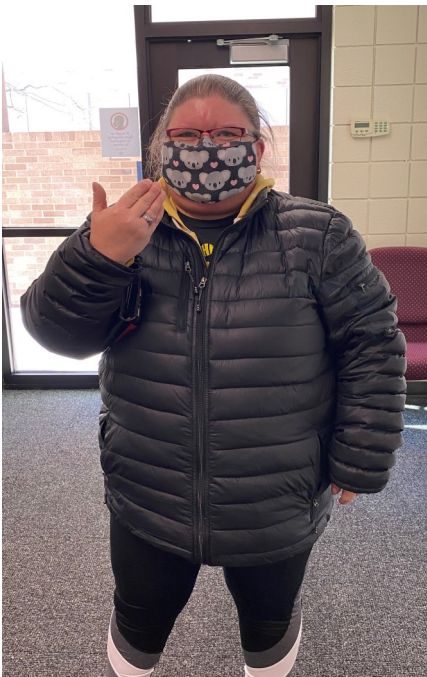
Luncheon Information

Chicory Event Center

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

\$9 per person \$2 non-eaters

We know that we all are missing the monthly luncheon but because of COVID 19, we are going to continue to follow the large group gathering guidelines set forth by the CDC. We will keep you informed of when we intend to start up with our luncheons again. The MHS Cavemen Alumni Facebook page is also another source to find out information on what's happening so please check that out.



CLASS RING STORIES

This is Tammy Renfroe Mencia 89'. I posted her lost class ring on the MHS Cavemen Alumni Facebook page on Feb.4 with a picture of the ring and her name. I was stuck and asked for Facebook help to locate her and by the morning of Feb. 5 Tammy contacted me and she picked her ring up by 2:00 that day. She was so excited to get her ring back after 17 years. Tammy said that she was bowling with her league and had her ring on her key ring. She noticed it missing before she left but was unable to find it and gave it up as lost until her niece contacted her about the FB post. I'm so glad that I was able to meet her in person and see her excitement when I gave her back her ring.

Meet Jim Hunsberger 91' . His ring proved to be a little more challenging than others. To begin with, I only had initials to go by and it was a New Prairie class ring. I began my search 1st by posting it on the Class Ring Lost & Found FB page, then went to the NPHS website, contacted the secretaries of the high school, found a few FB pages that were related to NPHS and asked for help on those pages. I received a text from a friend (the day after my FB posting) of mine saying that a co-worker of hers may know who the ring belonged to. After that text, it took one day for Jim to get in contact with me. We talked on the phone and he was explaining that while at Merrifield Park with a friend, his ring was thrown and that they were not ever able to find it. At some point in our conversation he says that he moved to MHS his junior year and was a MHS grad!! Talk about a small world. He was so excited to get the ring back and just as excited that it still fit. Love this story!





Welcome
TO
Mellissa Johnson
AND
Angela Layman
AS THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE
Board of School Trustees

Mellissa Johnson is a Mishawaka native and a 1996 Mishawaka High School graduate. She has 3 children, 1 graduated from MHS and the other 2 children are still students in Mishawaka schools.

Welcome Angela & Mellissa. We are excited to see you in your new roles. Good Luck

Angela Layman is also a Mishawaka native and a Mishawaka High School graduate '78. She worked at MHS for 15+ years, 1st in the class rooms and then in the Pupil Services Office. She was the JV Cheerleading coach for 20 years. Angela has 3 children, all MHS grads.

MHS Alumni July Financial Report

Beginning balance as of June 30, 2020		\$ 38,011.28
Expenses:		
Designation error	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 50.00	\$ 37,961.28
Income:		
Interest	3.22	
Membership/Donations	<u>45.00</u>	
	\$ 48.22	\$ 38,009.50
Ending Balance as of July 31, 2020		\$38,009.50

Class Rings

I have acquired a collection of lost class rings that has been growing and growing over the years and I have recently stumbled across a Facebook page, ***Class Rings Lost & Found***, dedicated to lost class rings. I've posted a few of the rings on this page as well as on the ***MHS Cavemen Alumni*** Facebook page. If you have lost your ring or found a ring, please contact:

mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us.

I currently have:

B=boy G=girl

1940G, 1989G, 1957B, 1983B, 1992B, 2008B, 2012B

Miskodeed Request

If you have old yearbooks that you would like to donate or are looking for a certain year that you may not have, please contact mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

I currently have extras of 1912, 15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 75, 79, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14

Free to Alumni, \$5 donation per book for non-alumni.

Support Groups

Alzheimer's and Dementia Services of Northern Indiana offers the following caregiver support groups in the St. Joseph County area. All groups are free and open to the public and meet monthly. For more information, contact 574-232-4121 or 888-303-0180 or go online to alzni.org.

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Welcome
New Members

PAVE THE WAY

School City of Mishawaka is in the process of building a lasting tribute to the tradition of Mishawaka High School. Alumni Plaza is the newly renovated courtyard leading to Steele Stadium. This is a beautiful external space that can become a place for students, alumni, and the community that encompasses the “Spirit of Mishawaka”. Personalized 4”x8” bricks are great gifts to: celebrate your class reunion, create a permanent place in the community for yourself, your children or grandchildren, promote your business and show your community support, memorialize a lost loved one, honor a soldier or service-person with a patriotic thank you. For more information, email peebleesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us or call 574-254-4523.

