

## Celebrating their 90's



Connie  
White  
Coyner '50

Marianne  
Nemeth  
Fain '50

Phyllis  
Neal  
Nicolini '50

These three friends came together at the May luncheon to celebrate their 90<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Their birthdays are all in the same week, within days of each other. They look fabulous!!



## Happy 95th Birthday Paul C. Foltz May 3, 2022

Paul has come home to Mishawaka and lives with his son and caregiver Mark. His wife, Virginia (Powell), of 68 yrs, died in Florida in 2016. They had lived there since 1979. Any birthday wishes can be mailed to: 203 Manor Dr., Mishawaka, In 46544



## Notes From The Editor

School is coming to an end soon, which will bring the sounds of little voices outside our windows. The geese have found their way back to our house after a long winter and they brought two ducks with them. Sounds of Summer.....

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## In Memory

**Marian (Bauert)  
DeMott**

12-09-24 to 04-14-22  
Class of 1943

**Elaine (Moore)  
Lee**

07-25-25 to 05-18-21  
Class of 1943

**Elsie Raes**

01-27-25 to 05-05-22  
Class of 1943

**Mary Alyce Sudlow  
Snyder**

05-11-32 to 03-12-22  
Class of 1950

**Doris Mae Bottoroff  
Foster**

05-20-32 to 04-02-22  
Class of 1951

**John Hanson**

04-30-33 to 03-23-22  
Class of 1951

**David Oliver  
Fowler**

07-29-37 to 04-04-22  
Class of 1955

**Frank V Bezi**

05-22-40 to 03-15-22  
Class of 1958

**Thomas Amos**

08-26-41 to 08-17-21  
Class of 1959

**Erbin "Butch"  
Hensley**

06-15-41 to 03-21-22  
Class of 1959

**Robert Flatt**

06-06-46 to 03-22-22  
Class of 1964

**Glen Williams**

12-27-44 to 02-16-22  
Class of 1964

**Jerry Lee Neff**

07-03-47 to 03-29-22  
Class of 1965

**Linda Sue (Koepke)  
Archibald**

03-29-18 to 04-21-22  
Class of 1966

The Alumni Association will be there with a table and some fun activities to do. This is a great time to bring the kids out for fun and games and helpful information for adults.



**Janan Daffron  
Durban**

04-03-49 to 03-20-22  
Class of 1967

**Sharon (Shilling)  
Long**

10-27-49 to 04-24-22  
Class of 1967

**Ronald Mize**

08-08-49 to 04-14-22  
Class of 1968

**Michael J  
DeMeulenaere**

02-21-51 to 03-26-22  
Class of 1969

**Linda Robinett**

11-09-52 to 04-27-22  
Class of 1970

**Kurtis Paridaen**

07-13-56 to 04-24-22  
Class of 1975

**Christopher Kyle**

09-21-69 to 03-28-22  
Class of 1988



July 23

6:00 - 11:00 PM

VFW Post 360

1307 E. Jefferson Road, Mishawaka, Indiana

Dinner buffet

Music from the 70's

Guest Speaker Marcia Gregg

NO CHARGE but donations are accepted to benefit the 50th reunion

RSVP by July 1 to Cavemen77Reunion@aol.com.

We are bringing back the Name Tags for the monthly luncheons. There will be a sign up sheet at the MHS table at every luncheon. Once you sign up, the nametag will be available the following month. We are asking that at the end of the lunch, you return your tag to the MHS table for the next month. We will keep hold of them so that you don't have to remember to bring it the next time. You will only receive one nametag at no charge, you will be charged if you lose it and need another.



## Birthdays

### April

1\* Cindy Blair  
 1\* Cindy Bodle  
 1\* Dennis Ditsch  
 1\* Mark Swanson  
 2\* Paula Freed  
 2\* Helen Orisich  
 3\* Kenneth Locke  
 3\* Pat Slabaugh  
 4\* Barbara Canfield  
 4\* Carol Miller  
 5\* Sherman Deal  
 5\* Sherry Henry  
 6\* Peggy Copeland  
 6\* Richard Cowen  
 6\* Catherine Panis  
 6\* Curtis Swinehart  
 7\* Lee Muldoon  
 7\* Sharon Serge  
 8\* Jim Dodrill  
 9\* Carol Masters  
 9\* Paul Streich  
 10\* Linda Mendenhall  
 10\* Rebecca Parker  
 11\* Judie Woodka  
 11\* Charles Yates  
 12\* Janice Hallam  
 12\* Don Johnson  
 12\* Keith Leonard  
 12\* Danny Meehan  
 12\* Katelin Pixley  
 12\* Carolyn Simpson  
 12\* Cindy Vernasco  
 13\* Jim Braunsdorf  
 13\* Mary Fowler  
 13\* Victoria Maione  
 13\* Vicki Swadener  
 13\* Jane Wright  
 14\* Marilyn Hahn  
 15\* Nancy Dancinger  
 15\* Lorie Rauch  
 16\* Debbie Stamm  
 17\* Alan Emmert  
 18\* Patricia Coffman  
 18\* Jeff Niespodziany  
 18\* Robert Peiffer  
 18\* Gale Schalliol  
 18\* Rodney Spear  
 19\* Donna Dalley  
 19\* Gregg Thomas  
 20\* G. Jules Bickel  
 20\* Robert Maes  
 20\* Donovan Slane  
 21\* Michelle Highland  
 21\* Virginia Thomas  
 22\* Robert Harke  
 24\* Rosemary Spalding  
 25\* Keith Fulmer  
 25\* Linda Ganser  
 25\* Marlene Locke  
 25\* Marjorie Schwind  
 26\* Janet Keller  
 26\* Dick Rejer  
 26\* Gloria Rejer  
 27\* Ruth Cochran  
 27\* Rita Weisweaver

## REUNIONS & PARTIES



### Class of 1970 70th Birthday Party

June 24, 2022

Chicory Café Event Center

114 W. 1st St, Mishawaka, IN

6:30–10:30 pm

\$20 per person

Polish Dinner / West End Cake

Make checks payable to Dave Osza  
 send to 56111 Riverdale Dr., Elkhart, IN 46514  
 Deadline for dinner tickets is May 13, 2022

Non-eaters \$10 with arrival time 8:00  
 Contact Anna Hufkens-Stout  
 574-274-2575

28\* Everett Byrd  
 29\* Phil Miller  
 29\* Tricia Pequignot  
 29\* Brad Stamm  
 29\* Brett Stamm  
 30\* Katrina Barfell  
 30\* Nick Fisette  
 30\* John Hanson



### Wedding Anniversaries

#### April

Gary & Debra Schalliol  
April 2

Berlyn & Nancy Ware  
April 2, 1960

Veryl & Arlene Stamm  
April 4, 1953

Jay & Rosemarie Mead  
April 8, 1972

Roy & Jeanne Calvin  
April 9, 1994

Don & Joyce Melser  
April 11, 1953

Phillip & Joan Pynaert  
April 21, 1952

Richard & Donna Witkowski  
April 12, 1969

Richard & Joan Halterman  
April 17, 1951

J Michael & Lorie Kedik  
April 17, 2010

Gregg & Sharon Thomas  
April 17, 1965

Sam & Betty Tracas  
April 17, 1948

Joseph & Becky Kiefer  
April 20, 1968

Jim & Karen Locke  
April 24, 1971

John & Frances Cook  
April 28, 1962

MHS CLASS OF 1992  
 30TH CLASS REUNION

## SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 2-4, 2022  
 THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON

# Birthdays

## May

1\*George Wachs  
2\*Ross Deal  
3\*Paul Foltz  
3\*John Kreiter  
4\*Barbara LaPlace  
5\*J.B. Rivard  
5\*Nancy Roelke  
6\*Randy Harris  
8\*Richard Kemble  
8\*John McLane  
8\*Barry Power  
8\*Scott Stamm  
8\*Karen Williams  
9\*Margaret Boner  
9\*Charlene DeNeve  
9\*Jean Flowers  
9\*Marian McConahay  
9\*Raymond Myers  
9\*Dale Persyn  
10\*Larry Holmes  
10\*Cheryl Poynter  
11\*Cassie Rauch  
11\*Robert Steif  
11\*Billy Watkins  
12\*Marianne Fair  
12\*Hajji Jojo  
13\*Beth Reyke  
13\*Larry Stillson  
14\*Linda Bessmer  
14\*Barbara Kameron  
14\*Doreen Mesecar  
15\*Sandra Dean  
15\*Lora Rozzi  
16\*Mary Boutiette  
17\*Joseph Fodrocy  
17\*Kevin Whitelegg  
17\*Sandra Wegenke  
18\*Carol Chamberlin  
18\*Joyce Chambers  
18\*Donna Hertz  
18\*Catherine Smith  
20\*Jack Hocker  
20\*David Kindig  
20\*Jerry Kizer  
20\*Jacob Mady  
20\*Charles Simpson  
20\*Michael Wolff  
21\*Wanda Benjamin  
21\*Patricia Shell  
22\*Richard Pozzi  
23\*Judy Green  
23\*Lanny Kizer  
23\*Robert Schmitt  
23\*Doreen Trimboli  
24\*Larry Barkes  
24\*Charles Krueger  
24\*John Powell  
25\*Monty Donathen  
26\*Clara Snyder  
29\*Anne Shields  
30\*Willia Fries  
30\*Tim Miller  
31\*Devane Ballenger



## MISHAWAKA HIGH SCHOOL 1972 CLASS REUNION



SATURDAY JULY 30, 2022  
CHICORY EVENT CENTER- DOWNTOWN MISHAWAKA

6 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR  
7 P.M. DINNER

POLISH DINNER, DESSERT BAR, LEMONADE, TEA, COFFEE, CASH BAR  
MUSIC BY LOCAL DJ TALENT: SCOTT BOVENKERK

COMMEMORATIVE GIFTS ~ DOOR PRIZES ~ SILENT AUCTION  
COME EARLY TO ENJOY A STROLL ON THE RIVER WALK AT FORMER UNIROYAL SITE

PLEASE MAIL \$45 EACH PERSON BY JUNE 10, 2022 TO:

MHS CLASS OF '72  
122 RAY STREET  
MISHAWAKA, IN 46544

THE ANNUAL "CLASS OF 70'S" GATHERING WILL BE THE NIGHT BEFORE AT "THE BUNS" IN OSCEOLA

CLASS EMAIL: [mishhigh72@gmail.com](mailto:mishhigh72@gmail.com)

FOR UPDATES, JOIN GROUP: [www.facebook.com/mishawaka.seventytwo](http://www.facebook.com/mishawaka.seventytwo)



'72 MHS 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion ~ Reservation for July 30, 2022  
Please come, this may be our last organized event!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
1972 Class Member (\$45): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Guest (\$45): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
MHS Class of '72  
122 Ray Street  
Mishawaka, IN 46544

Reserve and Pay by May 15, 2022 to get an extra entry for door prizes!  
(INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN EARLY JUNE TO THOSE WHO DO NOT RESERVE BY THEN)



**June 6, 2022**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**\$50 per person**  
**Holiday Inn**  
*1208 E. Douglas Road*  
*Mishawaka, IN 46545*

## 14TH ANNUAL MADE IN MISHAWAKA LUNCHEON Blooming in Mishawaka

The Made in Mishawaka Luncheon is an annual event that honors an individual or organization that has impacted the Mishawaka community. This year's event will feature the 2021-2022 honorees, **Marsha Wells** and **Dick Currey** for their amazing efforts contributing to SCM and the Mishawaka community.

Marsha Wells is the President of the Mishawaka Penn-Harris Library Board and was the Co-chair of the recent SCM referendum. Richard "Dick" Currey is the former Mishawaka School Board President and was the Co-chair of the recent SCM referendum.

## Wedding Anniversaries

## May

Marilyn & David Schmitt  
May 8, 1965

Sigrid & Nick Thanos  
May 12

Hortense & James Moore  
May 13, 1950

Eleanor & Gene Marler  
May 14

Richard & Marilou  
Schroeder  
May 14, 1940

Nelson & Janis Weaver  
May 16, 1964

Michael & Jeanine  
DeGeeter  
May 17

Judy & Hubert Kuzmich  
May 18, 1968

Anthony & Rosemary  
Grasso  
May 19, 1965

Patricia & Eugene Levan  
May 19, 1962

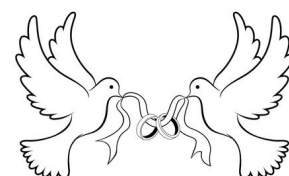
Lisa & David Gartee  
05-23-1987

Lora & William Rozzi  
05-23-1981

Barry & Debra Groh  
May 24, 2003

Judith & Robert Heying  
May 26

Nicholas & Jeannie Blume  
May 27, 1920





# Luncheon Menu

## 2022

12:00 - 1:30pm

- June 1** Sandwiches, salad, soup, roll & butter
- July 6** Hot dogs & brats, potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh fruit
- August 3** Meatloaf, mashed potato & gravy, corn, roll & butter  
Entertainment: Double Dare
- September 7** Bruschetta chicken, grilled vegetables, pasta, roll & butter
- October 5** Taco Bar – Build your own with beef and chicken, taco toppings, Mexican rice, refried beans
- November 2** Thanksgiving – turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll & butter
- December 7** Polish Buffet – sausage, fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, noodles, sweet & sour cabbage, roll & butter.

Drinks available: Coffee, Water, Lemonade, Coke, Diet Coke and Iced Tea

Other drinks are available in the café

On occasion, if there is food leftover and everyone has had 2nd's, we may offer a carry-out meal for \$5



Colleen Davis  
Lerner  
&  
Mark Lugar



Jim  
Catalano





April Birthday's present at the luncheon

Jim Braunsdorf

Rodney Spear  
Pat Slabaugh  
Bob DeBroka



## April Meeting Notes

April brought in 67 luncheon guests to the Chicory Café. Colleen Davis Learner (last months cover story) along with her friend Mark Lugar were in attendance at the luncheon. She shared a few memories of school and growing up in Mishawaka. So glad she was able to come and meet everyone. Mike Keagle provided this months entertainment with tunes from the 60's on up. April birthdays were recognized with cake from Krogers. Ever since Covid19, it's been difficult to find entertainment so as of right now, we have no one lined up for May. 50/50 Draw Winners: Judy Henthorn '56 - \$28 / Roy Kohler '64 - \$15 / William Daily '68 - \$10



May Birthday's present at the luncheon

Linda Bessmer  
Becky Kiefer  
Jim DeBroka  
John McLane  
Chuck Wayne  
Richard Pozzi



## May Meeting Notes

What a turnout we had! 147 people attended, 80 more than last month! It was exciting to see so many people return and we hope that we have this plus more in June. Jim Catalano mesmerized us all with his Xylophone music. Not often is the room silent when we are all together but when Jim began to play, all stopped talking and were 100% engaged in Jim's playing. I think we all look forward to his next appearance. 50/50 Draw Winners: Vance Warren '64 - \$25 / Leiw Williams '54 - \$18 / Leiw Williams '54 - \$10

## 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](mailto:mhs-alumni@mishawaka.k12.in.us) or call 574-254-4523. There is no cost if you are an alumni, \$5 per book for non-alumni. You cover the shipping cost.

I currently have extras of 1912, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

There are a few vacant positions open on the MHSAA board. If you are interested, see Rodney, Patricia, Sandy, or Heidi.

J.B. Rivard sent me an excerpt of his newest article that appeared in the April issue of The American Legion Magazine, (circulation, 1.7M).

“Remembering the Mushroom Clouds,” is illustrated and accompanied by sidebars. It observes the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the last explosions of nuclear weapons in the atmosphere during Operation Dominic in 1962.

In the era of 2022, this may seem as of little significance. But during the Cold War, it demonstrated that the U.S. was not to be intimidated. Dominic was ordered by President John Kennedy in 1961 as response to the USSR’s breaking of the previous ban on nuclear testing. It was a demonstration that the U.S. would do what was necessary in defense of western values.

I, along with about 20,000 others, participated. I was part of the Safety Radar crew that monitored the B-52 airdrop phase of the tests from a Pacific Island 1500 miles south of Hawaii. Christmas, now known as Kiritmati, is the largest coral atoll in the world, about 32 miles wide, max.

The article covers the airdrops by B-52 aircraft, which were tracked, by the Sandia Corp. radar, and includes all 24 detonations of the series, including hydrogen bombs.

I feel as though I should address a concern that I’ve been made aware concerning the Newsletter. There are often times when I am questioned as to why the newsletter isn’t the same as when John Moore produced it or how they wished it were still the same way. The fact is, things change. Whether it be for the better or worse, things change. People change, situations change, interests change....there’s no stopping change.

For those of you who remember the old way of the newsletter, remember that it was jam packed with information on what everyone was doing, where they were going, who was in the hospital or is at home recovering. The list goes on. Fast forward to today.... that kind of information is no longer being made available. If you have information/news that you would like shared with your fellow classmates, please send it to me. I’d be glad to look it over and print it.

I will not print anything about people being ill, surgeries, or hospital stays. It is not my place to share that kind of information with anyone and everyone. I also will not print any second hand information. There can be a lot of mistakes when doing that. I print information that people have contacted me about and want to get out to their classmates, example..reunion information. This year it seems some of the classes are having milestone birthday parties (including mine). I print what the Mishawaka Education Foundation (MEF) is doing for the schools and in the community so that you can have the opportunity to go to the events that benefit the school district.

The Athletic Department no longer prints the pocket sports calendars that so many of you relied on, I print that so that you can still see when the games are without having to look online. Most of the same information is still being reported, it’s just in a different format. Again, if there is something you would like to me to publish, feel free to call, email or mail me your information. I hope this helps answers some of the concerns that I’m hearing about.



Looking to identify these players.

**1965-66 BEIGER JR. HIGH SCHOOL**



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## PAVE THE WAY

School City of Mishawaka has built 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 has 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](mailto:peebleesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us) or call 574-254-4523.

