

Wow! What a great time and turn out we had at our new venue, The Chicory Event Center, for the February luncheon. The place was packed with only a few empty seats available. The atmosphere was uplifting and exciting, from the tablecloths on the tables, the crystal chandelier that hangs above the dance floor, to the brightness of the room from the wall of windows. The room had a sense of coziness and warmth that makes you sit back and think, "This is nice". Jazz singer, Laura D, the first of many new entertainers this year, was incredible. Looking forward to hearing her again. We saw many new faces, welcomed back some old ones, and even got several of those new faces to join the association. Hope to see more alumni join us at the luncheons in the future. Don't forget to wear green to the March luncheon!



## Notes From The Editor

I don't know about anyone else, but I am certainly ready for it to be either Spring or Winter. I don't care which one, just choose! I saw buds on a tree today, and my only thought was.... all the plants and trees must be just as confused as we are. Looking forward to everything coming back to life, warm temperatures and knowing exactly how to dress for the day.

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*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual*  
**Cavemen All-Class Reunion**



**Friday, May 15, 2020**  
**7:00 - 11:00 pm**  
\$20.00  
**Chicory Event Center**  
114 W. 1st St. • Mishawaka, IN 46544

Mark your calendar! Now is the time to reunite with  
your classmates and other Cavemen.

Cash bar • Appetizers • 50/50 raffles • Cavemen Sportswear  
Class Photos • Classes from 1940 - 2019  
Prizes for farthest distance traveled

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## In Memory

**William R. Butts**  
03-01-31 to 12-30-19  
Class of 1949

**Tom R. Dosmann Sr.**  
06-02-36 to 02-08-20  
Class of 1954

**Matthew J. Evans**  
03-24-76 to 02-13-20  
Class of 1994

**Thomas Farkas**  
05-06-37 to 01-30-20  
Class of 1955

**Robert L. Firestone**  
01-05-28 to 01-27-20  
Class of 1946

**Adele K. Holdeman**  
11-03-54 to 02-09-20  
Class of 1972

**Michael Mazurkiewicz**  
11-16-54 to 01-31-20  
Class of 1973

**Joyce (Hope) Motz**  
01-19-39 to 01-31-20  
Class of 1957

**Jane (France) Nagle**  
06-22-21 to 01-26-20  
Class of 1939

**Ella Mae (Wilder)  
Nurenberg**  
06-02-22 to 01-22-20  
Class of 1940

**Rebecca (Fox) Power**  
05-17-60 to 01-16-20  
Class of 1977

**Darlene (Wing) Rider**  
11-13-59 to 02-07-20  
Class of 1979

**Judy (Burket) Saenz**  
08-26-40 to 02-18-20  
Class of 1958

**Jeffrey E. Strombeck**  
11-17-56 to 02-11-20  
Class of 1975

**Marsca (Carter) Suran**  
10-19-40 to 02-22-19  
Class of 1958

**Robert L. Thomas**  
06-12-31 to 02-08-20  
Class of 1950

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Indiana  
State  
Teachers  
Association

## Congratulations Emmons Elementary!

The Indiana Student Education Association's (ISEA) annual community partnership event is Outreach to Teach (O2T). This annual event rewards a deserving public school with a makeover. ISEA, in partnership with education community members, spends a day cleaning, painting, decorating, landscaping and more!

Outreach to Teach (O2T) is the premiere community service project for the Indiana Student Education Association (ISEA). The service project activates hundreds of ISEA and community volunteers to spend a day completing cosmetic updates (such as painting, landscaping, assembly of small projects, etc.) in a public school in Indiana. For more information on O2T, visit [ista-in.org/o2t](https://www.ista-in.org/o2t).

Principal, Brad Addison, is looking for volunteers who are willing to come and help the ISEA Team accomplish the huge task of painting, decorating, landscaping and more! They are also looking for donations of paint, construction supplies, and water/snacks for the volunteers. If you would like to volunteer by donating or working, please go to : <https://www.ista-in.org/our-association/members/isea/isea-outreach-to-teach> to register.

Emmons Elementary School  
1306 S. Main St., Mishawaka, IN  
April 18 from 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## In Memory

### Sharon (Burger) Townsend

02-28-42 to 01-21-20  
Class of 1959

### Albert Vander Heyden

01-24-21 to 02-01-20  
Class of 1939

### Theresa Ann (Ganser) Van Nevel

06-21-28 to 02-04-20  
Class of 1946

### Roger J. Warniers

10-01-23 to 02-14-20  
Class of 1943

### Forrest W. Wenman

09-19-26 to 01-24-20  
Class of 1945



## Sports Schedule

### Girls Softball

3/23 @ Goshen (JV) 5:30  
3/25 Lakeland (JV/V) 5:00

### Girls Tennis

3/30 Marian (JV/V) 4:30

### Boys Baseball

3/30 Elk.Cent (JV) 5:00  
3/31 Wawasee (JV/V) 5:00

### Boys /Girls Track

3/25 MHS (JV/V) 5:00  
3/31 @Northwood/Riley (B) 5:00  
3/31 Northwood/Riley (G) 5:00

## Local News

Paul & Barbara (Burkholder) Chamberlin, both from the class of 1949, celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on September 3, 2019. They have six children, 20 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Congratulations!

Mishawaka High School Performing Arts present **Shrek the Musical** on March 13-15, 2020. The 13th & 14th start at 7:00pm, and Sunday the 15th begins at 2:00 pm. This is an entertaining musical for all ages! Tickets are \$7/adults and \$5/children. Tickets can be purchased

**Mishawaka Farmers Market** begins again on May 17 thru September 27 at Central Park. Hours are 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Rain or Shine. Be sure to follow the market on Facebook at @mishawakafarmersmarket. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Brittni Gendron at bgendron@mishawaka.in.gov.

The Mishawaka Parks Department will be having a “1K Café”. Start your week off right with a pleasant 1K stroll through the parks. The walk will start and end at the Beverage Garden at Ironworks Plaza. At the end of the walk, there will be a free cup of coffee to take with you as you head into the work week. This begins on June 1 and ends Aug. 31. Start time is 6:30 am – 7:15 am and there is no charge to be a part of this. What a great way to start your week.

JOE WALKER

STATE  
FINALISTS

JACOB LAPLACE



Congratulations  
Mishawaka State Champ Joe Walker and  
State Runner-up Jacob LaPlace!!!  
You both are amazing Cavemen!  
THANK YOU



## February

### Wine & Cheese Mixer

We had a nice turnout for this month's Wine & Cheese mixer. There were many new faces this month, which was nice to see. Would love to see more and more new faces each time. Lots of chattering and laughing was heard through out the evening. There were a few tables that stayed after to play in the Chicory Café Trivia Night that was held immediately after our event. We might consider having an alumni team or two to play the next time!



Terry & Maggie DeMaegd     David Straughn



Nancy (Crissler) Sriver  
Debbie (Sriver) Flemming



Laura Griffin     Sam Hanback

### Raffle Winners



Maggie DeMaegd



Deb Mason Galvas



Jerry Hepperle

## Reunions

### 18th Annual MHS Arizona Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Catered Buffet Luncheon  
at  
Arizona Community Church  
9325 S. Rural Road,  
Room G-2  
Tempe, Arizona

\$15 per person

Make check payable to:  
Martha Pierce

Mail to:  
Martha Pierce  
3850 E. White Aster St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85044

480-759-0527 home  
480-226-9882 cell

Reservation deadline  
March 4, 2020

Please provide name, maiden  
name, graduation year, address,  
phone # and email address



### Class of 1970 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion

Friday, June 12, 2020  
6:00pm – 11:00pm

Chicory Event Center  
114 Front St.  
Mishawaka, IN 46544  
574-204-2025

\$35 per person

Contact:  
Anna M. Hufkens-Stout  
574-274-2575  
[Amhsrn52@sbeglobal.net](mailto:Amhsrn52@sbeglobal.net)

Please notify fellow  
classmates



## **Louis Kalil – Hero in our Midst**

He usually sat close to the front of the church on St. Joseph's side of the aisle. After his beloved wife Genevieve died, he often sat with some of his sisters. For several years after we were married, he was our neighbor. We enjoyed talking to him, but had no idea that this humble man was a war hero. On December 16, 1944, his platoon of 18 young men held off 500 German paratroopers for 20 hours, disrupting any plans the Germans might have had for a surprise attack. Thus began the Battle of the Bulge.

Louis Kalil was born on March 18, 1922. After graduating from Mishawaka High School in 1941, Kalil went to work at Ball Band. December 7, 1941, the "day that will live in infamy" put an end to that particular job as he was drafted almost immediately and sent to Europe. On December 10, 1944, his platoon was sent to the village of Lanzerath, located in eastern Belgium near the German border. Just before sunrise on December 16, the men were awoken by the sounds of bombardment. Realizing they were outnumbered, platoon leader, Lyle Bouck age 20, radioed for permission to tactically withdraw. Permission was denied and the men were told to hold and defend their position at all costs. The Battle of Lanzerath Ridge had begun.

The platoon fought furiously to defend their position. They did so well that the Germans were certain they were fighting a much larger force. Kalil was seriously wounded when a rifle grenade struck him in the face, breaking his jaw in three places. Despite his injury, he fought bravely on. Inevitably, the German troops overran and captured the Americans. After a stint as POWs, the men returned home when the war ended. They all thought their mission had been a failure.

In 1969 historian John Eisenhower, chronicled the Battle of Lanzerath and a movement began for the men to receive recognition. The group was feted at Yankee Stadium, then, in 1981, the Secretary of the Army awarded all 18 members of the platoon the Presidential Unit Citation. Kalil also received the Silver Star, the third highest decoration for valor in combat. Later, author Alex Kershaw extensively interviewed Kalil while writing his book, "The Longest Winter". Kershaw said that by delaying the German advance Kalil's platoon altered the course of the battle and perhaps the course of the war. According to Kershaw, Kalil's platoon was the most decorated Platoon of World War II.



The men in Louis Kalil's platoon never expected to survive the battle in which they were engaged. Yet by the grace of God, they did. They returned home, resumed their lives, and faded into history. Most of them lived well into their 80's. When Kalil died at age 94, in 2017, he was the last of the platoon to die. Louis Kalil was a humble man who loved his family, loved his god and loved his country. Seventy-five years ago, he became an American Hero. Thank you for your service Mr. Kalil. We are forever indebted to you.

*Written by Marilou Schroeder*

# Luncheon Information

**Chicory Event Center**

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

<b>March</b>	Spaghetti, chicken alfredo, Italian salad, roll, butter (Meat on side for Lent)
Entertainment:	Singer/guitarist Bryan “E” Edington. Irish theme....wear green!
<b>April</b>	Burgers, Chicken Breast Sandwich, tossed salad, pasta salad, chips
Entertainment:	Mishawaka High School Jazz Band
<b>May</b>	Pulled Pork BBQ, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
<b>June</b>	Sandwiches (turkey and ham), salad, soup, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
<b>July</b>	Hot dogs and brats, potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, roll, butter
Entertainment:	Patsy Cline Show
<b>August</b>	Meatloaf, mashed potato and gravy, glazed carrots, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
<b>September</b>	Bruschetta chicken, grilled vegetables, roasted potatoes, roll, butter
Entertainment:	TBD
<b>October</b>	Taco Bar – build your own tacos with chicken and beef, taco toppings, Mexican rice, refried beans
Entertainment:	TBD
<b>November</b>	Thanksgiving – turkey, potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll, butter
Entertainment:	J Jay Brook
<b>December</b>	Polish buffet – sausage, fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, noodles, sweet and sour cabbage, roll with butter
Entertainment:	Mishawaka High School Madrigal singers



## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual

### MHS Florida Alumni Luncheon

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
11:00am – 2:00pm

at

Homer's Smorgasbord  
1000 Sebring Pkwy  
Sebring, FL 33870

Not much time to act on this one, so you better make your arrangements soon.

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Doug Ingram Dodie, 574-262-2893

### MHS Alumni February Financial Report

Beginning balance as of January 17, 2020	\$	10,816.64
Income:		
Interest		<u>.47</u>
	\$	.47
	\$	<u>.47</u>
	\$	10,817.11
Expenses:		
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2020	\$	10,817.11

### 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.

I currently have extras of 1925, 26, 27, 31, 37, 42, 43, 44, 45, 57, 59, 71, 72, 73, 76, 79, 80, 81, 82, 84, 86, 87, 88, 90, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 01, 02, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 11, 12, 13.

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

### February Meeting

Attendance was 148. Don't forget, at the March Luncheon, we will be recognizing March birthdays. Sign up at the ticket table if your birthday is in March so that we can acknowledge you by name.

50/50 Winners:

Mary Ann Kocsis '48....\$40

Mary Ann Kocsis '48....\$30

Jack Lennos '51....\$25

### 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](http://alzni.org).



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## Welcome New Members

Carol Broring '69

Doris Ann Doyle

Laura Griffin '75

Macon "Sam" Hanback '73

Gregory Kuharic '69

Mike Lenyo '63

David Poynter '68

Ruth Williams '67

## 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](mailto:peebleesh@mishawaka.k12.in.us) or call 574-254-4523.

