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President's Letter



Our annual dues appeal letter brought in nearly \$17,000 from 244 donations. Many thanks for your continued support by sending in your annual dues and especially to the many LIFE members that continue to send additional money every year. A shout out to Bob "Nero" McNabb '45, Karen Devor Linn '65, James Woodland II '68 and the 11 new LIFE members.

During these strange times, we've lost too many great Bobcat alumni. Please remember your friends and classmates who passed in this year and give a call to the ones still with us.

If you want to get your newsletter early and be the first in your neighborhood to know the news, send your email to GHHSAA@hotmail.com. You can request to receive the email copy or both the e-mail and print versions of this newsletter.

While COVID derailed many activities, work continues on refurbishing our GHHS. You can follow the progress at www.ghschools.org and click on the "Construction" tab or this direct link.

Although fans aren't allowed in the crowds and the season is shortened, our Bobcat football team played strong this Fall and is ready to dominate in 2021. The girls' soccer team lost in the District finals and the Boys' soccer team won the Districts and lost in the Regional finals. We salute these young Bobcat athletes for working so hard during these trying times.

I don't want to dwell on COVID-19 in this letter. Please, let's just all be SAFE! While we're apart - we can always connect digitally. You can always contact GHHSAA at GHHSAA@hotmail.com, www.grandviewheightsalumni.com or on Facebook by searching "Grandview Heights High School Alumni Association."

Thank you to all alumni for sending anecdotes and updates about their lives. Thanks also to our editorial staff - Teri Antolino Williams '74; Molly Hammer Tanner '82 and Ash Reynolds Babbitt '87 - for compiling our newsletter. Thanks also to John Gloyd '71 for serving as our webmaster.

Go Bobcats,

Tom Smith '63



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Calendar

Due to COVID social distancing restrictions - there is nothing planned at this time but we have high hopes for events to come later in 2021. Stay tuned! The Brotherhood of Rooks Banquet and the Alumni / Rook Golf Outing are postponed until 2021. Keep an eye out for the new date!

Email GHSA@hotmail.com with questions about any event.

Joana Harper Batholomew '44

My youngest son, Tom Williams '68, passed away two years ago and is missed greatly. Although he was hospitalized for most of his senior year, he conquered many health issues from there on. He married a lovely wife and gave so much to a young man through the Big Brothers Program. I live with my youngest daughter in South Carolina. God is good.

Wallace P. Cash '43 & '46

With my wife Barbara agreeing, I decided to spend the rest of my years in Naples, Fla. We're just a few weeks into it but think we made a good decision. I served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, and stayed in the Navy Reserve for 43 years, retiring as a Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9). Prior to Florida, we lived in Hilliard for many years.

Eleanor Lee Davis Goldenbagen '47

Since July 2015, I live at Wesley Ridge Retirement Community in Reynoldsburg. My husband, Herman, passed away in 2016. I have many wonderful new friends here. During the difficult time of this pandemic, the staff provided many fun and interesting activities. If you have access to Facebook, you can view me at Wesley Communities.

JoAnn Heywood Hoge '47

We are both hanging on with old age taking over too fast. We stay busy with work and clearing out. John still works daily at Hoge Lumber and I'm at home with leftover antiques and lots of family memorabilia and stuff. I'm doing some "arty" things, gardening and housework.

David Rudy '52

I'm a physician and spent the last 10 years in addiction medicine before retiring completely this

past February. I was the director of several family practice residencies and had a private practice in Upper Arlington for 10 years. I served as a professor for the Chicago and Ohio State Medical Schools. I have six great grandchildren and seven grandchildren. My wife Rose Mary Sims Rudy and I are married 39 years.

Patricia Riley Lutz '50

I recently moved closer to my son and daughter and live in a small retirement apartment. I like it and enjoy seeing my kids often. I taught school in this town for 20 years so it is good to be back. The kids never left.

George Rogers '50

I'm enjoying life in an assisted living facility in Marysville, Ohio. I spend my time reading and tying fishing flies.

Bette DeBeck Dugger '51

After 59 years in the same house in Upper Arlington, I moved to First Community Village.

Diane Leaman Sonstegard '52

I do hope us 1934 babies live long enough to see things return to normal. Meanwhile, I'm bingeing on potato chips and TV. I can recite all five seasons of the dialogue of "Outlander." "Game of Thrones" is next. My best to all former classmates. Keep on keeping on!!

Mary Lou DeVictor Nichol '52

There is not much to tell - I just get older and take more pills. I still live at Stone Oak and met many friends but still miss my dear friends from Grandview. Helen Jones Blancher '53 I am trying to cope with the loss of my husband who passed away on Aug. 3. We were married 67 years.

Mary JoAnn Morrison Frabott '54

I left my home of 58 years for a move to Florida where my son Tom and his wife Mary welcomed me to live with them. I'm happy in my new home with a pool and library close by. I keep in touch with many friends.

Sharrie McBride Milner '54

I retired from radio, television and modeling.

Virginia Anne Carter Paul '54

I'm blessed to have four children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. My husband passed away in May. Being alone is hard and I miss him very much. After 66 years, my best friends are still my 1954 classmates - Len Daugherty, Kay Thurness and Anita Amicon. I am so grateful that I grew up in Grandview.

Arthur J. Rogers '54

I practiced architecture for 55 years after an education at Miami University, Rice Institute and L'Ecole Des Beux Arts at Fontainebleau, France. I also lived in France as a machine gun mechanic with the Ohio Air National Guard during the Berlin crisis. I lived in Ohio, California, Colorado, Illinois and Texas. My wife is a professional actress and many of our friends work in the theatre. While I've been to a few places and met a lot of people, in all of those experiences, I have found no person or place as worthwhile and interesting as those in Grandview. Given the choice of sitting in a café, shooting the breeze over a glass with a friend on the Champs-Elysees in Paris or Grandview Avenue, I'd pick the latter.

Robert Sharp '54

(Note written by daughter Ann Sharp) - Dad lost our mom in March 2020 to leukemia. He is in

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assisted living with alzheimers and other forms of dementia. He loved growing up in Grandview and his GHHS friends. With the help of my sister Rebecca, he made it to his 65th reunion.

Bill Fink '55

The Fires were not close by but smoke was very heavy here in San Rafael, Calif. I look forward to our postponed reunion in 2021.

Sally Jones Morgan '55

2020 has been a nightmare year. I've had a broken patella, COVID, two broken arms, plus all the politics. Luckily, my knee is back to normal and my arms are healing nicely.

Robert Peters '55

So far, our reunion is scheduled for October 2021. I'm still in Grandview and really miss being able to see our football team play. This is definitely a rebuilding year. Go Bobcats.

Joan Moore Ruffner '55

Hello Grandview Alumni! Jerry and I are doing as well as we can during the pandemic. All our sons and families are coping and thriving. Two granddaughters had weddings in 2020 - that was a challenge. The rest of my grands are in college or graduates. Please stay well!

Rick Yearick '55

I'm still working at painting. Please visit www.rickyyearick-fineart.com to see my paintings.

Lynne Fulmer Hutchison '56

I'm so thankful for the Grandview education and small town experience. It was a very special time. I'm loving life in Vero Beach, Fla., with family and friends.

Long Live the Brotherhood



Fred Snider's '58 Celebration of Life included Brother of Rooks Brothers Jim Rock '62, John Harker '65, Tom Smith '63, Larry Snider '63, Mike Aleshire '67, Dallas Smith '66, Andy Baumann '63 and Allan Foster '64

James Bobbitt '57

I was blessed to grow up in Grandview in the 50s. Please pray for all my close friends Buddy, Don, Sally and Margaret.

Donald Kentner '57

I married Jacqueline Lee Dodd in 1961 and we had four children. I worked at OSU Veterinary Medicine and also served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967.

Suzanne Thomas Jenkins '57

My husband Jerry and I have lived in Bay Village for 55 years. Like Grandview, it is a wonderful community with excellent schools. As a retired teacher, I'm grateful for the caring and devoted Grandview teachers who inspired and prepared us for our future as adults. We now spend the winter months in Florida.

It is warm and sunny but we always look forward to heading home in the spring.

Tony Rocci '58

We have a home in Hilliard and a place in Florida. I have been retired for 15 years and really enjoying it. I like to hunt, fish and play golf. We have four children and two grandchildren. My wife Grace would like to have some great grandchildren.

Bob Moses

I lived in Grandview but didn't attend GHHS. I enjoy the newsletter and the 1959 class.

Dennis Anderson '60

Thanks for helping keep Grandview schools alive. I now have two grandkids going through - Mia and Leo Marcellana. Their

parents are Dean Marcellana and Jennifer Anderson Marcellana.

C. Wesley Mirick and Sharon Pittenger Mirick '60

It's great to have a life partner who went through high school and college with me.

Victoria McNabb Wheeler '60

Amid COVID-19, I'm enjoying days of creative writing and artwork alongside Bob, my husband of 56 years, and two aging pups in isolation with us.

Joe Arganbright and Judy Such Arganbright '61

Joe and Judy celebrated 58 years of marriage. Joe is enjoying semi retirement after more than 60 years in the insurance business. All three of our

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children live in Central Ohio with their families.

Carolyn Radebaugh Bellisari '61
Albert and I celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary in June of this year. We are blessed with six grandsons and four granddaughters, ages 29 to 10. We have one great granddaughter, age 2, and one great grandson, age two months. They bring so much joy to our lives. I work as a food service worker on an "as needed" basis at Upper Arlington schools. Love the camaraderie and the opportunity to socialize with others. Albert is still working 2 days per week at Raymond Golf Course and plays golf on any day ending in Y. Looking forward to our 60th reunion (YIKES) in June 2021.

Bill Harding '61
I'm looking forward to our 60th reunion on June 11 and 12, 2021, and seeing all 1961 class members.

Barbara Wheeler Hoyer '61
After 38 years of selling houses, mostly in Bexley, I retired at the end of 2019. I had a wonderful career with Wagenbrenner Company, who helped to develop Grandview Avenue. We are still in our house in Bexley but we absolutely love our house in Lakeside, Ohio, where we spend most of the summer.

Tom Smith '63
I really missed the 2020 Memorial Day Parade and ceremony, graduation, the pool, the Brotherhood of Rooks banquet, alumni weekend, the alumni/Rook golf outing and, most of all, the monthly Alumni Luncheons. Fingers crossed for 2021.

Linda McCall Ireland '63 Thank you for the wonderful newsletter! It always makes me remember

Grandview Girls Gather



Several members of the Class of '84 went for a pre-COVID girls' trip in February and spent a long weekend reminiscing about high school years. Back row: Karen Deweese Feast, Kara Zipfel Thompson, Megan Janusz O'Connor, Stacey Smith Sterneker. Front row: Michele Meleragno Bergemesca, Staci Furr Perkins, Heidi Harris Varner.

the "good old" days and how much fun I had when we lived in Grandview. Keep up the good work!!

Marilyn McClain Garner '63
I live in an assisted living facility in Shiloh, Ill., to be closer to my youngest son. Due to the pandemic, we haven't seen that much of each other. I have some health problems, including diabetes and Parkinsons and numerous falls have slowed me down a little, but I'm determined

to get better so I can visit my kids, grandkids and two great grandchildren.

Steve Messerschmidt '64
I'm a retired member of the Professional Golfers Association. My wife Penny and I enjoy the sunshine in Riverview, Fla., with my daughter Stephanie and our two granddaughters.

Bill Pulliam '64
I've lived in Maui off and on over the past 20 years and retired sev-

eral times but can't make it stick. I spent the last 10 years working with special needs adults after losing my wife Karen to cancer in 2009. Both sons, Michael and Matt, are with me. Life is good.

Nicholas Cardi '65
2020 would have been the 55th reunion for the class of 1965. Due to COVID, we had to cancel our reunion plans. Please wear your masks and stay safe.

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Karen Devor Linn '65

I'm sad we had to miss our 55th reunion. Walking has become my lifesaver and I'm ruled by my Fitbit.

Robert Townsend (Teacher, 1967-1978)

I retired from Xavier University in 2018 but am working again teaching educational research remotely. I spent November and December 2019 in India visiting family and friends.

Rick Underwood '66

I attended Stevenson and left high school during my freshman year, returning my senior year. I went to OSU, then Vietnam and then back to OSU for law school. After practicing a bit, I ended up teaching law at the University of Kentucky for the past 40 years. I remember Jim Smith, Ron Rock, Roger Alben and Jack Thurness, who served in Vietnam, like I did. He was always a good guy. I remember he received an Army commendation medal. My older brother Tim died last year. I still teach and write books. Life is pretty good. Like Forrest Gump, that's all I have to say about that.

Bill Fauth '67

Mr. Cisler was the American History teacher who recommended that Mr. Beery paddle Art Thomas and me. Mr. Beery followed the suggestion.

James Woodland II '68

I'm still living in Grandview and working, thankfully. We have seven grandchildren and enjoy lots of wonderful times.

Ralph Antolino Jr. '73

I'm still bike riding, swimming, trying to keep up with my daughters in Vermont and Atlanta. Maybe we can have a reunion again someday.

Jeff Howard '73

I retired three years ago and moved from Toledo to Wilmington, NC. I am happily living the coastal life here with my dog Jangles.

Karen Hartwell Mack '76

I'm staying alive in The Big Sky. I've been a registered nurse since 1980. Wash your hands! Wear a mask! Be healthy, Bobcats!

Sandra Woolridge Corvo Serio '76

I'm happily married to Joseph Serio. We have eight grandchildren. We live in Galena and both are enjoying retirement. We spend summers at Lake Erie boating with family and friends and forever remember happy childhood days in Grandview. Stay safe and healthy everyone.

Peter Milano '92

I work as a Deputy Sheriff for the Champaign County Sheriff's Office, Court Services Division. Scott Corbin '98 I got married this year to my beautiful wife, Cat. We live in Hilliard and I work at Grange Insurance as a Commercial Underwriter.

An Extra-Special Celebration

Bob "Nero" McNabb '45 graduated from GHHS at 17. With the help of his father, he enlisted in service to our country and served until he turned 93. He supported the community of San Diego in so many ways and was honored on his 93rd birthday with a special parade. Despite the passing of Nero's wife Anne two weeks before, the event went on because she had played such a key role in organizing the celebration. Her spirit could be felt throughout the event. Nero's secret to longevity is to have a good time every day. He's never forgotten his alma mater and we thank him for his allegiance to GHHS and his service to our country. You can click [here](#) for a video (or Google Bob McNabb - parade - San Diego to find online) or see the photo from the parade.



A Happy Birthday Salute! World War II veteran Robert McNabb is honored with a drive-by parade for his 93rd birthday Friday at his home in El Cajon. Family, friends, firefighters, sheriff's deputies and others took part in the patriotic parade amid coronavirus restrictions.

One Night in September

by Thomas W. Lawhead '79

Optimism was in the air on Friday, Sept. 23, 1977. This would be the first home game for the Grandview Heights Bobcats football team since breaking a long 25-game losing streak the week before with a convincing 27-0 win over the Buckeye Valley Barons. Fullback "Hank" Meyer scored three times that night and halfback Dan Lankford scored as well, adding two interceptions on defense.

The story of the night was the defense.

They created an unbelievable six interceptions. If such records are kept, it is almost surely a school record that still stands.

Then at 1-1, the team had been transformed in their third game. The Bobcats were now contenders for the Central Buckeye League title, after leaving the powerful Metro League the year before. The marching band, drill team, cheerleaders, teachers, students and players' families all had something to be excited about that night. Our community was together at Bobcat Stadium with a winning spirit once again!

Second year coach Larry Larson had coached these same players as their junior high school coach just a few years earlier. The players took pride in the team and in their place in it. All of the players wore ties on game day. "Dressing up" gave them class and pride. It was also symbolic of Coach Larson's ethos of showing that they had class, an enduring



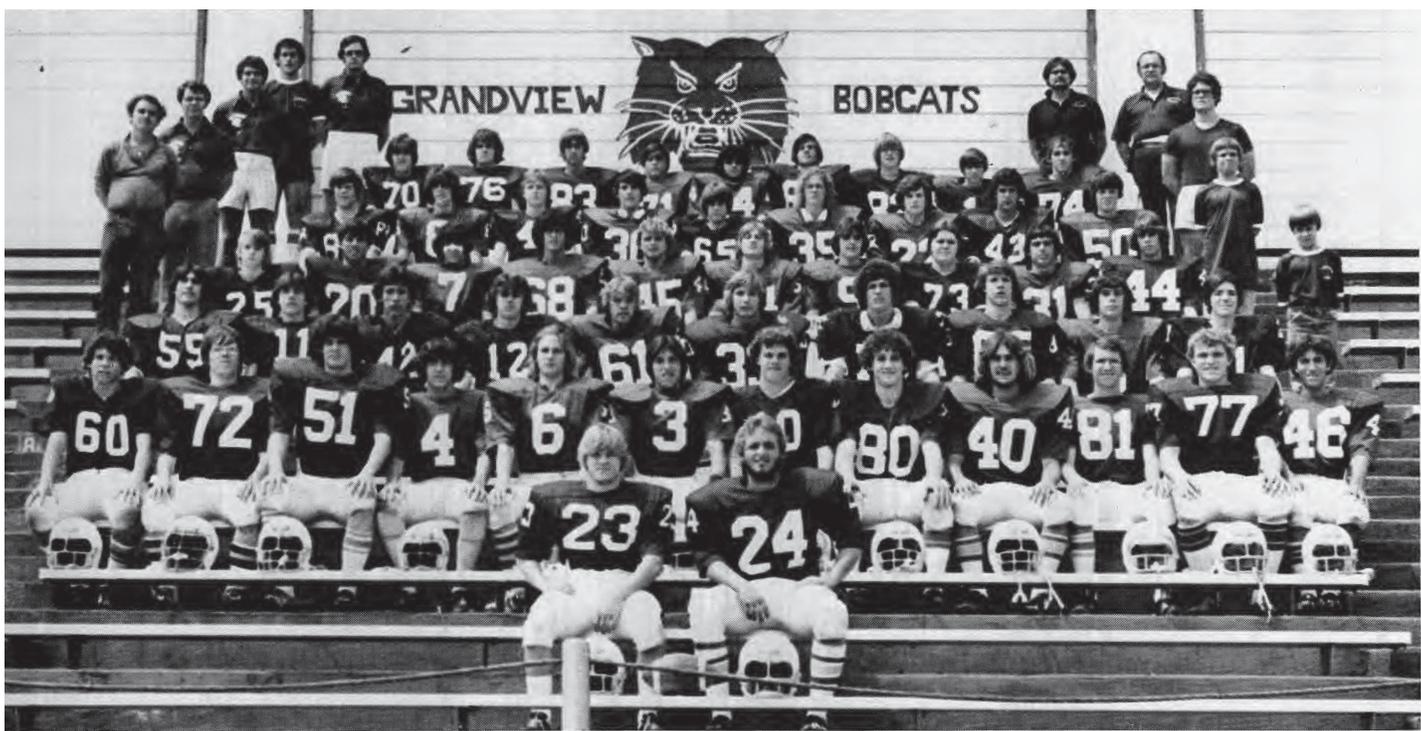
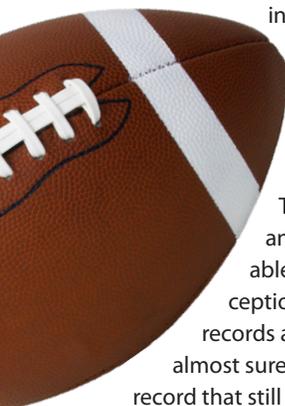
1977-1978 Varsity Football Captains J. Stought and S. Penwell.

theme that he instilled in many of his players.

The game was also Parents' Night. Moms of senior players received flowers from their sons before the game. The whole town was there - attending week after week, win or lose.

The fire and police departments were both onsite in case of any injury or incident.

That night the band played with more vigor. The drill team and cheerleaders kicked higher and cheered louder. There were kids in bell bottom jeans and Con-



The 1977-78 Varsity Football Team: Co-Captains S. Penwell, J. Stought. front row — T. Parks, J. Smith, J. Hackney, J. Schleich, K. Hickman, D. Grinstead, M. Vernon, J. Evans, D. Limmer, J. Marzika, J. Boyce, B. Lemke. second row — M. DiCarlo, E. Schilder, M. Forest, G. Schilder, D. Huey, H. Meyer, M. Manack, R. Johns, R. Jaynes, B. Kannal. third row — C. Butler, V. DePietro, J. Casasanta, L. Volpe, R. Damiani, B. Doolittle, J. Grinstead, J. Pickett, S. Burkley, J. Della-Flora. fourth row — D. Voelker, C. Johns, M. Curry. fifth row — D. Turner, J. Beggrow, J. Noe, B. Ousley, D. Abbruzzese, G. Martin, J. Richmond, G. Penwell, J. Smith. Coaches: Mr. Larson, Mr. Brown, Mr. Burkle, R. Paul, Mr. Gornall, Mr. Hain, Lt. Watrous, Mr. Hoyle. Managers: J. Grinstead, J. Penwell.

verse All Stars everywhere that night. Many of the boys had long hair, as did some of the teachers. Baseball style waist length jackets were worn by kids, teachers and parents alike. These were popular clothing and hairstyles of the late 1970s.

Teachers sold game tickets in a small booth at the front gate. There was a buzz in the air. Could it happen again? Could



Coach Larson on the horn.



One of many Grandview touchdowns

light the pit. The band would play. Everyone would cheer when the pit was lit, knowing there would be roast beef sandwiches galore the next day. Adults would play poker in a tent late into the night. There was plenty of food, games and

carnival rides. It was, and still is, the community event of the year.

Looking back, there was always something special about high school football in the 1970s that brought communities across America together like few other

things did. Today, there is still something special about a Friday night high school football game. Perhaps it is the temperate weather. Maybe it is because football has become America's pastime. Something that baseball used to be. One thing is for certain - football surely did bring Grandview Heights together that cool Friday in September. Our Bobcats were once again up and coming and the thrill of victory was in the air!

Thanks Tom, for sharing your story and bringing back sweet memories. Bobcats, we need your stories as well! Nothing is too small when it comes to sharing. We'd love to read them and see your photos as well! Send them to GHHSAA@hotmail.com

the Bobcats win twice, in a row even? A winning streak would be impossible to dream about, of course. Or would it be?

Time blunted the events of that night against the North Union Wildcats. The game ended with another convincing 20-0 for the championship-contending Bobcats, giving them a 2-1 record. Coach Larson and his team would end up winning six games that year and go undefeated just two seasons later. He would go on to have winning year after winning year as a football coach and become a local legend.

For us, one home game each year was also Ox Roast weekend. After the game, everyone went down to the festival to

1977 Homecoming Fun



The 1977 Homecoming Parade: K. Guss, S. Colliver, K. McVey, J. Compton and J. Jones

Looking Back

Basketball and the War



In 1944, WWII was on and Our Lady of Victory School in Marble Cliff had a difficult time fielding a team. Of the 12 1945 graduates, nine were girls. Dick Cleary '45 played on that team. He's shown as the second on the left side of the V.

92-year-old named 'Kiwanian of the Year'



Congratulations to The Rev. Paul Myers Jr. '46, as he was named Kiwanian of the Year for the Kiwanis Club of Flagler-Palm Coast (Florida). A minister for nearly 30 years. Rev. Meyers is also a former disc jockey and television personality who built radio stations in Hot Springs, Ark, and Columbus, Ohio, while managing his own advertising agency.

He and wife Joannie, who've shared more than half a dozen children between them, moved to Palm Coast in 2003 and started the Christ Lutheran Church in 2005. He joined Kiwanis to share the Word of God with the youngest of the community's flock. "The youth is our future and we're trying to help them, guide them and inspire them," said Rev. Myers.

Rev. Myers likes to stay busy and says though he's retired six times, he's not quite there yet. "I haven't retired yet, the Lord still has some things for me to do," said the 1985 Trinity Lutheran Seminary graduate. "I can't handle retirement and the boss, that's the Lord God Almighty, hasn't even allowed me to."

"Adopted" Bobcat Bids Farewell



Respectfully submitted by **RaMarie (Whipple) Swart '69 and Scott Whipple '74**

We're celebrating the life of Alice (Bland) Whipple, who passed on Jan. 21, 2020, at 92. A vibrant person who loved people, Alice was determined, courageous, and dedicated. Her love for and commitment to our father, Charles "Chuck" Whipple '42 and to us kids (RaMarie '69 and Scott '74,) reflected her love of life, which was evident in everything that she did.

Alice grew up in Grandview and attended Grandview schools until tenth grade, when she transferred to University High School at OSU, where she graduated in 1945. Even so, she was always a "Grandview Girl." She ran with old friends and kept up with all things Bobcat, in large part, because she dated our father off and on throughout high school, and until they were married in 1949. Because of her connections with faithful friends and her relationship with our father, she was regarded as a GHHS "alumna," a status that she was proud of her entire life. She cherished all of her GHHS friends.



During school, Alice trained as a dancer. She eventually took correspondence courses from the Famous Writers School and, upon retirement, became a published author on Amazon under the nom de plume, "Alice Louise." In her later years, she remained active via crocheting, reading, creative writing, watercolor painting and by answering email and surfing on her own computer.

Alice Bland Whipple ("Al") was true to the white and blue her entire life. She was married to a devoted Bobcat and Rook for 60 years and brought us back to Grandview to raise us. What a privilege!

Looking Back

Class of '72 Remembers a Special Classmate

Barbara Ann Griffith '72 passed away suddenly on April 12, 2020, in Avon, Ind., from complications due to COVID-19. Barbara contracted bacterial spinal meningitis at six months, leaving her with spine deterioration and brain damage. She attended the Neil Ave Crippled Children's School in Columbus, Ohio, before transitioning to Grandview schools in seventh grade.

Going to public school transitioning from a place where all students had some sort of disability to a traditional school was very hard on Barb. She was bullied because of her disability and was tutored in several subjects and studied into the

late hours to maintain passing grades. One of Barb's goals was to graduate high school, which she accomplished in 1972.

Barb held many jobs in the Columbus area after graduation. She would even walk from her house in Grandview to Doctors Hospital for her job in the cafeteria. Sometimes, firemen would pick her up and give her a ride the rest of the way. She also worked at a dry cleaner and for Goodwill. Barb was very active at Lane Ave Baptist Church in Upper Arlington and sang in the choir.

Though her body was impacted from meningitis, her spirits never diminished. She

always had a smile on her face and a joke to tell and made many friends over the years.

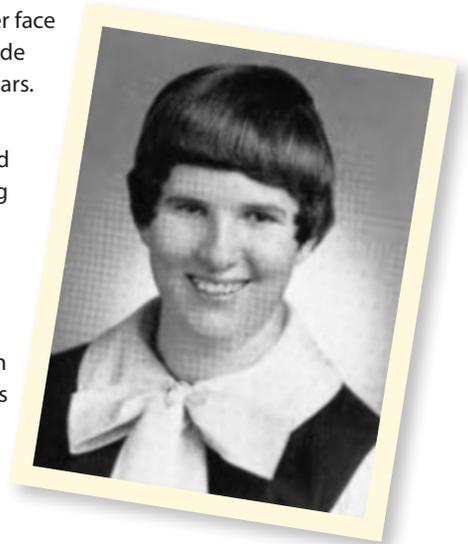
Barb was under the care of her sister Cindy '76 and brother-in-law Mike Long '75 for almost 30 years following her mother's passing.

After many years following graduation from high school, we all have things we remember about classmates. For the class of 1972, the one main characteristic remembered the most about Barb, affectionately nicknamed BAG because of her initials, was her smile and unique laugh. But we also remember her struggles as she walked with difficulty and grappled with school work. And sadly, we all remember how she was teased and mocked because of her challenges. Fortunately, the world today is much more understanding of people who have disabilities.

As a living memorial to Barbara, more than \$1500 was collected from her Class of '72 classmates. They arranged for a White Oak tree and plaque to be planted near the entrance to Wyman Woods. Donations were also made in Barbara's honor to the National Meningitis Association, Pets Without Parents and GHHSAA.

The Class of 1972 extends thanks to Barbara Wright, Marta Howard Durban, and Jack Low for leading this project and also to Mike Patterson '00, director, Grandview Parks and Recreation, and those who planted the tree.

Due to COVID, class members were not able to gather for the



tree planting but will plan an event commemorating Barbara's life during the class's 50th reunion. If you are at Wyman Woods, please visit the tree, remember Barb and honor the lives and challenges that those with disabilities experience each day.



Visit the living memorial to Barbara Ann Griffith '72 at Wyman Woods



On the Prowl-Bobcats make a comeback

Bobcats make a comeback in Ohio's rural forestland

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W.H. Chip Gross

Bobcats were supposedly extirpated from Ohio by 1850, but that may not actually have been the case — especially in the extreme eastern part of the state, particularly Belmont County. “In talking to some real old-timers here, they tell me there have always been bobcats around,” says Bryan Postlethwait. “Just more now.”

A field supervisor for the Division of Wildlife, Postlethwait oversees state wildlife officers in six southeastern counties, and in doing so, he logs a lot of driving time in his 4-wheel-drive pickup truck. “Bobcats certainly aren’t behind every tree,” he says, “but in the last few years, I’ve lost count of the number I’ve seen while driving, both live ‘cats and roadkills.”

Bobcats were taken off the state-endangered list in 2014.



At the time of delisting, the population in Ohio was about 1,000 individuals, and since that time, the bobcat population has continued to increase in both size and distribution.

The main reason for the growth is that Ohio still has a large amount of ideal yet unfilled bobcat habitat. While the bobcat population is well established in southeastern and southern Ohio, bobcats continue to expand and repopulate areas in the northeastern and western parts of the state. In addition, bobcats from neighboring states are augmenting the Ohio population.

Traci Keller, wildlife care assistant manager at Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center, located east of Cleveland in Lake County, knows bobcats well. The rehabilitation center has worked with half a dozen bobcats over the past seven years.

“We are the only wildlife rehab facility in Ohio that works with bobcats, which we began doing in 2013,” says Keller. “Those first two cats, both females, were radio-collared prior to release as part of a study with the Division of Wildlife. We were able to track them for a year, and during that time, both had a litter of kittens. We also know through radio-telemetry data that one of the

cats even swam the Muskingum River.”

The last two cats that the center worked with — a male and female — were raised and then released back to the wild just this past May. I was fortunate to tag along that day to take the photos for this story. The two were found orphaned as 8-week-old kittens last fall in Belmont County. “They weighed just 2 pounds each when we received them and they definitely did not want anything to do with people — which is a good thing,” Keller says. “We began feeding them formula, which they lapped, then eventually



Lake Metroparks employees transporting bobcats

added meat to their diet.”

The bobcats were fed and cared for in a way that limited their exposure to humans. “We use specialized outdoor caging facilities with feeding chutes, and that helps us safely care for the cats with minimum human contact,” Keller says. “In fact, to keep them as wild as possible, we were not in direct contact with these last two bobcats for six months prior to their release.”

The large cage where the cats were reared was outfitted with cameras so that caregivers could keep an eye on them. There was also a webcam on the center’s website that allowed the public to check on them, too.

The cats were released on a remote state wildlife area in Belmont County, an ideal habitat of dense forest with plenty of prey species and water nearby. They were not radio-collared but did have a microchip inserted beneath the skin at the base of the neck, so if ever found again, they can be individually identified.

“It gave me goosebumps to watch them leave their

transport crates and take their first steps back into the wild as adults,” Keller says. “After all our work with them over the past year, being able to return a pair of elusive apex predators back into the Ohio bobcat population is very exciting and rewarding.”

W.H. “Chip” Gross is Ohio Cooperative Living’s outdoors editor and a member of Consolidated Cooperative.



We are Saluting our Bobcat Healthcare Heroes who tirelessly served our communities on the frontlines during the battle against COVID-19

Honoring GHHS Medical Staff-then and now

In 1924, Clayton Smith, MD, (pictured at the right) was a member of the Faculty of Medicine at Ohio State University and was a professor of Physiological Chemistry. He was also the school physician for Grandview Heights High School.

Miss Marie McElwee, pictured alongside Dr. Smith, was the school nurse. A graduate of White Cross Hospital, Miss McElwee performed various tests on the students’ eyes, ears, noses and throats, gave physical

examinations and made house calls on students who were ill. Dr. Smith prescribed on the cases of a more serious nature.

Miss McElwee was a member of the staff of Grandview Heights High School, while Dr. Smith was the acting physician who aided Miss McElwee in her work and gave his services free of charge. Their efforts were considered “invaluable and most efficient in every detail” according to the 1924 yearbook of the Grandview Heights High School.



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Newsletter Guidelines

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Deadline for the Spring Edition is March 1, 2021.

Happenings

Halloween Tradition

If you strolled down the Bank Block of Grandview Avenue during the end of October, you likely noticed paintings in some of the shop windows. This was thanks to the artwork of dedicated alumni Mike and Jill Smith Aleshire '67, Mark Todd '68, Craig Berlin '76, Tom and Bonnie Brown Smith '63, Curt Berlin '79, Jill Boyd Kuyper '64 and Donna Ferlito Stevenson '64 (ringers won a prize in 5th grade), Fred and Judy Kibele Isaac '64, Cynthia Copley '76 and helpers



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Jane Hess Harris '56

Ron Harris '56

Sam Hawk '11

Norma Koutz Wallace '73

Dianna Wooton Launer '74

Shelley Clark Lovegrove '70

Tim Murphy '65

Roger Rill '67

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Dow Voelker '80

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\$30.00 Life Membership \$300.00 per individual

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In addition, I would like to make a contribution to the Annual Fund of:

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Let us hear from you so we can keep your fellow Bobcats updated!

Please submit updated addresses for you, siblings and/or your GHHS Alumni children. Contact us via U.S. mail, at www.grandviewheightsalumni.com, or email GHHSAA@hotmail.com. Database updates keep costs down and ensure valid contact information for reunions!

Contributing to the GHHSAA

You are the GHHSAA. Without membership support, the GHHSAA would not and could not exist. We graciously thank you for your continued generosity. Here is a breakdown of GHHSAA funding categories. All Friends of the GHHSAA are mentioned in the newsletter published nearest the time after their contribution is received. Support the GHHSAA today! Thank you!

ANNUAL DUES: Every fall, we mail an Annual Membership Request of \$30. This goes to all alumni and it is our hope that each alum contributes this amount each year. This funding is the "bread and butter" of our budget and is extremely important. Please watch for your envelope this fall.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP: A Lifetime membership is \$300. Lifetime members still receive the annual dues request in case they want to donate additional funds. We publish the names of all LIFE Members once every 24 months. A list of LIFE Members is available online at www.grand-viewheightsalumni.com.

PAWS CLUB: Contribution of \$50 - \$99

BIG CATS CLUB: Contribution of \$100 - \$499

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IN HONOR OF: Contribution of any amount in honor of a classmate, teacher, friend. Both the donor and the honoree are mentioned in the newsletter.

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We take our fiduciary responsibility seriously. You can see the good work your funding accomplishes including this newsletter, alumni events, the website, support of current student activities, improvements and supplies not available in the

regular budget (Robotics, Art, Band, special requests, etc.), and scholarships, scholarships and more scholarships. Your support ensures we stay connected, and together we help continue the legacy that makes us all proud to be a Bobcat.

Make all checks payable to GHHSAA and mail to PO Box 12116 Columbus, OH 43212. Funds are managed by The Columbus Foundation.

Editor's note: We send dues request letters to all alumni, just as we also send the newsletter. We hope you'll give when you can. Donations and annual dues newsletter subscriptions are much appreciated. We couldn't do all we do without you. Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Special Recognition

Robert "Nero" McNabb '45

Top Cats Club

Karen Devor Linn '65
James Woodland II '68

Big Cats Club

Robert W Johnson '45
JoAnn Herboltzheimer Stevens '47
Duane Fraser '49
Alice Nelson Hannon-Taylor '50
Diane Leaman Sonstegard '52
David Rudy '52
Ralph Pease '54
Chuck Bonifield '55
John Davis '55
Marcia Shepard Mock '55
Carolyn Welch '55
Charles Dumbaugh '56
Ron Harris '56
Jane Hess Harris '56
Ed Hildreth '56
Ralph Burson Jr. '57
Tony Rocci '58
Chuck Tracy '59
Dennis Anderson '60
Bill Baker '61
Carolyn Radebaugh Bellisari '61

Bonnie Brown Smith '63
Jo Butts Geib '63
Marilynn McLain Garner '63
Fleetwood Koutz '65
Jawn Ellen Facine Hoover '67
Sandra Woolridge Corvo Serio '76
Carrie Capuano O'Mara '84
Brian Sammons '84

NEW - Lifetime Membership

Donald Kentner '57
Sharon Riggs Hendershot '58
Bill Bonifield '59
James Plunkett '60
Kathy Brun Johnson '62
Jawn Ellen Facine Hoover '67
Mike Self '68
James Woodland II '68
Ralph Antolino Jr '73
Cindy Ferlito Vaughan '76
Dori Voelker Easdale '82
Katie Albanese '04

Paws Club

Mary Ellen Bentz '43
Marshall Mowery '43
(Alexandra HS)
Joana Harper Bartholomew '44
JoAnn Heywood Hoge '47

Patricia Riley Lutz '50
John Roberts '52
Sid Hall '53
Jane Conklin Setterlin '55
Bill Fink '55
Joan Moore Ruffner '55
Marcia Shepard Mock '55
Richard Sutterfield '55
Rick Yearick '55
Edward Hildreth '56
Donald Kentner '57
Suzanne Thomas Jenkins '57
Tony Bonaventura '59
Charles Matthews '59
Thomas Barnes '62
Linda McCall Ireland '63
Tom Smith '63
Sherry Reaver Klingaman '64
Dennis Richardson '64
Bill Fauth '67
Michael Sibio '67
Robert Townsend -
Teacher '67 to '78
Barbara Wright '72
Victoria Eckhardt '76
Steve Reynolds '83

Deceased

Richard "Dick" Cleary '45
Thomas Chidester '46
Mary Anderson DeCessna '49
Terry Smith '50
Dick Long '52
Chuck Davis '53
Robert Kentner '53
Juanita Grant Cook '55
Janet Strohm Mottola '56
Fred Snider '58
Louis Corvo '59
Jere Shough '59
Dan Markin '63
Nancy Roan Williams '65
Leslee Messerschmidt '69
Wes Morgan '74
Lynn Skaggs '77
George Burke '84
Margaret "Maggie" Prohaska '97

In Memoriam

Martha E Ardit '38	by Louis Ardit '38
Marilyn Herboltzheimer '41	by JoAnn Herboltzheimer Stevens '47
Herb Zeller '42	by Constance Zeller Hollingsworth '40
John Hartwell '43	by Gloria Wall Hartwell '44
John Hartwell '43	by Karen Hartwell Mack '76
Dorothy Mercer Taylor '43	by Mary Ellen Bentz '43
Stan Zeller '43	by Constance Zeller Hollingsworth '40
Nancy Kauffman Mowery '44	by Marshall Mowery '43 (Alexandra HS)
Joy Peters Browning '43	by Robert Peters '55
Richard Peters '47	by Robert Peters '55
Ted Poulton '47	by JoAnn Heywood Hoge '47
Lyle Shover '47	by JoAnn Heywood Hoge '47
Lyle Shover '47	by Mary Shover Price
Charlie Stevens Kelso '47	by Joan Stevens Rigal '52
Bob Rogers '48	by Arthur J Rogers '54
Jack Rudy '48	by David Rudy '52
Jim Rudy '48	by David Rudy '52
Terry Smith '50	by Alice Nelson Hannon-Taylor '50
Terry Smith '50	by David Rudy '52
Sharon & Dirk Voelker '50	by Dori Voelker Easdale '82
Dick Abbruzzese '51	by Bonnie Myers Mock '51
Charles Strecker	by Betty Martin Strecker '51
Dick Long '52	by Jane Davis Gladwin '53
Larry Berlin '53	by Roger Madison '53
Chuck Davis '53	by Jane Davis Gladwin '53
Norine Rose Hall	by Sid Hall '53
Richard "Rico" Long '53	by Dean Kette '53
Deceased members of the Class of '55	by Joan Moore Ruffner '55
Deceased Classmates of 1955	by Nancy Turner Bachman '55
Deceased Classmates of 1955	by Carolyn Welch '55
Gerald Igelsrud '55	by Chuck Bonifield '55
Elaine Looker Strutner '55	by Marcia Shepard Mock '55
Tarita McKinley Noble '55	by Dorothea Hankison Keller '55
Phyllis Tompkins '55	by John Davis '55
Randy Bobbitt '56	by Lennelle Dougherty McKinnon '54
Randy Bobbitt '56	by James Bobbitt '57
Classmates of 1956 no longer with us	by Ron & Jane Hess Harris '56
Kay Creaglow Yearick '56	by Rick Yearick '55
Roger Tracy '56	by Chuck Tracey '59
Louis Corvo '57	by John R Corvo '76
Mardelle Miller Grimm '57	by Art Miller '57
Fred Snider '58	by Larry Snider '63
Virginia Jones Miller '59	by Art Miller '57
Jere Shough '59	by Janice Shough Hays '59
Jackie Kuyper '61	by Carolyn Radebaugh Bellisari '61
Lynne Jones Sivy '63	by Judy Jones Davis '65
Deceased 1963 Classmates	by Tom Smith '63

In Memoriam

Pete Butler '64	by Bill Stevenson '63
Judy Edgington Richardson '64	by Dennis Richardson '64
John Shenefield '64	by Sherry Reaver Klingaman '64
Nancy Roan Williams '65	by Patrick Magee '64
Debbie Strunk '65	by Nicholas Cardi '65
Ron Rockey '67	by Michael Sibio '67
Skip Rogers '67	by Michael Sibio '67
Bruce Ingraham '68	by Pamela parker Thornburg '67
Tom Williams '68	by Joana Harper Bartholomew '44
Leslee Messerschmidt Cochran '69	by Steve Messerschmidt '64
Phoebe Parker Fuller '71	by Pamela parker Thornburg '67
Barbara Griffith '72	by The Class of '72
James Woolridge Jr '74	by Sandra Woolridge Corvo Serio '76
Kris Pulliam '75	by Bill Pulliam '64
Diamond Jaconetti Boggs '76	by Victoria Eckhardt '76
Julie Kennedy '76	by Laura Kennedy '80
Roger Woolridge Jr '78	by Sandra Woolridge Corvo Serio '76
Class of 1984 – Gone but not forgotten	by Brian Sammons '84
Dorothy Fink – Teacher	by Bill Fink '55
Mr. Cisler – Teacher	by Bill Fauth '67
Ralph Antolino Sr-school board	by Ralph Antolino Jr '73

In Honor

Edward Kauffman '42	by Marshall Mowery '43 (Alexandra HS)
Nancy Turner Bachman '55	by Dorothea Hankison Keller '55
Nancy Turner Bachman '55	by Jane Conklin Setterlin '55
The Class of 1959	by Susan Greenidge Williams '59
The Class of 1963	by Linda McCall Ireland '63
Debbie Latshaw Steller '67	by Jawn Ellen Facine Hoover '67
Robert Horn – Teacher	by Clifford Kemmerling '80
GHHS Faculty	by Lennelle Dougherty McKinnon '54

Veterans added since the FALL 2020 Issue

Robert Q Whipple '38	USAAC	D
Robert "Dick" Cleary '45	USA/USAF	D
Lee F Athearn '48	USA	D
Marion Sanford '53	USA	
Chapin Cole Brooks '53	USN	
Pete Butler '54	USMC	
Lowell Clark '57	USAF	
Lindsay Fink '59	USA	D
Fred Morehouse '61	USA	D
Paul Walker '67	USA	
Mike Self '68	USA	

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