

RHSAA NEWSLETTER

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ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2006
LABOR DAY WEEKEND
AT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

Join the 50-year reunion celebration
for the Class of 1956.

Come see the NEW CAPE
donated by RHSAA for Miss River.

All former and current
Miss River Queens and Mr. River Kings
will be featured.



The **Class of 1956** is ready to celebrate their 50-year reunion. With 61 class members who had class officers of Mylen Haught, President; Bill Crawford, Vice President; Susie Gehrig, Secretary; and Dave Lohri, Treasurer; the 1956 class will be the center of attention. Shelby (Baker) Repco, Donna (Goddard) Potts, Bill Crawford and Rich Haslam will be featured on videotape. Highlights from the 2005 reunion will also be shown on video. Interviews with Joe Dierkes, Walter Gilmore & Carol (Lehman) Williams from the 1955 class and Don Miracle, retired teacher will also be shown. Don is the only living teacher who taught at River in the beginning of RHS. Group pictures of **all honored classes**, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, & 1991 will be taken.

NEW CAPE DONATED FOR MISS RIVER



Since the RHSAA has chosen to donate a new cape for Miss River, it seems fitting to feature all former Miss River and Mr. River men and women during Alumni Weekend. Starting in 1959 with Josephine Wohnhas, 48 women have been selected to serve as Miss River. The first Mr. River, Dillon Bayes, was selected in 1965, and a total of 42 have been named so far. A complete list of all former Miss River and Mr. River appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Helen Weiss has volunteered to make a new cape for Miss River to wear. The new cape, funded by the RHSAA, will be presented to the school at the Home football game at River on Friday, September 1 of Alumni Weekend. The current cape

has never been replaced and plans are to store the original cape and preserve it.

We encourage all former Miss River and Mr. River royalty to attend the game on Friday night, September 1 and be recognized as a group to the crowd. All former royalty should receive a separate mailing from Diane Baker about Friday evening. On Friday night, all royalty should report to the area by the fieldhouse between 7 and 7:15 p.m. to get directions about where to report to for the alumni presentation of the new Miss River cape to River High School. Diane can be reached at (740) 483-1466. Also, all former Miss River and Mr. River are invited to attend the alumni dinner and program on Saturday, September 2 and be introduced at the banquet. Please use the reservation form on page 7 of this newsletter. **A group picture will be taken of all Miss River and Mr. River who attend the All-School Reunion.**

Please come and share your River Pilot Pride and enjoy the fellowship, program, and food. **Use the sign-up page in this letter to make reservations, or to pay dues, or to vote for 3 board members. Hope to see you on Saturday of Alumni Weekend.**

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Valerie (Miller) Fisher (1991) continues to be webmaster and reports that over a thousand visitors have come to the website since June 2005. Currently if you go to the website you will see links to the RHSAA Newsletter, Basketball Tournament, Contact Information for Class Coordinators, Reservation Form for the Reunion, a Discussion Board, and Member Web Sites.

We hope to add all service projects completed for RHS, all Lifetime and Platinum Club members, and all honorees so far for our various awards

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The RHS Alumni Board members wish to extend to all of you our appreciation for your support during the last 7 years. For those who live in the immediate area, we would extend a special invitation to attend our alumni reunion. Many of our alumni travel long distances to see and visit with their former classmates and friends. Those of us who live in the area and see each other more often would enjoy seeing former students that we may not have seen since graduation.

Last year the first class that graduated from RHS celebrated the 50th year since graduation. Seeing the joy they had at being reunited makes us realize the fundamental reason our organization exists. In the coming years, it will be your turn.

Each year we locate more of our students. If you need assistance in finding a classmate, we may be able to help you get connected.

Sincerely, Alvin Thompson, Class of 1959, RHSAA President.

**3rd ANNUAL RHSAAALUMNI BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT NETS OVER \$2400
FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
by Crystal Longwell**



The third Annual River Alumni Association's Alumni Basketball tournament was held on April 13, 14, and 15, 2006 at River's R.L. Potts gymnasium. Crystal Longwell (1989) coordinated the tourney. Five men's and two women's teams participated in this event. This event was started by the association in 2004 as a way to raise money for the RHSAA Scholarship Fund. Since its inception the association has increased the number of scholarships awarded to graduating seniors from two to six.

Sponsors for this year's tourney included: **Dr. Carl Novak (1963)**, sponsoring team 1975-79 "Dox Molar Marauders"; **Ty Dierkes (1981)**, sponsoring team 1980-84, Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home; **Jon Dierkes (1982)**, sponsoring team 1985-89, TEAM J.D.; **Tim Blue (1985)**, sponsoring team 1990-94, State Farm, Tim Blue; **Ohio Valley Community Credit Union** sponsoring team 1995-99; **Wetzel County Hospital** sponsoring team 2000-05; **Don Longwell (1968)**, sponsoring ladies team 1980-1993, F.W. Schumacher Insurance; and **Michelle (Meyer) Forni (1992)**, sponsoring ladies team 1994-2005, A. K. Apparel. **Charlie (1956) and Judy (1958) Isaly** were silver sponsors and **Jerry Gust (1972)**, Jerry Gust Masonry and Concrete, Inc. as well as **Rhea Caldwell (1980)**, Able's Cheese; and **Ron Isaly (1959)**, Ron Isaly Construction were red sponsors. **Other businesses making generous donations** to this event included: **Broughton's**, who supplied bottled water for the event; **Coca-Cola** who supplied pop for the concession stand; and **Chevron**, who supplied Doritos for the concession stand.

During the three-day event many activities were scheduled to include all ages. On Friday night, the **Hannibal Kindergarten class** performed the National Anthem prior to tip-off. Other events taking place on Friday night were the **Junior High 3-point shot contest**, as well as the **Junior High free throw contest**. Winning both events for their respective divisions were two Hannibal Elementary students: Autumn Beisel, daughter of Steve and Kristy Beisel (1990) of Duffy and Jordan Potts, son of Francis (1974) and Marla Potts of Hannibal. On Saturday, the **River High School Cheerleaders** performed their OVAC competition dance for all those in attendance.



Team members are listed below:

Ladies Team (1980-1993), sponsored by F. W. Schumacher Insurance Agency

Arlene (Isner) Cross, 1990; Lisa Arman-Blue, 1987; Dee Dee (Beisel) Lucas, 1989; Jennifer (Curtis) Marshall, 1989; Valerie (Miller) Fisher, 1991; Shauna (Gander) Reilmann, 1992; Robin (Snell) Eckhart, 1984; Amy (Williams) Eggleston, 1982; Fran (Tippie) Goddard, 1984; Cathy (Williams) Hamilton, 1985; Michelle (Susac) Williams, 1989.

Ladies Team (1994-2005), sponsored by A. K. Apparel

Amanda Collins, Staff; Kellee Isaly, 2004; Mandy (Beisel) Wohnhas, 1994; Jessica Gehrig, 2001; Jamison Gehrig, 2005; Shey Morris, 2001.

1975-79, Dox Molar Marauders, sponsored by Dr. Carl Novak

Scooter Tolzda, 1976; Mark Johnson, 1976; Jim Turner, 1979; Rick Isaly, 1978; Barry Kriechbaum, 1978; Jim DeLongo, Staff; Mark Kratz, 1977; Francis Potts, 1975; Dean Caldwell, 1977; John Miller, 1974.

1980-84, sponsored by Ty Dierkes, Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home

Kelly Dierkes, 1984; Jon Dierkes, 1982; Shannon Wohnhas, 1982; Rod Dennis, 1984; George Hammond, 1983; Troy Potts, 1984; Brent Isaly, 1982; Rob Caldwell, 1981; Brian Williams, 1981.

1985-89, TEAM J.D., sponsored by Jon Dierkes

Bob Smith, 1986; David Collins, 1987; Dan Lallathin, 1987; Chris Walters, 1987; Randy Snell, 1987; Craig Sebring, 1988; Rob Fuchs, 1989.

1995-99, sponsored by Ohio Valley Community Credit Union

Brandon Grimes, 1996; Ed Trifonoff, 1998; Justin Isaly, 1998; Jason Trembley, 1998; Mike Gehrig, 1998

2000-05, sponsored by Wetzel County Hospital

Justin Cochran, 2002; Trent Potts, 2001; Chris Pyles, 2000; Chris Isaly, 2001; Ryan Potts, 2001; Tim Price, 2001; Brian Boan, 2000; Nate Eggleston, 2004, Craig Bayless, 2000; Justin Lude, 1996.

GAME HIGHLIGHTS



Thursday night began with 1975-79, sponsored by Dr. Carl Novak, taking on 1995-1999, sponsored by Ohio Valley Community Credit Union. Scooter Tolzda led the team 75-79 with 16 points and Brandon Grimes had 21 for 95-99. Game 2 had team 85-89 winning by forfeit, as team 90-94 had no one reporting to play.

Three games were scheduled for Friday night. Game one began at 6:30 and saw the runner-up from last year's tourney team 1980-84 taking on team 1975-79. Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home was victorious over Dox Molar Marauders, 61-54. Jon Dierkes led the winners with 22. Scooter Tolzda had 20 for the Marauders. Team 1985-89 took on last year's champions, team 2000-05. It was tied at half-time, but at the end of the third quarter, the young guys had a four point advantage and went on to win, 54-48. Chris Isaly led the winners with 16, while Rob Fuchs had 18 for TEAM J.D. Game three of the night saw the ladies hitting the hardwood. Team 1994-2005 showed they still had game by thrashing team 1980-1993, 54-18. Leading the way for the winners was Jessica Gehrig with 10 and Lisa Arman-Blue led the losers with 8.

Saturday morning saw TEAM J.D. taking on the team sponsored by Ohio Valley Community Credit Union. A strong second half enabled the young guys to hand TEAM J.D. their second loss and end their time in the tournament this year. Final score was 60-48. It was a balanced attack by OVCCU with Mike Gehrig scoring 19, Trembley with 15, Justin Isaly with 13, and Brandon Grimes with 10. Rob Fuchs had 13 and Craig Sebring had 10 for TEAM J.D. Two unbeaten teams matched up in the second game of the day, with Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home taking on Wetzel County Hospital. The older team won 58-53 with Rob Caldwell leading all scoring with 20. Trent Potts had 14 for the losers. Dox Molar Marauders took on Ohio Valley Community Credit Union for the third game of the day. OVCCU was victorious again, 61-50. Brandon Grimes led the winners with 14, while Scooter Tolzda had

TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAILING LABEL ON THIS NEWSLETTER

In some cases two or more alumni have the same address, and we have mailed one newsletter to that address. Examples include: married couple who are both alumni, parent(s) and son(s) and/or daughter(s), brother(s) and sister(s). **If anyone on the label does not live at this address, such as a child in college, please tell us their mailing address so we can use it for the next mailing. Likewise, if we have put a name on the label that is not a member of your family, please let us know. Notify the following people:**

For **1955-85** grads, please contact Darlene (Jackson) Boston at PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail: bigdog36@adelphia.net

For **1986 to present**, please notify Crystal Longwell at PO Box 152, Hannibal, OH 43931 or e-mail: keykle@1st.net
For **former staff members**, contact either Darlene or Crystal.

We are trying to hold down postage so please share one newsletter and pass it on to one another. Feel free to photocopy any page for anyone who needs it.

If you have paid LIFE or PLATINUM dues before May, 2006, then an **L or P** is indicated on the label. Also your two-digit class year should appear by your name.

As of June 2006 we think we have 4,500 current mailing addresses for living alumni and staff after updating hundreds of addresses. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS CURRENT. Report changes to Darlene or Crystal.**

DALLY MEMORIAL LIBRARY ACCEPTS RHS YEARBOOK DONATIONS

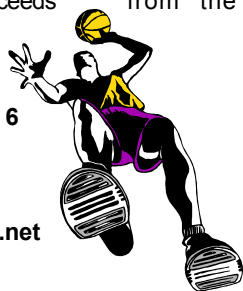
The Dally Memorial Library in Sardis now has yearbooks for 1955, 1956 and 1957. Bernice (Raper) Jones donated the 1955 book. Carol (Lehman) Williams (1955) contributed the books for 1956 and 1957. The yearbooks are useful for individuals to refresh their memories and for the RHSAA to research the history of the school

22 for the Marauders. OVCCU barely had time to catch their breath as they went up against Wetzel County Hospital in game four on Saturday. WCH was clearly well rested as they won 73-57 with Tim Price netting 18. Brandon Grimes had 26 for OVCCU. Game 5 became the Championship game and was also rematch of Game 2. It was clearly a battle until the final buzzer sounded. OVCCU handed Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home their first loss of the tournament with a 68-66 win. Chris Isaly had 22 for the winners and Rob Caldwell and Jon Dierkes each netted 23 for the Bolin-Dierkes team. The win forced game six and the winner of this game would be crowned tournament champions. After regulation the score was tied at 51. During the overtime, Shannon Wohnhas sunk a foul shot to put the game away. Their heart and determination proved to be more than the young guys could handle and **team 1980-84**, sponsored by Ty Dierkes of Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home was crowned the **2006 tournament champions**. Final score was 60-56 with Brent Isaly netting 22, Shannon Wohnhas and Rob Caldwell each had 16 for the winners.

Many alumni helped to make this event a huge success. It is not necessary to name them all, but it is important to express gratitude to each and everyone of them for their cooperation, no matter how big or small. The Alumni Association fosters communication among its members, and this tournament is enabling more and more alumni to get involved. It is truly proving that as long as everyone works together anything can be accomplished. As with previous years, the proceeds from this tournament go directly into the RHSAA Scholarship Fund. This year's proceeds from the tournament exceeded \$2,400.

Next year's tournament will be a two-day event scheduled for April 6 and 7, 2007.

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MISS RIVER AND MR. RIVER TRIVIA



Miss River and Mr. River royalty does run in the immediate family sometimes. For example, former Miss Rivers who are Mothers and Daughters include 1975 Diane Danford and 2002 Lea Baker, 1974 Rita Pfalzgraf and 1999 Jenna Gust. Former Miss River from 1978 Penni Caldwell and Mr. River 1977 Dean Caldwell are sister and brother. Miss River 1984 Kristy Irvin and Miss River 1988 Jill Irvin are sisters. 1966 Mr. River Dave Rose and 1990 Kyle Rose are father and son. Miss River 1986 Faye Smith and 1986 Mr. River Robert Smith are married. Mr. River 1984 John Zugaro and 1987 Tim Zugaro are brothers as well as Bill Mitchell in 1978 and Ed Mitchell in 1981. 1990 Cindy Lively and 1984 John Zugaro are married. These are all the family members that we are aware of.

Here is the complete list of names and graduation years for former Miss River and Mr. River:

1959, Josephine Wohnhas; 1960, Carole Miller; 1961, Barbara Remick; 1962, Lorna Ritchie; 1963, Paula Circosta; 1964, Emily Talbott; 1965, Nancy Deskins, Dillon Bayes; 1966, Pam Reese (deceased), Dave Rose; 1967, Pat Brown, Chuck Meyer; 1968,

Sheila Potts, Lemuel Tschappat; 1969, Glenna Feisley, Gary Winkler; 1970, Jackie Thompson, Tom Carpenter; 1971, Karen Kinser, Dave Bonar; 1972, Carol Winkler, Mike Robey; 1973, Melanie Kernik, Mike Flannery; 1974, Rita Pfalzgraf, Robert Shaffer; 1975, Diane Danford, John Anderson; 1976, Valerie Hulsey, Kenneth McIntire; 1977, Kelly Gates, Ronald Dean Caldwell; 1978, Penni Caldwell, Bill Mitchell; 1979, Crystal Daniels, Steven Zajdowicz; 1980, Shari Williams, John Talbot; 1981, Diana Jones, Ed Mitchell; 1982, Monica Rataiczak, Keith VanCamp; 1983, Jennifer Lehman, Albert Caldwell; 1984, Kristy Irvin, John Zugaro; 1985, Christine Luikart, Jerry Todd Wells; 1986, Faye Smith, Robert Smith; 1987, Becky Burgess, Tim Zugaro; 1988, Jill Irvin, Chris Beam; 1989, Monecia Nelms, Don Buff; 1990, Cindy Lively, Kyle Rose; 1991, Taffany Crall, John Modra; 1992, Melissa Kellner, Mike Snively; 1993, Kristine Lysien, Wes Dietrich; 1994, Emily McWilliams, Rico Simonetti; 1995, Tara Algeo, Dave Earley; 1996, Marci Smith, Courtney Robey; 1997, Bethany Rosen, Mario Costanzo; 1998, Lacey Bowers, Steve Horn; 1999, Jenna Gust, Tim Rush (deceased); 2000, Kristin Necessary, Michael Isaly; 2001, Jessica Gehrig, Brian Blatt; 2002, Lea Baker, Gerald Allan Swegard III; 2003, Abby Potts, Kyle Bowen; 2004, Ashley Winter, Ron Warrington; 2005, Megan Mellott, Jerry Potts; 2006, Alexandra Roberts, Cole Huffman

16 NEW LIFETIME, 2 NEW PLATINUM MEMBERS RECEIVED

Lifetime members now total 188. These 16 new members paid dues between June 2005 and May 2006.

Bob Beaver (1980)
Mary (Fuchs) Boston (1957)
Tom Carpenter (1970)
Dedra Kay (Talbot) Hammond (1989)
Danny Isaly (1973)
Steve Jackson (1981)
Linda Josefczyk (RHS Guidance Counselor)
Ronald Langsdorf (1958)
Michael Logston (1986)
Dave Lohri (1956)
Jeffrey Potts (1977)
Robert Scatterday (1987)
Monette (Nichols) Schupbach (1969)
Chester "Rocky" Slonaker (1988)
Jared Thompson (2004)
Janet (Ensinger) Tice (1955)

Linda (Byers) Colvin (1958) and Shella (Bryte) Ross (1960) were added to the Platinum Club membership making a total of 9. They join Joe Dierkes (1955) and Jon Dierkes (1982) father and son, Ron Talbot (1961), Butch Rush (1963), Avie (Ward) Greenslit (1960) and Darlene (Jackson) Boston (1960). Deceased member John Pierson (1960) completes the current list.

We hope to post the names of all 188 lifetime and 9 platinum members on our website www.riverhighalumni.org It will be an on-going project. It looks like we could easily reach 200 Lifetime memberships in 2006. If you have not joined as a Lifetime or Platinum member yet, you should give serious thought to it.

MEMBERSHIP HOLDS THIRD ANNUAL MEETING FOR CLASS COORDINATORS

On March 20, 2006, 17 people met in the RHS Library to work on missing mailing addresses. Those attending were: Shirley Moore and Donna Potts (1956), Sandy Dietrich (1971), Kathie Darrah (1973), Diane Baker (1975), Vicki Jones and Carol Smittle (1976), Crystal Longwell (1989), and Dana Fuchs (1991).

Ernie and Barbara Thode brought printouts of all class lists (1955 to present). Over 500 addresses have been collected during the last year. Linda Colvin, membership chairman, was in charge of the meeting.

CLASS COORDINATORS FOR SWISS HILLS GRADUATES

Two River grads from 1978, Joyce Fetty and Pam (Ludolph) Sparkman, are both working to locate alumni from Swiss Hills Career Center and have shared a lot of addresses the past 3 years. Our computer database benefits from this cooperative effort.

If you are a River grad who attended Swiss Hills and your address changes, please contact Joyce at (740) 483-1164 or e-mail Pam at pssparky@1st.net.

ALUMNI CHOIR TO PERFORM AT 2006 REUNION

Vicki (Arman) Voorhis (1962), director, plans for the choir to sing some more popular songs from the various decades at the 2006 Reunion. The singers will practice in the summer.

Fifteen former grads/teacher sang songs from the 50's and 60's at the 2005 reunion including Graduation Day; Dream, Dream, Dream; The Great Pretender; and Goodnite Sweetheart. The group was accompanied by Vicki Voorhis, pianist and director, along with Pastor Jerry Ernst of Hannibal United Methodist Church as a guest drummer. The singers were:

Marian (Busche) Brown (1957), Connie (Stoehr) Christman (1968), Sandy (Arman) Dietrich (1956), Betty (Gilmore) Gauding (1956); Clyde Gilmore (1968), Connie Graham (retired music teacher), Yvonne (Smittle) Grimes (1969), Lois (Martin) Kenney (1958), Bruce McIntire (1965), Lydia McIntire (1998), Kelly (Baranich) Merideth (1978), Lorraine (Meserve) Price (1966), Nancy (Arman) Rufener (1955), Fred Stoehr (1969), Charlotte (Rosenlieb) Wells (1968).

If you would like to join the singers, just contact any choir member listed above or Vicki Voorhis at (304) 455-4347.

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR RHS IN 2005

RHSAA donated \$1,500. toward new carpet in the bandroom, and it was installed before the reunion was held on September 3. A \$1,500. donation to help pay for a new scorer's table in the new gym was also made. That table has been used already in athletic events.

Dr. Vince Monseau, RHS principal, pointed out to the reunion audience in 2005 these and other recent improvements made at the high school and how alumni and staff have helped out. He truly appreciated this support.



RHS LANDSCAPING PROJECT TO START

Did you know that RHS has a P.R.I.D.E. Committee made up of 11 students and a faculty advisor? The current committee is raising funds to improve and beautify the landscaping in the circle area at the high school.

RHSAA has donated \$500. toward this first phase in the landscaping to remove and replace some shrubs, trim trees, etc. Plans include removing some of the existing landscape in the circle area at the front entrance to River High School. The landscapers will install perfect edge concrete and trim some of the existing trees. Some of the new shrubs and trees will include Weeping Cherry, six new dwarf trees, green boxwood and Princess Spirea along with red mulch. New RHS letters have been welded and painted for the entrance area by students at Swiss Hills Career Center. Nick Forni, Michael Howell and Stephen Byes, welding students, along with their instructor, Tom Rouse, and vo-ag students, Robert Rockwell, Randall Anderson and Brian Owens have completed the sign. Solar lights will be installed to illuminate the sign.

Barbara Keylor, RHS Librarian, serves as current faculty advisor. The committee started in 1997 when Mrs. Dunaway was at the high school. The current students on the committee include two freshmen, Brianna Garcia and Brandy Johnson; two sophomores, Troy Starr & Logan Meyer; three juniors, Tarah Taylor, Connor Goddard and Taylor Abbott; four seniors, Allison Blake, Maranda Dennis, Kayla Haney and Sam Trifonoff.

MINIATURE FACSIMILE OF RIVER HIGH SCHOOL FOR SALE

The RHSAA Board members are currently working on taking pictures of the River High School building. The picture will then be placed on a miniature block similar to the Cat's Meow series with the established date, etc. of River High School on the back. This item will be for sale at the reunion on September 2, 2006. **The price is \$12.50.**



REUNION 2005 HIGHLIGHTS

1960 CLASS DONATES REUNION ATTENDANCE AWARD

Darlene (Jackson) Boston, Shella (Bryte) Ross and Barbara (Schaub) Thode presented a wall plaque and trophy to the RHSAA to start a new tradition at the Annual All-School Reunion. That tradition is to honor the class or classes that have the highest number of classmates attending each reunion. The wall plaque with plates will be engraved with the class year of the winner(s). Currently, the wall plaque is hanging in the hallway near the RHS school office. A trophy is presented to the class to display on their tables at the reunion. After the reunion is over, the trophy will be stored until the next year's reunion.

The class winners currently engraved on the wall plaque are:

- 2000 winners—Classes of 1960 and 1965
- 2001 winner—Class of 1961
- 2002 winner—Class of 1962
- 2003 winner—Class of 1968
- 2004 winner—Class of 1959
- 2005 winner—Class of 1955

Which one(s) of the honored classes will be the winner on September 2, 2006?

SIX SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2005 GRADUATES

The Second Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament raised over \$2,000. for the scholarship fund. Therefore, RHSAA was able to increase the scholarship amount to \$350.00 each and the number of students from four to six.

The winners were: Courtney Antill, daughter of Chuck and Linda Antill of Powhatan Point; Kimberly Gibson, daughter of John and Tammy Gibson of Woodsfield; Eric Krieg, son of Bruce and Vicki Krieg, New Matamoras; Carissa Rose, daughter of Jimmy and Anita, Powhatan Point; Shauna Smith, daughter of Ron and Delores Smith, Sardis; and Ashley Thatcher, from Swiss Hills, daughter of William and Rose Ann Thatcher, Powhatan Point. Jim Miller and Alvin Thompson presented certificates to the winners. After notification from each college that the students had completed their first semester or quarter of college, they each received a \$350.00 check.

Kimberly Gibson is attending WV Northern and majoring in Nursing. Carissa Rose and Shauna Smith are both enrolled at OUE and have chosen Early Childhood Education. Ashley Thatcher who attended Swiss Hills chose Belmont Tech and Nursing for her course work. Eric Krieg is at Kent State majoring in Broadcast Journalism. Courtney Antill is at West Liberty State College majoring in Math Education.

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD PRESENTED

Jim Miller presented this new award at the 2005 Reunion in Memoriam to three alumni, Steven Janeda, Dwight Ball, and James Ravencraft, who are all deceased veterans. Family members who received a plaque honoring each recipient were: Chuck & Dianne Merckle, Helen Wycoff & Geraldine Petersen, Elizabeth, Paul & Joyce Ravencraft. A permanent plaque with the names engraved on it will hang at RHS. The Alumni Board will select each year at least one but not more than three alumni for their outstanding achievement and/or service to the community, county, state, or nation. The board welcomes names for nominees to be considered from any River alumni.

PILOT LOG TO APPEAR ON AUGUST 31, 2006

Buy a Beacon that week if you do not already subscribe to the newspaper. Your RHS Alumni are featured.

RECOGNITION OF FORMER AND CURRENT RHS STAFF

The 2005 Reunion was celebrating 50 years of River High School. Crystal Longwell and Jennifer Haught introduced 17 former staff members. Those included Don Miracle who is the only living teacher from the staff in 1954-55 when RHS opened. Others introduced were: David Andersen, principal; Mary Boston, secretary; Don Cavalier, teacher and assistant principal; Linda Colvin, secretary to the Clerk of the Board of Education; Janice Dierkes, school nurse; Connie Graham, music teacher; James Habermehl, teacher and coach; Vera Logston, cook; Crystal Longwell, coach; Jim Miller, teacher and coach; Mark Miracle, coach; Deborah Schnegg, secretary; Sherrie Stalder, coach; Alvin Thompson, coach; Connie Thompson, and Rita Walters, teacher. Current staff members introduced were: Gardner Curtis, basketball coach; Nancy Curtis, cook; and Dr. Vince Monseau, principal. Michael Staggs, new Supt. of Schools, also attended.

HONORED CLASSES FOR 2005

Members of honored classes who introduced other classmates attending were: for 1955, Joe Dierkes; 1960, Avie (Ward) Greenslit; 1965, Lester Ullman; 1970, Jimmy Lehman; 1975, by board member, Jennifer Haught; 1980, Kevin Porter; 1985, Lori Williamson; 1990, Eric Fuchs. Gary Walters from the 1980 class and Carol (Lehman) Williams of the 1955 class traveled the farthest from Colorado Springs, CO, and both received an RHS alumni flag.

MILDRED AND BERNARD SCHWARTZ RECEIVE MALLETT AWARD

Mildred and Bernard Schwartz were the 2005 recipients of the Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award. Mildred taught Business Education at River from 1957 to 1966, and Bernard was a Science teacher from 1957 through 1979. Mr. & Mrs. Schwartz dedicated their careers to the students at RHS. They truly did care about all the students. Although they did not have any children of their own, they were certainly blessed with many of their own children at River High School. Their names have been added to the permanent plaque which hangs at River High School. A book has been donated to the Dally Memorial Library in the Schwartzes' honor.

In 2000 Harry E. Mallett was honored at the first All-School Reunion for his outstanding service and dedication to RHS. The award named in his honor became the HARRY E. MALLETT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD which began in 2001. This award goes to individuals who have shown dedication and service to RHS and can be given in memoriam or in honor of the recipient(s). The honorees so far are the following
2001—Martin Flannery, Teacher and Coach, in Memoriam
2002—Richard L. Potts, Teacher and Coach, in Memoriam
2003—Dorothy Mozena, Custodian, in Memoriam
2004—Ron Sebring, 1962 graduate and longtime volunteer, in Honor of



SILENT AUCTION AND AFGHAN WINNERS

Following the dinner, the drawing for the River Pilot afghan, which Lorraine (Meserve) Price (1966) made, was held. The winner was Lea Baker, a 2002 graduate. Ty Dierkes, 1981 grad, won the silent auction for the old RHS Post Office Box Bank. All proceeds went into the Scholarship Fund.

CLASS REUNIONS ENJOYED in 2005

The Class of 1960 met for the 45th year reunion on Friday, September 2, 2005 at Marv's Place in Sardis. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and wonderful food. Darlene (Jackson) Boston decorated a memory tree and assembled gift bags for each person attending.

The class of 1985 held a 20 year reunion on July 23 at Undo's in Elm Grove with a dinner and dance.

The class of 1990 held the 15 year reunion on September 2 at the Lewis Wetzel Center in New Martinsville, WV.

1966 CLASS WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER

The class of 1966 will hold its 45-year reunion on Saturday morning of Alumni Weekend with a brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The planning committee has asked all class members to send information to them so a booklet can be assembled about all of their classmates.

CLASS OF 1976 TO MEET

The class of 1976 will hold a 30th year reunion on Saturday, August 19 at Undo's in Elm Grove. Social hour will start at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m. followed by a dance.

ALUMNI FLAGS

You can buy an alumni flag at the reunion. Show your colors!

MEMBERSHIP TYPES and DUES:

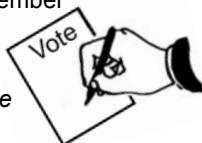
- 1) Lifetime –
For RHS graduates or those who attended RHS. Individuals are designated as members of the River Pilot Club. Payment of \$100 dues.
- 2) Full –
For RHS graduates or those who attended RHS. Annual payment of \$5 dues.
- 3) Associate –
For SPOUSES of alumni, employees, or Board of Education members. Annual payment of \$5 dues. Non-voting.
- 4) Complimentary –
No charge for the first year following graduation of each RHS student.
- 5) Platinum River Pilot Club – One payment of \$500. Or two annual payments of \$250.00 each within two consecutive years. Or Lifetime upgrade with one \$400.00 payment or two annual payments of \$200.00 each within two consecutive years.

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RHSAA:

- If you attended or graduated from River High School
- are a current spouse of a graduate
- are a past or present RHS employee
- are a past or present Board of Ed member

BALLOT

The ballot form is on the sign-up page. Please VOTE for 3 persons to serve on the Board of Directors from 2006 through 2009. If you are a current full or life or platinum RHSAA member or will be by Sept. 2, 2006



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Just complete the membership section on the **sign-up page**.

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1955 – Bernice (Raper) Jones	1982 – Tabitha (Potts) Dierkes & Amy (Williams) Eggleston
1956 – Shirley (Ritchie) Moore & Donna (Goddard) Potts	1983 – Valerie (Crawford) Williamson
1957 – Mary (Fuchs) Boston	1984 – Jim Bryan & Tina (Gallaher) Miller
1958 – Stella (McDougal) Forni	1985 – Lori Williamson
1959 – Sonja (Thomas) Taylor	1986 – Kristie (Langsdorf) Turner & Faye (Smith) Smith
1960 – Darlene (Jackson) Boston	1987 – Sheila (Amos) Thomas & David Hammond
1961 – Carolyn (Pinkerman) Crawford & Bonnie (Schaum) Logston	1988 – Kevin Winkler
1962 – Judi (Luikart) McIntire	1989 – Crystal Longwell & Kiley (Talbot) Hammond
1963 – Karen (Reese) Hupp	1990 – Christina (Crothers) Logston
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1965 – Mary (Winkler) Sebring	1992 – Jennifer Haught
1966 – Sue (Stack) Grossenbaugh/Jeanne (Spear) Ritchie	1993 – Jennifer (Gallagher) Tank
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1969 – Cheryl (Moore) Gilmore	1996 – Jade Krempasky
1970 – Rita (Dierkes) Walters	1997 – Jamee (Greenlee) Stewart
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1973 – Kathie (Schneegg) Darrah/Theresa (Pryor) Knowlton	2000 – Natalie Gehrig
1974 – Adele Armann	2001 – Jordan Wright & Jessica Gehrig
1975 – Diane (Danford) Baker & Connie (Miller) Thompson	2002 – Shannon Bailey
1976 – Kelly (Prystasz) McIntire	2003 – Lindsey Romick & Kayla Matesick
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1978 – Kelly (Massie) Wright	2005 – Shana Swan & Jamison Gehrig
1979 – Pam Beisel	2006 –
1980 – Julie Miramont	Swiss Hills – Joyce Fetty, 1978, & Pam (Ludolph) Sparkman, 1978
1981 – Ty Gates	Staff, Employees, Board – Mary (Winkler) Sebring, 1965