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GOOD OLD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL AS YOU REMEMBER IT WHEN YOU WERE IN SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED FOR A COMPLETE RENOVATION TO BEGIN IN APRIL, 2011!

2010 ALUMNI WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 4th & 5th IS A FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE CURRENT RHS BUILDING.

According to the Project Update in March from the Switzerland of Ohio District News, the tentative opening dates for each building on the riverfront are:

Hannibal/Sardis Elementary, August, 2011 Powhatan Elementary, December, 2011 River High School Renovation, August, 2012 GOLF GET-TOGETHER on Saturday.



September 4th at Riverside Golf Course, north of Sardis. Tee times are not available on the Holiday Weekend. You will

need to start before 9:00 a.m. due to a large group that plays every Saturday at 9:00 o'clock. Starting around 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. would be best. Green fees and half cart for 18 holes is \$20.00 for Seniors 55 or over. If you have any questions, contact Ron or Phyllis Jackson at 740.483.1753

11th Annual All-School Reunion with Dinner & Program, Saturday, September 4 at RHS in Air-conditioned Old Gym

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Registration, Group photos, Social time, Browse through pictures and scrapbooks, See the Memorial display featuring deceased alumni, View the collection of Alumni who have served & are currently serving in the Military Service, watch the Slide show of pictures from the honored classes & the 2000 and 2005 Reunions. River Alumni t-shirts & sweatshirts will be for sale. Please consider buying raffle tickets for Mrs. Kindelberger's afghan, Jayne Maxwell's oil painting, and a 50-50 drawing. A "Chinese Auction" will be held again where you purchase tickets and then choose where to put them for a chance on 16 items.

Picture Schedule for Honored Classes & Alumni Board: Alumni Board (3:00), 1955 (3:15), 1960 (3:30), 1965 (3:45), 1970 (4:00), 1975 (4:15), 1980 (4:30), 1985 (4:45), 1990 (5:00) Orders for pictures are taken the night of the reunion. Price is \$15.00 for an 8 x 10 color picture, includes postage/handling/tax.

5:00 p.m. - Seating of Honored Classes & Other Honorees

5:15 p.m. - Program begins 6:00 p.m. - Catered dinner

7:00 p.m. - Program continues following dinner

Another first for the reunion - The first graduating class of RHS, Class of 1955, will be celebrating their 55-year reunion. Congratulations!

The 50-year reunion belongs to the Class of 1960. Class officers Sue Wiggins, President; Phyllis Grossenbaugh, Vice President; Cathy Pletcher, Secretary; Marlene Schnegg, Treasurer; were the leaders of 64 class members.

Any alumni, former teachers and staff, and their guests are invited to attend the reunion. A temporary handicapped ramp will be available at the front door to the reunion. Be sure to look at the display to honor deceased alumni & staff with printed obituaries & candles. Family or friends may take these items home at the end of the reunion.

SEE the SIGN-UP PAGE on Page 3 in this letter to pay dues and/or donations, to vote by ballot for 3 board members, and to make dinner reservations for the reunion and purchase tickets to the dance.

Also, you can print PAGE 3 from the website at www. riverhighalumni.org.

<u>Dance after Reunion on Saturday night at</u> the Union Hall in Clarington

8:00 p.m. till Midnight - Tickets for admission are \$10.00 each for ages 21 and older. Jason Headley, a 1996 RHS grad, will be the DJ and play your favorites. Pop, chips, and ice will be available for all who attend.

SEE PAGE 3 WHERE YOU CAN ORDER TICKETS BY FILLING OUT THE MAIL-IN FORM.
TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE UNION HALL SATURDAY EVENING.

Questions: e-mail riverpilot66@hotmail.com

Picnic at Bruce Park in New Martinsville, WV, on Sunday, Sept 5th

4:00 p.m. - Drop in to chat with other alumni. If you wish, bring a dish/food to share, drinks & table service to the large

picnic shelter reserved for River Alumni. Meal will start around 4:30. You can stay as long as you wish. A nice playground and a ball diamond are available at the park. Directions to Bruce Park: Go south on St. Rt. 2 from the Ohio River Bridge. Go to the 3rd traffic light from the bridge & turn right into the park.

Questions: e-mail valeriefisher483@yahoo.com

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If you want to know more about the alumni or events, just ask any board member.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS?

PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES IN MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NO., or E-MAIL ADDRESS to:

Darlene Boston PO Box 232 New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to <darleneboston@att.net>

PILOT LOG TAB IN BEACON SEPTEMBER 2, 2010

Be sure to buy a Monroe County Beacon that week if you do not already subscribe to the newspaper. Your RHS Alumni are featured.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2009 GRADUATES

RHSAA awarded five scholarships of \$350.00 each to 2009 graduating seniors. The winners were: Kelsey Krempasky, Chelsea Lowe, Kelsey McGuire, Dalton McIntire, & Epic Wayts

RIVER ALUMNI MEMORIAL LIST & MILITARY LIST ADDED TO RHSAA WEBSITE, www.riverhighalumni.org

Joyce Fetty, a 1978 grad, would appreciate any additions or corrections to these lists. You can reach her by e-mail <u>jafetty78@yahoo.com</u>, phone, (740) 483-1164; or 46028 Benwood Rd., Sardis, OH 43946

Joyce, along with Chris Williams, 1994 grad, will display a framed Obituary and a candle at the 2010 Reunion for every alumni & staff member who has died since the 2009 Reunion. Any donations for frames & candles will be greatly appreciated.

CLASS COORDINATORS HOLD YEARLY MEETING IN MARCH

On March 25, 2010, the following coordinators met at RHS: Taylor Abbott (2007), Darlene Boston (1960), Kathie Darrah (1973), Stella Forni (1958), Lori Greening (1985), Marsha Keevert (1980), Judi McIntire (1962), Shirley Moore (1956), Jill Schumacher (1977), Mary Sebring (1965), Carol Smittle (1976), Christy Thomas (1990), and Kelly Wright (1978). Barbara Dennis (1966) and Janet Conn (1966), Membership Committee members were also present.

2009 REUNION AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

The 50-year class, 1959, won the attendance award.

The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award was presented to Betty Farnsworth, retired RHS secretary.

Two Alumni Hall of Fame Outstanding Achievement Awards were given to Amy Logston (1989) and David Hammond (1987).

Former Basketball Athletes & Coaches honored included: Raymond Raper (1957), Denise (Beisel) Lucas (1989) member of 1988 OVAC AA championship team, Kelsie Tisher (2006) member of 2004 OVAC AA championship team, Dave Wright (1973) and Mike Flannery (1973) members of 1973 OVAC AA championship team, Gard Curtis, Assistant Coach for 1973 team; Mark Miracle (1967) Assistant Coach for 1983, 1987, 1988 & 1997 girls' championship teams; Tom Tisher (1973) Coach of the same 4 teams with Mark plus the 2004 team. Ryne Romick (2005) & Melissa (Mistovich) Bowers (2000) were recognized at the Alumni Basketball Tournament for scoring 1000 points during their high school career.

Inducted into the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame were: 2007 Track team, Shaleena Rhodes, Softball (2008); Troy Starr, Football (2008); D. J. Duke, Football & Track (2009); and Tom Tisher, Girls' Basketball Coach & Athletic Director. See our website for more details on these honors.

WELCOME NEW LIFETIME & PLATINUM MEMBERS

Here are the newest 12 life members and one platinum member since June 2009:

Cheryl (Litman) Dennison (1964) William Dennison (1965) Ray Dietrich (1959) David Hammond (1987) Connie (Hartman) Irvin (1967) Robert L. Jones (1964) David McIntire (2002)
Judith (Luikart) McIntire (1962)
Walter McIntire (1962)
Rebecca (Milliron) May (1984)
Rebecca (McIntire) Milosavljevic (2001)
Cecile (Cote) Ross (1971)

Platinum member - Jackie (Underwood) Jim (1969) See our website **www.riverhighalumni.org** for the entire list of 241 life members & 16 platinum members.

TO ALL USERS OF OUR WEBSITE - www.riverhighalumni.org

Please give your friends who are River grads on Facebook & other social network sites this address & encourage them to visit our website. When you go to our website, you will find Class Coordinators, Memorial & Military Lists, Platinum & Lifetime members, write-ups of previous basketball tournaments, RHSAA newsletters, Alumni Reunions, photos, etc.

Feel free to photocopy this SIGN-UP PAGE for anyone who needs it. This page also appears on the Website where you can print off a copy.

Return this page to Barbara Thode, Reunion Registrar 30 Kern Dr., Marietta, OH 45750-7882

Please make your check payable to RHSAA for the total amount of Donations and/or Dues and/or Dinner Reservations and/or tickets to the Dance.

Reservations are due by August 21, 2010

Absolutely no later than August 28 so that we can plan seating, setups, food, and program details. SEATING AT THE REUNION IS TIGHT. EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE BY THE DEADLINE. IF NOT PRE-REGISTERED, YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT AT THE DOOR UNTIL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CAN REGISTER & BE SEATED.

If you have questions especially for reunion & need to pre-register by phone, please contact; Kelly Wright, cell phone (740) 359-3481, or e-mail valeriefisher483@vahoo.com

CONATION to help defray Operating Expenses for RHSAA. Any dollar amount is great on at least one of the RHSAA print & mail 4500 newsletters, support the website, pay for the website.	eatly appreciated. for expenses during Alumni Wee	ekend etc.
Note. If donation is \$100, then you will also get recognition for a Lifetime members	ship or if \$500, a Platinum memb	pership.
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CKETS FOR DANCE: For 21 years & older No @ \$10.00 each	Total for DANCE TICKETS	\$
Tickets to the Dance will also be available at the	door at the Union Hall in Claring	ton.
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED





Frequently I listen to the music of Aaron
Neville. One of his songs contains the
lyrics, "Cause, it took me, who I was, and
where I've been to make me who I am".
For those of you reading this, the place we
have all been is a time span of four years
at River High School. Over 5,000 of us
have graduated from RHS in 55 different
commencements. It's a place we've been
and the faculty, staff and students have helped to shape the
lives we live today. Join us in the activities of Alumni Weekend to
re-connect with friends and to meet members of the Pilot family
that graduated before and after you. Come to connect with other
Pilots. Connection with others makes us who we are and Alumni
Weekend is the opportunity for Pilot connections.

Sincerely, Janet (Witten) Conn Class of 1966, RHSAA President



RHSAA PROUDLY PRESENTS

ALUMNI WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

SCHEDULED EVENTS



GOLF GET-TOGETHER on Saturday

11TH ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WITH
DINNER & PROGRAM on Saturday

DANCE AFTER REUNION on Saturday

PICNIC IN BRUCE PARK on Sunday