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16th ANNUAL ALL—SCHOOL REUNION WITH DINNER & PROGRAM
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015, AT RIVER HIGH SCHOOL - LABOR DAY WEEKEND - NEW CAFETERIA
 The Cafeteria and Stage area, in front of R.L. Potts Gymnasium, are designed to accommodate 240 people.

EVERY FIFTH-YEAR CLASS FROM 1955 TO 2010 WILL BE HONORED.
ANY RIVER ALUMNI, FORMER TEACHERS & STAFF, AND THEIR GUESTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.
River High School is handicapped accessible.

**PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN BY AUGUST 22nd &
 HELP THE REUNION COMMITTEE, REGISTRAR, & CATERER
 PREPARE FOR THE EVENT!**



3:30 to 5:00 p.m. – Allow time to walk through the new RHS building. 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. Please consider buying raffle tickets for Sheryl (Martie) Dupke's afghan. Sheryl is a 1979 River grad. Kelly Merideth, a 1978 grad, has donated a watercolor painting. Also, a 50-50 drawing will be held. A "Chinese Auction" will be held again where you purchase tickets and then choose where to put them for a chance on several items.

Picture Schedule for Honored Classes & Alumni Board: Loren Romick, 1978, photographer (Regal Photography), will continue to use the same time schedule & wants the 50-year class 1965 to be at the end since typically that is a large group. 1955, (3:30), 1960 (3:45), 1970 (4:00) 1975 (4:10), 1980 (4:20), 1985 (4:30), 1990 (4:40), 1995, 2000, 2005, and 2010 (4:50), 1965 (5:00). Alumni Board, (6:45). Orders for pictures are taken the night of the reunion. Price is \$15.00 for an 8 x 10 color picture, including 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

The class of 1955 will be celebrating their 60-year reunion.
 The 1960 class will celebrate their 55-year reunion.
 The 50-year reunion belongs to the Class of 1965.

Congratulations to these former grads for reaching these three milestones!

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.

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

**RHSAA SENDS 1,200 NEWSLETTERS
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Our newsletter consultant, Dona Cernus, is mailing 1,100 newsletters electronically using the Constant Contact service. The RHSAA pays her to send the electronic as well as paper letters. It is a lot less expensive for us to send electronic newsletters than paper. If we do not have an e-mail address for you, then you will get your newsletter in the postal mail along with about 3,500 others. We only plan to e-mail a notice of fundraisers and the annual newsletter each year. We will not sell the e-mail addresses. The subject line will show **River High Alumni Hannibal, OH Newsletter 2015**. It will identify that it is from River High Alumni Committee and sent from barbarathode@gmail.com. (The postal letters show Barbara Thode's address in Marietta). If you receive the newsletter by e-mail, it can be forwarded to a classmate(s), you can change your e-mail address if you get a different e-mail in the future, or you can unsubscribe & we will send you a paper copy the following year.

If you hear that someone never got an e-mail or paper newsletter, direct them to our website, www.riverhighalumni.org, where they can read the newsletter. (Make sure it is this website.) The classmate can sign up to receive the newsletter electronically next year. To register for the reunion or send dues or donations, print out the newsletter from the website and send it by postal mail.

If you got the 2015 letter through the postal mail, but you could go to our website, www.riverhighalumni.org, to read the newsletter next year, then send an e-mail to Darlene Boston, darleneboston@att.net, and tell her **YES ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER** We will add you to our Electronic Mailing List. Going digital saves us tremendous postage costs. The last time we mailed newsletters, more than 4,500 went through the post office, and hundreds of them covered two or more names at the same address. RHSAA paid \$1,425.00 for postage alone.

PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES in your contact info and/or your getting on the Electronic Mailing List for next year to Darlene Boston, PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to <darleneboston@att.net>

RIVER ALUMNI MEMORIAL LIST & MILITARY LIST CONTINUES ON OUR 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 at jafetty78@yahoo.com

Every alumni & staff member who has died since the 2014 Reunion will be mentioned in a display at the 2015 Reunion.

Any donations for frames & candles in the display will be greatly appreciated.

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TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2015

Ben Duvall (1975)

benandholly@windstream.net

Secretary – Illa Jean (Shook) Lower (1969)

Illajlower@aol.com

Treasurer – Kelly (Baranich) Merideth (1978)

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TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2016

President - Elmer Nichols, Jr. (1989)

ednichojr@hotmail.com

Vice President - Amy (Williams) Eggleston (1982)

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Monette (Nichols) Schupbach (1969)

Monette0101@gmail.com

TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2017

Lydia McIntire (1998)

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Loren Romick (1978)

regal.photography@yahoo.com

Shannon (Nelms) Smith (1982)

ssmith@wetzhealth.org

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

WELCOME NEW

LIFETIME & PLATINUM MEMBERS

The newest Platinum Club member is
Ralph Huffman, 1968

Here are the newest life members since June 2014.

Dr. Alan L. Beaver (1961)
Richard E. "Dick" Collins (1969)
Larry Minder (1959)
Jason Richard Miller (2014)
Kenneth Reusser (1957)
Terry Snively (Retired faculty)
Jack Underwood (1972)

These grads have joined the membership list, making 21 platinum members and 285 life members. Just imagine how you could help the River Alumni Association grow if you became either a lifetime or platinum member!

FORMER SARDIS ELEMENTARY NOW A COMMUNITY CENTER

The old Sardis Elementary building has been purchased by Lee Township. Some businesses have rented space in the building and there's hope for more. A new roof on one section is completed and more improvements are planned. An outdoor picnic pavilion is on the to-do list. The communities are using the former school buildings for very worthwhile activities.

Data Base TRIVIA

7693 names = Grads, Former Faculty (148), Former Staff (59)

443 Deceased

606 Families

3000 plus newsletters mailed requiring postage

1263 - receive email version of newsletter



BASKET BINGO

On April 26, 2015, the RHSAA raised \$8,021.61 for the RHSAA scholarship fund at a Basket Bingo held at the former Hannibal Elementary School building. Generous donations from you of food, money, and items for raffles and auctions, and sale of tickets for bingo, all contributed toward this successful event. Kelly Wright organized the event again. This surpassed all previous years.

When the Alumni Association was formed, two \$100.00 scholarships were awarded to one girl and one boy graduate. A few years later, four were awarded. When you read the list of names for 2015, you will count 10 students who received \$500 each. We've come a long way. Thank you everyone!

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2015 GRADUATES

RHSAA awarded scholarships of \$500.00 each to these 2015 graduates:

- Zoe Rush, daughter of Kiz & Dan Rush of Powhatan Point. Zoe will attend Muskingum University majoring in Nursing.
- Aaron Yost, son of Greg & Bobbi Yost in Hannibal, plans to enroll in Harding University in Education.
- Haylee Bowers, daughter of Scott & Pam Bowers of Hannibal plans to become a Physical Therapist assistant.
- Dane Butler, son of Brian & Dagny Butler of Hannibal. Dane attended Swiss Hills & will be going to DeVry University to major in Cyber Security.
- Mikayla Newman, daughter of Diane Corrigan and Rob Newman. Mikayla will be attending Alderson-Broadus to pursue a Biology degree & get a Master's in Speech Pathology.
- Mackenzie Marshall, daughter of Mark & Jennifer Marshall of Sardis. Mackenzie plans to attend Marietta College and major in Business.
- Monica Curtis, daughter of Chuck & Judi Curtis of New Matamoras. Monica will attend Marietta College & plans to get a degree in Early Childhood Education.
- Amanda Bennett, daughter of Ronald & Pamela Bennett. Amanda has chosen West Virginia University to study Biomedical Engineering & Pediatrics.

The River High School Alumni Class of 1969 scholarships, given by Monette Nichols Schupbach, also \$500 each:

- Mackenzie Wade, daughter of Tammy & Brett Wade of Sardis. Mackenzie selected Ohio University & will pursue Physical Therapy.
- Wesley Lloyd, son of Mike & Kitty Lloyd in Hannibal. Wesley plans to get a B.S. degree in Chemistry.

HELP WANTED: FOR 501 (C) (3) PROCESS

The RHSAA would like to hire a CPA or attorney familiar with the legal forms needed to complete our 501 (c) (3) application process. Alumni board members will assist in providing the information needed for filling out the multiple forms. A successful designation as a 501 (c) (3) organization will enable the RHSAA to receive tax-exempt contributions from corporations, as well as individuals. This will help our scholarship funds for graduates grow.

Please e-mail Amy Eggleston, Vice President & board member,
AmyEggleston@bayerhfcu.com

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY THAT WE KNOW ABOUT READ AT 2014 REUNION

James Atkinson, 1964

Ronald Ault, 1971

Cathie (Brown) Bayes, 1972

Betty (Conley) Farnsworth, Secretary

Gail Fetters, 1972

Robert Fleming, 1971

Wilson "Lee" Frye, 1960

Cathy (Pletcher) Grimes, 1960

Tim Harrigan, 1997

Pearl (Farnsworth) Heddleson, 1960

Ada Mae (Lude) Howell, Custodian

Charles Huffman, 1972

Charles "David" Ivey, 1967

Debbie (Ault) Jones, 1972

Sherry (Schupbach) Lallatin, 1968

Rhonda (McPeck) Larkin, 1977

Brian Potts, 1977

Julia (Lusher) Probst, 1959

Jackie (Remick) Reed, 1977

Karen (Bowen) Rouse, 1958

Ralph Smittle, 1961

Jerry Lynn Stewart, 1974

Tracy Sullivan, 1978

Dustin "Dusty" Wade, 2012

Matthew Wilson, 2007

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

**Return this page to Kathie Darrah, Reunion Registrar
44863 State Route 78, Woodsfield, OH 43793**

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

**RESERVATIONS ARE DUE ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN AUGUST 22, 2015
SO THAT WE CAN PLAN SEATING, SETUPS, FOOD, AND PROGRAM DETAILS. SEATING AT THE REUNION IS TIGHT.
EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL OR E-MAIL BY THE DEADLINE. The cafeteria holds 240 people.**

If you have questions especially for reunion & need to pre-register by e-mail, please contact Kelly Merideth, kellymerideth@gmail.com.

DONATIONS, DUES, AND REUNION RESERVATIONS

DONATION to help defray Operating Expenses for RHSAA. Any dollar amount really appreciated.

Donations help the RHSAA print and mail over 4,000 newsletters, support the website, pay for expenses during Alumni weekend, make application for 501C-3 non-profit status, etc.

*Note. If donation is \$100, then you will also get recognition for a Lifetime membership or if \$500, a Platinum membership.

Donation for RHSAA \$ _____

Donation for Scholarships \$ _____

DONATION to the Scholarship Fund..Same options as explained above.

DUES: Please check your category if already a:

- Current Life member Current Platinum member
- Full-one year @ \$5.00 Associate @ \$5.00 New Lifetime @ \$100.00 New Platinum @ \$500.00
- (Spouse non-voting)

Total enclosed for DUES \$ _____

DINNER RESERVATIONS: No. _____ @ \$20.00 for each grad & each guest

Total for RESERVATIONS \$ _____

STOP AT REGISTRATION TO GET YOUR NAME TAG(S)

PLEASE FILL IN NAMES BELOW ON THIS FORM! SEE BALLOT BELOW TO VOTE!

Please make your check payable to RHSAA. Total Enclosed \$ _____
If you want a confirmation/receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

WE NEED EVERY GRAD'S NAME & ADDRESS, etc., & NAME OF ANY GUEST WHO IS ATTENDING. EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST SENDING MONEY BUT NOT ATTENDING, IT KEEPS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT FOR OUR MAILING. CHECK THE BOX BELOW THE E-MAIL BLANK TO GET FUTURE NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL.

Name(s): Mr. _____ RHS Class of _____

Include maiden name Mrs. _____ RHS Class of _____

Miss _____ RHS Class of _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

e-mail: _____ Telephone: () _____

If you wish to receive FUTURE NEWSLETTERS & OTHER INFO BY E-MAIL, & reduce our mailing costs, check this box.

You should be able to print the newsletter.

I am interested in serving on **Board of Directors**, **Committees** I have an idea for a **project** _____

CLIP & SEPARATE BALLOT FOR TABULATION OF VOTE

NOTE

RHSAA BALLOT. VOTE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 3-year term for September 2015 to September 2018.

Each voting member can vote for 3 candidates. (Note: In By-Laws, Associate members (spouses) are **NON-voting** members.)

A married couple who **BOTH** attended or graduated RHS can both vote on one ballot.

The two boxes are provided so a married couple (both voting members) can both vote for the same candidate if they choose.

- Jackie Binegar (1978) Courtney Frye (2009) Marcy Merideth (2008)
- Logan Binegar (2008) Amy Logston (1989)

Everybody Circle your membership status: Full Life Platinum

I hereby certify that I am a current full, life, or platinum member of RHSAA (or will be by August 22, 2015) and am eligible to vote.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RHSAA!

River High School Alumni Association
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 Marietta, OH 45750-7882

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2014 REUNION AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Class of 1964 won the attendance award.

The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award goes to an individual who has performed outstanding service to RHS. The honoree has coached and umpired RHS wrestling and RHS baseball. He donated countless hours to football field preparation, operation of the Football & Basketball scoreboards and time clock. The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award was presented to Jimmie E. Luikart

The Alumni Hall of Fame awards are presented to individuals for their outstanding achievement and/or service to their community, county, state or the nation. The recipient has been a pioneering woman in Home Realtors. She has served as a civic leader of the Barberton Community Foundation and trustee of the Summa Health System.

The Alumni Hall of Fame Award was presented to Helen (Dye) Scott, class of 1959.

Please submit nominations for either one of these awards to any Alumni board member who is listed on the left side of page 2. You, the alumni, need to let us know of deserving individuals who are out there! Class Coordinators, can help us greatly by taking a look at your class members and recommend candidates to the Alumni Board.

ALL CLASS REUNION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Labor Day Weekend

**RHSAA Proudly Presents The 16th Annual
 All-School Reunion With Dinner And Program
 At The RHS Cafeteria**

Honored Classes At The Reunion And

Times For The Class Pictures Are

1955 (60 YEARS) 3:30

1960 (55 YEARS) 3:45

1965 (50 YEARS) 5:00

1970 (45 YEARS) 4:00

1975 (40 YEARS) 4:10

1980 (35 YEARS) 4:20

1985 (30 YEARS) 4:30

1990 (25 YEARS) 4:40

1995 (20 YEARS) 4:50

2000 (15 YEARS) 4:50

2005 (10 YEARS) 4:50

2010 (5 YEARS) 4:50

RIVER HIGH ALUMNI IS ON FACEBOOK.



If you type in <https://www.facebook.com/RiverHighAlumni> you will reach the facebook page for River High Alumni and the River High School Alumni Association. You do not have to be a member of facebook to view this.

THE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

www.riverhighalumni.org

Valerie (Miller) Fisher continues as the webmaster. We post upcoming events and other information including our newsletters, alumni who have served in the military, deceased alumni, lifetime members, platinum club members, class coordinators, etc.