

**COVINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL**



75

Buccaneers

seventy-five

CHANGES OVER TIME



The class of 1975 was the first to graduate from the newly built high school. Since that time, many modifications have been made to the Covington Exempted Village Schools. In 2016, a number of changes were made. The previous middle school on Grant Street, which was built in 1931 and was the high school location until 1974, was demolished. Secondly, the previous elementary school, which was built in 1956 on Chestnut Street, was also demolished. And lastly, a new K-8 Building was connected to the "new" high school.

COVINGTON'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Demolished in 2016

COVINGTON'S MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL



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BUCCANEERS

Covington High School – June 1, 1975

CLASS SONG

FRIENDS

I hope the day will be a lighter highway
For friends are found on every road
Can you ever think of any better way
For the lost and weary travelers to go?

Making friends for all the world to see,
Let the people know you got what you need.
With a friend at hand you will see the light,
If your friends are there then everything's alright

It seems to me a crime that we should age,
These fragile times should never slip us by
A time you never can or shall erase
As friends together watch their childhood fly.

Making friends for all the world to see,
Let the people know what you need.
With a friend at hand you will see the light,
If your friends are there, then everything's alright.

CLASS OF 1975

KENNETH ADAMS

Jr. Class Play Cast; Homecoming Queen Escort; Intramural Bowling 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, Treasurer 10, V. Pres. 11, Pres. 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I am currently a school bus driver for Covington. Hoping to retire within 2 years.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I help at the basketball games and keep the score books. Help with the grandkids for 4-H.

What makes you smile?

Family and grandkids.

Describe your family:

We have a son and daughter living in the Covington school district. One stepson in the Navy and a stepson living in Arcanum. We have 9 grandchildren and 1 foster grandson. We currently own Adams Greenhouse & Produce. We also raise lots of chickens for meat and eggs. Our greenhouse produces many vegetable plants that we start from seed and retail them at our farm store. We also sell other grass fed meat that we raise or get locally.

Describe your favorite memories:

What I remember most was when Mr. Pond asked the FFA class if we wanted to move to the new high school. We brought our farm trucks and moved the school classrooms.



SUSAN ALEXANDER

Scholarship Team 9, 10; Office Asst. 11; Attendance Office Asst. 12; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Cheer Club 9, 10, Sec. 10; FTA 9; GAA 9, 10; Tri-Hi-Y 10.



CLASS OF 1975

KIMBERLY ANGLE SMITH

Homecoming Queen Candidate; Pumpkin Show Cand.; Miss Chick Cand.; Outstanding Home Ec. Student 11; Betty Crocker Award, 12; Student Council 12, Reporter 12; Sr. Class Play Cast; Jr. Class Play Crew; Buccanews Staff 12; Cheer Club 9, 10; GAA 10; FHA 10, 11, 12, Pres. 11, V. Pres. 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10; Mr. Big Stuff Escort; NHS 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I retired July 2020 as a special education teacher. I went back as a substitute teacher in January.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

Nothing really

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I love to quilt. I enjoy piecing quilts and I have a long arm quilt machine. I enjoy baking and play around with gardening.

What makes you smile?

Being with my kids and grandkids. I loved it when my kids were little but I truly enjoy them as adults. My grandchildren have my heart.

Describe your family:

I've been married to my husband Dan for 43 years. We have two children, Benjamin and Sarah. I have two stepdaughters Melissa and Melinda. We have 10 grandchildren ranging in age from 32 to 6. We have one great grandson.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Some of my favorite memories are football games and the Cheer Club at basketball games. I have special memories of the friends from CHS. I have fond memories of the "old" high school. There are so many memories.



DOUGLAS ANTHONY

Basketball 9, 10, 11; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Intramural Bowling 12.



CLASS OF 1975

DOUGLAS BAKER

Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Guidance Office Asst. 12.

DECEASED

Doug passed away May 20, 2008 at the age of 52. He was an avid fisherman who fished Lake Erie, and was a fan of the Cleveland Browns and music.



STEVEN BORDELON

Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 11; Intramural Bowling 12; FT A 11; Varsity C 12; Hi-Y12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Working

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
None

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Sports, kids, grandchild

What makes you smile?
Family

Describe your family:
1 son, 1 daughter, 1 grandchild, Girlfriend

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Play sports - House parties - My coaches - Vogler brothers - Steve Pennington.



BRENDA BOWSER WESTFALL

Sr. Class Play Crew; Business Club 11, 12.



CLASS OF 1975

GREGG BRINKMAN

Mr. Big Stuff; Football 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12.



KATHIE BROWN WELDY

Perfect Attend. 9, 10, 12; Jr. Class Play Cast; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11; Wrestling Stat. 11; Basketball 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; GAA 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; NHS 12.



Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Greetings fellow alumni, well fifty years have gone by so fast but it has been one big life adventure for all of us, I'm sure. As for me, I am retired from the Dental Laboratory Industry. It was a very rewarding profession, one that I loved dearly to do everyday. After that I worked for Comfort Keepers, another fantastic job, assisting people that were released from the hospital and needed a little comfort in their own homes. I met a lot of nice people in this position.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I am a volunteer blood donor, which is a very rewarding gift to give.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I enjoy gardening on our farm, taking care of our goats and traveling. Most of the traveling we do is on cruises. My favorites were the Panama Canal, Alaska and Hawaii. I enjoy painting, crafts, working on house projects and refinishing furniture.

What makes you smile?

Family is my happy place. My husband and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary this August. We are planning another cruise and a family get together to help us celebrate. We live in the same house we built together when we were married.

Describe your family:

Our family consists of our son Nick, daughter-in-law Becky, granddaughter, Bethany and grandson Levi. Our daughter Stacy, and granddaughter Hillary and her husband Zach. All of our children and grandchildren and daughter-in-law were graduates of our beloved Covington High School.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

As for teachers, I always admired Mrs. Moran, she was a serious and dedicated teacher. Of course, Mr. Hindmarch was a very talented and patient man working with a big group of rowdy teenagers. The best of times was hanging out with my best buddy, Sharon Earick. Together we had a lot of fun and made a lot of great memories. It seemed there was never a dull minute. Also, the great memories of the band gang, what a great group of fun fellow students, traveling on the bus to football games, home games, half time shows, and pep band. To the class of "75", the best things in life are free...the people we love and the memories we make.

CLASS OF 1975

DAVID BURGESS

Football 10; FFA 12, Sec. 12.



TERRY BYRAM

DEE CAVENDER GOLTZ

Perfect Attend. 10, 11; Sr. Class Play Crew; GAA 9, 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 11, 12, V. Pres. 12; Powder Puff 11, 12; NHS 12.



GAIL DENNINGS PETERSON

Homecoming Queen 12; Mum Festival Candidate; D.A.R. Good Citizens Award; Buckeye Girls' State Del.; Class Pres. 11, V. Pres. 12; Jr. and Sr. Class Play Cast; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Band Council 9, 11, 12, V. Pres. 12; Track Stat. 10; Stu. Coun. 9, 10, 11, 12, Treas. 11, Pres. 12; Yearbook Staff 9; NHS 11, 12; GAA 11, V. Pres. 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12, Sec. 11; French Club 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Intramural Bowling 12.



Class of 1975 Homecoming Queen

CLASS OF 1975

CYNTHIA DIANE DILL

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I am now retired, after working for years as Director of Purchasing at a toy company outside Kansas City, then going into the transportation industry for numerous years. Just prior to retiring I watched 6 of my grandchildren while doing clerical work from home.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I enjoy diamond painting, a variety of other crafts, and reading. Watching football, specifically the KC Chiefs. Beachcombing, shelling, fishing, and anything beach related.

What makes you smile?

My family makes me smile the most.

Describe your family:

I have three children—Karen (a real estate agent), Julie (will receive her nursing pin in 2025), and Jason (owned his own business, Forever 35). I have 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandsons, with a 5th one due in June.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Some of my favorite memories of CHS were moving from the old high school to the new high school and being the first graduating class there. The fun and closeness we had as a class/school. The pep rallies and football games. The one thing I'll never forget is the time Mrs. Fulks stood up in front of business class and showed us that the shampoo we were selling as a fundraiser could be used as mouthwash too. To my knowledge, none of us tried it.



KIM DILTZ BROCK

Perfect Attend. 9, 10, 11, 12; Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; FHA Jr. Fair Queen Rep. 11; Chorus 10, 11, 12, Sec. – Treas. 12; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I am now retired after 40 years in Human Resources Management for a large corporation, a medium sized manufacturing company, and a recruiting company. Currently, I am the Secretary on our HOA Board of Directors in Punta Gorda, Florida.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I volunteer helping to plan a wide variety of events for our 1,000 house community.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

My hobbies include making greeting cards and other miscellaneous crafts.

What makes you smile?

Being a Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.

Describe your family:

I was married to my husband and best friend, Paul Brock, with a ceremony here in Florida for 2 years on Valentine's day. I have a daughter and a son, 2 grand-daughters, 2 grandsons, and 5 great grand-daughters and 1 great grandson. They all reside in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. We are very close to my sister, Deb Hitchcock and Kip Diltz who both reside in Covington.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

My favorite memories of CHS are a few teachers (Mr. Huelsman, Mrs. Fulks, Mr. Pond, and Mr. Hindmarch). Band holds the best memories - We participated in numerous parades, band camp, football game performances, Pep & Concert Bands, various competitions, Solo & Ensemble contests, being Covington's first female Drum Majorette, twirling fire at a football game, playing my trumpet and playing taps at numerous Military funerals. We had a great class and coming back together to organize our 50th class reunion was like we picked up just where we left off!!! I'm so glad our paths have crossed in this journey of life. Many blessings to each and every one of you and your families.



CLASS OF 1975

SHARON EARICK LEE

Perfect Atten. 9, 10, 11, 12; Jr. Class Play Crew; Wrestling Stat. 11; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 9, 10, 11; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12, Treas. 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; GAA 10, 11; NHS 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Working part-time

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
St. Vincent dePaul through our church

What makes you smile?
Family and friends

Describe your family:
My family is my heartbeat - my husband, son, and daughter-in-law and of course, my three grandchildren—Sarah (10), Jude (6), and Lilah (2)

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Bandcamp, football games, and best friend Kathie Brown Weldy



MICHAELE ELLIS

PAUL FINROCK

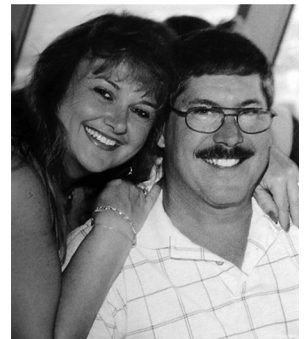
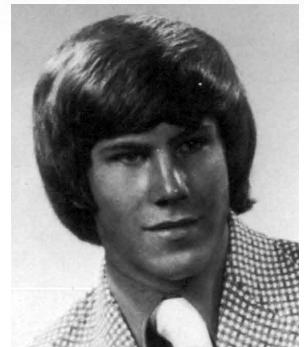
Homecoming Queen Escort 12; Powder Puff Coach 11, 12; Sr. Class Play Cast; Basketball 9; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 11, 12; Cross Counuy 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity C 10, 11, 12; Hi-Y 12.

DECEASED

Paul passed away July 21, 2009. He was co-owner/operator of Finrock Construction and a retired Covington fireman. Paul had a huge impact throughout his life in the sport of Covington wrestling. Wrestling for Covington Schools began in 1973, where Paul Finrock along with 18 other grapplers formed Covington's first varsity team. Paul graduated from CHS in 1975, followed two more years later by Paul's bride to be (Vicky Black). Together, Paul and Vicky had two sons: Jimmy and Marty, who were both quality Buccaneer wrestlers.

Perhaps the most significant impact of the Finrock family is Paul and Vicky's leadership in the construction of the wrestling building. Paul's wife, Vicky, held the office of President of the Wrestling Parents Organization in the late 1990's through 2000 during which the Wrestling Parents were in the mode of saving money in hopes that a new facility could be built. Prior to the new wrestling building, practices were held primarily in the elementary school gym/cafeteria.

The new wrestling building was constructed in the fall of 2001 due to so much contribution effort put in by Paul and Vicky Finrock.



CLASS OF 1975

EDWARD FISHER

OWE 12.

DECEASED

Ed passed away suddenly in September 1993 at the age of 36. Ed was married to Marilyn (Miller) and they had five sons: Ethan, Weston, Braden, Nicholas and Eddie.



SHARON FLORA GROSS

Office Asst. 11, 12; Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; FHA 9; Business Club 11, 12, Sec. 11, Reporter 12.



DANIEL FOSNIGHT

Falls Church High School 9, 10, 11; Football 12; Baseball 12; NHS 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Yes, I am working full time as the pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church of Sun City. Our website, if anyone wants to watch is: ebcsuncity.com.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I volunteer visiting and leading a worship service at a local retirement community. I also am introduced to residents of Sun City that need assistance. I get some members of our church to help out. We do everything from yard work, house work, personal care, and counseling to anyone who needs our free services.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

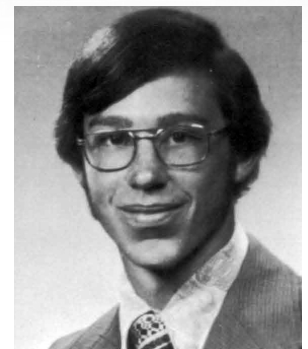
My first hobby is 3 horses. I ride weekly. My favorite and fastest horse is Angel—she is ½ Arabian and ½ Missouri Fox Trotter. Yes, she is gaited. Second is Tucker. He is our slow quarter horse, paint. Third is Tinkerbelle, a small Morgan/Mustang mix that my wife fits nicely. My second hobby is cleaning and repairing old clocks. I currently have 13 working in the house. My third hobby is working on my 1929 Model A Tudor, forest green.

What makes you smile?

Preaching God's word. Riding my horse fast. And making old things come back to life.

Describe your family:

My family: My wife Sally is a retired 7th and 8th grade teacher (31 years). We have 2 daughters. Becky lives near us and has two boys. Her oldest is 16. Mary married an Air Force man and is currently in WY with orders to FL. They have 3 boys. Her oldest is 15.



CLASS OF 1975

LINDA FRANCIS

KEVIN GANGER

Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Baseball 9; Wrestling Man. 11; Intramural Basketball 11; Intramural Bowling 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Retired in 2018 from Piqua Fire Department. Currently working part time for Ohio Task Force 1 Search and Rescue

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

None except for grandchildren

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Hobbies are camping, fishing, and woodworking

What makes you smile?

Family

Describe your family:

Daughter and 3 grandchildren—1 granddaughter, 15 years in April, 2 grandsons aged 12 and 11. Son and daughter-in-law—1 grandson aged 3 years.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Working in shop class. Time spent with the band.



TERESA GIBBONEY WRIGHT

Perfect Attend . 10 , 11; Office Asst. 12; Buccanews Staff 11, 12; Art Ed. 12; NHS 12.

DECEASED

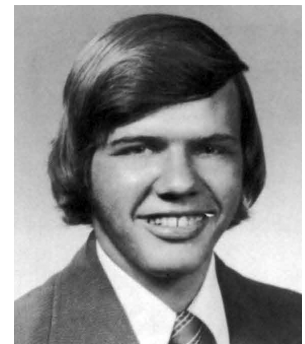
Teresa died in December 1998. She was married to John "Tony" Wright and had two children, Joshua and Jessica Wright.



CHARLES GIBSON JR.

DECEASED

Chuck passed away September 2011. He was a retired Chief Petty Officer with the U.S. Navy with 20 years of service. He was married to another class of '75 graduate, Nanette Meyer.



CLASS OF 1975

MICHELE GIROUARD ZEKAS

Salutatorian 12; Class Sec. 9, 10, 11; Class Reporter 12; Sr. Class Play Cast; Jr. Class Play Crew; Scholarship Team 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleader 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen Candidate; Majorette and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Basketball 12; Track 12; Volleyball 12; Intramural Bowling 12; Softball 12; FT A 9; GAA 9, 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; NHS 10, 11, 12; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I am a retired elementary special education teacher, but I still substitute teach a couple days a week.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati. Shoes 4 the Shoeless. St. Susanna Church.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Spending time with family and grandchildren - Reading - Walking - Golf - Swimming.

What makes you smile?

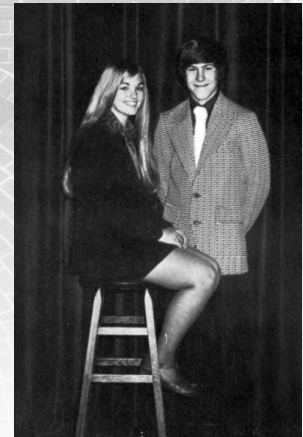
Spending time with family—I live close enough to be blessed to be able to support all my grandchildren's activities and regularly babysit. Beach and sunshine.

Describe your family:

I have 3 children—2 sons and 1 daughter, and 6 grandchildren—5 girls and 1 boy ages 10, 8, 6, 6, 3, 1.5 years.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Favorite classes – Math with Mr. Bollenbacher and English with Mr. Fisher. Marching band – being majorette with my sister Regina and Kim and Deb Diltz. Dances after games. Band camp—always fun! Powder Puff Football—undefeated all three years. Title IX passing and girls athletics senior year with Coach Marty. Moving into new school.



RAYE GRIGSBY

Track Manager 12.



CLASS OF 1975

REBECCA HACKETT GERMAIN

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Tri-HiY 10, 11, 12, Chap. 11; FTA 10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12, Sec. 11; Cheer Club 10; Yearbook Staff 12; NHS 12.



AMY HARDENBROOK GAMACHE

Jr. Class Play Cast; Sr. Class Play Crew; Americanism Award 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; GAA 9, 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; FTA 10, 11; FHA 10, 11, 12; BOE 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I retired from front desk dental receptionist in 2015 after 25 years in the field. Covering offices in Connecticut, California, and Virginia.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I volunteered at grandchildren's elementary schools and in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I sew and joined a book club, and women's community club for our neighborhood.

What makes you smile?

Watching my family increase in number and each family member meeting goals and becoming their best being.

Describe your family:

Living in Melbourne with my husband Robert Gamache of 47 years. I had 4 daughters and 1 son. We have 10 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. The grands range in age from 23 years to 1 year old. They are scattered from Connecticut, Virginia, Florida, and California.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Some of my favorite memories were walking to the dairy for lunch with Bonnie and Nan. The football pep rallies and BOE classes with Janet Thompson.



CLASS OF 1975

CATHY HEMBREE DULEN

Sr. Class Play Crew; Business Club 11, 12.



HAROLD KENT HITCHCOCK

Basketball 9, 10; Baseball 9, 10; Student Manager 9; Intramural Basketball 11.



LORA HOBLIT SCHELL

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Cast; Scholarship Team 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Cheer Club 10, 11; Buccanews Staff 10, 11, 12, Asst. Ed. 11, Ed. 12; GAA 11; Student Librarian 11, 12; Perfect Attend. 9, 11.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I retired in 2018 after 28 years as a kindergarten/special education assistant to provide childcare to my newborn granddaughter. Currently caring for her 2 year old brother, since she started kindergarten last fall.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Reading and anything involving my four grandchildren.

What makes you smile?

My family, especially my grandchildren, and CHOCOLATE.

Describe your family:

Husband Jim (married 48 years). He's retired from U.S. Army and from working as a federal police officer at Ft. Knox Gold Vault, KY. Four Children: Jay – retired/unemployed, single. Ben – high school teacher/athletic director, married, 1 child Owen, 5 years old. Adam - church pastor, married, 1 child Hannah, 12 years old. Meagen – third grade teacher, married, 2 children–Aubrey, 6 years and Callan, 2 years old

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

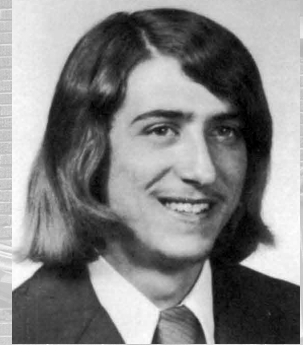
Working on school newspaper - Working in the school library - Moving into the "new" high school



CLASS OF 1975

GARY HOMAN

OWE 12.



DEBORAH HOREN



CYNTHIA HOUK MORRILL

Jr. Class Play Cast; Sr. Class Play Crew; Track Stat. 9, 10; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; FTA 9, 10; GAA 9, 10, 11; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12.

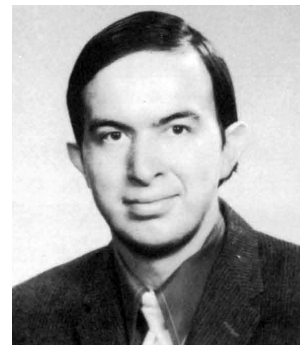


DANIEL KELLEY

Key Club 12; OWE 12.

DECEASED

Dan passed away December 4, 2021. He retired from Kroger, Piqua.



CLASS OF 1975

JANET LANDES HESS

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Office Asst. 11, 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12, Historian 10, Sec. 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Business Club 11, 12, Pres. 12; NHS 12.

DECEASED

Janet passed away in her home in Chambersburg, PA on September 19, 2019 at 62 years of age. She married Timothy Hess in 1980; they had two children and four grandchildren. Janet spent much of her time serving her valued customers and nurturing beautiful plants in her little business that was known as "The Plant Place".



JEFF LARUE

West Milton 9; Franklin Monroe and Arcanum 10; Baseball 11..

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired (U.S. Navy)

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
American Legion Post #80 at Covington, Ohio

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Woodworking and Military History

What makes you smile?
Family and friends

Describe your family:
Married Debra (Pearson) LaRue on 10/20/23. 2 grandkids Lilliana Ganger and Sullivan Ganger. Previously married to Darlene (Barnhart) LaRue from West Milton for 28 years until her passing from brain cancer on 9/5/2004. One son Jeremy LaRue and one grandson Hendrix LaRue.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Camaraderie amongst students and faculty. Mr. Garman's wit.



BRIAN LAVEY

OWE 12.

DECEASED

Brian passed away in August 2021. He was married to Mindy Curent. He had worked at General Films.



CLASS OF 1975

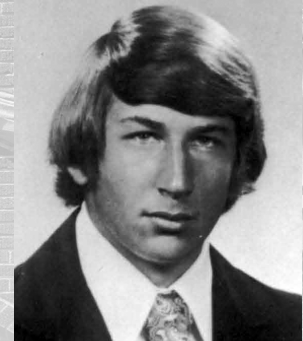
TED LEONARD

Ted is currently a resident of The Stillwater Nursing Home in Covington.



RICHARD LONGENECKER

Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Most Dedicated Runner 9; Intramural Basketball 10; Intramural Bowling 12; Varsity C 11, 12; Key Club 12; NHS 12.



CYNTHIA MANSON STACY

Mr. Big Stuff Escort; Miss Chick Cand.; Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Track Stat.; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Intramural Bowling 12; Volleyball 12; Student Council 9, 10, 11, 12; Sec. 11, V. Pres. 12; FTA 9; GAA 9, 10, 11; TriHi-Y 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11; Yearbook Staff 12; Buccanews 11; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11.



Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired, sort of

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
I'm not involved in any organized volunteer activities now, but I used to volunteer at the school and church. Now I'm a "volunteer" for my grandchildren which is the best volunteer work ever!

What are your current hobbies and interests?
I love doing anything outside. I enjoy gardening - both vegetable and flower and taking care of our yard. I try to exercise outside daily and I love going on hiking vacations with the family.

What makes you smile?
Thinking of all the ways God has blessed my life and continues to bless it makes me smile.

Describe your family:
I married Les Stacy (class of 73) in 1979. We will celebrate 46 years of marriage in July. We've been blessed with 3 children—Casey who lives in North Carolina, Annie who lives 3 miles from us and Luke who lives in Idaho. We have 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 22 to 8 years, so our get-togethers are always full of lots of different activities. They are the lights of our lives and we love attending their activities and spending time with them!

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
I have so many wonderful memories of CHS! Second period study hall with Chief, Mr. Pond, play practice and plays with Miss Trost. Miss Roberts was my favorite teacher and also became my friend—she was a great cheerleading advisor as well. Dances in the gym, homecoming, 50's day, when we got the jukebox in the gym, going to lunch with Elmo, Victor, and Nicodemus, pep rallies, our weird looking outfits we had to wear in gym class, cheering for all the great sports teams we had back then—especially the Graham football game our Junior year, the fun slumber parties at Deb Root Wortman's house, sneaking up to the balcony, painting signs on the stage, getting to know all the underclassmen, Parks' afro, how good the band was and how we cheerleaders wanted to be the ones to cheer in front of the band because they had so much spirit, and of course moving to the new high school and all the mixed feelings on graduation day! I could go on and on. It was great attending a small school and growing up in Covington!!

CLASS OF 1975

ROSIE MATHEWS

Class V. Pres. 11; Scholarship Team 9, 10; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Homecoming Queen Candidate; NHS 10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12, Sec. 12; Yearbook Staff 12; Jr. Class Play Crew.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Yes, Full Time. Same company for the last 39 years as VP Operations.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

Trash clean up—Trails and Riverways. Seeing trash along our beautiful trails and around our parks and waterways makes me angry!

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Cyclist—cycling is my main passion. Riding my bike clears my mind and keeps me healthy. In the winter I hike the trails in our parks.

What makes you smile?

Spending time with my family and friends. Our 2 dogs and their antics.

Describe your family:

Engaged to Randy Swartz. Daughter Kristi M. Meyer and son-in-law Nick Meyer. Granddaughters: Ava, age 8 and Emma age 5. 3 sisters: Pam, Charity, and Elizabeth. Mom: Joan Mathews

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Being on the Homecoming Court. Graduation at the new High School as the first class. Marching Band my Freshman through Junior years. Mr. Garman was one of my favorite teachers. I can still hear his voice when I am driving sometimes.



CARLA MAYO

Sr. Class Play Crew; Business Club 12, Sec. 12.



JAMES MCADAMS

CLASS OF 1975

JACQUELINE MEADOWS HARRIS

Cheerleader 9, 11; Jr. Class Play Cast; Student Council 10, 12; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; GAA 10.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

After school, I started working at GMAC in Dayton where I received on-the-job training to become a programmer. I worked there for 13 years. In 1989, I moved to Kansas City to become a programmer for Northwest/TWA and then Delta Airlines. I've been with Delta for 34 years. I am still working full-time and enjoy it...most days.



What volunteer activities are you involved with?

All of my volunteer activities center around church. When my boys were small, I was very involved in youth activities. For many years I've led Bible Studies for women, which has been a wonderful part of my life. The summer after graduation, I accepted Jesus as my Savior and He basically saved my life. Otherwise, with the course I was on, I doubt I would have survived my destructive lifestyle.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I've always been a crafty person. The last few years I've been especially enjoying teaching myself how to do watercolor painting. I also scrapbook and make greeting cards and occasionally I will sew curtains for the house.

What makes you smile?

So so much makes me smile. Too much to list. I am generally a very happy person and many things bring me joy.

Describe your family:

I have 2 grown sons from my 22 year marriage to Gary Ballinger. Kyle was born in Dayton in 1988. Dylan was born here in Missouri in 1990. Dylan has been married for a few years to a wonderful woman named Samantha. I couldn't ask for a more lovely daughter-in-law. So far, no grandbabies. I have been with Steve Harris for 20 years, married to him for 18. He is retired from a local bank where he was an investment counselor and now drives a school bus for our small town school. Which makes him a saint. :-)

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Friends are my favorite memories of CHS. I'm thankful for reconnecting with many of them on FB. It's been a lot of fun.



CLASS OF 1975

DOUGLAS MEYER

Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, Stat. 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11; FTA 12; Varsity C 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Retired from Vandalia Rental in 2021. Went to work for the City of Piqua Power Systems as a part time employee just to stay busy and pay for my toys.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I like to fish for crappies. I tie my own jigs. I also like to carve ducks and birds.

What makes you smile?

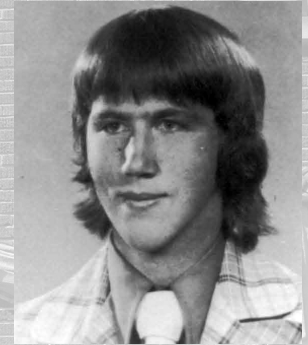
Family. A good cigar and cold beer.

Describe your family:

I have a wonderful wife Jill who allows me to have all of my toys. We have 2 children—a daughter Lindsay who is married to Ron Fraley and they have 2 children Tyler who is a teacher for the Bethel School District and a daughter Abigail who works for one of the local stores in Covington. My son Matthew is married to Dannielle. They have 2 daughters Ava who is a freshman at Newton Local Schools and Alivia who is a 5th grader at Newton.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

I think my best memory of high school is at the old high school when everyone would gather in the gym to just hang out and talk.



NANETTE MEYER GIBSON

Jr. Class Play Cast; Sr. Class Play Crew; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10; Chorus 11; Football Man. 12; Track Stat. 11; Intramural Bowling 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11; Powder Puff 10, 11; FHA 10, 11, 12, Pres. 12; Cheer Club 9, 10; GAA 11.

DECEASED

Nan passed away August 14, 2023, age 66, at Ohio Hospice of Miami County. She retired from Cox Media Group, Dayton. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting; and was devoted to her son (Andy) and her grandchildren. She married '75 graduate, Chuck Gibson.



CLASS OF 1975

RIKE MILLER

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Intramural Basketball 10, 11; Intramural Bowling 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Pep Band 12; Yearbook Staff 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired since 2017

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Covington Fire and Rescue since 1977. Helping our community any way I can. Serving on various committees through the years, etc.

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Camping, hiking, cooking, working in our flower beds and yard. Time with my wife and 2 dogs.

What makes you smile?
Waking up to a sunny day with hot coffee. Family, great food, and music.

Describe your family:
My wife Alicia (Carder) Miller (married for 31 years). Myself and our two rescue dogs.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Many memories, but the band was definitely one of my favorites.



DENNIS MOORE

Sr. Class Play Crew; OWE 12; Intramural Basketball 10, 11; FFA 9, 10, Treas. 11.



GALEN MULLENNIX

Americanism Winner 10; Jr. Class Play, Sr. Class Play Crew; Football 9, 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11; FTA 9, 10, 11, 12; French Club 11.

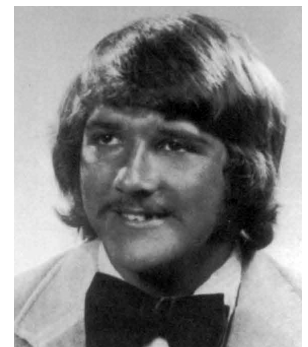
Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Happily retired

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Lots through the AMVETS. American Legion, V.A. Dayton Hospital. Miami County Fairgrounds. Poll Worker in Piqua.

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Lots of reading, doing puzzles, County Fairs (12-15/year). Local festivals, Native American Pow Wows. Enjoying walking trails at County and State Parks.

Describe your family:
My kids—2 daughters, 1 son and their spouses. My 10 Grandkids and Great Grandkids.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Advice from Mrs. Tisdale. Miss Trost—Speech and Drama classes. Parties—Dances at School and at Youth Center. Also all the friends I made while at Covington Schools, and the surrounding area – P. Hill, Bradford, Troy, Piqua, Greenville, Sidney.



CLASS OF 1975

DANIEL MUTZNER

Class V. Pres. 10; Class Treas. 11; NHS 10, 11, 12 V. Pres. 11, Pres. 12; Perfect Attend. 9, 11, 12; Scholarship Team 9, 11; Buckeye Boys' State 11; Basketball Stat. 11; Student Man. 10; Golf 9, 10; Wrestling 10, 11..

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired more or less October 2024

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Music; still love going to concerts and repurposing what most consider junk

What makes you smile?
Nice people, real people, old friends, any media with uplifting messages

Describe your family:
My wife Tami (30 years married this May 2025). One daughter Maci, 27 years old. One son (born June 2, 1999 and died June 3, 1999).

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
I've always felt that the years I was at CHS (and younger years), we all got along really well regardless of where you came from or turned into (cliques, brains, jocks, hoods). Best memories senior year with the move to the new H.S. building. Lots of time away from studies while we did the physical moving. Lots of time with Michelle, Rose, and Carol.



RONALD PARKS

Mr. Big Stuff Cand.; Baseball 9, 10, 11; Jr. & Sr. Class Play Cast; Wrestling 11; Int. Bowling 12; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Pep Band 9, 10; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Int. Basketball 10.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired from the US Air Force in 2006 after serving for 26 years. Continued working until 2019 and pulled the trigger on retiring.

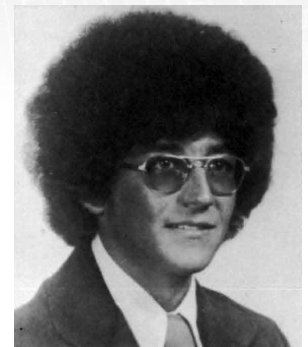
What volunteer activities are you involved with?
I'm more of an impromptu volunteer. When a family member, friend, or neighbor need help or assistance, I'm there to help. . .

What are your current hobbies and interests?
I still like riding my motorcycle, playing my electric drums, playing a round of golf, dancing at the square on Friday nights, working out on my Total Gym, swimming, and cruizin' around the neighborhood in a golf cart with my Schnauzer "Victor". He loves visiting neighbors that give him treats. . .

What makes you smile?
Music from the 60s, 70s, & 80s, video chats with my son and his family out in California & being totally out of debt!

Describe your family:
Divorced

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
First time away from home, band camp 1972 was one of the most memorable times for me. Marching Band was always fun to learn new routines with Stan the Man! Riding the bus to Friday night away games was a blast. . so many laughs and CHS Team Spirit! Hanging out with friends in the gym, listening to our favorite songs on the jukebox. Finally, getting to drive a 1977 Ford LTD for the first time in Driver's Ed. and going 88 MPH on I-75 before Mr. Garman asked me to look at my speedometer. OOPS!



CLASS OF 1975

STEVE PENNINGTON MCALEER

Class V. Pres. 9; Class Pres. 10, 12; Sr. Class Play; Student Council 9, 11, 12; Mr. Big Stuff Cand.; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling- 11; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Varsity C 9, 10, 11, 12, V. Pres. 11, Pres. 12; Hi-Y10, 11, 12; V. Pres. 12..

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Working

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Sabar Charities.

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Traveling, biking, camping, yoga

What makes you smile?
Bell bottoms, black labs, Aloe plants, full moons

Describe your family:
Three kids, six grandkids

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
King's Island



ROLAND RAPP

Jr. and Sr. Class Play; Buckeye Boys' State 11; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 12; Pep Band 9, 10; Intramural Basketball 11; Intramural Bowling 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12, V. Pres. 11; Science Club 10, 11, 12; V. Pres. 12; NHS 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Still working part-time out of my house. I am a Business Broker. I help Business owners sell their companies. Fun fact-I did sell Concept Machine in Covington back in 2023, my first and only business in Covington.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Centerville Noon Optimists, Treasurer and Board Member, Graceworks Lutheran Services, Board of Directors

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Woodworking and bowling.

What makes you smile?
Visiting the grandkids. Telling people my graduating class was 89 kids! My wife's class at Fairmont West was 700.

Describe your family:
Wife of 45 years - Marianne, Daughter Jessica married to Ian; they both will be 40 this year; grandson Jake (7) and William (3). They now live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
Son Eric married to Andrew. They live in Brooklyn, NY.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Band activities, Friday night activities seemed really important, driving around aimlessly in my hot rod Nova, having Steve Fisher for English and meeting him years later as he is best friends with my Aunt and Uncle in Troy, me & Paul Finrock coaching girls Senior Powder Puff team, Carol Simmons and I shared our "Thought Books" in study hall, and my Mom saved me a brick from the old high school demolition. Mom and Dad (both 89) still live in the house by the tennis courts.



CLASS OF 1975

GREG REYNOLDS

OWE 12; Football 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10; Track 9, 10; Int. Basketball 11; FFA 9; Key Club 9.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Covington High Marching Band

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Enjoy watching our 4 grandsons in band and track/cross country

What makes you smile?
Family vacations

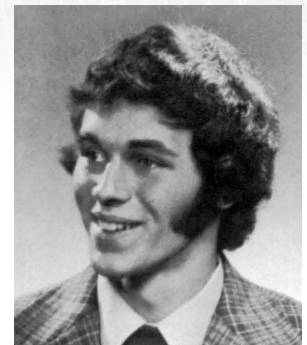
Describe your family:
Married Sherri Obenchain in 1975 and had a son (Jesse) and daughter (Jaime). Sadly we lost Sherri in 2008. Met and married Shirley McDonald and she has a daughter (Angela). I have 3 grandsons, 3 step grandchildren and 1 great step grandchild.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
I guess one of my fondest memories was when we teamed up to move into the new school. Everyone pitched in and used any type vehicle we had to move furniture. I chuckle at the regulations stopping anything like that now.



PAUL RICE

Football 9, 10; Intramural Basketball 10; OWE 12.



BONNIE ROBINSON WIERINGA

FF A Queen; Miss Chick Cand.; Jr. Fair Queen Cand.; Office Asst. 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11; Jr. and Sr. Class Play Cast; Track Stat. 10, 11, 12; Wrestling Stat. 12; Volleyball 12; GAA 9, 10, 11; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; Parl. 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; FT A 10; NHS 12.

DECEASED

Bonnie was born May 19, 1957 to Jim & Rosella (Cain) Robinson and married John Bubeck, a 1970 graduate at Covington and a U.S. Army veteran who served in the Vietnam War. They had three children, Travis, Justin "Munch" and John "Bubby" III. All three of her sons graduated in Covington; Travis in 1997, Justin "Munch" in 1999, and John "Bubby" III in 2001. Her first husband, John Bubeck, passed away on March 28, 2013 and Bonnie then married Ray Wieringa. Bonnie has six grandchildren, Cash, Penn "Fuzzy", Brim, & Luxe Bubeck, Ryan Evans and Kane Bubeck. She passed away due to cancer on March 25, 2018.



CLASS OF 1975

DEBRA ROOT WORTMAN

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Cast; Scholarship Team 9; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12; Capt. 12; Stu. Librarian 10, 11, 12; Chorus 10; Mr. Big Stuff Escort; Perfect Attend. 9; GAA 9, 10, 11; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12, Treas. 11, Pres. 12; FTA 10, 11, 12, V. Pres. 12; NHS 11, 12, Sec. 12; Buccanews Staff 10, 11, 12, Business Man. 11, 12; Yearbook Staff 10, 11, 12; Outstanding Sr. Girl Award.



Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Retired. 10 years as a legal assistant; 16 years as a high school business teacher; 17 years as a school administrator

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

We winter in Bradenton, FL. I chair a Christmas gift bag drive there for a facility that houses disadvantaged seniors. Donations are used to fill 200+ gift bags ensuring that each resident receives a gift at Christmas. I also chair an All-Ohio Dinner at our clubhouse in Florida, which brings together residents from all parts of Ohio. I volunteer for all clubhouse activities including craft fairs, bazaars, carry-ins and various holiday festivities.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Gardening crafts, and upcycling.

What makes you smile?

Family, friends, good food, beautiful weather, flowers and plants, home made items, and saving items from landfills.

Describe your family:

Still a small family. I'm an only child, my daughter is an only child, and her daughter is an only child. Two step-sons who have two children each. Lost my mother in 2007 and my dad just passed December 2024 after living with us in Ohio and traveling back and forth to Florida since 2021.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

So many wonderful friends! Cheering for winning teams! Parties at my house! Miss Roberts and Mr. Schultz were the best!

ROBERT STANFORD RURODE

Wrestling 10.

DECEASED

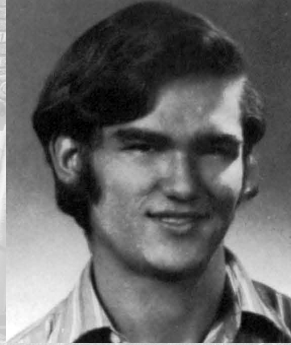
Stan passed away in June 2011 at the age of 54. He was married to Joanel Holmes and had two daughters, two sons and two grandchildren. In 1987 he became a letter carrier for the United States Postal System in Piqua and later assumed the position of Postmaster at the Houston office.



CLASS OF 1975

WILLIAM SHAFFER

Drama Club 12.

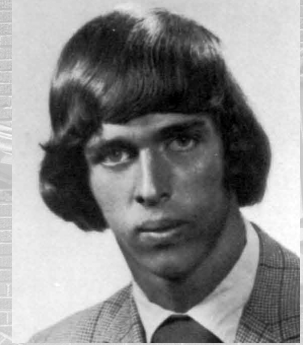


ANTHONY SCHMIDT

OWE 12; Treas. 12.

DECEASED

Tony passed away in April 2017 at the age of 61. He was married to Cheryl Zacharias and had two sons and one daughter. He worked for Copperweld, Piqua for 27 years.



ROBIN SHEARER ZUMBAUGH

Class Pres. 9; Student Council 9, 10, 11; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11; GAA 9; Tri-Hi-Y 10; Cheer Club 9, 10; Marching Band 9; Concert Band 9, 10, 11; Office Asst. 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I am retired

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I currently do volunteer gardening at Virginia Fairbanks Park. Virginia Fairbanks is affiliated with Newfields Indianapolis (formerly known as Indianapolis Art Museum). There are pollinator gardens, public trails, and an emphasis on planting native plants. The volunteers help pull invasive species such as Honeysuckle, Garlic Mustard, and Japanese Hops and do new "native plant" plantings around the park. I also help to pick up trash around the neighborhood where we live.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

I currently enjoy reading, walking, and gardening at our home. I belong to a neighborhood book club and Tim and I love visiting art museums.

What makes you smile?

Our family. Everyone lives in Indy. I also love watching birds we feed in our backyard and being outdoors.

Describe your family:

Tim, my husband of 44 years. Adult children: Emily, Laura, and Tom. Grandchildren: Desmond, Elise, Fiona, and Lea. Grand dogs: Henry and Nala.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Participating in marching band with Mr. Hindmarch and going to Band Camp my freshman year. I also enjoyed preparing for Ohio State ISMA Contests with Carol Simmons and Michele Girouard. The flute trio practices at Miss Mary Alice Newbauer's home were a lot of fun. Math class with Mr. Bollenbacher. He was an outstanding teacher! Going to high school in the "Old Covington High School" before we switched to what was then the "New High School".



CLASS OF 1975

JEFFREY SHIVELY

Sr. Class Play Crew 12; Basketball 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; Football Man. 9; Cross Country Man. 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Varsity C 11, 12; Intramural Bowling 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Working 30 hours, 4 days a week (Retired).

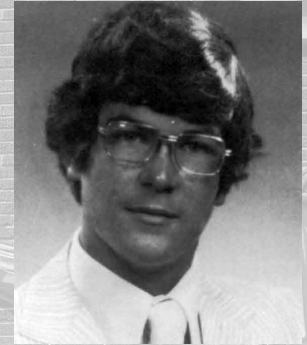
What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Summer recreational baseball, coach for 27 years

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Fishing, deer hunting, and avid camper

What makes you smile?
My wife, my kids, grandkids, and camping

Describe your family:
Married for 44 years to Deb Besecker. 3 boys – Derrek (42) and wife Tiffany and 1 daughter Kennedy; Aaron (38) and wife Abby and 2 daughters Graceann (8) and Nora (5); Brent (35) and wife Katie and 2 sons Theo and Tucker; And (special) granddaughter Kenzie (16).

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Memories (baseball). Friends–Ron Parks, Greg Reynolds, Dave Stacy and classmates having fun All those days my twin brother and Greg Reynolds would sneak out of electricity class and go up to town to bakery for donuts. Teacher didn't miss them at all.



LINDA SHIVELY GOOD

Scholarship Team 10, 11, 12; GAA 9, 10; Tri-Hi-Y-10, 11, 12; FTA 10, 11, 12; French Club 11, 12, V. Pres. 11, 12; Buccanews Staff 10, 11, 12; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; Chorus 11; Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired from Ohio State University Extension, Miami County–26+ years. Currently working part-time at the Covington Savings and Loan

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Traveling, visiting museums, concerts, lots of reading, crocheting, acrylic painting. Finding new and interesting things to learn and do.

What makes you smile?
My Family #1. Bright sunshine and blue skies

Describe your family:
Scott (husband) 44+ years. Piqua High School graduate 1975 (but I still love him). Jamie (daughter) Covington HS class of 2000. Granddaughter, Marissa; Grandson, Jacob Hollie (daughter) Covington HS class of 2002. Granddaughter, Hope; Grandsons, Ashton and Aidan

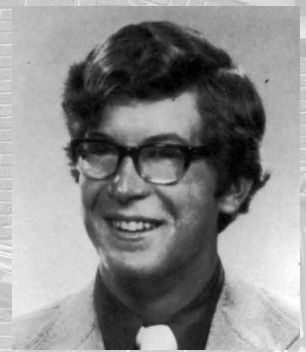
Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Cheering sections at football and basketball games. Hanging out with Lora Hoblit and Janet Landes. Favorite teacher: Mrs. Culbertson. I thought it was so cool when we analyzed the meaning of The Boxer by Simon and Garfunkel.



CLASS OF 1975

TIM SHIVELY

Perfect Attend. 11; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 12; Baseball 10, 12; Football Man. 10; Key Club 11, 12; Varsity C 10, 11, 12; Intramural Bowling 12.



CAROL SIMMONS FORSYTHE

Class Treas. 9, 10; Class Sec. 12; Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Scholarship Team 9, 10, 11; Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, 12, Capt. 11, 12; Buckeye Girls' State; Homecoming Queen Cand.; Powder Puff Football 10; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12, Band Council 10, 11, Sec. 11, 12; GAA 9, 10, 11, Sec. 11; FT A 9, 10, 11, Sec. 10; FHA 9; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; NHS 10, 11, 12, Treas. 12; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

I retired in 2020 from the Covington Schools, then worked two Interim Treasurer jobs, the first at Franklin Monroe and the second at New Knoxville Schools. In 2022 our daughter moved back to Miami County and I've had two enjoyable (but tiring) years helping with the grandkids while she and her husband worked during the day, and spent evenings and weekends renovating an old farmhouse.

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

I help as a teacher's assistant several afternoons a month with the Lifewise Program, a nonprofit that provides Bible education to public school students during school hours.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Flower gardening, reading, bird watching, and nature in general. We moved to the country in 2008 and have a creek and wetland pond on our property which attracts a variety of interesting wildlife.

What makes you smile?

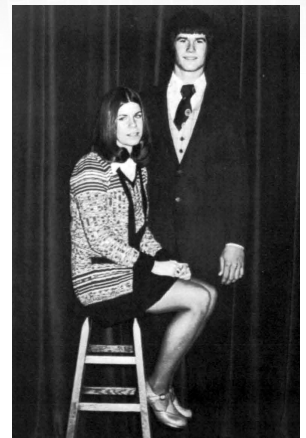
Grandchildren, being outside, good food, and naps.

Describe your family:

Whitey and I have been married for 49 years. Our son and daughter-in-law Jacob & Lisa live in Pleasant Hill and have 2 children, Caroline, age 13 and Alice, age 7. Our daughter and son-in-law Chelsea & Chris live outside of West Milton and have 2 children, Whitney, age 4 ½ and Ford, age 3. I am also blessed to have my 94 year old mother living close by in Covington. She still resides in the house where I grew up, but is dealing with failing eyesight, so I do her grocery shopping, take her to appointments, pay bills, etc. Fortunately, her mind is very sharp.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

Marching band and band camp (Mr. Hindmarch), cheerleading & pep rallies (Miss Roberts, especially the time the van got sideswiped at the railroad tracks on the way home from a basketball game), the class play (Miss Trost), dances, hanging out in the gym at lunchtime.



CLASS OF 1975

ED SINK

Sr. Class Play Cast; OWE 12; Basketball 11, 12; FFA 9, 10, 11, 12, V. Pres. 11; Homecoming Escort.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Working-owner of a wood finishing business

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

Helping our neighbors and friends when they have a need.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Spending family time and helping the children

What makes you smile?

Meeting old friends and making new ones

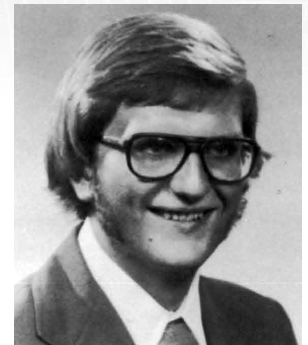
Describe your family:

Married to my wife Janet for 45 years.



CHARLES SMITH

Wrestling 10, 11, 12; Science Club 10, 11, 12, Rep. 10, 11; Varsity C 12; NHS 12.



LORI SMITH SINK

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Powder Puff Football 10, 11, 12; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; Business Club 11, 12, Rep. 12.



CLASS OF 1975

JOHN JOSEPH SPEER

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?
Retired

What volunteer activities are you involved with?
Grand Knights of Columbus Chapter 15424. Maintenance Committee
@ St. Teresa Church

What are your current hobbies and interests?
Reading, fishing, camping, traveling, playing with our rambunctious dog.

What makes you smile?
My wife, kids, and grandkids. Funny TV shows.

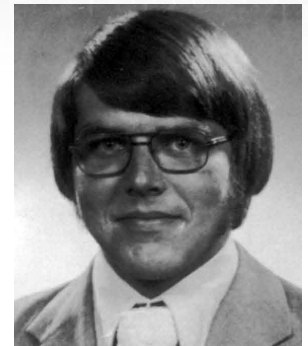
Describe your family:
Married to Marty for 47 years. Have 3 sons—Tim, Eric, and Jared; 2 grandsons Alex and Zachary. Also Tim's wife Nicci, Eric's wife Erin, and Jared's wife, Amber.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:
Of all the classes I took, typing with Miss Roberts was the best of all the classes that I took. She was a great teacher and I used those skills every day during my career as a police officer and later, in sales.



HAROLD STAMBAUGH

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew.



JEFFREY STEELE

Basketball 9, 10; Intramural Basketball 11.



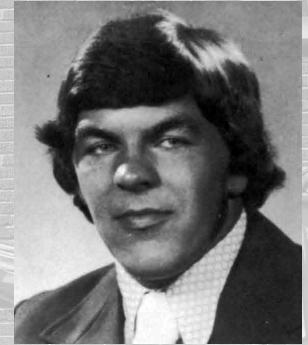
CLASS OF 1975

DOUGLAS SWARTZ

Perfect Attend. 9, 10; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity C 10, 11, 12.

DECEASED

Doug Swartz, who passed away Friday, May 15th at age 52 due to sudden heart failure, is a Covington legend through his playing days, an icon due to his 22-year coaching career, and most of all, a great human being. This was evident by how many kids he impacted through his teaching and coaching career at Covington High School.



Swartz was a 1975 graduate from Covington, where he played football, basketball and baseball. He was most noted for his football prowess as he was the only player in Buccaneer history to be named all-state on both offense and defense in the same season - and he accomplished that at a time where there were three divisions, not six.

He was also a key figure on the greatest team in Covington history - the 1973 state championship team. Doug starred on the offensive and defensive lines on a team that recorded a school record eight shutouts and allowed just 24 points all season - a record that will likely never be broken.

Swartz continued to play football at Capital University and then began a teaching and coaching career at Bethel High School in 1980. After six years at Bethel, two of which he was the head coach, Swartz came home to his roots at Covington High School in 1987.

During 22 years teaching in Covington, Doug Swartz has been a mainstay in the classroom as a Social Studies teacher and on the football field as an assistant coach. Over that time period he has touched the lives of hundreds of kids who sat in his classroom and those who walked out onto the practice field each fall. And never did one hear a negative word from the man everyone labeled as a gentle giant. He received the respect of his students and his players because of the respect he gave them on a daily basis.

Doug Swartz also is a member of the Covington Athletic Hall of Fame due to his amazing athletic accomplishments.



CLASS OF 1975

JOSEPH TAYLOR

BOE; Business Club 11, 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Retired

What makes you smile?

Fishing, camping, hiking, walking my dog



JANET THOMPSON MCROY

Jr. Class Play Crew; Business Club 11, 12; Treas. 12; Sr. Class Play Crew; FTA 9; Chorus 10, 11; NHS 12.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

25+ years as department administrator of the coating lines at AK Steele/Cleveland Cliffs. Retired 9/30/2024

What volunteer activities are you involved with?

Nursery duty at Community Christian Church

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Mellowing into retirement. Traveling

What makes you smile?

My grandkids—expecting a new great granddaughter in April.

Describe your family:

Husband Ben (49 years in May), Josh and Brad are my sons. Josh has a daughter, Emily who is expecting in April. Brad has Casi and Bradley Jr. Casi has Lilly.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

B.O.E. with Mrs. Fulks and Mrs. Snyder. Amy Hardenbrook was my best friend through high school. Pam Zimmer (who is now deceased) and Carla Mayo.



KIM TOBIAS BURGESS

Scholarship Team 10, 12; Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Track Stat. 11; Wrestling Man. 12; GAA 10, 11; FHA 11, 12, Sec. 12; Cheer Club 11; NHS 11, 12; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12.



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NAN TOBIAS

Scholarship Team 11; Perfect Attend. 9, 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Softball 12; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12, Chap. 12; NHS 11, 12; GAA 9, 10, 11; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11, Treas. 11; French Club 11, 12, Pres. 12; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 12; Volleyball 12..

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Retired in December 2023 as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Worked 44 years at various hospitals including Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Nationwide Children's Hospital.



What volunteer activities are you involved with?

Currently volunteer for Cincinnati Arts Association as an usher at the Aronoff Center and Music Hall. Also volunteer as an academic tutor for children.

What are your current hobbies and interests?

Photography, scrapbooking, sewing (although I'm not very good at this), reading, history, walking, working out at the gym, being a lifelong learner. Love to travel.

What makes you smile?

My family and friends, dogs, beautiful warm sunny autumn days, hiking in the mountains

Describe your family:

Was married for 34 years. Now happily single. I have 2 adult children. Samuel lives in Seattle, Washington with his wife Angela. Anna lives in Asheville, NC with my grand dog, Boopy.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

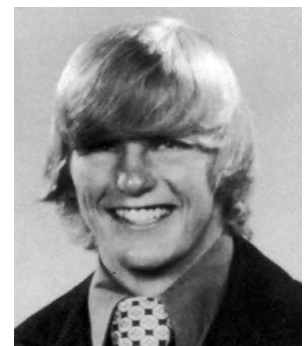
All the many sports activities—softball, track, volleyball, Powder Puff football. French club—Christmas dinner serving French dishes, singing Christmas carols in French around Covington. Band camp where we worked hard, but also had lots of boisterous fun. Mr. Bollenbacher's math classes (he was such an excellent teacher and additionally made class fun), Mrs. Culbertson's Junior English class (English classes were easy in college because of her high expectations in high school).

RODNEY VICTOR

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Cast; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, Track 9; Baseball 12; Wrestling 11, 12; FT A 11, 12, Treas. 11, Pres. 12; Varsity C 10, 61 11, 12; Hi-Y 11, 12, Chap. 12.

DECEASED

Rodney was a U.S. Navy Veteran who established a trimming tree business in Covington after returning home from the Military. He has siblings Robin L. (Victor) Rong and Jay R. & wife, Tammy Victor. Rodney passed away on April 10, 2017.

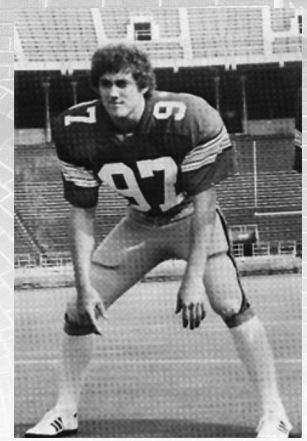
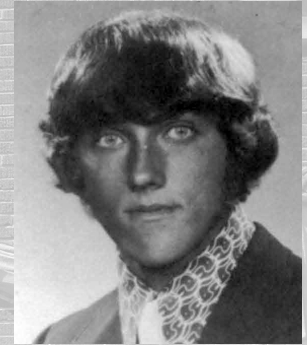


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TERRENCE VOGLER

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Mr. Big Stuff Cand.; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity C 10, 11, 12, Sec.-Treas. 12; Hi-Y 12, Sec.-Treas. 12; Int. Bowling 12.

Terrence (Terry) Vogler played college football with his brother Tim at Ohio State University from 1975 to 1978 under legendary coach Woody Hayes. He is a member of the Covington Athletic Hall of Fame as an individual athlete and as a member of the 1973 football team that earned the coaches poll state champion.



TIMOTHY VOGLER

Jr. and Sr. Class Play Crew; Mr. Big Stuff Cand.; Intramural Bowling 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity C 10, 11, 12, V. Pres. 12; Hi-Y 12, Pres. 12.

Timothy (Tim) Vogler played college football with his brother Terry at Ohio State University from 1975 to 1978 under legendary coach Woody Hayes. He also played professional football for the Buffalo Bills from 1978 to 1989. He is a member of the Covington Athletic Hall of Fame as an individual athlete and as a member of the 1973 football team that earned the coaches poll state champion.

Are you currently working, working part-time, or retired?

Retired

What are your current hobbies and interests?

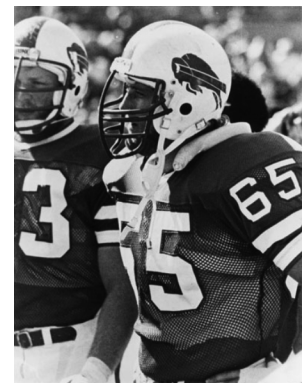
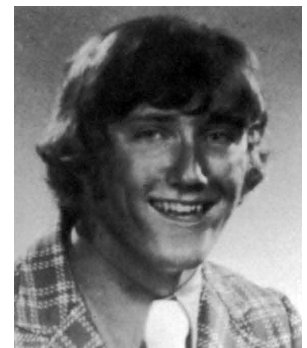
Golf and Fishing

What makes you smile?

Every day I wake up.

Describe your favorite memories of CHS:

How simple life was then.



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TOBIAS WIENCKE

Exchange Student.



TIMOTHY WISE

Boys' State Alt.; Americanism Award; Football II, 12; Basketball Stat. 11; Track 11; Golf 9, 10, 11; Wrestling 10; Varsity C 10, 11, 12; NHS 12.

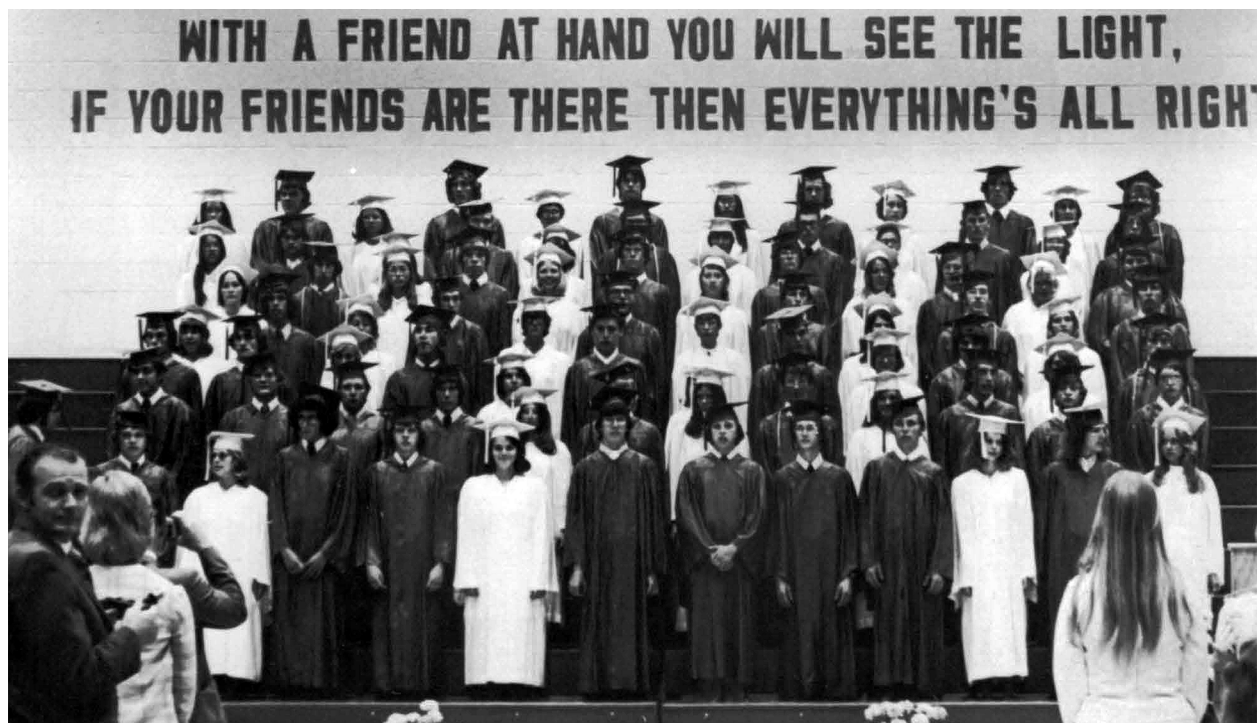


ELIZABETH WILLS BAYMAN

Jr. Class Play Crew; Sr. Class Play Cast; Marching and Concert Band 9, 10, 11; GAA 9, 10, 11; Volleyball 12; Track 12; Basketball 12; Cheerleader 12; Softball 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12, Hist. 12; FTA 9; Tri-Hi-Y 10, 11, 12; Powder Puff 10, 11, 12; Cheer Club 9, 10, 11; Intramural Bowling 12.

DECEASED

Elizabeth passed away on April 20, 2021 and at the time of her death she had 2 daughters, Marybeth & Laurakate and 3 grandchildren, Kiera, Kalli & Lewis Byers.





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CLASS ADVISORS: Mrs. Marilyn Moran and Mr. Lynn Shellenberger.



CO-VALEDICTORIAN
 Rosie Mathews



CO-VALEDICTORIAN
 Carol Simmons



SALUTATORIAN
 Michele Girouard

CLASS MOTTO

With a friend at hand you will see the light.
 If your friends are there, then everything's alright.

CLASS FLOWER

White Carnation tipped with red

1975 SENIOR HONORS



DELEGATES TO BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE:
Daniel Mutzner, Carol Simmons, Gail Dennings, Roland Rapp



ROW 1: Rosie Mathews, Michele Girouard, Carol Simmons, Daniel Mutzner, Nan Tobias, Sharon Flora, Lora Hoblit. **ROW 2:** Cynthia Houk, Douglas Baker, Kim Tobias, Kimberly Angle, Linda Shively, Gail Dennings, Kim Diltz, Debra Root. **ROW 3:** Nanette Meyer, Tobias Wieneke, Charles Smith, Kenny Adams, Ed Sink, Dennis Moore, Teresa Gibboney, Janet Landes, Rebecca Hackett.



ROW 1: Gregg Brinkman, Michele Girouard, Kathie Brown. **ROW 2:** Steve Pennington, Dee Cavender, Paul Finfrock, Bonnie Robinson, Elizabeth Wills, Richard Longenecker, Nan Tobias. **ROW 3:** Raye Grigsby, Jeff Shively, Doug Swartz, Tim Vogler, Terry Vogler, Tim Shively.



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CANDIDATE**
Cynthia Manson

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SHOW CANDIDATE**
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Bonnie Robinson

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Gail Dennings

**D.A.R. GOOD CITIZEN
AWARD**
Gail Dennings

I DARE YOU AWARD
Gail Dennings
Daniel Mutzner

MOST OUTSTANDING GIRL
Debra Root

**V. F. W. SCHOLARSHIP
LOAN**
Daniel Mutzner

**EDNA ORR SCHOLARSHIP
LOAN**
Charles Smith
Rebecca Hackett

GRADUATES FROM 50 YEARS AGO



Kenneth Adams



Susan Alexander



Kimberly Angle



Douglas Anthony



Douglas Baker



Steven Bardon



Brenda Bowser



Gregg Brinkman



Jeltie Brown



David Burgess



Dee Caverder



Gail Demings, V.Pres.



Kimberly Dittz



Sharon Earrick



Paul Ginfrock



Edward Fisher



Sharon Flora



Daniel Fosnight



Kevin Garner



Teresa Giboney



Charles Gibson, Jr.



Michele Girouard



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Lisa Hobble



Deborah Horne



Cynthia Shaw



Daniel Kelley



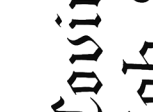
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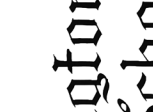
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Terrence Naylor



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Marlyn Moran



Ted Leonard



Kenneth Blumenship



Debra Wende - Exh. Student



Timothy Weise



Deborah Willis



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