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MAYFIELD



WILDCATS

SO, WHAT'S GOING ON AT MY ALMA MATER?

The last vestiges of summer dwindled and students began preparing for what they knew would be another enduring, unique, and fun year at Mayfield High School. As students walked into the building on their first day back, the senior class officers welcomed the bright faces of each senior that walked through the 10-12 doors of the school. President **Mark Fadel**, Vice President **Abby Hirsch**, Secretary **Sara Gans**, Treasurer **Brad Wolfe**, spirit coordinators **Nicole Falsone** and **Steph Tighe**, and the delegates of the senior class ushered students through a paradise scene, full of palm trees, sand, and Caribbean music. While seniors danced the morning away with hope and laughter, they knew, just like the rest of the students, to buckle in for another year of heavy work load, tough practices, and the many tests just waiting to be taken.

The year started off with an early Homecoming jungle fever. Student Council President **Josette Galiano**, Vice President **Ethan Schwartz**, Treasurer **Julia Kramer**, Secretary **Lana Avshalumov**, and all the Student Council delegates and officers labored endlessly over what would become on the most creative and ingenious assemblies Mayfield has ever seen. With the theme, 'Jungle Fever', the Student Council created a gym containing recyclable and costless decorations that depicted a true rainforest. Mayfield welcomed back Alumni for this grand event and honored five young women that would join Mayfield's past Homecoming courts. Queen **Michelle Olie** and court members **Patty Murphy**, **Lauren Gatto**, **Jill Tighe**, and **Madeline Evert** made up the 2008's Homecoming Court.

Mayfield's athletics proved, yet again, to rack up the headlines in the newspapers. The Boy's Soccer Team attracted audiences all over Mayfield to join in their remarkable success. After swiftly taking the Conference title, the Wildcats moved on to the state tournament. With a shutout against North High School, the team advanced to the finals of the District tournament where they would meet rival, Mentor High School. After a long, arduous game, the boys were able to call themselves Division I District Champions and moved on to the regional semifinals. Led by captains **Jon Difiore**, **Ethan Brown**, and junior captain **Carey Spear**, the boys' success will reside on the Athletic Hall of Fame in the fieldhouse. Along with the soccer team, Wildcat Football finished the season with a 10-2 record, ranked number five in the Plain Dealer, and ranked 10th in the state poll. Captains **Mike Pinto**, **Matt Cuthbert**, **Cody Hayes**, **Gianni Ferritto**, and **Michael DiVita** led the Cat's to another conference championship, a streak of 29 scoreless quarters, and regional semifinalist honors in the state tournament. While these were impressive statistics, who really stole the show during the season was our own nose tackle/full back, **Cody Hayes**, who won the Plain Dealer's season long Gridiron Hero contest. Other athletic honors included sophomore **Christopher Fortuna** who qualified for the regional tournament in Division I Boy's Cross Country.

In the classroom, Mayfield had the honor once again to host two National Merit Semifinalists, **Yongjia Liu** and **Tien Yu**. Other high achieving individuals included the new inductees into the National Honor Society as well as NHS's teacher of the year, **Mrs. Lindsay**. President **Sam Perozek** and Advisor **Shirlee Shoben** led the Induction Ceremony and welcomed one of the largest group of inductees Mayfield has ever seen. As the students and staff at Mayfield High School continue to arrive at the school doors each day, there exists no doubt only spectacular achievements will come of their hard work and dedication.

*Mark Fadel
Class of 2009*

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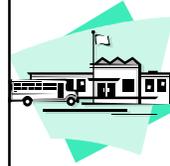
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CLASS REUNIONS



Class of '58

Party time was the mood as 61 celebrants (43 classmates) joined for a Friday evening of food, drink, conversation and more at The Boneyard in Mayfield Heights (former Mayland Theater). The food just kept on coming, the desserts were devoured as presented, and the great memories everyone shared could not be duplicated as the evening went on. Stories of proms, pranks, athletic feats, first dates, etc. kept everyone going for hours. For just twenty bucks each, this was an event to cherish. Even before this party, many made tours of the old school during the afternoon on Friday, while some played golf that same morning. The weather cooperated wonderfully.

The following day – Saturday August 23 – started with about 24 meeting at the old school to share in the “for sale” stunt that made the newspapers 50 years earlier. They then went to the Alumni Museum to see, first hand, the results of the Alumni Association’s efforts to keep Mayfield’s history alive. That afternoon, many went to the Rock & Roll Museum in downtown Cleveland to enjoy the history that shaped our music—our lives.

Saturday evening, the party continued as 54 participants continued to celebrate aboard the Goodtime cruise boat. Dinner, dancing, and drinking continued as the boat first went out on Lake Erie, then continued it’s trip up the Cuyahoga River while the oldies band played on one deck and the rock/disco continued on another deck. For fewer than fifty dollars each, this 4-hour cruise closed another chapter of the 50th reunion celebration

“Quarterbacking” this entire weekend was **Carol Shannon** (Colorado). She had help from her “running backs” **Betty (Walsh) Schatz** (California) and **Frankie Pitrone** (Ohio). Rounding out her team was “wide receiver” **Gerry (Wolf) Steig** (Ohio); “tight end” **Bob Dunn** (Ohio) and “fullback” **Jerry Fudurich** (Ohio). Carol and her team thank everyone who helped in any way...calls, confirmations, mailings, and memory notes. And the entire class acknowledges the 19 who have passed on and could not join the celebration except being remembered by those present.

The class motto, “Success is the reward of toil” couldn’t have been more evident among those sharing in this 50th Mayfield High School Class Reunion.

Jerry Fudurich, Class of '58

Class of '78

The Mayfield Class of 1978 had a great reunion weekend on August 2 & 3, 2008 which was attended by many graduates from close by and far away alike. The weekend included golf, an informal get together at the Boneyard and the Caribbean-themed Saturday evening event at the Bertram Inn. Pictures from the weekend and other information regarding the class are available at

mayfieldclassof1978reunion.com.

Scott Finerman, Class of '78

Carl Roth / From p.11

Throughout Carl's 30-year career, he taught American history, world history, government, sociology, economics, and business law. One of the outstanding projects he remembers was a movie on the Civil War created by a group of his honor's students. To add realism to the drama, the students filmed the battle scenes on the huge grassy fields of the Chagrin Metro Parks Reservation and had blood (red food coloring) flowing down stream in the Chagrin River. The production was so exceptional that a local television station did a half hour program on the project.

Other memories include the honor of having the yearbook dedicated to him, and how fortunate the staff felt to have families that were supportive of the Mayfield school district. Families with wonderful values, who cooperated with the staff and willingly volunteered to help in a variety of ways, made teaching in Mayfield a positive experience. Carl has many wonderful memories of friends and students who were part of his career at Mayfield.

Class of '68

The Class of 1968 came together for a casual gathering on Friday, November 7, 2008 at Wellington's Restaurant and Bar. If it hadn't been for name tags, some of us still wouldn't be recognized!! We enjoyed each others' stories new and old. How quickly forty years had gone by. Before we knew, the place was closing and we had to go home. Thankfully, we had another night to continue our conversations.

On Saturday, November 8, 2008, we met again, with several other classes from Mayfield, at the Normandy. At approximately fifty classmates, many with spouses or significant others, we had the largest group of attendees. We were privileged to have our own Marc Paige entertain the multi-class reunion with his band Flashback. The music, the food, the atmosphere, and the camaraderie were wonderful. It felt as if we had just graduated! We all wished that many more of our classmates had been able to attend.

Thanks go out to the Reunion Committee for all their hard work! Thanks also to the Mayfield Alumni Association for helping us put together a most memorable weekend. We look forward to seeing all of you again at our next reunion. Still looking great in 2008!

Carol Flaisig, Class of '68

Class of '54

A reunion for the **Class of '54** is being planned this year. Your input is needed to make sure we have a successful event. Please call **Joan Munn Shaw** at 440-256-8229 and offer your suggestions. We want participation for this, our 55th class reunion!!

Joan Shaw, Class of '54

Four Area High Schools Land in National Rankings

Four area high schools have earned top spots on a national ranking compiled by U.S. News & World Report, based on state proficiency standards and levels of college preparedness collected from more than 21,000 public high schools.

Chagrin Falls High School placed 98th of 100 winners of the magazine's Gold Medal, exalted by its position on the College Readiness Index—a computation of data from Advanced Placement and/or International Baccalaureate tests.

Next were Kirtland High School and West Geauga High School with Silver Medals, among 504 schools with strong college readiness but not ranked in the top 100 nationally.

Mayfield High School earned a Bronze Medal, among 1,321 schools that either do not offer AP or IB or do not achieve the minimum amount of college readiness for a silver award but still meet two other key performance indicators.

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2008 Mayfield High School



Andree Singer Thompson, '54

Andree Singer Thompson is a 1954 graduate of Mayfield High School where she ranked 5th in her class and was crowned prom queen. She earned her bachelor's degree from Case Western Reserve in 1958 and her master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1978.

Ms. Singer Thompson's 50-foot Golden Trout, *Guillermo*, made of recycled metal, adorns the Richmond Civic Center auditorium wall above the Richmond Art Center in Richmond, California, part of a large installation about drinkable water and endangered species. This California state fish, endangered in 1986, remains on view, a symbol of healthy survival due to human intervention and creative attention.

Collaborations with artist Susan Leibovitz Steinman include public projects about disappearing birds: *For the Birds*, *Birds' Own Depot*, *Domestic Nature*, *Spatial Politics*; recycling issues: *Back to the Garden*; the Oakland Artship Celebration; and a bench renovation in Peralta Children's Park working with Oakland elementary school children making tiles to cover the bench. Ms. Steinman commissioned Andree Singer Thompson to paint banners of California native plants and animals as part of a permanent installation, *California Native*, in Palo Alto, California. She also paints endangered creatures on cars such as a yellow Volvo covered with endangered California salamanders which was among the Art Cars at the "How Berkeley Can You Be" parade. A large installation of wood/clay sculptures at the Judah Magnes Museum, *Survivors*, was a tribute to family and other survivors of the Holocaust, a recurring theme throughout Ms. Singer Thompson's career. She also has exhibited ceramics and ceramic sculptures across the U.S., as well in Korea, Japan, and Europe. Ms. Singer Thompson lives in Berkeley, California, teaches at Laney College and gives numerous workshops around the country. She is active in the eco-art movement as a member of the board of directors of the Women's Environmental Art Directory. Her art and her contributions to her community and the children that live within it is what define Andree Singer Thompson as a deserving inductee.



Richard Madole, '54

In 1954, Richard Madole graduated from Mayfield High School where he notably pitched 22 consecutive hitless innings on the MHS baseball team. After graduation he went on to Case Western Reserve University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Geology. He furthered his studies at Ohio State University where, in 1960, he graduated with a master's degree in Geology and Soil Science. He completed his doctorate from Ohio State in 1963 in the field of Geology.

Mr. Madole's scientific specialties include Surficial Geology, Geomorphology, Quaternary Stratigraphy, Dating Techniques, and the application of these disciplines to determining recurrence intervals of natural hazards. In addition, Richard Madole has contributed many publications to the field of geology and has extensive involvement in professional organizations.

Mr. Madole received a citation for Meritorious Service from the Department of the Interior for the wide range of Surficial Geology research he has conducted on the central and western United States. He also received the Superior Service Award from the Department of Interior in recognition of his contributions to the U.S. Geological Survey.

His research has greatly advanced the understanding of climate change and helped to advance key ideas in the field of geology. Currently, Mr. Madole has two manuscripts in press, two manuscripts in progress and two books in various stages of development.

In the community, Richard Madole enjoys giving lectures, leading field trips for secondary schools, universities, museums, national parks and other various science organizations. Richard Madole believes in the value of giving back to the community by working to educate people about the world we live on.

Richard Madole returns to Mayfield to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and is a reminder for others that the possibilities are endless when you leave the halls of Mayfield High.

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Robert Asadorian, '64

Mr. Robert Asadorian, a 1964 graduate of Mayfield High School, gives credit to MHS for providing him with the skills to work with and learn from others. In 1968 Mr. Asadorian received a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Yale University and in 1972 he received a master's degree in Business Administration from Stanford University.

Mr. Asadorian has spent most of his career as a management consultant, first with Stanford University, then as a general consultant and principal with the CPA firm of Peat Marwick. Later in his career, Mr. Asadorian became an independent consultant and investor as a way to manage career and family responsibilities. It's that balance that Mr. Asadorian considers his finest achievement -- the proper balance between success and happiness.

In his own words, Mr. Asadorian says it best, "What is important to me is that I have not 'played the game' or taken advantage of anyone to achieve what I have."

Currently, Mr. Asadorian is working on the launch of a technology start-up company in California called Flight Deck Resources which will manufacture electronic flight bags and supporting software for corporate and commercial airlines. He is serving as a major investor and board member in the company, as well as providing financial management advice.

As the president of the Yale Club of Silicon Valley, Mr. Asadorian spends countless volunteer hours connecting Yale University graduates through the strong networks he has created.

Finally, Mr. Asadorian and his wife have scholarship funds at the universities they attended: Yale, Stanford, & Duke. The scholarships symbolize their belief in giving back so others may move forward. His generosity, insight and character are what define Robert Asadorian as a deserving Mayfield High School Hall of Fame inductee.



Greg S. Costabile, '85

After serving the Mayfield High Class of 1985 as Senior Class President, Gregory S. Costabile went on to graduate Cum Laude from Bowling Green in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

He continued his studies and graduated from Cleveland Marshall College of Law in 1992. While working in the field of law, Gregory Costabile served as the assistant to the Law Director for the City of North Royalton and practiced law in the areas of Family Relations Law, Civil/Criminal Litigation, Contract Law, Municipal Law and Mediation.

In 2000, he was elected to the Mayfield Heights City Council and reelected to a second term in 2003. In 2005, he served as the President of City Council and in 2006, Gregory Costabile was elected Mayor of the City of Mayfield Heights.

In addition to this extensive list of professional accomplishments, he also has served on the following boards and committees: Commission on Aging, Tax Incentive Review Committee, Hillcrest Council of Councils, Co-chair Mayfield Heights Community Days, Legislative Committee, Mayfield Union Cemetery Committee and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Above all, his beloved position in life has been as a husband to his wife, Carmel, and father to his children, Gabriella and Marco.

Gregory S. Costabile has worked and continues to work to make a positive difference in the lives of the people he serves. As the Mayor of his hometown, he seeks to continue to refine his leadership skills and find new and creative ways to help people in need. During his extensive career, Gregory Costabile has not forgotten about his Mayfield roots. He truly is a great reflection and extension of the Mayfield Schools family which honors him today as a Hall of Fame inductee.

Wildcattin' With Kitty

Joe Donatelli, Class of '94, a writer in Los Angeles, hosts a comedy podcast called "The Second Column." It is available on iTunes and www.joedonatelli.com. Each week Joe and three friends invite a guest onto the show to talk about a new topic. The show features occasional appearances by brothers **Tom Donatelli, Class of '96**, and **Dan Donatelli, Class of '00**.

Eric Brown, Class of '71, has been serving as Assistant Attorney General for the State of Ohio. In November, Eric was elected to serve as Franklin County Probate Court Judge. His term begins on February 9, 2009 and there is lots of work to be done to prepare for this transition. He and his wife Marilyn will take a short vacation before preparing for this exciting change. Eric is sincerely thankful to all those who helped and supported his campaign.

Dr. Donald Spaner, Class of '77, was honored by Hillcrest Hospital for his contribution to the health and well-being of patients and families in the eastern region. Dr. Spaner is medical director of Emergency Medical Services at Hillcrest and coordinates the efforts of the nine fire departments that serve the hospital. He has enacted significant changes to Hillcrest's pre-hospital program and has helped to establish and maintain the Code Crimson program, an effort to deliver the most advanced, multidisciplinary care to patients in the emergency environment. Dr. Spaner is an inductee in the Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame.

Stephanie Teresi Thompson, Class of '93. Since 1997, Stephanie has been in the United States Air Force serving her country as a Medical Administration Technician. She was at her first duty station, Nellis Air Force Base (AFB) in Las Vegas, NV, from 1997 to 2003. While at Nellis AFB, she graduated from the University of Phoenix with a bachelors degree in Business Management and a few years later graduated with her Master's Degree in Aeronautical Science specializing in Safety, graduating Summa Cum Laude. In December of 2003, Stephanie made a short move to Travis AFB, CA just outside of the San Francisco area. While being stationed at Travis AFB, she deployed to Kirkuk AFB, Iraq for six months in April of 2005. It was quite an experience that she will never forget. Just recently, Stephanie got married to an amazing man in the Air Force. They are getting ready to leave Travis AFB to make their way across country to Aviano AFB, near Venice, Italy. They plan to start a family and finish out their military careers in Italy.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Alumni Association completed a major task last year by revising our By Laws. In terms of the election of officers, the By Laws state, "Members who are graduates of Mayfield may put themselves in nomination of any of the four offices of the Association between January and April preceding the May election. The nominees for President shall have served at least one term on the Executive Board with the exception of the first President of the Association." Officers shall assume their duties September 1, 2009.

Should any members desire to apply for office, you may contact the Alumni Association through our e-mail address at Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net



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Coletta Weik Thomas, '36, passed away Dec. 23, 2008.

Josephine Cutrone Bonacci, '39, passed away Oct. 7, 2008.

Janet Smith Dix, '42, passed away Nov., 2008.

Mary Panek Moir, '45, passed away Oct., 2008.

Annabelle Wolfe, '46, passed away Nov. 4, 2004.

Mickey Donovan, '56, passed away Oct. 13, 2008.

Marianne Tillan Foley, '57, passed away August 27, 2008 following heart surgery.

Basil Messina, '57, passed away Oct. 20, 2008 from ALS.

John Alan Levak, '62, passed away Nov. 26, 2008.

Kathleen Delfs Morris, '63, passed away June 20, 2008.

Karen Francioso Pletka, '68, passed away Nov. 5, 2007 from liver failure.

Richard "Ric" Alan Day, '73, passed away Aug. 6, 2008 following heart surgery.

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Turner, Popelka, Meadows, and Roth Honored at Alumni Association's Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction

The November 8th Mayfield High School Alumni Association's 28th raffle and dinner/dance was a great success by all accounts with approximately 325 people in attendance. We had five Mayfield High School classes holding their reunions at this annual event which was the largest number we have ever had. Those classes were 1953, 1963, 1968, 1973 and 1983. Each reunion group had their own separate tables so that they could visit and catch up with their friends and former classmates. Due to the large turnout, the Executive Board engaged a band this year for the enjoyment of all those wanting to dance. The original group hired had to back out because of a personal health problem, but luckily for us **Marc Paige, Class of '68** was able to step in and fill the void with seven other members from his band "Flashback". Marc does a mean job on the sax and we were provided with varied musical entertainment throughout the night.

Another highlight of the evening was the Hall of Fame Induction of four former staff members. The honorees were **Sandy Turner, Carl Roth, Joe Popelka** and a posthumous award to **Rod Meadows**. Rod's mother and father were in attendance to accept his plaque. The menu offered by **Sandy (Class of '61) and Linda Carmigiano**, owners of the Normandy Party Center, was a real hit again this year.

Sandra Wiseman Turner—Sandy began her career in the fall of 1960, teaching Home Economics to students in grade 7-12. At that time grades 7-12 were housed in the current Middle School building.

When the new high school opened on Wilson Mills Road, she was able to move to that building and continued to teach there—with a few interruptions. In 1967, Sandy retired to raise a family but missed Mayfield so much (she actually would start crying when she heard the band practicing outside for the football games) she returned in 1971 and continued teaching until 1995 when she once again retired. In 2001, Sandy came out of retirement on a part-time basis for a year. Then in 2005 she returned full-time as a learning disability tutor and is still serving in that capacity.

Over the years, Sandy taught every subject there was to teach within the Home Economics department, and was instrumental as Department Chairperson in developing a broader variety of courses—some that even attracted the boys! In addition to her academic responsibilities, she has also been the advisor to the Y-Teen club, Student Council advisor and Senior Class advisor. She enjoyed the opportunity to work with students in the various organizations as well as in the classroom. Sandy loves Mayfield so much that over the years she would even volunteer to monitor detentions before school! In 1979, Sandy was a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar.

Sandy has wonderful memories of Mayfield—including the first few years when she and other young teachers were so impressed with their new experiences. She has a lifetime of memories of the administrators who influenced her, and the teachers and staff members she worked with over the years. Her greatest enjoyment however, has always been the students. She has especially enjoyed watching the students return as parents and having the opportunity to work with their children. Although times have changed and society has changed, Sandy still feels the students are great.

Sandy and her husband Bruce have lived in the Mayfield district for nearly 40 years. Their children, Bill and Jill, and their daughter-in-law Julie, are Mayfield graduates. Their four grandchildren (Ashley, Ryan, Andrew and Evan) are currently students in the Mayfield schools.

How does Sandy Wiseman Turner feel about Mayfield? When her grandson was asked about attending camp for his second year, he said he was a "lifer". Over the years, Sandy's passion for Mayfield has not changed - she is also a "Mayfield Lifer."

Joseph Popelka—Began his professional association with the Mayfield School System in January, 1964 when he student-taught at the junior high school under the guidance of Roger Franklin. Putting his teaching career on hold for three years, Joe fulfilled his commitment to the U. S. Army as a lieutenant stationed at Fort Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska. In April of 1967, Joe wrote a letter to Mayfield's superintendent, Dr. Joseph Baird, explaining that his military commitment was nearing conclusion and inquired about openings for the 1967-68 school year. Having observed Joe as a student teacher, Dr. Baird extended an offer to teach five class of freshman English. Thus began Joe's 33-year career with the Mayfield schools. Some of Joe's fondest memories were from his junior high days in Room 217 at what is now the Mayfield Middle School. During the early years as he learned from mentors, peers and students, Joe also became part of the revival of the old Panther Press, the monthly newspaper, and coached 8th grade football with Joe Housteau and Ernie Safran.

In September of 1970, Mayfield High School became a nine through twelve building, and Joe chose to move to Wilson Mills with his beloved freshmen. Room 113 became Joe's home for the next 22 years. That same year he met his first challenge with honor's classes—trying to keep the egos of those gifted students in check. He learned a valuable lesson that year from a young man named Mitchell Spector. One day after class, Mitch quietly whispered, "Mr. Popelka, don't try to impress us—just be yourself." Another lesson learned that year came from the legendary Mayfield drama teacher, John Szuhay. John told Joe the secret of his success was simple—"The more you give; the more you get." That simple statement became the impetus for two of Joe's creations which became a part of his remaining years of teaching. First was his informational blackboard which evolved from simply birthdays, inspirational quotes etc., to facts, news items and pictures. After a few years, Joe added daily FACT sheets as he sought out intellectual nuggets to challenge his student to become life-long learners.

In 1973-74, Joe was invited to join the yearbook staff by Bill Mahusky. His workload doubled as he created copy, layouts, managed the business end and took candid snapshots for the next 12 years. Despite the hours, Joe loved being a part of producing a product that literally is reviewed forever. In the late 80's Joe developed diabetes, but continued to psych himself up for classes. In 1992, heart attacks forced Joe to miss 43 days of school and resulted in triple-bypass surgery. Though he thought his career was over, The Connections' Program designed for "average kids" helped revive him and the magic returned as the staff worked to help the students believe that they were special. In 1999, his health issues forced him into retirement. Now grandchildren are his greatest joy and his "class" consists of two boys and three girls ranging in age from two to eight.

Rod Meadows—Rod received his Bachelor's Degree from Kent State University, plus two Master's Degrees, one from The Ohio State University and the other from Kent State University. After teaching for one year at Patrick Henry Junior High School in Cleveland, he joined the Social Studies Department at Mayfield High School in 1969. He taught Ninth Grade Social Studies during his eleven years at Mayfield.

Rod's teaching style was unique. His class was intense and fast-paced. He often sat perched on a chair, telling stories about historical characters or quizzing his students on the contents of his famous "fact sheets." He especially enjoyed teaching about World War II, the American Indian, the British Empire and the study of Archaeology. When he was not in class, he could often be found in his "office," the storage closet across from the Math Office or supervising after school detentions. His other interest included collecting and reading comic books and science fiction novels, listening to music, and following the Cleveland Indians and Browns. Rod's public persona was often serious and stern. He demanded the most of himself and of his students as well. He set high standards for his students, both academically and behaviorally. Behind the business-like exterior was the real Rod. He was sensitive, compassionate, and incredibly funny. He adopted an open-door policy for students that extended beyond the classroom to his home. He could be counted on to listen to their ideas, celebrate their accomplishments, and support them through their challenges.

During his last five years at Mayfield, Rod waged a difficult and courageous battle against cancer. He spent his last year on disability leave, but didn't let that stop him from attending the assembly where the 1980 Mayfielder was dedicated to him. That same year, the Senior Book was dedicated to him and he received senior poll awards of Hardest Worker and Most Admirable. Rod Meadows passed away in the fall of 1980.

Carl Roth—As he looks back at his beginnings in the Mayfield School district, Carl chuckles at the factors that influenced his hiring as a teacher. Although all of the candidates who interviewed for the position were qualified, Carl discovered he had a little something extra! In June, 1959, R. W. Lackey was the principal of the high school. After a lengthy interview, he asked to see Carl's wallet. Unsure of why he wanted to see his wallet, Carl handed it over. Mr. Lackey peeked inside and then told Carl how impressed he was with his organization. It was Carl's habit to have his money neatly arranged with matching bills together, \$1's, \$5's, \$10's etc. As the interview continued, Mr. Lackey informed Carl that he needed an individual to manage the concession stand for the football games for the 1959-1960 season. Carl's only previous experience with a food concession was selling hot dogs and peanuts at Cleveland Municipal Stadium during the Browns and Indians games while he was in high school. Mr. Lackey decided that was enough experience and put Carl in charge. You never know what life experiences will help you get hired for a job.

During his tenure at Mayfield, Carl observed many changes. His first assignment was at the Junior High School on SOM Center Road which now houses the Middle School. At the time, that area was the main campus for the district. New housing was built, the student population grew, and a new high school was built on Wilson Mills, where Carl was assigned and where he taught until he retired in 1989 to pursue other interests.

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If you have any questions regarding membership, you may contact us at: Mayfieldalum@sbcglobal.net

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