

THE ALUMNI VOICE

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MAYFIELD



WILDCATS

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

As students and teachers began to fill the halls on the first day of school, it was evident that it would be a start to another spectacular year. Seniors came in anxious to start a year filled with knowledge, excitement, and memories. Juniors came in ready to buckle down and start off a very important year for their future. The sophomores were prepared to take on a bigger role of being a high school student. The freshmen came in ready to start nervous but also ready to start a four year journey through high school. Even with all the excitement in the air, everyone was prepared for another year full of hard work in the classroom, dedication to their sports teams, and representing Mayfield inside and outside of school.

With Homecoming right around the corner, the year started off with a bang! Student Council president **Lana Avshalumov**, vice president **Val Khanin**, treasurer **Brian Khulman**, secretary **Julia Kramer**, and all the student council members began constructing what would be an unforgettable time with the Homecoming theme of "A Night In Manhattan." Weeks of planning and decorating truly made the night one to remember. The whole school and alumni came together for a terrific Homecoming Assembly, as **Ellen Potts** was crowned the 2009 Homecoming Queen accompanied by her court members **Amanda Tighe**, **Marissa Longe**, **Sammy Kline**, and **Ellen Christiansen**.

The week continued with a big Homecoming win for the football team over their rival, the Bursh Arcs. The underestimated Mayfield Wildcats proved everyone wrong and finished with a record of 10-2. Co-captains **Lee Longo**, **Tim Wetzel**, **Cory Hayes**, and **Brian Ghrisch** led the team to the second round of playoffs, where senior **Carey Spear** broke his own school record and tied the state of Ohio record by making a 61 yard field goal against the Solon Comets. Quarterback **Lee Longo** concluded his season with 21 touchdown passes thrown and 2,200 passing yards. Senior **Tim Wetzel** was voted

team MVP and recorded his second consecutive year of rushing for over 1,000 yards. **Brian Ghrisch** led the team on defense and proved to be the defensive MVP.

The success didn't stop there as the Mayfield soccer team led by **Christian Kalan**, **Carey Spear** and **Kyle Koski** had a great playoff run, making it to the regional semi-finals to face the number one team in the country, St Ignatius. Unfortunately, the Cats fell short as St. Ignatius scored with 2:06 left in the game.

Jake Wolfe and Johanna Bondra

Joe DeLauro Memorial Scholarship Started

Joe DeLauro was a Mayfield graduate from the **Class of '79**. He played football for the Wildcats in his junior and senior years and was a good student. Joe went on to attend The Ohio State University where he majored in Business. After leaving OSU, Joe went to work in the family's landscaping business.

Joe passed away in 2004 at which time his family and friends established a scholarship fund for his son, Andrew. Joe's family and friends have now extended the scholarship to a qualified and deserving MHS senior. You will see that the Joe DeLauro Memorial Scholarship has been added to our green donor card which is enclosed within this newsletter.

It is unfortunate that so many of Mayfield's best have passed away far before their time. However, their families and friends have extended the living spirit of the deceased by creating a scholarship that will enable another Mayfield graduate to reach their educational and career goals. These scholarships are greatly appreciated by the seniors who receive them.

THANK YOU 2008-09 SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The following people donated to our scholarship drive **during the 2008-09 school year**. The scholarship categories represent the **cumulative donations** made by these contributors since the inception of our scholarship program. Any donations made after August 31, 2009 will be recognized in *The Alumni Voice*, Vol. 31, No. 1.

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Message to this Year's Scholarship Donors

As the number of scholarships managed by the Mayfield High School Alumni Association has grown, we have found it necessary to limit the back of the green donor card (enclosed) to only the names of the scholarships. Below, you will find the criteria for each of them. We hope this gives you a better understanding of the family's and friends' wishes as to how the scholarship should be directed.

The Executive Board is truly grateful for the many alums who support our many and various scholarship funds. Every donor should feel a sense of pride when Honor's Day rolls around each May. If you are fortunate enough to be sitting in the auditorium when these seniors respectfully accept one of our scholarships, you would see firsthand the value of your donation. All Mayfield alums should be proud of our scholarship track record. Over the past 29 years, the Mayfield Alumni Association has awarded **\$193,900 in scholarships to 297 deserving seniors** who attended college or post-secondary training. Simply amazing!

Scholarship Criteria for Students (brief form)

- General Sch.**—parent attended Mayfield.
- John Szuhay Theatre Sch.**—active in theater.
- Ron Ritner Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete.
- Frank & Annette Alvarez Cosmetology Sch.**—pursue a career in cosmetology.
- Tim Collaros Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete.
- Michael Patrick Colombi Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete with high academic excellence.
- Norm Huelsman Mem. Sch.**—majoring in education.
- William Shaylor Mem. Sch.**—attitude and activities that have made a positive impact on the Mayfield Schools.
- Butch Woodie Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete
- Richard Vojticek Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete with strong character and community service.
- Leadership Scholarship**—Class Valedictorian
- Harvey Scheetz Mem. Sch.**—majoring in education.
- Nancy West Business Sch.**—enter the field of business.
- Paul Gadke Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete
- Ed Ferris Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete w/emphasis on wrestling.
- Judy Delfs Spirit Sch.**—love & compassion for children.
- Laura Rinker Nursing Sch.**—enter the field of nursing.
- Wendy DiVita Murphy Mem. Sch.**—demonstrates a passion for helping kids.
- John DeLauro Mem. Sch.**—student-athlete, entering the field of business.

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The John Steadman Gymnasium Has A Nice Ring To It!

There is a group of former players, students, faculty, and friends who are initiating a movement to dedicate the wood gym at Mayfield High School in honor of **John Steadman**. John was a longtime Social Studies teacher and Head Boys Basketball coach at Mayfield High School. The group is asking for anyone interested and who knew John well to send letters of support to the Board of Education. Hopefully, the Board will understand what an influential man Coach Steadman was and how dedicated he was to promoting positive behavior and hard work. Coach Steadman was a positive role model and a tremendous motivator. Whether in the classroom or the gym, Coach Steadman inspired his students to be the best they could be.

Please address your letter in support of this nomination to:

Mayfield City Schools Board of Education
1101 SOM Center Road
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124

In order to collect the letters and submit them together, please mail your letter to:

Andy McCartney
6188 Diana Court
Highland Heights, OH 44143

The organizing group feels strongly that naming the gym in the honor of Coach John Steadman would be a very fitting memorial.

Wildcattin' With Kitty

David Ferrante, Class of '86, has opened a bookstore in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood. Dave's love for books began at the age of 11 when a librarian put a book in front of him called "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea". While walking through Tremont one day, Ferrante and some friends passed by the rundown remains of the Betley Printing Co. that was empty for more than a century. Its floors were covered in debris, its walls were bare, but Ferrante peered in and felt his vague desire to open a bookstore snap into place. The name of the bookstore is **Visible Voice Books**. Visible Voice Books is at 1023 Kenilworth Ave., Cleveland. Call 216-961-0084 or go to myspace.com/visiblevoicebooks

Members can contact the Mayfield Alumni Association with newsletter information, class reunion questions, or to obtain answers to your questions.

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In this photo you will see all the teenagers from the **Class of '57** who were in Flagstaff AZ for a great time (from left to right) -

Randy Lee Monsegur, Tempe, AZ
Rose Balawender Newman, Cleve., OH
Barb Rado DeGaetano, Marco Island, FL
Carol Ely Eames, Tulsa, OK
Carol Gacewich Filkins, Calabash, NC
Janet Fisher Gockel, Fairport Harbor, OH
Nancy Havas Hall, Highland Hts., OH
Chris Hanson Seidman, Chicago, IL
Judy Fisher Wilson, Chesterland, OH





CLASS REUNIONS



Mayfield Mini Reunion

It's time again for the Mayfield Mini Reunion. This is our fifth year so let's make it a big one at warm and sunny Fort Myers, Florida. This year's event will take place on February 27, 2010 at Pine Lakes Pub on Tamiami Trail in North Fort Myers, Florida. Cocktails and appetizers will be served from 6:00 to 7:00pm with a buffet dinner served at 7:00pm.

Kathy and I look forward to welcoming all Wildcats, friends, and guests. Please forward this information to anyone who might be interested in attending. We need to have a minimum of 24 people paid to move forward. Cost per person is \$25. Please send you check to:

Kathy and Mike Tannenbaum
19840 Diamond Hill Ct.
North Fort Myers, FL 33903
239-567-0099

Who Says Only Teenagers Have Pajama Party's?

Dear members of the Alumni Board:

First of all I want to complement you on the well done **Alumni Voice Newsletter** . . . very interesting, upbeat, informative, and caring (typical Mayfield spirit). Thank you for your part. I'm sure I speak on behalf of many Wildcats!

I've submitted a photo of eight classmates from 1957 and myself (left in senior year for California with family business) who consider me their own. I truly was very active at Mayfield with student council, cheerleading, etc., even co-wrote Wildcattin' with Kitty for the community newspaper.

To honor our 70th young birthdays, we gathered at my mountain home in Flagstaff, AZ to celebrate! We enjoyed five days of joy-filled laughter, on-going reminiscing, catching up on our current lives and sightseeing at the Grand Canyon and Sedona (Red Rock country). We indeed became teenagers again! Picture on left.

Randy Lee Monsegur 480-838-1683
randm98@msn.com

Class of 1948

On August 29, 2009, our annual Class Reunion was held at the home of **Phil Millhouse** on Bishop Rd., Highland Heights. Late afternoon, two of us picked up a pre-ordered complete meal from Borally's and as always, it was delicious.! Of the 22 total attendees, 16 were '48 classmates. One of the 16 came with her husband from Lockport, NY.

It's always fun to get together and reminisce with lots of laughs while going through pictures taken of old alums. Those of us still residing in the old neighborhood meet for lunch at Bob Evans Restaurant on SOM Center Road every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:00pm.

Carrie Hock Jackson

Class of 1960

The Class of 1960 is planning their 50th Class Reunion for Saturday, September 18, 2010 at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in Mayfield Hts. The following classmates have not been located.

If you have information about any of them, please contact **Marie Thomas Chess** (440-442-9282, meccook@juno.com)

Thomas Andrusk, Lynette Arsenault Marotta, Dennis Balough, Barbara Beck Harris, Amy Berg Kahn, Marsha Bickford, Nancy Clark, Patricia Conrad Klemm, Maryann Czepegi Miley, Barry Davis, Norma Goss Karabasz, Russell Grootegoed, Dr. Miriam Hoffacker Kuhl, David Hosack, Kenneth Johnson, Thomas Peter Koteles, Gloria Kovach Palumbo, Carol Larsen Hays, Thomas Leibundgut, Michael Levensen, Martin Levin, Laura Loy, John Magalotti, Anthony Mayer, James Daniel Meyers, Raymond Miller, Ralph Nielsen, Judy Page Kilgore, Andrew John Palmer, Linda Renner Malone, Charles Smith, Glenda Snow Anderson, Anita Stephens, David Thompson, Tibor Volgyi.

Barb Pfender

2009 Mayfield High School



John Podgurski, '67

John Podgurski graduated from Mayfield High School in 1967. After leaving Mayfield, John went on to further his academic career at Miami University of Ohio and Kent State University. John received his bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1975. He continued his studies at the Akron University of Law and was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1984. John has had nine years of experience in the education industry as a school administrator, serving as the Assistant Treasurer and Business Manager with the Shaker Heights School District and practicing Educational Law for the last 23 years.

Throughout his time practicing law he has developed extensive experience in representing school districts in all legal areas with special emphasis on labor relations and special education matters. John has given instructional seminars and in-service seminars on behalf of Ashtabula County Educational Service Center, Clark County Educational Service Center, Miami County Educational Service Center, Fairborn City School District, Fairlawn School District, Mayfield School District, and many others.

In addition to his extensive legal work Mr. Podgurski is involved in the community. He has coached little league, sponsored athletic teams, and is a member of the Willoughby Chamber of Commerce. Through hard work, honesty, integrity, knowledge and trust, Mr. Podgurski has developed an honorable professional reputation and has left a lasting positive impact on the Mayfield community. It is a privilege to induct John Podgurski into the M. H. S. Alumni Hall of Fame.



Dr. Marilyn Jerome Foust, '70

Marilyn Jerome graduated from Mayfield High School in 1970. After leaving Mayfield, Marilyn went on to further her academic career at Xavier University where she received a bachelor's degree in Natural Sciences in 1974. Marilyn continued her studies at the graduate level by attending the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed her internship at George Washington University Medical Center. Upon completing her residency, Dr. Jerome joined Foxhall OB-Gyn Associates as its first female physician.

During the past 27 years, Dr. Jerome has practiced and taught residents as a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at George Washington University Hospital. During that time she has delivered more than 2,000 babies. In addition to her work, Dr. Jerome also has made a commitment to giving back to her community. In 2001 Dr. Jerome joined the Board of Directors of the Jesuit Refugee Service. This organization seeks to aid, advocate, and support the plight of refugees throughout the world. In 2002, Dr. Jerome joined the Board of Directors of the Children of God Relief Fund. This organization raises funds for three programs in Kenya that aid orphans who are affected by HIV. Dr. Jerome credits her time at Mayfield as being critical to laying down the necessary foundation for her to excel academically. During her extensive career she has not forgotten about her Mayfield roots and truly is a great reflection and extension of the Mayfield family.

Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees



Scott Coleman, '79

Scott Coleman graduated from Mayfield High School in 1979. After leaving Mayfield, Scott enrolled at Cleveland State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 1984. Currently, Mr. Coleman serves three professional positions. He is a Tax Manager for Progressive Insurance, where his responsibilities include managing state and local taxes, personal property taxes, abandoned property, lobbying efforts, securing employment incentives and information reporting. In total, he is responsible for paying \$270 million dollars in taxes annually. He has been responsible for negotiating two of the largest job creation tax incentives granted by the state of Ohio.

Scott's second position is Mayor of Highland Heights, which during his time as mayor, has been listed as one of the 100 Best Cities in the Country. As mayor, Mr. Coleman serves as the Vice President of Span-Suburban Police Anticrime Network and the Vice President of the Tri-City Consortium on Aging. Mayor Coleman has secured over \$3.5 million dollars in grant money and interest free loans for city projects in Highland Heights. The final position Mr. Coleman holds is the campaign treasurer for Congressman Steve LaTourette which includes reporting all cash receipts and expenditures for Congressman LaTourette's congressional campaign. Scott Coleman has an extensive list of community involvement. He not only works to excel professionally but he also gives back to the community. Mayor Scott Coleman is a reminder for all students that the possibilities are endless when you leave the halls of Mayfield High School.



Dr. Eileen Anderson-Fye, '89

Eileen Anderson graduated from Mayfield High School in 1989. Upon leaving Mayfield, Eileen enrolled at Brown University where she earned a bachelor's degree in American Civilization with a focus in gender and education. She continued her studies at Harvard University where she completed her master's degree and education doctoral degree in Human Development and Psychology. Currently, Dr. Anderson-Fye serves as Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University. Her secondary titles include Associate Director, Shubert Center for Child Studies at Case Western Reserve University and Assistant Research Anthropologist, Center for Culture and Health, Semel Institute for Neuropsychiatric Research, UCLA. She is the primary doctoral advisor to four students, secondary advisor to six students, an undergraduate mentor and capstone advisor to undergraduate students.

Dr. Anderson-Fye has taught a wide range of courses at Case which include Psychiatric and Psychological Anthropology, Introduction to Medical Anthropology, Seminar on Global Mental Health, and Anthropology of Adolescence. Dr. Anderson-Fye also is involved with her community. Most recently, she has become active in the Solon Early Childhood PTA, authored a blog site, served as an alumni interviewer and founded a group for Faculty and Staff Parents of Young Children at Case. Dr. Anderson's greatest accomplishment has been building a beautiful family while sustaining a career that she loves. Dr. Eileen Anderson-Fye is a welcome addition to the Mayfield Alumni Hall of Fame.



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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In terms of the election of officers, the Association 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, 2010.

Should any qualifying members desire to apply for any office, please contact the Alumni Association through our e-mail address at:

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Peter Nero, '35 passed away April 30, 2008 from complications of a stroke he suffered in 2002.

Martha Omeis Ford, '36 passed away June 24, 2009.

Jessie Leona Davis, '37 passed away Jan. 28, 2008.

Richard Howard, '37 passed away June 3, 2008.

Doris Lemon, '39 passed away Sept. 21, 2009.

Janet Smith Dix, '42 passed away Nov. 30, 2008.

Jim Snider, '44 passed away Dec. 2009.

Tom Hofstetter, '46 passed away Oct. 2009.

Donald Reinoehl, '46 passed away March 18, 2008.

Anthony Sartini, '46 passed away Oct. 7, 2009.

Edward Yenyo, '48 passed away March 24, 2006.

Wanda Hejcl, '50 passed away Dec. 27, 2009.

Norma Jean Unemske Glause, '51 passed away Nov. 17, 2008.

Albert Robejsek, '55 passed away from cancer July 13, 2009.

Marianne Tillan Foley, '57 passed away Aug. 27, 2008.

Terrance Peacock, '58 passed away Oct. 14, 2009.

Dr. Susan Pollack-Brewster, '59 passed away Aug. 23, 2009.

Roger Woodie, '63 passed away Dec. 3, 2009.

Kenneth Rich, '67 passed away Sept. 24, 2008 from pneumonia.

Jerry Kaplan, '68 passed away Nov., 2008 from pancreatic cancer.

Francine Vinciguerra Breznay, '69 passed away May 23, 2009.

Scott Gentilly, '70 passed away Sept. 9, 2009.

Tom Varanese, '75 passed away Oct. 25, 2009.

Michael D. Thomas, '76 passed away July 6, 2009 as a result of an automobile accident.

Carl Grigonis, '93 passed away Oct. 29, 2009 as a result of a U.S. Coast Guard plane crash.

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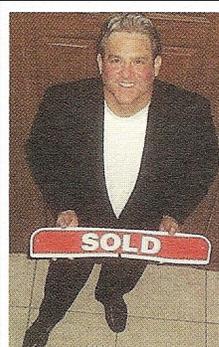
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Borland, Chordas, McKee and Lackey Honored at Alumni Association's Raffle/Staff Hall of Fame Induction

On November 14th, in beautiful 67 degree weather, the Mayfield High School Alumni Association's 29th raffle and dinner/dance was a great success by all accounts. We had three Mayfield High School classes holding their reunions at this annual event. Those classes were 1964, 1969, and 1974. Each reunion group had their own separate tables so they could visit and catch up with their friends and former classmates.

Another highlight of the evening was the Hall of Fame Induction of four former staff members. The honorees were **Fern Borland Raff Pfister, Dave Chordas, Margaret McKee, and R. Wallace Lackey**. The menu offered by **Sandy (Class of '61) and Linda Carmigiano**, owners of the Normandy Party Center, was a real hit again this year. Following are the bios of each inductee.

Fern Borland Raff Pfister—Fern started teaching full-time in Mayfield in 1962. Her first three years were spent at the junior high school, and then she was assigned to the high school and taught tenth and eleventh grade English and history. For the remaining years at the high school Fern taught tenth and eleventh grade English, was the faculty advisor for the newspaper, and coordinated the Red Cross food and monetary collections for many years.

Fern was given the opportunity to take part in the Master Teacher Project at Cleveland State in 1969. Teachers spent Saturday mornings attending lectures and participating in question and answer sessions with famous educators. After ten weeks they graduated and were considered "Master Teachers." Fern loved her years at Mayfield High School, enjoyed her students very much and always felt close to her teaching colleagues.

After retirement Fern lost her first husband and married Charles Raff who passed away in 2006. At her sixty-fifth reunion from New Philadelphia High School in 2007, she was reunited with James Pfister, a classmate of hers since the 10th grade. They were married in May, 2007 and currently live in Sewickly, Pennsylvania in a retirement village. Her son Bob, lives forty miles away, and her other two sons live in California and New York. The entire family has a reunion every year.

David Chordas—Dave did his student teaching under Lee Johns in the spring of 1968. There was not an opening in Mayfield for the '68-'69 school year, so this young, idealistic young man went to teach in the inner-city of Cleveland at Addison Jr. High at East 79th and

Hough. Among many things learned, one was to appreciate what one has and Dave said it made him a much better teacher. During the summer of 1969, he married his sweet Irish colleen, Marianne, and after returning from their honeymoon, his father said a man had been calling with an offer to teach at Mayfield. The man who called was Hal Freas, and fortunately for Mayfield, Dave accepted the offer.

The next 34 years found Dave teaching World History, regular, adjusted and honors. He also taught 9th grade Social Studies, and initiated two courses, one being Current World Affairs and Advanced Placement European History. In addition to Dave's "in class" duties, he also greatly influenced many students through the World Affairs Club and athletics, serving as a coach for 9th grade football and wrestling, the junior varsity baseball coach, and as the Faculty Manager (assistant athletic director).

Dave also gave of his time to advance his profession by serving as vice president and then president of the Mayfield Education Association for 5 years; executive committee member of MEA for 25 years and representative to conventions for the Ohio Education Association and Northeast Ohio Education Association. His excellence as a teacher was recognized by the Academic Boosters, the Mayfield Education Association and on ten or more occasions by the Senior Top Forty students.

Many of Dave's memories, as well as the memories of many students center around the Model United Nations which Dave ran through his World History class for 30 years, and the Junior Council on World Affairs. Students participated in Model UN's throughout the country, and Dave and several other staff members carry memories of snow storms, plane delays, famous personalities they met, Congressmen and Senators who interacted with the students, and honors received by so many Mayfield High School students. Dave received recognition and was invited to speak at a symposium in New York at the United Nations to illustrate how to bring the real United Nations into the classroom. He also presented a program at Cleveland State University to area high school Social Studies teachers on methods for dealing with United States-Soviet Union relations and future issues.

Dave has many wonderful memories of his years at Mayfield: working with his wife Marianne, for six years, she in the library and Dave in the classroom; sharing so

many life events with people as they got married, had children and followed their successes and set backs; sharing love and compassion with those who lost love ones and those Dave lost as friends and fellow teachers; continuing wonderful experiences of running into former students and sharing memories and volunteering at Lander Elementary School in his daughter's kindergarten classes. Dave continues to teach and serve others since his ordination as a Deacon in 2008 in the Roman Catholic Church.

Margaret McKee—There are no records in the archives to describe Mrs. McKee, only memories in the hearts and minds of those who knew her during her years in Mayfield. The following tribute was derived from students and faculty members who fondly remember Margaret McKee as a wonderful role model for each and every girl.

Mrs. McKee was a short woman with perfect posture—erect, strong and authoritative. She had a strong voice and one could hear her shouting out orders in her class. Though as seventh graders the girls might have been frightened by her “gruff” demeanor, they quickly discovered she had a heart of gold. Mrs. McKee did her best to connect with each girl individually, encouraging them to respect themselves and others, and to step up to responsibility. She set high standards and expectations for us and we thought so much of her that we didn't want to disappoint her. You always knew exactly where you stood with Mrs. McKee because she told it like it was, but it was also known that she would help any girl who needed anything. She helped students financially as well as through encouragement and saw to it that some girls had the money for uniforms and other necessities. She did all of this quietly, always respectful of the dignity students needed. She had a good heart. She could be trusted, was a person with values, with integrity, and with compassion...and beside all that, she was FUN. She noticed everything and would frequently tease us. Her manner was always good natured, never belittling! She is remembered with the utmost respect as a teacher, cheerleading coach and as a woman who cared.

As a faculty member, Dutch Schmidt remembers Mrs. McKee as “the queen” with her court made up of Ben Schroeder, Ed Andrews, Lou Ramicone and Ed Siebenhar. As classes began for another school year, “McKee” and Dutch would go to work in the small gym on the 2nd floor; at the start of football season “McKee” would get the hot dogs cooking in the bus garage; in the spring, the May pole came out and “the queen” would organize the celebration with her girls' classes. “There were always a few people who made the effort to do something extra—something special— and one of those people was

Peg McKee. She was truly one of the fine early members of the Mayfield family”.

Comments provided by Marianne Tillan Folley, Shirley Fredrickson Ches, Donna Poyck Brett, Nancy West, Rose Newman, Reg Miller, Patricia Murphy Rivera, Pat Dremann Zieske, Nancy Hall, Barb Pfender, Jan Fisher Gockel, Mary Sweeny, Randy Monsegur, Sandra Wiseman Turner and Dutch and Marci Schmidt.

Ralph Wallace Lackey—Lackey received his Bachelor's Degree in Education from Bowling Green University and his Master's Degree in Education from The Ohio State University. He was known to his childhood friends as Wallace, and to the faculty and his wife Veva as simply “Lackey”, from a college introduction by a fraternity brother that stuck with him.

During a career that spanned 28 years, starting in 1933, Wallace taught English industrial arts, dramatics and coached in Whitehouse, Ohio. With the exception of the year he coached, his professional career was spent entirely within the bounds of the Mayfield community. He received the position of principal of the high school in 1944, and held that post until 1961 when he was appointed the director of curriculum for the entire Mayfield school district—sadly he passed away in the fall of 1961, before beginning his new position.

As an English teacher, he challenged his students to not only understand, but also to appreciate, the quality of the fine literature they studied. He was demanding. He had high expectations of his students, and above all, he had a passion that turned the lofty goals he had for his students into a higher strand of learning and creativity. For Wallace, the rewards of teaching were not measured in salary, nor awards, nor accolades from his peers, but in the smile of a returning student, long graduated, who stopped in to say “thank you” for the guidance he gave in the classroom.

Outside the classroom, Wallace was a man of many skills. He held membership cards with both the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and the painter's union, in order to supplement his family's income in the summer months. He directed and produced 38 major play productions for the high school. In the study of poetry, a passion for him, he served as both a speaker and lecturer for many years. “Lackey's” memories were many—from the outstanding athletic teams to the excellence of both students and teachers at the school. His most cherished memories were of the young lives he changed, the outlooks he improved, and the students he guided to reach their potential. For Wallace, that's what made all the difference. He was a teacher, an administrator, and above all a friend to those who knew him.




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