

## From the Director

The WSAA continues to add special events benefiting both current students and alumni. This summer we hosted our first ice cream social at Penitentiary Glen complete with miniature train rides through the grounds. This was truly a family affair, and everyone had a wonderful time.

In addition, our vision of uniting alumni and WHS students to bring back the wonderful tradition of float building was realized this year. The fruits of our efforts could be seen by all at the annual WHS Homecoming Parade and on display at the football game. We hope to keep students involved in this process to make sure the tradition continues. We welcome any alumni who remember **how to build a float to participate in next year's sessions.** In addition to the chicken wire tricks, we still have to teach the young ones how to paper mache!

Hopefully you stopped by the All Alumni Reunion before the homecoming game for some reminiscing, touring, and snacking. It was nice to see so many there for their individual class reunions.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony was another wonderful success. Congratulations to all of this year's inductees. August 2008 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Achievement Hall of Fame. Please take the time to nominate worthy alumni for this honor.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Superbowl Reverse Raffle and Chinese Auction on Saturday, February 2, 2008. This is our annual fundraiser, and we would appreciate your support.

As always, please remember to check the website often as events and news are always being updated.

Susan Skufca Bell  
Executive Director

## WSAA Board of Directors

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Lu Ann Urankar Zibert		1972

## Committees

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Save the Date



*Saturday February 2, 2008*

*4<sup>th</sup> Annual WSAA Super Bowl Reverse Raffle and Chinese Auction. \$50 per ticket includes dinner, open bar and \$2000 main board ticket. Numerous sideboards, games and auctions will be available for your entertainment. Tickets are great for holiday gift giving. Dress in your favorite team colors. Order early, only 200 tickets available.*

*Order information on Page 7 and on the web [www.WickliffeAlumni.org](http://www.WickliffeAlumni.org).*

## 2007 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

On Thursday August 23, five new members were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. For full inductee bios, please log onto [www.WickliffeAlumni.org](http://www.WickliffeAlumni.org).

### Eugene Caruso - **Class of '49**

1948 saw Eugene earn a W.R.L Title and a 12-0 record by passing 520 yards on 29 completions and tacking on another 700 rushing yards on 57 carries at the quarterback position.

Eugene was equally at home on the basketball court by being named Outstanding Player in the District and was selected to the All-Star Team. He also helped his freshman team to a stellar record of 19-1.

**Baseball, however, seemed to be Eugene's game.** He carried a life-time batting average of over .300 where he had many pitching victories and home runs.

After graduation from Wickliffe High School, Eugene was offered a spot in the Philadelphia Phillies organization and tried out for the Boston Red Sox but opted instead to attend Duquesne University where he played Football and Baseball.



### Erwin Will - **Class of '61**

A three-time letterman in football and two-time letterman in basketball during his high school career, Erwin made **his mark on the gridiron as a 6'5" 255 pound offensive tackle and defensive end** under Head Coach Ed Logan.

Erwin entertained numerous College Athletic Scholarship offers, including an offer from Notre Dame, which he passed up for the University of Dayton. He played four years of football for Dayton where he received many awards including the "Above and

Beyond the Call of Duty" award, "Most Valuable Player" and the WCPO Tri-State Area All-Star College Defensive Team in 1964.

Erwin's athletic history culminated with a short but memorable career as a professional football player in the NFL. He was drafted in the 7th round of the 1965 NFL Player Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. Erwin competed with and against some of the biggest names in professional football history including; Irv Cross, Johnny Unitas, Lenny Moore, Gale Sayers (Erwin tackled him four times), Dick Butkus, Sonny Jurgensen, Don Meredith and Alex Karras.



### Peter Gamier - **Class of '61**

A true overall athlete, Pete played football, basketball ran track and wrestled for the Blue Devils.

**Pete's leadership at the halfback position** on the football field sparked the 1960 team to win the Northeast Conference Championship with a 9-1 record. His efforts that year produced

11 season and single-game WHS and District records.

Not satisfied by his performance on the gridiron, Pete continued his stellar achievement in Track and Field. Pete excelled in the 100 and 220 yard sprints, the 440 and 880 yard relays and the broad jump by qualifying for the State Finals four years in a row, the only WHS athlete to ever do so.

Pete went on to run track for Western Michigan University where his crowning achievement was his 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Chicago Relays in the 100 yard dash (9.5 seconds) behind the then "fastest man on earth" and Olympic Champion Bob Hayes.



### Daniel C. Paschke - Class of '73

Whether he was covering 3rd base, playing point guard or tearing up the football field as wide receiver and defensive back, **Dan's athletic and leadership skills** earned him the honorable title of Captain in three sports.

His high school career honors included the News Herald Defensive Player of the Year, All-Lake County 1st Team, All-State, three years on the Lake County all Star Team and All-American Honorable Mention.

College saw Dan as a defensive back at Arizona State University where he was a member of the 1975 ASU squad ranked #2 in the nation.

Dan joins his brother Chuck in the Wickliffe High School Ath-

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# DEVIL DOINGS

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letic Hall of Fame.



## Kevin N. Porter - **Class of '86**

One of the fastest athletes to ever grace the halls of Wickliffe High School, Kevin was a seven-time letter recipient in three sports: Track and Field (4 letters), Basketball (2 letters) and Cross-Country (1 letter).

As the Captain of the Basketball team, he led the team in scoring and was second in assists and rebounding in his junior and senior seasons and was named Most Valuable Player.

But it was Track and Field that Kevin excelled in most. In his junior and senior years Kevin was MVP for Chagrin Valley Conference, the Wickliffe Night Relay along with multiple other relays. He was CVC champion in the 100m hurdles, 200m, 400m, and 4x400 relay. He was listed in the top 5 in seven events upon graduation.

In the 400m alone he was All-state, Chagrin Valley Conference, District and Wickliffe High School record holder. Kevin **was Male Athlete of the Year in 1986 and led the region's "Best List" in the 110m hurdles and the 400m.**

His college career saw more awards while attending the University of Tennessee. He was a member of the 1991 NCAA National Championship and Southeastern Conference Championship Team.

Upon graduation Kevin was top 10 in the 400IM hurdles and 500m run indoor, and won multiple relay championships including the Penn Relays, the oldest relay in the country.

## “ Reader

*"Please accept this donation to support the Alumni Association. I really enjoy receiving the WSAA newsletter. It brings back a lot of great memories. Thanks."*

- Ray Milavec (Teacher and Coach)

*"Thanks so much for including an article about organ donation in the last newsletter!! It was great that you dedicated so much space to it. Hopefully it will cause a lot of people to become organ donors!"*

- Laurie Mitrovich, wife of Mark Mitrovich '91, and organ transplant success story!

## Quotes ”

## 60's Era Reunion Recap

*Comments By Tom Ansberry '65*

Approximately 100+ Wickliffe Alumni from the years 1960 to 1969 attended the first annual 60's Era Reunion held at the Wickliffe Holiday Inn in Patty's Pub & Restaurant. We had the place packed with WHS Alumni that night and it was great seeing people reconnect old friendships.

What a blast from the past it was seeing all the class members. The kids from Phillips Avenue who attended Worden Elementary School might have represented the largest contingent of proud alumni. They got together for numerous photographs and enjoyed reminiscing their youthful endeavors.

In addition, Michael & Carolyn Lenenski were in attendance and it was a wonderful sight to see and talk with both of them.

The reunion committee that organized this event consisted of Pat Suback Alves, Nancy Krihwan Perlic, Linda Smith Poole, Sandy Averson Drenser, Carilyn Nigro Harper, Tom Abate, and John Huszczo (all from the class of 66) and Tom Ansberry (class of 65).

For a first time experimental event, it ran quite smoothly. The 60's Era Reunion will be held again the first Saturday of August each year, so mark your calendars now! The BIG plus to this even was that there was no monetary commitment required, and it was informal.

Stay tuned to [www.wickliffealumni.org](http://www.wickliffealumni.org) for next year's details. If you have any comments or suggestions, please e-mail the Committee at [Wickliffeclass66@aol.com](mailto:Wickliffeclass66@aol.com).

## Thank You To Our Contributors

Ray Milavec - Faculty/Staff

Bob Smith - Faculty/Staff

Gloria Caruso Nadolski - Class of 1941

*In memory of Henry "Hank" Nadolski, Class of 1965*

Class of 1945 Reunion

Class of 1946 Reunion

Class of 1947 Reunion

John Sintic - Class of 1962

Susan Panich Trimble - Class of 1965

*In memory of Richard, Ann Marie and Sharon LaSota*

Vicky Mandato Ryan - Class of 1973

*In memory of my sister, Yvonne Mandato Keener '65*

Robin Gallese Shannon - Class of 1974

*Thanks to Gloria Majeski*

Rudy Ivancic - Class of 1975

Lynne Gavalek Longo - Class of 1976

*In memory of Annie Sciko Langdon '76 and dedicated to those still suffering*

Carol Vargo - Class of 1983

Mark Mitrovich - Class of 1991 and wife Laurie Mitrovich

# DEVIL DOINGS

## Where are they now?

By Gary Winney - Retired Wickliffe Educator

Where does one begin to summarize thirty years of memories? It all began for me in 1969 when, having graduated from Kent State University with a degree in education, I began to look for a position in science education somewhere in the vicinity of Lake County. At that time, teachers were in great demand; on the same day that I applied in Wickliffe, I signed a contract for the coming year.

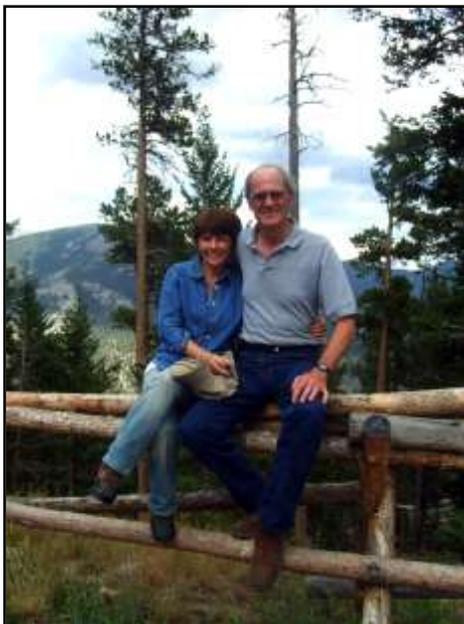
That first year was a whirlwind to me - it was incredible. The Junior High, as it then was called, was bursting its seams with a huge enrollment. Some classes were close to forty students in size. I'll always remem-

ber that first year - the experiences and the students. We had an interesting time of it, floating from classroom to classroom, carrying our science equipment on carts. In only a few years, though, we were able to set up a more secure base of operations for science laboratory investigations.

I spent quite a few years using a course called Introductory Physical Science, along with Jim Lis, and later, Dan D'Amore. This course required intensive investigation by the eighth-grade students. We used, in large part, common household items, as well as more standard science equipment. It was hands-on, all the way, and the students really seemed to like it. One of the more interesting investigations occurred during the first week of classes. It was called The Distillation of Wood, and it was most fascinating; we were more than able to identify the many byproducts of this experiment by simply walking down the hall past the science room—and inhaling deeply!

At the other end of the school year - that is, the last day - it was always with a great deal of suspense that the teachers waited for the last bell to

ring. If you were observing from the hall, as Ken Mazer and I were doing on one particular occasion, you would hear a rising crescendo of voices reverberating into the hallway, as students gushed out of their rooms with papers flying everywhere. And then, just as quickly, all was quiet and still. They were gone without a trace.



After retiring in 1999, I realized that there were some interests that I wanted to explore and develop. I spent several years doing coursework at various colleges in the area and earned a certificate in interactive media from Stark State College of Technology in 2006. I then started a media company, Winncom Productions, which I am still in the process of growing. In 2003, while all this was happening, I met Colleen, my future wife. We were married

in 2005 and are presently living near Hartsville. Colleen works in Career Development at Malone College, in Canton. We visit frequently with family and friends in the Lake County area, and I keep in touch with fellow teachers, especially Ken Mazer and Pan Theophylactos (Mr T.) Colleen and I have done some traveling. One of our favorite places is Maui. We recently returned from Rocky Mountain National Park, having enjoyed hiking the trails and taking in the sights. Our interests are varied: we do biking, boating and golf, with a smattering of camping thrown in. We are especially impressed with West Branch and hope to spend time there with relatives in August.

I have many memories from those years with the Wickliffe City Schools; I remember biology field trips, as close as Pete's Pond and as distant as the very reaches of Northeastern Ohio and beyond. And who can forget the yearly production of **Rockefeller Road Review** and **Wickliffe's fine athletic program**. Wickliffe has been greatly blessed by its many talented and committed students, faculty and staff—I will always look back at those days—in fact, sometimes I still dream about them.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## Alumni Profile - Kevin Porter

By Scott Tennant

Whenever Kevin Porter tells a story from his days as a high school or college athlete, his daughters just laugh.

"They never believe me. To your kids, you're just 'fat Daddy,'" Porter says. "They say, 'You can't run. I beat you all the time.'"

With all due respect to 9-year-old Bree and 5-year-old Ryan, they have no idea.

Simply put, Kevin Porter was one of the fastest, most accomplished athletes ever to walk the halls of Wickliffe High School. The multi-sport letter-winner excelled at track and field, basketball and cross country, and even played two years of football for good measure.

That success led to a track scholarship to the University of Tennessee, where he ran on a national title-winning Volunteers squad and even played a year of Division I college football.

For those and many other reasons, Porter was one of five people inducted into the Wickliffe Athletic Hall of Fame earlier this year.

While basketball was the sport he says he enjoyed the most, track and field was the sport with which Porter was most closely identified. He was a seven-time Chagrin Valley Conference champion in the hurdle and sprint events, and was picked as the conference MVP in track his junior and senior years.

Two decades after graduation, he still owns the Wickliffe school record in the 400-meter dash with a blistering time of 48.9 seconds. His other personal bests – 14.4 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles, 10.9 seconds in the 100-meter dash, 22.3 seconds in the 200-meter dash, just shy of 22 feet in the long jump, 6-2 in the high jump, 11½ feet in the pole vault – are almost equally impressive.

"Everyone wants to be in the glamorous events like the 100-meter dash, but the 400 was what I excelled at," Porter said. "It's something that came naturally to me. I always liked it when track meets came down to the 4x400 relay and I was the guy running that last leg."

For a time, Porter was the conference and district

record-holder in the 400. By the time he left Wickliffe, his performances were among the top five all-time at Wickliffe High School in seven different events. Between his junior and senior years, he was selected to run with a team of elite American high school track athletes that traveled to Kenya to compete.

Porter was a guard and forward on the basketball team. As a senior, he led the team in scoring and steals, and was second in rebounds and assists. As a cross-country runner in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade, he lettered twice, posting a personal-best time of 16:50 over 3.1 miles.

Porter continued his success at the collegiate level. At Tennessee he concentrated on the 400 hurdles - "a man's race," Porter calls it – running 51.30 seconds in the event. He was All-Southeastern Conference several times and held the school's indoor 400-meter dash record of 47.2 seconds.

Lifting weights helped Porter grow from a 150-pound college freshman to a 190-pound sophomore - a fact that didn't go unnoticed by Tennessee's football coaches. He played one year of football for the Volunteers as a wide receiver and defensive back.

Nowadays, the 40-year-old Porter serves as the athletic director for the Janesville, Wisconsin, school district, putting his master's degree in sports administration from the University of West Virginia to good use. He oversees all middle school and high school athletics for the 10,500-student district.

He and his wife, Kelli, live in Janesville with Bree and Ryann. Kelli was an accomplished athlete herself, having earned a track scholarship to Marquette University. Not surprisingly, the two girls are already showing that they inherited some of their parents' athletic talent.

"That's a good thing," Porter laughs. "Because their daddy is about to have his second knee surgery, so I don't move as fast as I used to. But one of the things I enjoy most is having conversations like this – talking to old teammates about old times. Running at Wickliffe provided me with a lot of memories."

4th Annual WSAA Super Bowl  
Reverse Raffle and Chinese Auction  
See page 7 for details

## Alumni News & Events

### We Need You!

Are you looking for a way to improve your resume? Volunteering to help at a WSAA event is a great way to highlight your resume and improve your community involvement.

The time dedicated to helping the WSAA, whether one hour or 20, is a fun and memorable opportunity. The rewards go well beyond the tangible and offer opportunities for potential career growth and networking.

Your expertise can help make events successful and rewarding.

Join the WSAA board and other volunteers in continuing to make our organization stand out as first class.

Just contact us at [wc\\_alumni@lgca.org](mailto:wc_alumni@lgca.org) and ask, "How can I help?"

### Blue Devil Swing Band

The Wickliffe Blue Devil Swing Band was named The Best of Cleveland 2007 Marching Band in the Cleveland Magazine.

### Mapledale School

Mapledale school was torn down . Attempts were made to have a final walk through. Unfortunately, the new owner moved forward with plans before the WSAA could make a final visit possible.

### Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 is forming a 40th reunion committee for a 2009 gathering. Anyone interested in helping please contact Donna (Shank) Sadlik at [golden@ncweb.com](mailto:golden@ncweb.com) or at 440-257-1693.

### Class of 1988

Save the date - **Class of '88 20-year** reunion is slated for Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the Wickliffe I&A Club. More details to follow.

### Class of 1997

Due to lack of interest, the **Class of '97 10-year** reunion has been cancelled.

### Class of 1972 Reunion Wrap-up

By Teri DiMattia Shine

The Class of '72 held its 35<sup>th</sup> reunion at Patty's Pub at the Holiday Inn-East in Wickliffe on October 6th. The festivities started on Friday night at the WSAA All Alumni Night. Classmates came in as far from Kentucky, Florida, and California and all over Ohio. Some classmates had not



been back to WHS since graduation and were amazed at the changes, especially room 111. Others did not know that football is now played in a stadium behind the high school. WSAA provided complimentary tickets to the football game and classmates enjoyed the band, the football game and the energy of Wickliffe fans.

Many hugs and smiles and laughs were shared on Friday and Saturday, once we figured out who that familiar looking person was. Time has been good to us and we were all so grateful to be together. Many thanks to those who came to share in the good fun. For those who missed this reunion, plan on attending the All Alumni Night at next **year's Homecoming Football game.**

### Sponsor a Faculty Member

As in the past, alumni are invited to sponsor a faculty member at the WSAA Reverse Raffle. The program has been well received and offers a chance for Alum to purchase tax deductible tickets for their favorite teacher and share an evening of appreciation. Contacts need to be made early.

Mr. Winney, retired science teacher will be in attendance **at this year's event. Who else would you like to see?**

Questions may be directed to:  
[MelissaConnolly@roadrunner.com](mailto:MelissaConnolly@roadrunner.com)

## Alumni News & Events

4th Annual WSAA Super Bowl Reverse Raffle  
and Chinese Auction  
Wickliffe I & A Hall  
February 2, 2008 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 per person which includes dinner, open bar and ticket for the main \$2000.00 drawing. Special price for table of 8 is \$390!

In addition to the main raffle, side board tickets will be available, along with Super Bowl themed surprises!

Proceeds of the event will go to WSAA general fund and for the WSAA scholarships to be awarded in May.

Please contact [wc\\_alumni@lgca.org](mailto:wc_alumni@lgca.org) for more information and to order tickets. Credit Card payment is now available for ticket orders at [www.wickliffealumni.org](http://www.wickliffealumni.org).



**Winners of the 2007 WSAA Super Bowl Reverse Raffle and Chinese Auction.**

This is our premier fund raiser for the year so please come and support your Alumni Association. Dress is casual, wear your football gear.

### WSAA Reverse Raffle Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
# Tickets Price Total

Make checks payable to:  
Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association

Send To:  
*Wickliffe Schools Alumni Association  
Reverse Raffle Order  
P.O. Box 195  
Wickliffe, Ohio 44092*

\*Only 200 tickets will be sold.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## Remembering Donna Behnke

*This in memoriam letter was received from Paul D. Paine, spouse of WHS 1970 grad, Donna Behnke.*

I wanted to let you know that my wife, Donna Behnke (Wickliffe, 1970) passed away unexpectedly on August 23rd. Donna spoke well of the Wickliffe schools and took me on a tour when we visited last year. Her education served her well and contributed to her life achievements.

Donna went on to college where she received degrees in mathematics (SUNY-Fredonia), structural engineering (Cal State Northridge), and computer science (Oklahoma State University).

During her long career she helped design space satellites, aircraft simulators, and communications systems. She also worked as an adjunct professor of computer science at Rogers State University. In spite of her work, she managed to find time for her many interests and hobbies, which included making pottery, jewelry and stained glass creations. She was an accomplished gardener and bee-keeper, took loving care of her pets, loved wildlife, camping, swimming and sailing.

Miss Donna, as she was known, took great satisfaction in **building a loving community** she hosted many neighborhood picnics and parties. She borrowed neighborhood children for trips to the ballet, opera, concerts and the zoo. She encouraged children and helped them learn their lessons.

In recent years, Donna suffered greatly from diabetes, kidney failure, advancing blindness and a failing kidney transplant: she never lost her zest for life, never complained, never stopped working and never gave up her interests.

When her kidneys failed, Donna asked me to contact her school if she died; she desired that you all know of the great need for people to list themselves as potential organ donors. **She didn't ask that I tell of her great character, intelligence and humor. Miss Donna's many friends honored her memory with a wake and neighborhood party.** Donna has been my best friend and partner for thirty years and will be greatly missed.

If members of the alumni wish to remember Donna, please do what you can to support the need for organ donations.

Thank you,

Paul D. Paine

## In Memoriam



Donna Behnke Paine - Class of 1970

Keith Tyndall - Class of 1974

Henry "Hank" Nadolski - Class of 1965

Ralph D Simmons - Physical Education / Coach - WHS

Robert Schmitt - Class of 1949

Yvonne Mandato Keener - Class of 1965

Terri Raggets Booth - Class of 1975

## Memory Lane: Memorabilia Room

*By Teri (DiMattia) Shine and Lu Ann (Urankar) Zibert*

Memory Lane, adjacent to the Wickliffe Senior High School Library, has been rockin' the past few months with new displays and multiple donations of classmates' treasures. We have acquired an apparel rack to display uniforms worn by cheerleaders, majorettes, marching and swing band members, letter jackets and sweaters, and special occasion T-shirts. A poster display rack holds photos from events sponsored by the WSAA, such as Hall of Fame Dinners (Athletic and Achievement), the Ice Cream Social, and Senior Awards Night, just to name a few. Banners have been hung, trophies have been polished, and yearbooks dusted off. Do you remember the team pictures taken for the sport programs and yearbooks? Well, we have them all—**starting in the 60's**. Each sport is in its own notebook and we would love if you could look at them and help us identify which year they were taken.

We had a wonderful turn out for All Alumni Night and received many donations for the event. Most recent donors are Lee Brandt, Dorothy Mauceri, and Diane Palmer.

Dorothy Mauceri rescued many, many albums of the class pictures taken at Worden Elementary School along with scrapbooks made by the PTA. Lee, with the help of his mom, donated his letter sweater and jacket, and Diane donated choir albums, yearbooks, and class photos from Worden School.

Donations to Memory Lane are always welcome. If you are wondering what to do with all your Wickliffe memorabilia, consider donating or loaning it to us. We would love to display it proudly. Wickliffe is all about generations of pride and what better way to share your legacy with your family and friends.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## A Tradition Returns

This year's float is a perfect example of what can be accomplished with co-operation between alumni, students, community and educators.



Homecoming 2006 saw the re-birth of the parade float. The WSAA constructed a small float that was carried on the back of a pick-up truck. Many students saw this and began asking questions about it. This was the spark that ignited the idea of building a full size float. WSAA board members Frank Foti and Mark Cline approached WHS Student Council to determine if there was truly any interest within the student body to build a full size float for the 2007 Homecoming Parade. During the meeting the students voiced interest and asked many questions on how this float could come alive.

The alumni turned to the students to draft a design for the float. They went with a design to **promote the Homecoming theme of "Midnight Cruise 2007"; a cruise ship, sailing its way through the surf.**

**In the past floats were built at a student's home,** a place where the students could come, build, socialize while enjoying the project. Since this **year's float was a collaboration of builders ,** Len Forinash, Operation Manager of the Board Of Education and Rodney Olenchick helped secure and area at the bus garage.

Under the artistic leadership of Carolyn Daro, alumni and students began the task of building a wood frame to support a layer of chicken wire. This chicken wire was then stuffed with tissue paper which served to bring the ship to life. The students and alumni worked and interacted side by side over a three week period and were able to complete the project two days before the parade.

The homecoming float of 2007 was an instant success. Many comments were heard from the crowd, welcoming back the tradition of float building. The site stirred memories in some spectators and had them reminiscing of floats from years past. In others, the site was new and exciting and brought renewed meaning to the traditional homecoming parade.

Special thanks to WSAA members Mark Cline, LuAnn Urankar-Zibert, Terri DiMattia Shine, Gloria Majeski and Sue Skufka- Bell; WHS students Devin Daro, Kaitlyn Elliott, Steve Hamrick, Jessica Savoich, Courtney Ou and Jared Martin; Community members Carolyn Daro, Nick Daro and Amanda Daro; Administration members Mr. Smith (Superintendent), Mrs .Byers (Student Council Advisor), Ms. Wheatly (WHS principle), Len Forinash (Operation Manager), and Rodney Olenchick (Supervisor of Transportation).

Blue Devil Pride is Alive and Well!

### 4th Annual WSAA Super Bowl

#### Reverse Raffle and Chinese Auction

will be held on Saturday, February 2 2008 at 6:00 pm at the I&A Hall in Wickliffe. The \$50 ticket includes dinner and open bar and a \$2000 grand prize main board ticket. Numerous side boards will also be available.

This is our largest benefit of the year and all proceeds will be used to support Wickliffe Schools and its students, so please come and support the WSAA.

Tickets are available on the web at [www.WickliffeAlumni.org](http://www.WickliffeAlumni.org) and a ticket order form in this newsletter on page 7.

# DEVIL DOINGS

## The Blue Devil Express Ice Cream Social

The inaugural running of the Blue Devil Express Ice Cream Social took place at Penitentiary Glen Park in Kirtland on August 4. Nearly 100 alumni and their families were on hand to enjoy ice



cream and train rides provided by the Lake Shore Live Steamers 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale Railroad Club. It was a beautiful day for sharing Wickliffe schools memories .



Susan Skufca-Bell and Lori Ondecko provided the ice cream and goodies for visitors. Several Live Steamers members, along with Frank Foti class of 74', had steam locomotives fired up and running. Class of 75 alum Mark Cline was on hand to take some excellent video and pictures of family and friends enjoying the event.

While scooping ice cream, it was just as fun to get the scoop on fellow alumni. In attendance were alumni from all eras. Most alumni came with their young children or grandchildren.

Some attendees from the Class of 65 included Tom Ansberry, Jim Haase, and Nancy Yamaguchi. Nancy traveled all the way from California. While we would like to believe she came in just for the Ice Cream Social, we know that the 60's decade reunion was the same evening. The 70 and 80's classes also had a strong showing including Rhonda Booms '75, Eric Tanski '88, Ron Sladkey '89, Petras sisters, Barb '81 and Mary '88.

We were also greeted by WHS business teacher, Bonnie Lillibridge, along with her husband, Ken, daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

The Lake Shore Live Steamers railroad has 15,000 feet of track on twelve acres at the Lake Metro Parks Penitentiary Glen site. This is land



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# DEVIL DOINGS

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that was once owned by the Halle Family.

The club began in 1969 and secured the land in 1983. There are quite a few Wickliffe Alumni members. The club offers free rides to the public during the summer months. Check their website for a schedule of "public runs":



[www.LakeShoreLiveSteamers.com](http://www.LakeShoreLiveSteamers.com).

The event was a great success and plans are underway for another Blue Devil Express Ice Cream Social next summer. Make sure you're available when the conductor yells "All Aboard!"

## Alumni Accomplishments

Submitted by Linda Koci-Blondillo

On February 13, 2007, in Orlando, FL, Jack Blondillo (1962 WHS Grad) was inducted into the National Flag and Touch Football Hall of Fame as both a Coach and a Sponsor.



Jack played, as well as coached in the Euclid Men's Touch Football League from 1965 to 1974. Some other Wickliffe

grads who he played along side with and coached in that league were Erwin Will, Pat Gucciardo, Bob Murphy, Al Ryan, Dennis Krause, Sonny Mazzolini, Frank Fitz and the Lane brothers, Jerry, Jim & Jack.

**In 1981 he began his career in Women's Hag football, first as a sponsor and in the same year, became the team's coach. The team was called "Jack's Avenue Bar" from Wickliffe, Ohio. In 1984 in Indianapolis the team won their first of seven National Championships for which they received the Honor of Achievement by the City of Wickliffe. The team went on to win six National titles under the auspices of the US Flag Football Association (1984, 85, 86, 87, 88 & 1991) plus one National Championship Title in the US Flag & Touch Football League (1997) in Orlando. Two of the Wickliffe graduates that played on "Jack's Avenue Bar" were Robin Gallese and Lisa Richter.**

Jack is now retired and living the good life with his wife Linda (Euclid High '62) and Reilly (the Whippet) in Pasadena, CA. He does miss coaching but loves his big fat USFTL National Hall of Fame ring.

## CONTACT US

The WSAA website is a great way to catch up with old friends and to keep up with the WSAA activities. Our database currently has over 5000 alumni, staff and faculty, many of whom we received information from class contacts. Please visit the website [www.wickliffealumni.org](http://www.wickliffealumni.org) to update information and to see all the great things the Alumni Association is doing.

We encourage you to include your email address to get last minute announcements or reminders for special events such as the All Alumni Night.

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