

RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REGISTER

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a photo album of the last six months

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The Alumni Association is on a New Member drive and we want YOU!!!

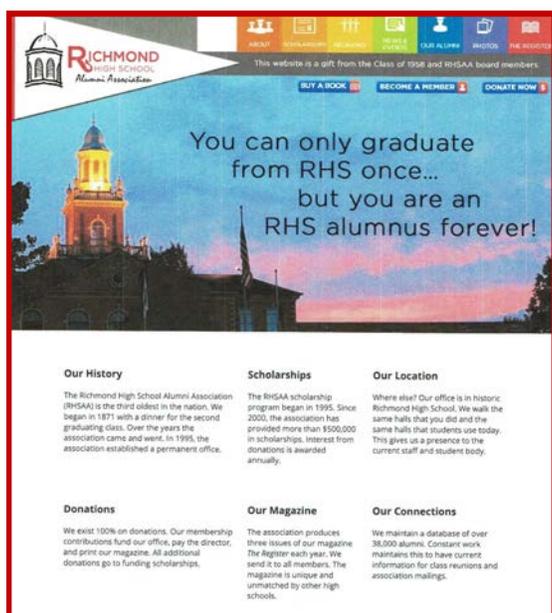
We currently have 1200 members across the United States, Canada, and England.

We are looking for another six hundred new members this year. So why join?

This edition of the Register is to let you know what it is we do.

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And we maintain a website and Facebook page for the Alumni Association where you can:



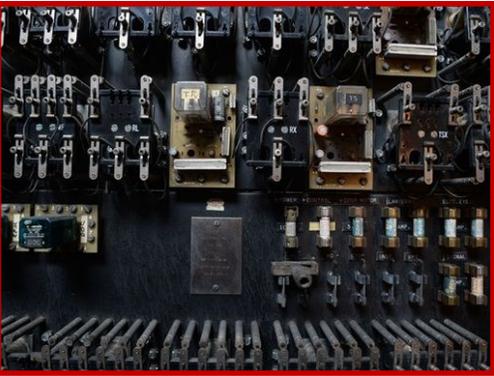
- ◆ Read past editions of the *Register* magazine
- ◆ Check out class reunions
- ◆ Order books and bricks
- ◆ Read profiles of alumni
- ◆ Join or renew membership
- ◆ See Facebook posts
- ◆ View pictures from events
- ◆ Find a scholarship application
- ◆ See The Giving List from 2015

Go to www.rhsalum.org or Facebook at Richmond High School Alumni Association

RHS on the National Historic Register of Buildings



The elevator garage on the roof and its mechanics are pictured below.



Above is a close up view of the iconic tower (above) and (below) the library ceiling. (all Palladium-Item pictures this page)



After seven years of work, the Richmond High School building has been placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The criteria for this designation is as follows:

- A. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- B. Associated with the lives of significant persons in our past; or
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or

D. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory.

Here are some unique pictures of the components of your high school you may not have ever seen.



Looking up into the tower (above). Looking out from outside on the tower at roof scape (below).



This clock came from Morton School and now hangs in the main office. At left is the time capsule plaque and directly below is an original bell.



Original classroom speakers .



Original librarian closet at right and original light above front entry center at center left



January ~ The Alumni Office



We moved our office from one classroom to another over the summer. It took several months to get it put back together. At left is a view of one of the original walnut library tables and chairs in the office.



Above are some of the displays in the office.

At right are two board members, Sandra Wiles Gore, class of 1957 and Bonnie Godsey McClain, class of 1960 who helped sort and decorate. Duane Hodgkin, board president, class of 1962, keeps us organized, going through drawers of documents that we have as an archive for the school. Below left is another view of the office which is now just left of door number one as you come into the school. (and it keeps getting closer to the principal's office too!)



There has been an alumni office at RHS since 1998. It has moved four times.

Above center and below right: Displays show donated items collected for Morton and RHS.



The Alumni office is the bridge between the current school population and the alumni. Tours of the high school can be arranged by visiting alumni and their families. When was the last time you were inside your school? So many of the high schools of the 1940s, '50s, and '60s no longer exist or have changed so much you cannot recognize them. The wonderful part of RHS is that the original sections are much the same as they were when built in 1939.



February ~ The RHSAA & Wayne County Museum



Above is Becky Cranor, class of 1962, from Greens Fork in her cheerleader outfit viewing the display cases at the museum. All twelve of the former high schools in Wayne County were represented. At right is a view of the room at the museum. Seventeen former cheerleaders attended, including Sandi Armacost Hodgkin, RHS class of 1963, and Bonnie Godsey McClain, RHS class of 1960.

On Saturday, February 6th, 2016, more than two hundred former county school basketball players, cheerleaders, yell leaders, coaches, referees, scorekeepers and spouses attended the Wayne County Sectional Celebration at the community hall at the Wayne County Museum.



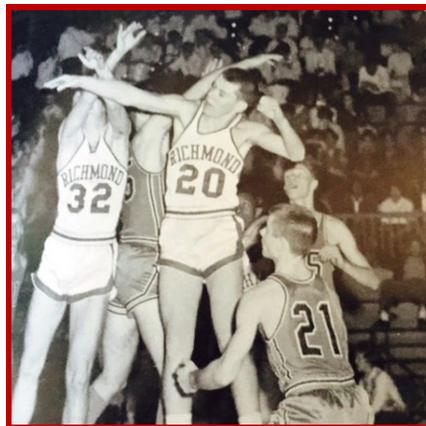
Pictured at the top (above) are RHSAA President Duane Hodgkin, MC and coach for the event with former State Senator Allen Paul looking on. Paul's collection started the ball rolling for the event.

Pictured second above are Richmond Mayor Dave Snow, RHS Class of 1967, RHS, and his staff, Stephanie Beaty, program director and John Shipley, maintenance and grounds keeper.

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Inductions into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame

At age eighty-two, Jim Peters can say that his path has been fruitful and rewarding. He, along with Coach Mike Rodich, deceased, and Nate Davis, class of 1992, all were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame here in Richmond on April 13, 2016. Peters, class of 1952, spoke to the attendees saying *you just never know if your career was good enough for recognition like this, but you just do your best, and it is a great pleasure to be recognized like this...* (Palladium-Item)

Peters attended Hibberd School. He played football and basketball under Coach Floyd Baker and track under Coach Burl Shook. The junior highs fed players into the high school program after they had played one another. There were twenty-five boys in each junior high that competed for spots on the high school teams.

Peters didn't have time for clubs in high school with all his participation in sports. He did play the trumpet in the band under director Ben Graham. Peters said, *I took lessons at Krings Music Store in the basement and played in the orchestra and band but not at the games- I was playing.*

Jim Peters excelled and became the state scoring champion in 1951. Richmond was on a tear, winning twenty-eight games in a row until defeated by Muncie Central. Success began with good coaches and playing several sports. *Kids played sports all year round, without coaches; just neighborhood*



games organized by boys who lived nearby. The American Legion baseball program kept us busy in the summertime. We played games of basketball in open gyms and gathered at Test field for football games. We rode bicycles all the time- no one drove cars.

Peters lettered in football (coaches Tiernan, Elias, and Hub Etchison), basketball (Maleska, Hub Etchison, and Art Beckner), baseball (Sponsler, Maleska, and Beckner), and track (Gerald Bartz). Burl Shook was his coach at Hibberd. Shook influenced his love of sports as did Coach Bartz. Later, Jim Peters taught with Bartz when he returned to RCS to teach and coach.

At Purdue, Jim excelled at sports. He lettered in football (Bill Elias was his coach part of that time) and baseball. Eleven of the senior players went on to play basketball at colleges. Along with Peters were Tommy Fletcher, Dick Murley and Lamar Lundy, the four being known as the "Richmond Connection." Peters graduated from Purdue in 1956 with a promise to teach at Test but was drafted into the Army. He missed a teacher exemption by



Coach Mike Rodich from 2011.

just one day. His two years in the 4th Division Artillery began and ended at Fort Louis in Washington. He remembers he was to go to Korea but was spotted by Brigadier General Wheel and recruited to play on the camp football team.

The general picked me up in his jeep. Here I was, just a PFC, aside of a two-star general being driven around camp while men saluted as we went by. General Wheel said 'sit on the bench because next week you are playing for the team.' I had been doing maneuvers with the bayonet in a fox hole, stabbing a heavy dummy. I stabbed it so hard that when I raised the bayonet, the dummy flew out of the fox hole and landed at the feet of the battalion commander. The general had seen this. He closely followed college football and was aware I had played for Purdue.

That first year I had good football games. I injured my ACL at the end of that first season and was in the hospital for a time. General Wheel came to visit me. I got ninety days of leave and was told I would coach the football team the next year, which I did.



Inductee Nate Davis, class of 1992, gives a hug to his former football coach, Richard Bryant, class of 1976. (Palladium-Item photo)

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After his time in the service, Jim Peters came back to Richmond and rekindled his courtship of Myrna Knoll. He had met Myrna while working the summer after he graduated from Purdue at his father's company, H & P Tool (Hughes and Peters). George Peters' son worked across the street from Motor Mower where Myrna Knoll was a secretary before she left to go off to Columbia Christian College in Missouri that next fall.

Jim Peters taught at Richmond from 1959 to 1979, teaching health, driver's education, physical education, and science. He assisted coaching football, was wrestling assistant coach with Byron Klute, and was assistant coach for baseball with Mike Rodich.

Peters remembers that he got to play basketball in Civic Hall while in junior high with the high school coaches watching their games. He had Dudley Johnson as his homeroom teacher and later when teaching got to play golf with his former coach Gerald Bartz.

He also remembers he and Jack Edwards qualified to go to the state in track and Coach Gerald Bartz stopped at the restaurant in Cumberland on the way home. They were known for their strawberry shortcake and he had several helpings. The next year, a bus full of boys went to the competition from Richmond, and they didn't stop at the restaurant that year to Peter's dismay. No strawberry shortcake for a bus full of boys this time.

His junior year the basketball team was beaten by Centerville in 1951 at the sectional. Centerville lost to Hagerstown who won that year. Richmond never played any of the county schools in any sports unless they (the county schools) advanced to the higher levels in the state. The sectional each year was the only time they saw one another.

Class basketball is a good thing, giving the other schools a chance to win a championship. But sadly programs now cannot allow one to play all four sports due to the scheduling.

He is humble about his accomplishments. Myrna says she is very pleased he was recognized by the IFHF. *We lost Coach Mike Rodich before he was honored." I am glad I got to share this with Jim.* Jim and Myrna Peters are the parents of Pamela Peters Madox, '77, Jim Peters, '82, and John Peters, '83.

Peters says his most unusual sports experience was when Mary Liz Miller convinced him to coach a girls softball team one summer which was sponsored by the Tiny Diner. The team was made up of Dennis girls whom many he still sees around town today. Pictured below is the 1958 team. Are you in this picture? Let us know.



Jim Peters, class of 1952, speaks at the induction ceremony April 13, 2016, at Forest Hill Country Club in Richmond.



March~ Distinguished Alumni 2016



Above is Jim Disney, class of 1966, speaking at the Academic Excellence Program.

Below left: three RHSAA board members at the Academic Excellence: Dean Stephens, '78, Nancy Wright Manning, '65, and Pam Lawrence Hagy, '76.



To nominate someone as a Distinguished Alumni, please call the alumni office at 765-973-3338.

The RHSAA chooses one or more alumni each year as a Distinguished Alumni. In March, the board selected Sally Toschlog Hutton, class of 1966. The former Mayor of Richmond passed away April 8th after a battle with cancer, just days before the Academic Excellence program April 15th at Civic Hall. Classmate, Jim Disney told of her dedication to the town of Richmond through her years on city council from 1986 until 2002 and as the first elected woman mayor. She served three terms from 2003 through 2015, guiding Richmond through a recession by streamlining departments to keep the city running.

She championed the neighborhoods, having lived here all her life. She continued the Sister City program and celebrated the bicentennial of Richmond in 2006. She helped form the Arts Council of Richmond in 2007, recognizing Richmond's heritage in both art and music.

She was often found at Cordell pool, enjoying it with the youth of the city. She supported Elizabeth Star School by her work with the Walking Bus program which guarded children to and from school with parents and adults.

Her work for the more than seven thousand veterans in Wayne County can be seen today with the development of the Wayne County Veteran Memorial Park.

Her accomplishments with a high school diploma speaks volumes about the school.



Pictured above: An aerial view of the Wayne County Veterans Park (Palladium-Item photo)



Above is a picture of Mayor Hutton speaking at the *Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans* program in 2011.

Vickie Perkins Robinson, class of 1971, has served as the director of purchasing for the City of Richmond for twenty-four years. She was asked to comment on former Mayor Sally Hutton at the Academic Excellence program. *Sally's legacy of inclusion, service, encouragement, care, concern, and human rights will continue to live on indefinitely. These are things you cannot buy nor pretend that you are. Sally never asked you to do anything she didn't or wouldn't do herself. You could even sometimes see her shoveling snow for a neighbor before work or cutting a neighbor's grass. She was adamant about checking on the elderly or disabled neighbors.*

The fund established in her memory, *The Sally Hutton Children's Art Fund*, is most appropriate. She loved art. The walls of the Mayor's office spilling into the hallway walls and were covered (too much) with art.



April ~ The Ninth Annual Platinum Prom



**RHS Student Council
RHS Alumni Association Presents...**

'Platinum Prom'
Saturday, April 16, 2016
6:30pm - 9:00pm
Richmond High School Cafeteria

The Wizard of Oz

- Light Finger Foods
- Lemonade
- Dancing/Free Photos
- Queen & King will be crowned
- Games & Prizes
- *Free Admission*

For more information...
Call The RHS Alumni Office
at 973-3338.

Thirty-five tables full of dancers surrounded the dance floor and live band. Two refreshment tables were close by.



Complimentary pictures are part of the fun.

This year's queen, Joan Lawrence, was crowned along with her king, Mark Morris, both of Richmond. Neither are alumni but Joan Lawrence is the mother of Pam Lawrence Hagy, RHSAA Board member and class of 1976, and Mark Morris is the father of RHSAA board member Bridget Morris Hazelbaker, class of 1992. Below are some of the Student Council students who did all the work.



The Ninth Annual Platinum Prom was a huge success with almost 300 attending. This dance is a gift to the community from the student council at RHS. Along with RHSAA support, the school cafeteria was transformed into the *Wizard of Oz* theme. Live music from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s was provided by the Rush County Big Band. Door prizes were awarded, free pictures and corsages given, and refreshments were enjoyed by the guests. The kids do a wonderful job of "giving back" to the community. RHS staff Jeff Thorne, Rachel Etherington, class of 1985, Jane Parks, Cindy Cate, and Hunter Lamplight, (student council advisor), worked with the students. India Cruse-Griffin, class of 1976, head of the art department, contributed her artistic talents and Trevor Stout and students of the Construction Technology department, built decorations. Jeff Gabbard, *Register* and *Pierian* advisor, took the pictures. The custodial and cafeteria staff also worked to transform the school. A bingo room completed the fun.

Attendees came from a fifty-mile radius. Plans are being made for the Tenth Annual Platinum Prom for Saturday, April 8th, 2017 with a '50s theme.

May ~ Graduation and Celebrations



The halls are alive day and night at RHS. At left is a picture of the newest additions to old traditions. At right top is Grant Bowersock, the first male cheerleader in many years. Below he is pictured with the newest Red Devil mascot, Ryan Shuminoff.

At the right side are pictures of a tradition called “the Senior Walk” begun in 2011 by principal Rae Ferrill Woolpy, class of 1966. The seniors are accompanied by members of the band as they proceed through the hallways. They start at the second floor level and go through the upper Career Center and then come from the back towards the main hallway as teachers and students line the hallways watching them go by. The seniors finish at Tiernan where they have their awards program.



Bottom left are the RHS cheerleaders at a basketball game in Tiernan.



The spirit at RHS is in the hands of these lovely ladies and the fans.

Do you remember your graduation? Girls received a white rose from Hills Roses then and wore a white dress or good dress under white gowns.

I'm Still Trucking



Stanley Thomas, retired United State Army Colonel works out at the Wounded Warriors gym in Tyler Texas, where he lives.

Stanley E. Thomas is a retired colonel in the US Army, member of the class of 1955, and lives in Texas. But what set him apart are the accomplishments he has made in the military without a leg. Raised by his grandparents, he says he was a little guy in high school-115 pounds and 5' 8".

While in high school, Stanley joined the local National Guard when he turned seventeen. When he later enlisted in the Army, he was a Sergeant First Class due to the guard training. He began his military history at Camp Attabury in Indianapolis, and in 1964 he applied for active duty as a second lieutenant. Thomas served two tours in Vietnam. He trained other soldiers and learned to speak Vietnamese. He also attended soldier college classes studying psychology.

In Vietnam, he served as an advisor in the Mekong Delta in 1965. He volunteered to go back to Vietnam at the end of the first year. He served in the Army Medical Division 23rd Infantry when he was hit by shrapnel in combat. *How you maintain awareness when you have been hit is something I have thought about over the years.* He took a round from an AK47 in the knee, up his femur leg bone and it traveled up to his buttock. *I couldn't see. I lay on the ground and continued to relay commands for my men as the medic administered morphine. The lieutenant took over command of my company and I was medevacked to a hospital where they amputated my left leg. The circulation had been cut off too long at the first hospital in Chu Lai, which was a mountainous area which seemed odd to me since I spent the first year in Vietnam in the swamps and rice paddies.*

He was then sent to Camp Zama, Japan to recuperate but got an infection that sent him to Walter Reed Hospital. He only had good reports to share about his care there. *I was one of the guys in the 'snake pit', an area in the hospital named by Korean War vets. There were eight amputees in the big open bay area. Everyone pulled for you there. It was a hard thing; all the nurses were guys because female nurses were not allowed in there. The "animal farm" was a true zoo. An example to show you what it was like was the giant sign on the wall of a McCullough Chain saw- an attempt at dry humor.*

For a man that was spending his life training officers and studying psychology, the 'snake pit' experience had to be a case study which he saw firsthand.

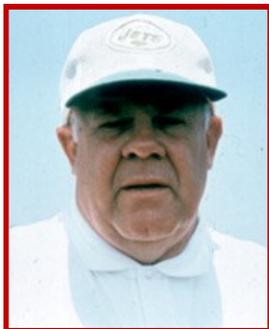
He was promoted to major at the hospital and began mid-level school for his career course. He had to prove himself as an amputee. After three years, he was sent to Saudi Arabia as a Lieutenant Colonel and trained to learn Arabic in a language school. In 1977-78 he worked with a brigade of Saudi infantry in charge of tanks and personnel carriers.

He was then sent back to Fort Hood, Texas, commanding the 2nd Armored Division (known as "Hell on Wheels") at the battalion level. After two years there he was promoted from Lt Colonel to a full colonel in 2006. Stanley's last assignment was as garrison commander at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives today. After his retirement from the military, Colonel Stanley then worked for thirteen years with the Center for Professional Excellence and Leadership at the University of Texas in San Antonio which is part of the college's business school.

His association with Walter Reed has afforded him excellent medical care over the years. A knee replacement on his left knee and a loss of hearing has not stopped him from his involvement with the Wounded Warriors, and he proudly states that he is the oldest patient of the group in San Antonio.

I'm seventy-eight years old and I'm still trucking. I've got the best prosthesis a VA patient can have. I have always been a risk taker or what I would call a 'calculated dare devil.

Alumni Stories that Inspire Us



NFL Honors Morton Alumnus Weeb Ewbank, class of 1924, played football, basketball, baseball (and the drums) at Morton before attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He was honored as part of the pre-game program at Super Bowl 50 for his work as head coach for the AFL New York Jets. He was coach of Joe Namath when the Jets won Superbowl III in 1969. Ewbank had previously been fired as coach of the NFL Baltimore Colts. Ewbank is the only professional coach to win titles for both the AFL and NFL. He never coached at Richmond but his “shot gun” plays were taught to Richmond football players by Coach Ken Jordan and Richard Bryant.



Her Two Senior Years Donna Marker Branson should have graduated in 1947 but she quit school to get married at age sixteen. She was married for forty-seven years until she was divorced in 1992. At that time, she moved to an apartment across from Work Force One in Richmond and became acquainted with one of the staff who encouraged her to get her high school diploma. Donna volunteered at Reid Hospital in the medical records department and wanted to work there but needed the high school diploma. She went to the FIND Center in 2002 and began her journey.

At age seventy-six, in 2005, she received her GED at Civic Hall, where she should have worn her RHS cap and gown fifty-eight years earlier. She then took classes at Ivy Tech Community College in Richmond for medical terminology and keyboarding. She retired from Reid Hospital records department in 2012. Today, at age eighty-six, she spends her “senior” years cleaning houses for others.



His Winning Ways Rick Risinger, class of 1969 who was a member of the Indiana All-Star Basketball Team in 1969 has won four state titles as coach for Indiana Girls Basketball. From 2006 to 2009 he won four titles for the Heritage Christian Girls School in Indianapolis. He coached the Eagles then as a 2A team. This year he did it again with the Eagles as a 3A team with a 26-4 record. The team was also ranked thirty-sixth in the nation.

Two Inducted into the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame



Carl “Skip Runnels” (far left), class of 1971, and Bo Van Pelt, class of 1993, (left) pictured with his wife Carrie, were inducted into the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame in Richmond at Forest Hills Country Club. Both men have mentored many boys and girls with golf; Skip as a coach and Bo as head of The First Tee annual event since 2009. *(Palladium-Item pictures)*



Growing his Business While Gaining his Training Tyler Blevins, class of 2013, did not wait until graduation to begin his business. He started it by mowing grass in 2009 even before he had his driver’s license. He got his first truck the week before Christmas in 2010. He did landscaping, snow removal, hauling, and even garage door installations to get things going. *Each year I would buy a new piece of equipment as I could afford it.* Tyler is currently enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College and has received the RCIP (Richmond College Incentive Program) scholarships for the past two years.

RHS Reunions and Gatherings

Class of 1951 Annual Reunion- The annual gathering of the members of the class of 1951 will meet at MCL cafeteria on Saturday, September 17th at 11:30 am. Each person pays for their own meal. For more information, please contact Ben Kovach at 765-966-1880 or at bennybear@comcast.net

Class of 1956 – 60th reunion- The class of 1956 will hold its reunion on Friday, August 26th at Chuck's Sports Bar from 7:30 pm for social time. A tour of RHS will start at 1 pm on Saturday at McGuire Hall. They will also gather at the Forest Hills Country Club on Saturday, August 27th beginning at 6 pm and buffet dinner at 7:30 pm. For more information contact RHSAA board member Nancy Van Etten Cox at 765-962-8829 or email her at Rx1Tom@aol.com

Class of 1959 – 75th Birthday Party – the class will have a get together on Saturday, July 23 at Chuck's Sports Bar from 5 pm until? No reservation required- just come and enjoys the fun!

Class of 1961 – 55th reunion- The class of 1961 will hold its reunion on Friday, August 20th at Smileys for a casual gathering in the evening. They will also have a dinner at Forest Hills Country Club on Saturday, August 21st at 6 pm. To make reservations or to update your information, please contact Phyllis Wray at 765-966-7104 or pwray1@frontier.com

The RHS Vietnam Veterans Celebration of the Moving Wall – The Wall will return to Richmond on Thursday, September 22nd through Sunday, September 25th. All Vietnam era veterans and their families are invited to attend the events. Huey rides, music from a joint county high school band, ceremonies and speeches will be a part of the events. For more information on the events contact Joe and Barb Heashe Goebel at 765-967-0330 or email them at siranvill@gmail.com

Class of 1966- 50th reunion – The class of 1966 will hold its Golden Reunion on Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th. Friday the classmates will gather at Smiley's Pub at 39 N 8th Street beginning at 6:30 pm for social time. The class will have a golf tournament on Saturday, August 6th at Forest Hills Country Club at 11 am. A tour of RHS will begin at 2 pm at McGuire Hall on Saturday, hosted by Superintendent Todd Terrill. The classmates will meet at Forest Hills Country Club Saturday evening at 6 pm for a buffet dinner, music and dancing. To make reservations or update your information, please contact Elaine Tiernan at tom-elaine@juno.com. Check out the website at www.RHSclassof66@homstead.com

Class of 1971- 45th reunion- The class of 1971 will hold its reunion on Friday, August 12th and August 13th. On Friday there will be a golf outing and a social gathering that evening to be determined. A tour of the high school will begin at 1 pm at McGuire Hall on Saturday. The dinner will be on Saturday, August 13th at Forest Hills Country Club at 6 pm. To make a reservation or to update your information, please contact Jillian Parker at 765-966-3567 or jparker@aaahooiser.com

Class of 1976- 40th reunion -The class of 1976 will hold its reunion on Friday, July 29th and Saturday, July 30th. A tour of RHS will be held at 1 pm beginning at McGuire Hall on Saturday, July 30th. A social gathering will be held on Friday night (TBD). A dinner will be held at the Tarum Shrine south of Richmond. To make a reservation or to update your information, please contact RHSAA board member, Pam Lawrence Hagy at 765-977-1941 or at phagy88155@aol.com

Class of 1981- 35th reunion- The class of 1981 will hold its reunion on Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd. The Saturday evening event will be at the Depot District Market (below the 4th Floor Blues Club in the former Mitrione Market area in the Parker building. A tour of the high school will begin at 1 pm at McGuire Hall on Saturday. To make a reservation or update your information, please contact Ann Zore at zorea@bellsouth.net or her phone at 317-354-5813.

Class of 1986 – 30th reunion-The class of 1986 will hold its reunion on Friday, July 15th and Saturday, July 16th. To make a reservation or to update your information, please contact Lori Lake Van Buskirk or Amy Johnson Terry. More plans to come.

Class of 1991- 25th reunion – The class of 1991 will hold its reunion on Friday, Aug 26th at Legends Southside on S 5th Street and on Saturday, August 27th at Holiday Inn on National Road East. More information to come.

Class of 1996- 20th reunion – The class of 1996 will hold its reunion on Saturday, July 9th. A breakfast picnic will be held for alumni and their families at Glen Miller Park Splash pad and playground area beginning at 9 am. A tour of the high school will begin at 1 pm at McGuire Hall on Saturday. And the class will gather at Forest Hills Country Club Saturday evening at 6:30 pm for dinner. To make a reservation or update your information, please contact Naomi Dixon Kelley at nKelley28@misn.com or call her at 765-977-9100.

They Are Maid Rite for One Another

Working at the Maid Rite in the 1950s paid fifty cents an hour. The local hang out for teenagers was owned by “Pop and Ma” Lowe. Ron Dees, class of 1956, knew that no one had received a raise in years so he orchestrated a walk out for the car hops one day when the place was packed.

The next day Ron was asked into the office. The boys were offered a ten cent an hour raise if they would come back. Dees was offered fifteen since he would use the owner’s 1955 Cadillac to help bring the boys back and forth to work.

Delola Foust did not go to Richmond to high school but met Ron Dees at the Maid Rite where she also worked. The first time Dees came to the house for a date, she was not wanting to get serious or get married. She wanted to go to college but could not even afford the bus fare to get there let alone the education. So she joined the Marines. And Ron Dees joined the Marines.



A post card showing the downtown Maid Rite next to the YMCA.



He served eighteen months in Weapons Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines Division, F.M.F in Japan, the Philippines, and Okinawa. Delola served three years and trained to become a meteorologist.

After his service, Ron studied at the Manhattan School of Printing. He and Delola married and lived a typical 1960s life in Richmond with their two daughters. They enjoyed camping and vacationing, and boating. Ron worked for eleven years in the foundry at Perfect Circle. He took a fifty percent pay cut to enter a program to learn a skilled trade at PC. This continued for four years. To supplement his income he also took a second job at one of his father’s two bars; The Pub on Main and Dee’s Café on North E Street. The second was on what was known as ‘skid row’ which had colorful nightlight of working class men and ladies of the evening. Ron continued with the second job for twelve years while Delola stayed home, raising their daughters Rhonda Dees Cillian, class of 1978 and Konda Dees, class of 1980.

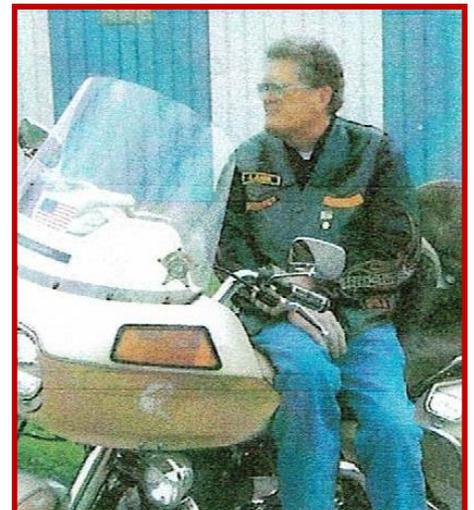
Ron had a Cushman scooter in his teens, then a Triumph, then several Harleys. Delola liked to ride with him. In 1984, after retiring from thirty-eight years at the factory, the couple began exploring the United States on the motorcycle. Delola navigated and Ron drove. They visited every state except Maine, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Delona Dees says that they decided to quit their travels by motorcycle when, in the Great Basin with a temperature of 117 degrees and just one bottle of water, she realized they should not take such risks. Delola has not ridden in years but Ron still rides today.

They have been married fifty-nine years. They traded military boots for riding leathers and boots, organic gardening and bartending, and boat trips on the weekend to Brookville Lake with their girls. They must have been *Maid Rite* for one another.



At left, the Maid Rite couple. At right Ron Dees today on his bike. Below are Ron’s Harley and vintage Cushman.



Obituaries ~ 2016

Naomi Erk Kaeuper 1933	Louise Milligan Storm 1947	Shirley Martindale Grace 1958
5/02/2016 Richmond IN	12/15/2015 Dallas TX	12/06/2015 Richmond IN
Helen Basson Graham 1935	Charlene Nibarger Dwyer 1948	Gloria Gamber De Witt 1958
4/1/2016 Richmond IN	11/19/2015 Fort Worth TX	4/01/2016 Richmond IN
Jean Blossom Davenport 1939	Robert L Davis 1948	Janet Goble Lewis 1959
2/25/2016 Indianapolis IN	12/25/2015 Richmond IN	12/21/2015 Richmond IN
James M Iacuone 1939	Donald E Wood 1949	Sondra Smith McPherson 1958
12/30/2015 Richmond IN	4/16/2016 Richmond IN	4/23/2016 Richmond IN
Col Maurice Clouser 1940	Berdena Weidman Huffman 1950	Donna Dee Dageitt Culler 1960
4/09/2016 Anchorage AL	3/16/2016 Lebanon IN	11/24/2015 Richmond IN
Florence Weidner Lawson 1940	Joyce Ann Amos 1951	Gerald DeLucio 1960
3/08/2016 Richmond IN	3/17/2016 Richmond IN	4/25/2016 Richmond IN
Virgil P Thornburg 1941	Richard S Milligan 1952	Barbara Backmeyer Crain 1960
3/02/216 Richmond IN	2/18/2016 Modesto CA	4/22/2016 Richmond IN
Ruth Ridge Krupa 1943	Patricia Weber Brandenburg 1952	Paul L Land 1961
4/24/2016 Richmond IN	4/01/2016 Troy OH	3/11/2016 Richmond IN
William S Starr 1944	Mary Pawley Houser 1953	William E Doan Sr 1963
3/03/2016 Richmond IN	3/08/2016 Richmond IN	3/04/2016 Richmond IN
Charles A Lunsford 1944	Charles Vogelgesang 1953	Diane Kanke Smeigh 1964
11/21/2015 Richmond IN	2/27/2016 Louisville KY	3/14/2016 Richmond IN
Elmer E Pohlenz 1945	Mary Johnson Broderick 1953	Michael S Hollingsworth 1964
2/28/2016 Richmond IN	4/06/16 Richmond IN	11/28/2015 Richmond IN
Harold Hockersmith 1945	Raymond D Bishop 1954	Thomas J Sheffer 1966
1/08/2016 Richmond IN	3/04/2016 Richmond IN	3/01/2016 Richmond IN
Elizabeth Mills Park 1945	William Azbill 1954	Debra Runnels Bartel 1968
1/07/2016 Richmond IN	1/26/2015 Richmond IN	1/21/216 Richmond IN
Elvira Rosss Bethage 1945	Andrew C Wright Jr 1954	Deborah K Brown Austin 1968
4/16/2016 Brighton CO	12/08/15 Richmond IN	5/11/2016 Richmond IN
Henry R Werner 1946	Mary Johnson Broderick 1954	Kevin Swarczkopf 1969
3/21/2016 Richmond IN	5/14/16 New Paris OH	1/30/2016 Richmond IN
Harry Hendricks 1946	Kenneth R Foster 1958	Timothy Pennington 1970
1/08/2016 Richmond IN	1/31/2016 Richmond IN	12/11/2015 Richmond IN
Donald E Puthoff 1947	Cleo Schwab Durham 1958	Eloise Embry 1970
11/24/2015 Richmond IN	1/25/2016 Richmond IN	1/07/2016 Richmond IN

Obituaries ~ 2016

Quincy J White **1970**

4/26/2016 Richmond IN

Joe Spicer **1971**

5/08/2016 Richmond IN

Michael Falcone **1973**

3/30/2016 Richmond IN

Peggy O'Neil Hammond **1981**

4/14/2016 Richmond IN

If you know of a classmate or friend who has died, please let us know at the alumni office by calling at 765-973-3338 or email us at mgriffey@rcs.k12.in.us.



Remembering Joe Spicer, class of 1971

(8/22/1953 ~ 5/8/2016)

The season started with a narrow win over Lawrenceburg, a home defeat to New Castle, and a loss to Middletown, Ohio that put the record at 4-2. Something seemed amiss. Returning from Middletown, (Coach) Baumgartner called his weary team into a short midnight meeting...The message was that everyone had to become more focused, more consistent. This team was far better than how it was playing. Baumgartner was willing to try anything. One move he made was to order point guard (Joe) Spicer to switch from contact lenses to glasses. Whether better vision helped or not, the victories started coming.

(from Hoops & Glory by Mike Lopreti)

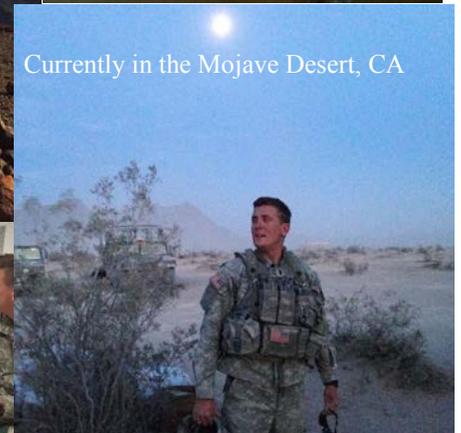
Joe Spicer, class of 1971, excelled not only in basketball but football and baseball in high school. He worked for Richmond Community Schools for thirty years as a teacher, administrator, counselor, and coach. From 2004 to 2007, he was high school principal and was currently serving as an assistant principal.

The calling for Spicer was in Tiernan Center. The RHS Joe Spicer Scholarship fund, has been established at the high school in his memory. He leaves his wife, Luann and his five children; Toni Spicer Johnson, Randy Spicer, '96, Amy Spicer Martz, step son Randy Gianfagna and stepson Marc Gianfagna along with his sister Judy Spicer, '74, and brother Nathan Spicer, '74. His two brothers, Gene, '75 and Tony, '68, preceded him in death.

A Look at a Military Career in the Making Chris Miller, class of 2009, entered the United State Military Academy in New York, directly after high school. He graduated with the class of 2013. While at West Point he spent a semester abroad at the Instituto Militar de Engenharia in 2012 in Rio De Janerio, Brazil. The Military Institute of Engineering is one of the most revered in the world. He also was at Mountain School Air Assault for Foreign Military Training. Upon graduation, Miller moved to Tacoma Washington. He is now serving in places like the California Mojavi Desert.



Above Cadet Miller home at RHS from West Point Academy, Christmas, 2012. At right –West Point graduation, August 2013 West Point.



Memorial Bricks ~ 2016

**THE
LYDICK
FAMILY**

This brick was purchased by Dennis Lydick, '71 Nokesville, VA

**IN MEMORY OF
GUNA PURINS
CLASS OF 1957**

This brick was purchased by Donald E. Atkins, '56 Richmond, IN

**ALL GAVE SOME
SOME GAVE ALL
THE WALL R. I. P.**

This brick was purchased by Danny T Smith, MSgt. USMC (Retired) '70 Peoria, AZ

**SHARON SANDERS
RHSAA PRESIDENT
2007-2015**

This brick was purchased by the RHS Alumni Association

**SAUNDRA WILES
GORE—15 YRS
RHSAA BD MBR**

This brick was purchased by the RHS Alumni Association

**JOHN BULLERDICK
CLASS
FEB 1944**

This brick was purchased by John H. Bullerdick, '44 Richmond, IN

**IN MEMORY OF
LARRY JENNINGS
CLASS OF 1967**

This brick was purchased by Kathy Jennings Jewell, '69 Grapevine, TX

**WHITE SMITH
BARBARA L 1967
DAN T USMC 70**

This brick was purchased by Danny T Smith, MSgt. USMC (Retired) '70 Peoria, AZ

**MIKE
HOLLINGSWORTH
TEACHER COACH**

This brick was purchased by Sean Hollingsworth, '89 Richmond, IN

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PERMANENT
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You can place a brick for a birthday, anniversary or for a best friend!

These memorial bricks have been purchased since our fall magazine. To purchase a brick for your loved one, classmate, favorite teacher, or coach, or even for yourself, just complete the form below and return to the RHSAA office at 380 Hub Etchison Parkway, Richmond, IN 47374.

Since 1995, almost eight hundred bricks have been placed in the patio.

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Brick Order Form

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Signature of Card Holder

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Dear RHS Alumni,

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Mary Lou Griffey, Executive Director, RHSAA

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I am a new member as of today! My donation is \$30 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$other

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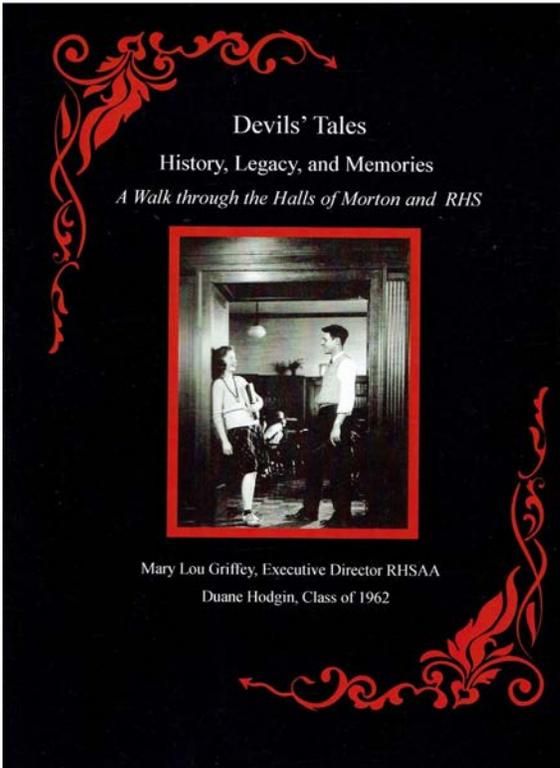
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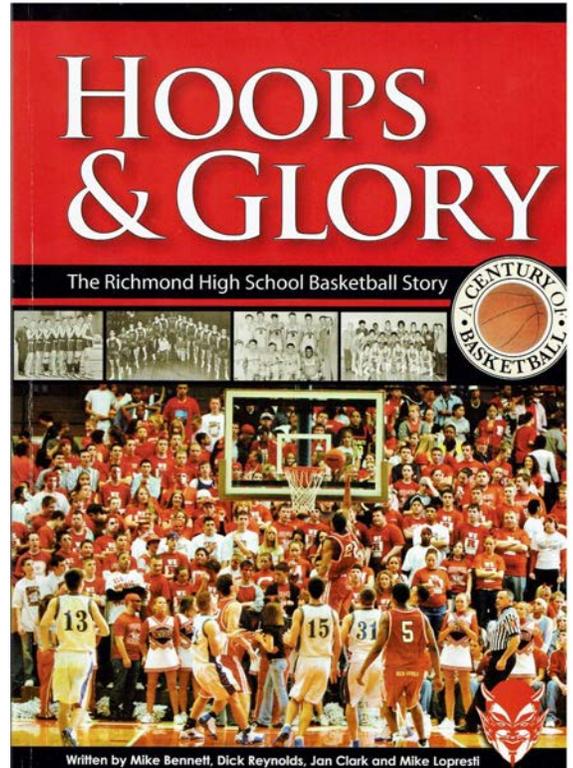
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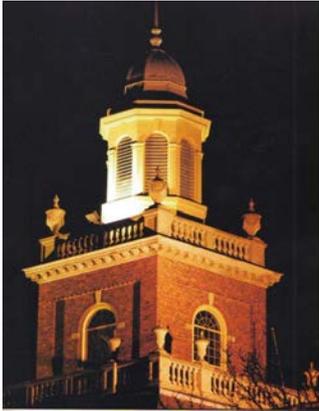
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Richmond Mayor Dave Snow, class of 1995 hugging his dad at the mayoral inauguration.



A book signing of *Devils' Tales* at the Wayne County Tourism Bureau

