



## RHS Class of 1960 Memories

by Suzy Millar Miller

While rearranging some books in my living room, I ran across the 1960 *Reynolian*. As I leafed through it, I noticed that there were pictures of current RTHS members in the book. It seemed like it would be fun to have a



**Carolyn Ashton**

look at these current members as they looked 60 years ago! As a **disclaimer**, I'm sure I haven't included all of our current members that appeared in that *Reynolian* in this article, but here is a small sampling. I also included a few teachers and other groups.

I'll start with a couple of the Senior class

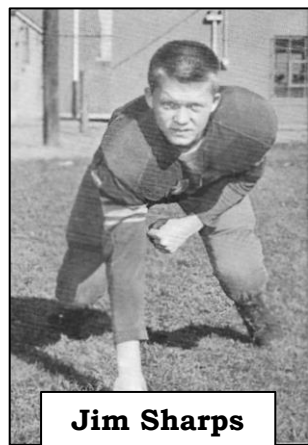
members. **Carolyn Jeanne Ashton (Hill)** has been an RTHS member for many years. Next to her picture it read: *The boys with this gal really rate, But Texas is still*

*her favorite state, Jerry..."Rave on"...blue...favorite pastime---writing letters...ice skating. Nickname "Tod". Her "Last Will and Testament" read: I,*

*Carolyn Ashton, bequeath my experience of going steady with a boy in Texas to Mary Burkey. In the*

*"Future Times" where predictions were written for 20 years in the future, Carolyn's sentence said, "Mrs. Jerry King (Tod) of the King Ranch in Texas sent one of her Cadillacs to nationally known comedienne, Pat Krumm."*

**James "Jim" Wesley Sharps** was also a 1960 senior. His photo tag was: *"Good-natured and well-liked is he, He'll have a gay life – that's plain to see. Ginny... "Oh no!"...bowling... "77"...football*



**Jim Sharps**

*...steak...red. Jim's Last Will read: I, Jim Sharps, bequeath my uniform number 77, to Dan Young, and my little blocking ability to Charles Woods. In the "Future Letter" Jim was listed as the president (continued on page 02)*



**Jim Sharps**

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There were eleven seniors who went to Reynoldsburg as classmates for twelve years. The photo shows: **Don Weaver, Connie Clymer, Carolyn Ashton, Patty Krumm, Annette Savage, Nancy Evans, Jack Wilson, Dave Kitzmiller, Sandra Houck, Jeanette Young, and Pat Smyers.**



There were many teachers and support staff who influenced hundreds of Reynoldsburg High School students over the years. I'm sure you will recognize the names and photos of these people.



**Hannah Ashton**

**Hannah Ashton** was the High School Principal.

**Miss Margueriete Click** went to Capital University, Ohio State University, and Bliss Business College. She was a Reynoldsburg native who taught English X and XII, Speech, Latin I, and Latin II. Miss Click also was the Advisor for the Reynolian, Senior Class, and Latin Club, in addition to being the Director of the Senior Play. She is in the middle of the photo with the watering can in her hands. What do

you want to bet the photo was taken in her classroom?

**Miss Mary Eswine** (left) went to Ohio State University and Ohio University with B.S., B.A., and M.S.C. degrees. She was from Etna, Ohio and taught Shorthand, Typing I and Typing II while being the Junior Red Cross Sponsor and



**Eswine-Click-Mowery**

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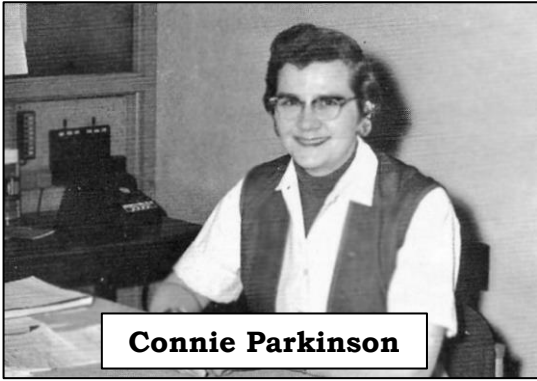
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Senior Advisor.

**Mrs. Lena Mowery** from Mt. Sterling, Ohio, went to Wilmington and Marshall Colleges and had a B.S. in Education. Lena was School Librarian, Senior Advisor, and also taught Physical Education.

**Betty Bartlett** was the school nurse for many years. She was always available to patch up or send home students.

**Connie Parkinson**, a current RTHS member, was the secretary to Mr. Heischman, who was the Superintendent of Schools.



**Connie Parkinson**

**Mrs. Dorothea (Dot) Marshall** went to Wittenburg, Ithaca, and Capital University. She was from Newcomerstown, Ohio, with a degree in A.B. Mrs. Marshall taught Home Economics and ran the school Cafeteria while advising the Home Ec. Club. Mrs. Marshall always “bustled” into a room and on Wednesdays she would say, “Hump Day!” It seems strange to see her in dress clothes rather than her bright, white uniform!

**Gene Shepard** went to Ohio State University with a B.S. in Ed. He was from Cleveland, Ohio. Gene taught P.O.D., Bookkeeping, and Drivers Ed. While being the Sophomore and Student Council Advisor. Mr. Shepard would say, “Do you really believe that?” after a student had pulled a blooper. How many of you learned to drive under his tutelage?

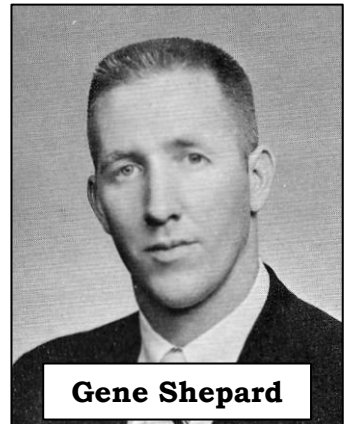
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**Betty Bartlett**



**Mrs. Marshall**



**Gene Shepard**

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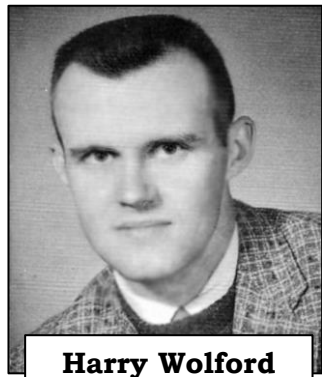
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**Donna Wolford**

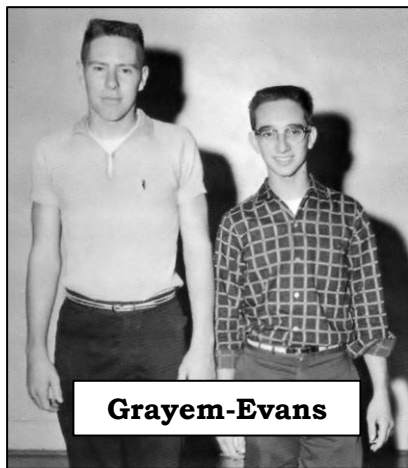
**Donna and Harry Wolford are current members of RTHS.** Donna went to Marshall College and received her A.B. degree. Her hometown is Buffalo, West Virginia. Donna taught Physical Education and English X while being the Cheerleader and Y-Teens Advisor. (Note: I remember sitting in Donna's English class when President Kennedy was shot. She had us write a theme paper on the event) **Harry Wolford** went to West Virginia State with a B.S. in Education. His hometown is Charleston, West Virginia. Harry taught Industrial Arts and Mechanical Drawing. He was also head Basketball Coach.



**Harry Wolford**

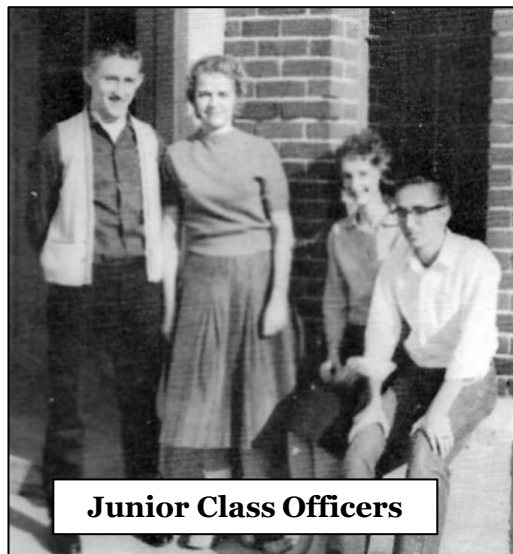
The Varsity Football Managers were **Mike Grayem** and **John Evans**. John was in the RHS Class of 1961 and is a current RTHS member. John was also in the Honor Society and in the Student Council.

The **Junior Class Officers** were: President, **Dick Stockdale**; Vice President,



**Grayem-Evans**

**Dianna Francis**; Secretary, **Janet Skeen**; and Treasurer, **John Evans**.



**Junior Class Officers**

The **Sophomore Officers** were: President, **Bob Marshall**; Vice President, **Polly Heischman**; Secretary **Diane Hlad**; and Treasurer, **Cassie Parkinson**. →

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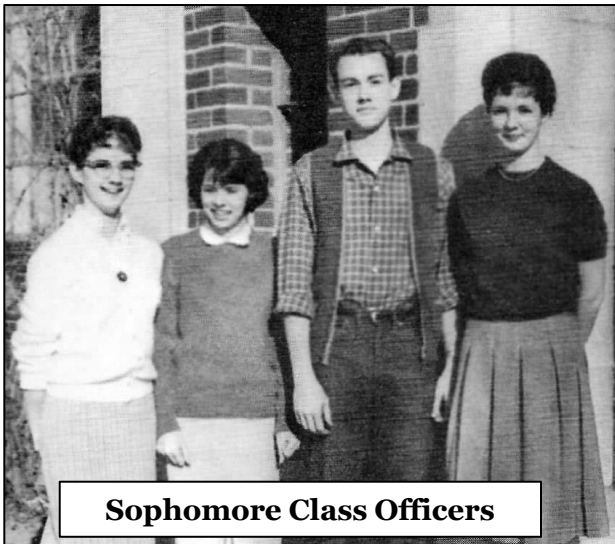
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Here is a photo of the **Student Council** which includes various class grades. In the picture are current RTHS members Cassie Parkinson (Adams), John Evans, and Dianna Francis (Van Buren).



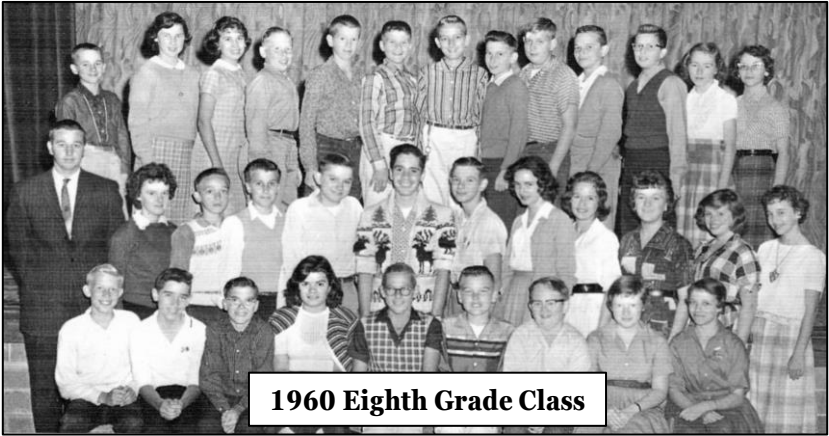
**First Row:** Sandy Hunkerford, Polly Heischman, **Cassie Parkinson**, June Walz, Diane Hlad, Sue Chatfield. **Second Row:** Karen Brannagan, Bob Nease, **John Evans**, Dick Stockdale, Joel Smith, Kenny West, Bob Sharp, Chuckie DiPietro. **Third Row:** Deanna Copley, Mr. Shepard, Advisor; Terri FrankenBerg, Nancy Evans, **Dianna Francis**, Shelva Shamhart, Janet Skeen, Kathy Denning, Margaret Bendler. **Fourth Row:** Jim Mills, Bill Rice, Terry Vance, Carl Estep, Bob Marshall, Jack Wilson.



There are a few **8<sup>th</sup> grade classmates** shown in the 1960 *Reynolian* who are current members of the Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society. These members are: **Wanda (Wendy) Wheatley (Raftery)**, **Steven Wollam**, **Mark Giles**, **Mary Westerwiller (Merringer)**, **Roberta McElhinney (Silverman)**, **Connie Pack (Owen)**, and **Tom McCray**.  
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1960 Eighth Grade Class

**First Row:** Tommy Hatfield, David Wilkins, Bob Shields, Jane Sanders, Neal Young, Alvia Moore, Gary West, Kay Young, Mary Ann Sands. **Second Row:** Mr. Ray Kerns, Francis Scholl, Billy Terrill, Gary Purdum, John L. Howell, Brian Park, Lee Rawn, Lynn Porter, Marsha Wright, Louella Oliver, **Wanda Wheatley**, Mira Bergen. **Third Row:** **Steven Wollam**, Cheryl Rawlings, Mayling Simpson, Larry Stone, John Smyers, Jonathan Smith, **Mark Giles**, David Conner, Nelson Needles, Ronald Zollinger, Jan Taylor, Pat Shalosky, **Mary Westerwiller**.



1960 Eighth Grade Class

**First Row:** Kent Smith, Jim Moore, Charles Morris, **Connie Pack**, Sandy Pelletier, **Roberta McElhinney**, Janice Baldwin, Jeff Mills, Tommy Nicodemus, George Wall. **Second Row:** Mrs. Rehl, Jean Fagan, Rose Gorslene, Karen Hunter, Mae Evalyn Kearns, Jim Martin, Keith Jacks, **Thomas McCray**, Bill Rothe, Nancy Mills, Nancy McConagha, Elaine McCormick, Marie Price, Pat Merringer. **Third Row:** John Webb, Meridith O'Dell, Kathy Bland, Barbara Moore, Judy Miller, Susan Surkamp, Carol Dunlap, Nancy Kensler, Roxie Milliron, Jackie Fouts.

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I know that I have missed many current Reynoldsburg-Truro Historical Society members who appeared in the 1960 Reynolian and I apologize for that. I want to encourage our members to consider volunteering and attending future events. The time has come to renew your memberships and possibly consider donating to the museum upkeep. It won't be long before things open up again and we need to re-establish our close human connections.

Take this holiday time period to get close to your families and connect with past friends and neighbors. I know I have had some interesting calls in the past few months that have reconnected me with the Old Burg even if I haven't been able to visit. You can see the class composite picture for the class of 1960 at the museum by contacting us by phone at (614) 902-2831.

**The RTHS Board wishes everyone  
a Happy Thanksgiving and  
a Merry Christmas.**

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are leaving the Christmas Dinner ON the calendar.

It will be up to each and every member to decide if they wish to attend – or not. This is not a mandatory event. If you are not comfortable joining us, then please feel free to stay home.

We will understand.

## 2020-2021 CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2020

21 – SAT – Open House, Holiday Gift Shop 10am-2pm **CANCELLED**

21 - SAT – Board Meeting, 12pm Noon

### DECEMBER 2020

05 – SAT – Christmas on the Town, Open House, 11am-4pm, Children's Activities, and Holiday Gift Shop

**CANCELLED**

08 – TUE – Board Meeting, 7:00pm

**CANCELLED**

12 – SAT – Christmas Dinner, 6:00pm, MCL Restaurant, 5240 E. Main St., Whitehall (614) 861-6259

### JANUARY 2021

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12 – TUE – Board Meeting - 7:00pm

**TENTATIVE**

16 – SAT – Open House, 10am-2pm

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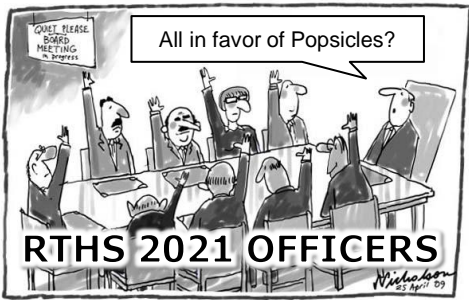
At this time, we will have one Board Meeting in November 2020 and keep the Christmas Dinner on the calendar.

All meetings and open house events are tentative for 2021



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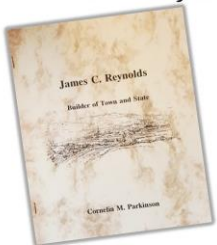
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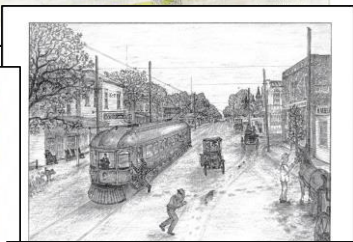
**Colin Sutphin** is a local artist who specializes in drawings around the Reynoldsburg and Truro Township area. He is an RTHS member and RHS 1961 Alumnus.

Along with his brother, Dwain, and nephew, Joe, Colin has been the Guest Artist of several successful Artisan Exhibits at our Open House events. His prints are for sale in our Gift Shop! Current USPS Postage Rates will apply.

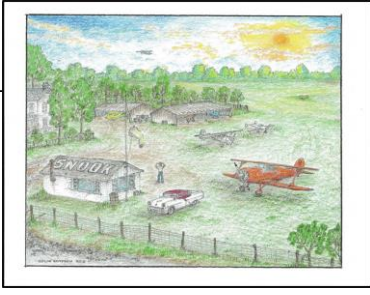
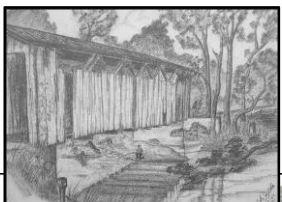
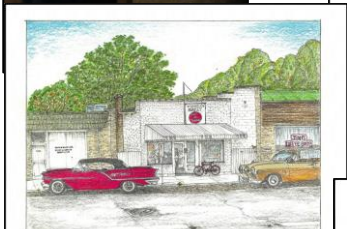


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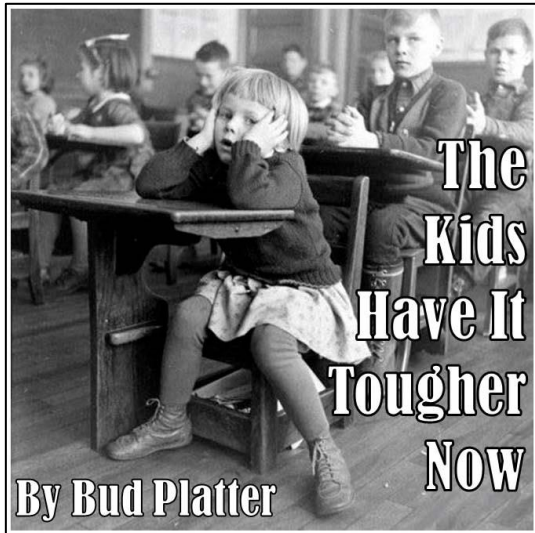
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# The Kids Have It Tougher Now

By Bud Platter

from *Historical Tales of Old Reynoldsburg, Volume One*

by Cornelia M. Parkinson

Yes, the bus picks him up in front of his home and packs him into a centrally heated building and into a classroom where he shares space with some thirty or less of his contemporaries to be guided by a teacher with more degrees than a thermometer. If the kid is slow to learn or emotionally disturbed, he is sent to a tutor, psychologist or counsellor who tells him where he will fit into society - and if he doesn't fit, then society will feed, clothe and shelter him, even planning his parenthood.

Grandpa had it soft. He didn't have to turn the thermostat down at night; the temperature went down with the weather. Grandpa's first duty in the morning was to shake down the ashes and feed the stove some coal. Grandpa didn't get cold,

for around Thanksgiving, Mother sewed him into his 'Long Johns' hoping he wouldn't smell too loud come spring and sent a note to the teacher that "Johnnie ain't no rose - Don't Smell Him, Learn Him."

It was only a mile to school and, if the snow wasn't too deep, Grandpa could maybe find a rut breaking a path. He'd have company with fellow students of all ages bending into the weather with runny noses and not knowing there was such a thing as a "chill-factor".



The school was a one room affair and Grandpa took his turn with the pot-bellied stove and then sat with his age group which was situated about the stove in accordance to age-the younger the closer.

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His teacher was the 'bright' boy or girl of the neighborhood chosen for the task by the community because of his love and dedication to the younger generation.

If Grandpa didn't know his lesson or disturbed the room the teacher would crack his knuckles with a ruler or drape him over a desk and then send a note to his father who would administer a similar advisory.



Grandpa ate a cold lunch and cleaned up after it. Should he

get behind in his class, he'd have to drop out and go to work somewhere on his own, even if it was 'house to house' selling, or with pick and shovel. If he didn't make it there was the 'poor house' or the 'pokey.' But usually he made it because somehow, he knew he was the final resort and he'd have to work his way out of it. Hadn't he had the advantage of "Horatio Alger" and "Ruperts Ambition?"

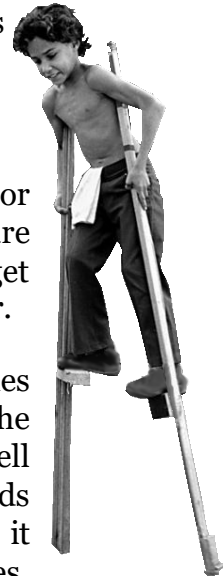
Maybe he'd invent the auto or some part of it.



Grandpa didn't have to contend with 'organized' play. All he had to do was get enough boys and girls to play football or baseball and it didn't matter what color or religion the fellows were. The greatest hazard was sliding into second base in the cow pasture.

If castor oil or "Fleets" didn't cure him, then he'd get the mustard plaster.

As Grandpa brushes aside a tear, he wonders how the hell these modern kids are going to make it in these tough times.



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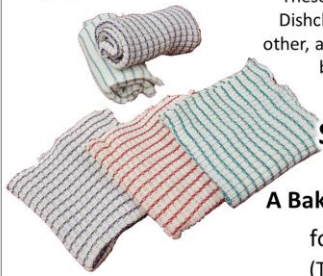
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