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IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A TIGER CUB

IT'S A NEW YEAR....

As we enter 2026, we are pleased to announce that our scholarship fund has reached \$670,757.67! That means we will be able to award twenty-five scholarships to deserving GHS graduates. And our Maxine Haskett scholarship fund is at \$67,044.27, enabling us to award four scholarships. One of our goals for this year is for the Greencastle Alumni Scholarship fund to reach \$700,000 with a long-term goal of one million dollars. That would enable us to increase each scholarship and, hopefully, award one to each and every applicant. All of the scholarships awarded are financed by the EARNINGS of the investments made on our behalf by the Putnam County Community Foundation. As the value of our scholarship funds increases the earnings increase enabling us to award more scholarships.

Since it is a new year, it is time to renew your membership in your Alumni Association. You can use the membership form on page seven to do so. And you can use that form to make a donation to our scholarship fund. A twenty-five dollar donation includes a one-year free membership.

One of our goals for 2025 was to increase our board membership to at least fifteen and while we were able to do so, our current board membership is eleven--consequently our goal for 2026 is to add at least four more. And, as always, our goal is to increase the overall membership of your Alumni Association. If you know of anyone interested have them contact a board member listed on page 5.

A Little of **THIS** and **THAT**

Officers for 2026 have been elected. Jon Blue will continue as President. Audra Dorsett Holton will serve as Vice-President. Jane Green Hansen will be the secretary. Terri Sutherlin McKee will continue as treasurer and scholarship chairman. Ron Blotch has agreed to continue as historian.

There will be a 2026 All-Class/Scholarship Recognition Dinner on Saturday June 20th. The location and time have yet to be determined. All the pertinent details will be in the Spring issue of Tiger Tales.

Former board member Peggy McClaine (GHS Class of '67) passed away January 21st. Peggy was a dedicated member of your Alumni Association Board for several years and once served as editor of Tiger Tales. Thanks, Peggy for a job well-done! You will be missed!

Congratulations to the 2025 GHS boys soccer team as they won the Sectional at South Vermillion. They defeated West Vigo 5-0, Owen Valley 7-0, and Northview 7-1. The girls volleyball squad also won the South Vermillion Sectional. They defeated Parke Heritage 25-16, 25-13, 25-22, South Putnam 25-19, 25-13, 25-10, and South Vermillion 25-23, 25-14, 25-17. The Lady Cubs then claimed the Monrovia Regional title by defeating Covenant Christian 25-22, 25-9, 25-11. And Landon Miller claimed the boys cross country Sectional Championship with a winning effort of 16:18.0. Congratulations Tiger Cubs for GREAT fall season.



2008-09 TIGER CUBS

The 2008-09 athletic year for the Greencastle Tiger Cubs was a good one as thirteen Sectional titles were added to their resume.

The fall season saw both soccer squads, boys and girls, claim the title Sectional Champs. The Lady Cubs won the Terre Haute South Sectional by defeating Northview 1-0, South Vermillion 4-0, and Terre Haute South 2-0. The boys won the Mooresville Sectional by defeating Monrovia 4-0 and Martinsville in an overtime thriller 2-1. Both teams' season ended in the Regional with a loss to Center Grove.

Girls swimming claimed two Sectional titles as Melissa Ball won the 50 yard freestyle in 24.97. Kelsey Murtaugh took the 100 yard freestyle with a winning effort of 54.12

The highlight of the year was the boys swimming team. They dominated the Crawfordsville Sectional by scoring 302 points and winning seven of the twelve individual championships! Nicholas Stevens and Luke Crimmins led the Cubs—each with four Sectional titles. Nicholas won the 200 yard freestyle in 1:46.27 and the 500 yard freestyle in 4:55.23. Luke was victorious in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 22:13. He also claimed the 100 yard backstroke in 54.54. Nicholas and Luke were both part of the winning 200 yard medley relay squad and the 400 yard freestyle relay team. Ryan Payne and Jesse Elkins joined them to win the 200 yard medley relay in 1:40.52. And Austin Woodall and Jay Guffey helped them win the 400 yard freestyle relay in 3:20.95. The seventh individual Sectional title was won by the 200 yard freestyle relay team

of Jay Guffey, Ryan Payne, Jesse Elkins, and Luke Smith with a time of 1:32.37.

The last Sectional Championship of the school year was claimed by Dee Wood who won the girls 100 meter dash in 12.97.

Ten individual Sectional Champs and three team Sectional Championships made the 2008-09 school year one to remember for the Tiger Cub student/athletes.

THE INK POT

(December 20, 1962)

HOLIDAY CHARACTERS

- Scrooge.....Daryl Abbott
- The Littlest Angel.....Connie Kiger
- Rudolph.....Larry Harris
- Clyde.....Linda Minnick
- The Little Cobbler.....Roy Mosteller
- Santa Claus.....Tom Swope
- Santa's Helper.....John Franklin
- The Little Pine Tree.....Susie Hurst
- Father Time.....Noble New
- Baby New Year.....Marty Harmless
- The Christmas Mouse.....Steve Slavens

TEENAGE THOUGHTS

The Ink Pot

March 31, 1953

Important—Take Time for 10 Things!
(from the school newspaper "The Tiger" of Central High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri)

(7) Take time to Love—it is the one sacrament of life. Faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

(8) Take time to Dream—it hitches the soul to the stars. Without dreams, man lives only in the hardships of reality and he needs the lightness of dreams.

(9) Take time to Laugh—it is the singing that helps with life's loads. "Smile and the world smiles with you—weep and you will weep alone."

(10) Take time to Plan—it is the secret of being able to have time to take time for the first nine things. Plan carefully what you do and be proud of the outcome.

LONG TIME GHS EDUCATOR

(Photo from the Banner Graphic)

ROBERT LYLE HARBISON

Long time GHS educator Robert “Bob” Harbison passed away last October 27th. He was ninety years old. Bob served the Greencastle Community School Corporation in many ways. He served the junior high as a teacher, basketball coach, and assistant principal. He was a principal at both Jones and Ridpath Elementary schools as well as at the high school. He was an assistant superintendent before returning to the high school as principal. After retiring he worked as a janitor for two summers at Miller Elementary. He was an avid Tiger Cub sports fan attending football, volleyball, and basketball games from 1959 through 2025. And he was the official timer for home basketball games from 1959 to 1997. The school honored him by naming the high school football field after him. A veteran, he enjoyed boating, camping, motorcycling, and the Indianapolis 500. He is survived by his wife Mischa and children Sara Beth and Rex.

Mr. Harbison “left his mark” on the Greencastle Community School Corporation and will be sorely missed. Thank You Mr. Harbison for a job well-done. RIP!!

I REMEMBER MR. HARBISON....

as my eighth grade U.S. History teacher, eighth grade basketball coach, and junior high phys. ed teacher. I remember crab soccer, wrestling, boxing (yes, we boxed with boxing gloves), and marching (count cadence count 1, 2, 3, 4 ...) I also remember getting one whack with a paddle for leaving my phys. ed. locker unlocked. Thanks for the Memories Mr. Harbison. You definitely made a difference!

**THE MINARET
1978****A WINTER STORM WATCH IS IN EFFECT
TONIGHT FOR THE STATE OF INDIANA**

Snow, snow, and more snow! It came in record blizzard proportions last winter and covered Greencastle with snow three feet deep or more. It was supposed to have been the biggest blizzard in the past hundred years. The severe weather conditions caused schools to be closed on several occasions. In fact, school was held only four days in the first three weeks of second semester. The winds drifted the snow over roads and caused many traffic problems. No sooner had the snow plows cleared the snow away when another avalanche of snow fell and the process started all over again.

Another major crisis that occurred in 1978 was the coal strike. The strike affected much of the Midwest and even Greencastle complied to the required conservation of energy by turning off the street lights and many businesses cutting down the hours they were open.

To stay open the school was required to cut electricity 50%. Lights were shut off in the halls and in the classrooms and the thermometers were placed on “night setting” which was 68 degrees. McAnally Center was closed on February 17 to conserve approximately 36% of the total cutback. However, McAnally was reopened temporarily on March 8, 10, and 11 for basketball sectionals.

To conserve even more energy, the cafeteria served several cold lunches using all paper products and plastic dinnerware. No coffee machines or refrigerators were on in the teachers’ lounges and none of the coke machines were in operation.

Classes that were normally held in McAnally and the Study Hall gym had to be relocated to various rooms in the main building. Sports events, extracurricular activities such as the spring play, and adult education classes were also cancelled.

This winter was a long, hard one for the school and for the community, but it couldn’t get worse, only better.

**THE BEST ANTIQUES TO COLLECT
ARE OLD FRIENDS!**

"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

Continuing with "The Good Old Days" theme from the files of your alumni association, Carl Strain, Sr. GHS Class of 1945, wrote a letter to Gene Harlan in August of 2000 discussing his days as a Greencastle High School student. Here is a portion of that letter.

Many in our class went into the military before graduation and, as I remember, were rightly given diplomas as if they had been there all along. Those were hard times in our country. Most of the boys of our class went into the army soon after graduation. I went in eight days after graduating on June 8, 1945. Gene Pennington left our school and was in an army band, I think, as a director. After I got through basic training in Ft. Riley Kansas, I had a furlough and then was shipped to Casablanca in French Morocco. A couple of days before I sailed, I saw Gene Pennington at the camp from which I sailed. We enjoyed a good chat and a cigar together.

One other teacher that many students will probably remember is "Miss Walls". I am sure that she taught more two generations of students (parents and their children) than any other teacher in Greencastle history. By the time I got there she knew my father and my uncles and aunts. And then there was my older brother Bob who was a straight "A" student. I felt like I never quite measured up. Maybe she was loved by many students but, some way, she and I never got on the same wave length. Miss Walls was our class sponsor. During the War, in my junior year, one of the class projects for making money was paper and magazine drives. It happened in two ways: It helped the war effort and it put money in our class treasury. We would put a notice in the paper and the people would put their papers and magazines out bundled up (kinda' like recycling today) and I would take our old farm truck to get the stuff. It had three banged up fenders, gunny sacks over the seat to keep the springs from hurting, some baling wire holding it together and very few windows except the windshield in place, Me and a couple of other guys would patrol the streets and pick up what was put out and take the loot to old Sam at the A&S junk

yard. Sam would pay us in cash and we would take the proceeds to the class treasurer. We were very successful in our paper drives. I think this helped thaw the ice with Miss Walls. Maybe the research paper on Lord Byron typed by Becky Longden helped some too. Anyway, I remember having a "D" going to the last six weeks, but I ended with a satisfactory grade.

During the war, gas was rationed, cars were not being built and we were just glad to have wheels that ran. When prom time came, I didn't take a limousine and stay out all night. I was glad to have that old truck and I took the prettiest and one of the smartest girls in school to that Junior-Senior prom. And I had her home on time.

1995

Since the Greencastle Alumni Association and the scholarship fund were created over thirty years ago, let's take a look back at 1995. Bill Clinton was President and Al Gore was Vice-President. The Dallas Cowboys won the Super Bowl. The Houston Rockets were the champions of the NBA. And the Atlanta Braves won the World Series. The UCLA Bruins claimed the March Madness championship.

The top five songs were: (1) I Know (2) Rhythm of the Night (3) I Believe (4) I Got 5 On It and (5) Only Wanna Be With You. The top five money making movies were: (1) Toy Story (2) Batman Forever (3) Apollo 13 (4) Pocahontas and (5) Ace Ventura - When Nature Calls. The top five TV shows were: (1) ER (2) Seinfeld (3) Friends (4) Caroline In The City and (5) NFL Monday Night FB.

The average price for a new home was \$108,000. You could buy a new car for \$17,892. The Dow Jones low was 3832 with a high of 5216. A stamp cost thirty-two cents. Gas was a \$1.15. A dozen eggs could be had for \$1.16. And a gallon of milk was \$2.96.

The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.

Will Rogers

I REMEMBER.....

By Conni Williams Harrison
GHS Class of '65

I have many of the same memories that was mentioned in the Fall Tiger Tales issue. The list goes on. Wearing Senior cords and sitting on the Senior bench. Being in the Pep Band and playing during basketball games. Being sent to the office from Art class, for some reason, only to learn that the President of our country had been killed. For a Science project in Mr. Callahan's class I took a fertilized chicken egg and when it hatched, I named her DeWayne. Going to the Chateau to see scary movies, then having a coke at the Royal Café. Marching from school through downtown just minutes after our new Band uniforms arrived. All the dances and plays. Roller skating behind the Kreme Castle. Ordering a burger and coke for lunch at the Satellite and getting change back from my fifty cents. Going to Windy Hill on July 4th to watch the fireworks. All of this would not have happened without living in Greencastle. Pictures from Taylor Photography, flowers from Eitel's and jewelry from Castlecraft. Shopping at Troyers, Adlers and Prevo's where my grandmother was secretary for Mr. Prevo. Buying pastries from Omar. Seeing the student exhibits on Old Gold Day on the DePauw campus. And being a busboy at the campus Hub where I got to shake hands with Art Carney. Seeing the Beatles in Indianapolis. Trying to cross all the tracks before the trains pass, or stop, as we attempted to leave town. On a date seeing a large flying saucer hovering over a very large tree just outside of town. To this day nobody believes us. What do you remember?

Note: I was her date. And no we were not high on anything! lol And, yes Conni, no one believes us!

TIGER TALES

(December, 1997)

Did you Know?

that a GHS graduate, Charles J. Arnold, '36, stood in for General Douglas MacArthur's famous portrait by McClelland Barclay? Seems the General

was too busy to pose personally, so GHS grad Arnold was chosen to pose in MacArthur's hat and jacket for the portrait.

that the first admitted streaker was GHS grad Simpson Stoner '18. He admitted it all to a reporter in Florida in his later days. Money was tight, and Simpson, a DePauw student was offered \$5 to run around Meharry Hall in the buff, so he took it. He said he was lucky and didn't see one person on his run. Collecting the \$5 took a while.

the story behind the Terry Yell Leader award? Rex Terry '48, was an outstanding yell leader during his junior year. He was killed in Korea in October of 1952. The Yell Leader Award was established in his honor.

TIGER TALES

(April, 1997)

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

1936 – April 24, 1936 the St. Louis Cardinals Gashouse Gang with Dizzy Dean, Frankie Frisch, Pepper Martin, and Leo Durocher stopped off in Greencastle for an exhibition game against the DePauw baseball team. DePauw lost—16-3.

1953 – Karen Birt, Jeannie Hickman, Sara Harris, Barbara Miller, Janice Clover, Melba Baldwin, Carolyn Cooper, Marcia Bettis, Judy Parker, Imogene McMahan and Don Shuee made the news with their new style—Senior Cords. The Ink Pot saluted their stylishness.

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GHS ALUMNI MEMORIES

We contacted some GHS Alumni and asked them about their high school memories. Their responses are:

LINDA ALDERFER YORK

GRADUATION YEAR: 1968
PRESENT ADDRESS: Nashville, Indiana
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Mr. Norman McCammon
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER: Madonna O'Hair
FAVORITE JUNIOR HIGH TEACHER: n/a
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: n/a
FAVORITE ELEMENTARY TEACHER: n/a
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY: cheerleader, band, pom pom
CAR YOU DROVE TO SCHOOL: Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser
CLOSEST HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS: Lana Klebusch, Cheryl Purdy, Diane Etter, Paula Sutherlin
FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT LUNCH:
DID YOU ATTEND THE PROM: Yes, Jim Hendrich, Don Irwin
DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY SENIOR PRANKS: grocery cart races in the Marsh parking lot
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: working at IBM on ICE program
MOST EMBARRASSING HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: can't tell it!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENT: nothing

CATHY GRAM LOWERY

GRADUATION YEAR: 1969
PRESENT ADDRESS: Greencastle
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Norman McCammon
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER: Mrs. Peterson
FAVORITE MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER: Mr. Bowling
ELEMENTARY ATTENDED: Miller
FAVORITE ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Mrs. Miller

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES: English Literature

FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Radio show at DePauw for GHS
CAR YOU DROVE TO SCHOOL: 1963 Dodger Dart
CLOSEST HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS: Marie McKee, Jana Green, Marth Webb, Carolyne Torr
DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY SENIOR PRANKS: Yes, Waking Mrs. Garriott in Senior English
FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT LUNCH: Home
DID YOU ATTEND THE PROM: Yes, Freshman Year – Steve Foxx, Junior Year – John Mishler, Senior Year – Marc Monnett
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY: Working on the Senior homecoming float, Working on the Junior prom
MOST EMBARRASSING HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: Don't remember
WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENT: Nothing

DONNY HUESTIS

GRADUATION YEAR: 1971
PRESENT ADDRESS: Greencastle
HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Norman McCammon, Lloyd Cooper
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Ridpath
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS: Art
CAR YOU DROVE TO SCHOOL: I did not have a car.
CLOSEST HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS: Craig Monnett, Denny Glenn, Dick Hardwick
FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT LUNCH: Dairy Castle
DID YOU ATTEND THE PROM: No
FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIES: Overall high school experience, I enjoyed my high school days
MOST EMBARRASSING HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT: I don't even have one that I can remember
WHAT WOULD YOU DO DIFFERENT: Go to college

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION! WHY NOT DO IT TODAY!

Greencastle Alumni Dollars for Scholars, Inc.

formerly known as GHS Alumni Association

Join or Renew Now!



Joining or renewing your Greencastle Alumni Membership will allow you to benefit in a variety of ways...

- You will receive the Tiger Tales newsletter up to 3 times per year
- Receive current news about the association and upcoming events
- Maybe you just want to reminisce or contact former classmates
- Support the awarding of scholarships to GHS graduates

The GHS Alumni Association was created in 1995 for the purpose of supporting Greencastle High School and operating a Scholarship Fund for our graduates. We currently use a number of fundraising events and activities to add to our scholarship fund including the All Class Dinner to be held June 20, 2026, as well as the Farm to Fork Dollars for Scholars in Putnam County Dinner to be held September 19, 2026.

Membership is only \$10 per person per year. To join or renew, complete this application form and mail it to us with your \$10 dues payment. Another option is a one-year free membership with a \$25 contribution to the Greencastle Alumni Dollars for Scholars, Inc. Scholarship Fund. A \$50 donation will be listed in a Banner Graphic Ad. All contributions may be designated

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