

# Falls High-Lites

Fall 2013

## In the news - CFHS band director

Brandon S. DuVall, the band director at Cuyahoga Falls High School, is more than the leader of the band now that he has become a leading official of the local district of a statewide organization of music teachers. On July 1, DuVall became the president-elect of District 6 of the Ohio Music Education Association. His term will run through June 30, 2015. Then from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2017, he will serve as president of the District. District 6, one of 17 districts of the Ohio Music Education Association, covers all of Medina, Summit, Portage and Wayne counties.



"Music has provided me with wonderful opportunities," DuVall said, "and I welcome the opportunity to give back to the profession that has given me so much."

DuVall is wrapping up his 12th year as a band director in the Cuyahoga Falls City School District. He directs the award-winning Tiger Marching Band, Black Concert Band, Basketball Pep Band and 7 O'Clock Jazz Big Band, and he teaches fifth grade beginning band at Lincoln, Preston, and Silver Lake elementary schools.

## The grand reveal and ribbon cutting on September 13, 2013



The Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation completed phase one of their latest project, the Tiger Trail. The new entrance to Clifford Stadium enhances the look of our football field. Ribbon cutting took place before the Kent Roosevelt football game. The Foundation wishes to thank all of you who purchased the engraved bricks showcased in the trail. It's never too late to join the supporters. Go to [www.tigerlegacy.org](http://www.tigerlegacy.org). You can observe the purchased bricks on the "virtual trail" and you can purchase your own with a credit card at the "pricing" heading.

## Current Members

As a lifetime member of the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation there is no need to renew. The Foundation thanks the following lifetime members...**Arbogast**, Lauren - **Bahr**, Thomas R. - **Bearden**, James M. - **Bonstelle**, Charles T. - **Boyle**, Martha E. - **Costill**, Dave - **Dalcher**, Alfred W. - **Damerow**, Jeffrey - **Demichele**, Nancy - **Dilts**, Richard L. - **Dilts**, Kay - **Driver**, Christine - **Drobny**, Darryl J. - **Dudley**, Susan - **Eckstein**, Bruce - **Edwards**, Marilyn A. - **Evans**, Nancy - **Frye**, Richard A. - **Gerstenmaier**, John H. - **Goodridge**, Michael - **Griffiths**, Gordon H. - **Gripman**, Sara Jane - **Hartley**, Douglas N. - **Hartsough**, Don M. - **Hendricks**, Theodore - **Hendricks**, Margaret - **Heyburn**, Robert N. - **Hitler**, Peter S. - **Hoggie**, Valerie - **Holcomb**, Jeanne A. - **Houck**, Douglas L. - **Keeler**, Sally J. - **Kirk**, Phil M. - **Knepp**, Kathleen M. - **Laubach**, Susan - **Leach**, Raymond T. - **Likar**, Mary F. - **Liles**, L. Ray - **Logar**, Melissa L. - **McCue**, Wolford - **Marotto**, JeriLynn - **Metz**, Ronald L. - **Minardi**, Angelo J. - **Mohaupt**, Charles F. - **Namsick**, Lynn Jo - **Neal**, Miriam - **Newman**, William D. - **Nugent**, Bettina G. - **Ottino**, Edward - **Overfield**, Donald L. - **Rafos**, Robert - **Rafos**, Sandra - **Raines**, Fred B. - **Raines**, Sandra - **Robart**, Don L. - **Ruhlin**, Benjamin - **Ruhlin**, Becky - **Saccogna**, Joseph - **Saccogna**, Judy - **Sawvel**, Patricia J. - **Searle**, Gregg - **Slaby**, Lynn C. - **Slaby**, Marilyn - **Smith**, Pat - **Stopher**, Robert H. - **Tolliver**, Alisa - **Wintrup**, Barbara - **Wright**, Andrew - **Yanchak**, Danny M.

Unless you have renewed your yearly membership already, time is running out. Please continue to show your support.

## Do you know a potential Distinguished Alum?

We are currently accepting nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award. You can also nominate friends of the Falls schools for the Distinguished Service Award. Find the printed form at [www.cfalls.org](http://www.cfalls.org). Please provide enough information about the nominee to allow the selection committee to make an informed decision. The award will be presented in a ceremony in the auditorium in May. Nominees must be present.

Please note that the nominations must be received by **4 p.m., Friday, February 28, 2014**. Mail or deliver your nomination to **Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation, 431 Stow Ave., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221**.



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## **You know you are a Black Tiger if you remember.....**

Sitting on the stage at Sill Junior High watching the Falls High varsity basketball games : **Gilbert Roberts, the teacher, not the school** : Broad, Crawford, Grant, Newberry, Bode or Sill and maybe even East School : **The small hills, bumps in the outside lane of Broad Boulevard** : The Pit at the high school : **The girls' gym on the third floor or the stairwell behind the little theatre leading to the gym** : Dick Taylor, Skip Higley, Jim Thorne, Whitey Prunty, Randy Caldwell, Bob Maxwell, Bob Lacy, Larry Dawson, Ted Salsburg, Eric Stolberg, Joe Nice, Brian Coleman, Ted Andrick, Rich Parsons, Jon Calvin, Rick Seifert or Doug Root : **the Hungry I, Lujan's Burger Boy on State Road, Manners Big Boy on Front Street, Laconi's Pizza, Leone's Pizza or Kippy's** : Basketball at Lion Park : **Neighborhood groceries - Mays on Hudson Drive (now McCardle's), IGA across from Harrington Field, corners of 10th & Grant, Grant & Meriline and Albemarle & Hillcrest** : Vaughn Machine : **The Prospect Bridge** : Cathedral of Tomorrow : **Baseball fields Keenan 1 and Keenan 2** : Pep rallies in the old auditorium at lunch time : **Nickel movies in that auditorium at lunch** : The old auditorium (Little Theatre) when it had a balcony : **Roller skating at State 8** : When Graham Road and Bailey Road were dirt roads : **The Dolf Schayes basketball camp situation** : Falls vs. Hudson basketball tournament game : **Ice Skating at the Gorge** : Bruno's Drive Thru : **Rockefeller's Bakery** : Jimandy's Restaurant : **Hot doughnuts from Krispee Kreme on State Road** : Movies at the State Theatre : **Rocky Horror at the Falls Theatre** : Wayne's Barber Shop - Four Shears Barber Shop : **Jerry Johnson's last second shot**

**This could be your last newsletter !!!** It's renewal time for the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation. Cut off your address label - mail it, with a \$25 check for one year or \$200 for a lifetime membership, in the enclosed envelope.

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## A few of our Cuyahoga Falls High School graduates who are successful in business



Amy Pivarski ('91), owner Nancy DeRemer ('65) and Stephanie Klett ('00) work at Danceworks on Bailey Road. For 20 years Danceworks was located on Chestnut Blvd. but moved 2 years ago. Nancy studied dance at KSU while Amy studied at U of A where she was on the dance team. Amy has taught dance for 20 years and Nancy has taught for 30 years after a brief stint as a phy. ed. teacher.



A new business in CF is the Yum Yum Shop on State Road owned by Keith Saffless ('95). Keith makes chewing gum of different flavors.



Pictured are Dr. Andrea Folatko ('93) with sisters Stephanie Velo ('90) and Kathy Velo ('88). Her office is located on Graham Road in her newly constructed building.



Pictured are Andrew Durr ('08), owner Bob Peyak ('74) and Tyler Looman ('13). Bob has owned Falls Wheel & Wrench on State Road since 1986. Missing is Evan Clark ('12)



Steve Kariotis ('74), owner of Max Muscle Sports Nutrition, opened his business in 2006. He is located in the Parkwood Plaza (1456 N. Portage Path) at the bottom of Portage Trail hill.



Ben Ruhlin ('72) owns and runs Ruhlin Construction. The office is located on State Road.



Steve ('93) and Melanie ('90) Haenner own Steve's Auto Service on Russell behind the root beer stand. Steve is a former teacher at Falls High who hires auto mechanics from the school.



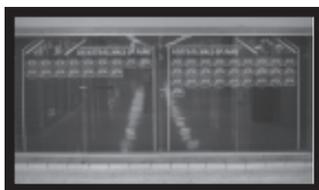
Vic ('66) & Dixie ('64) with daughter Diana Dodds ('84) have owned the BK Root Beer Drive-In on Munroe Falls Ave. for 18 years.



Fred Hummel ('93) has operated the Silver Swan Tavern on Front Street since 2001.

### Changes

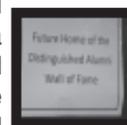
Tom DiFrancesco, the CFHS athletic director, has made some very positive changes here at the high school. The athletic department purchased three large flat screen televisions (placed outside the athletic office, in the cafeteria and in the library) which will post athletic results, coming athletic events and more. Tom has also constructed a new showcase for the basketball & football Halls of Fame, located near the gymnasium next to the Athletic Booster Club's concession stand.



Athletic director Tom DiFrancesco tells us a new wall of fame is coming in the near future.

### Something new for the CFSF

The Foundation is currently working on a design for our future wall of fame for Distinguished Alumni. The wall is located next to the girls' restroom across from the Athletic Booster Club concession stand. It will feature two flat screen televisions with a continuous loop describing the distinguished members. Small plaques will also contribute to the wall with the names of our Distinguished Alumni. If you know a deserving alum, nominate him or her using the form at [www.cfalls.org](http://www.cfalls.org). (CFSF - Distinguished Alumni)



Tom Jones, Executive Director, asks that you e-mail or call the office to assist him with obituaries or memories. He is always eager to accept your input for our newsletter. He can be reached at [cf\\_foundation@cfalls.org](mailto:cf_foundation@cfalls.org) or 330-926-3800 ext. 502089.

## Class reunions, luncheons, other gatherings

The **Class of 1958** continued its perfect reunion record (a gathering every five years since graduation - can any other Falls High class claim that?) the last weekend in July when it celebrated its 55th reunion. As the theme of a former reunion stated "It takes a long time to grow an old friend," the occasion brought together old friends, including 20 from out of state, with countless stories and memories between them. Tiger Den, a "meet and greet" complete with rock and roll music and pool tables, was held at the Black Wolf Hall in Stow. Silver Lake Country Club was the setting for the main event - a cocktail hour, banquet, and dancing - with almost 100 people in attendance. Good-byes and "See you in five years" were said the following morning at a catered picnic brunch at Water Works Park. The Class of 1958 meets at 11:30 a.m., the second Thursday of every month, at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. For more information about the monthly luncheon, please contact Susan Galehouse Laubach at [susan.g.laubach@gmail.com](mailto:susan.g.laubach@gmail.com) or by phone, 330-688-6883.

The class has a web site with news about classmates and reunion highlights, including photographs of the celebration. Check it out at <http://cfhs58.org/>

The **Class of 1973** had its 40th reunion this summer at SYB Party Center. The class had between 112-120 classmates and spouses attend. The DJ was great and everyone appeared to have a super time as these pictures illustrate.



**Keep the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation informed of your reunion plans - and of course a followup to the event.**



The **Class of 1964** is working on its 50th reunion to be staged on July 25-27, 2014. They are looking for sponsors for the reunion and are *donating 10% of the contributions to the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation*. Check on the events at [www.cfhs64.com](http://www.cfhs64.com).

## Recent alum in the news

**Andrew Appleby**, a 2013 graduate of CFHS, recently was awarded the Adolph Kiefer Safety Commendation Award at the XXXIV United States Aquatic Sports Convention in Garden Grove, Calif. The national award honors an individual or organization that has demonstrated an exception commitment to aquatic safety. Andrew was honored for founding the Make-A-Splash Akron program in 2010 to teach at-risk, economically disadvantaged kids to swim. More than 250 kids have participated to date in the free program. Andrew was a state champion for Falls High last year and is currently on a swimming scholarship at The Ohio State University, enrolled in the Fisher Business Honors College.



## *In Memoriam....*

Class of 1939 - **Robert A. Martin**; Class of 1946 - **Hazel Griggs (Harmon)**; Class of 1948 - **Robert Stanley Moore & Norma Ruth Stuart (Davis)**; Class of 1949 - **Hazel "Pat" (Rowles) Clemens**; Class of 1953 - **Gloria Sondereker & Henry Cozad**; Class of 1954 - **Mary Ann Jacobson & Marianne E. Ciarrochi**; Class of 1957 - **Robert William Fulton**; Class of 1961 - **C. Douglas Caesar**; Class of 1962 - **William "Bill" Fortunato**; Class of 1971 - **Charlotte A. Lengyel (Graham)**; Class of 1977 - **Cathy Sue Grove**; CFHS graduates - **Scott Wilson, James M. Nivens, Jr. & John Gordon Cochrane**

### **Why renew with the Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation ?**

1. The Foundation provided 47 scholarships this past year to graduating seniors amounting to \$117,450.
2. We acknowledge Distinguish Alumni at our recognition reception each spring. New nominations are due now.
3. We provide teachers with grants for special projects.
4. Each month we recognize two Top Tigers from each of our district's schools.
5. We publish a quarterly written newsletter.
6. You will receive a monthly e-mail to keep you informed of Cuyahoga Falls Schools activities and Foundation news.
7. We sponsored a MAJOR PROJECT called the Tiger Trail.
8. The Foundation sponsors an All-Class Reunion each summer on the Front Street Mall.
9. We help class leaders with reunion planning, addresses, e-mails and high school tours.

**Send your address label, check & e-mail address in the enclosed envelope. \$25 for 1 year : \$200 for a lifetime.**