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OF DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S

DSJ to celebrate 100th festival this fall

It started as a housewarming for the newly opened St. Joseph building in October 1913 and 100 years and thousands of delicious meals later it's turned into the most anticipated event of the year at St. John's. St. John's will celebrate the 100th annual School Festival on October 20 and 21, 2012.

The St. Joseph building, today's grade school, was begun in 1911 to provide additional space for a growing school enrollment. The building was completed in October 1913 and on the 20th day of the month, the children of St. John's moved into their new school. Fr. Rupert celebrated the opening of the new building with a festival held in the auditorium on the second floor. The festival raised \$9,600 for the school fund. This was the first of the annual School Festivals held at St. John's.

The Festival has changed a lot over the years but the staples have remained the same. The delicious, homemade food has remained relatively the same although some shortcuts have been taken to facilitate the thousands of dinners served each

fall. Generations of the same family have headed the various food departments, holding their secret recipes close to the vest, passed along only to the next generation of Festival workers. The equipment has undergone periodic updating although some of the ovens seem to date from the original festival in 1913! There are still squeals of delight from children reeling in a prize from the fish pond or going four corners on their bingo card. Adults still flock to the Golden Wheel and the tip books and use pages of return address labels on their chances for the great prizes donated by DSJ's faithful supporters.

I personally remember going with Mom to pick up our meals. We'd take clothes baskets and plenty of Tupperware containers as back then you didn't get individual meals, you got portions. The plastic bread bags used to wrap the cakes always stuck to the icing but that didn't matter, we'd lick it off. I still have a small, paper mache owl bank I won in the gym, although I don't remember what I did to win it. As high school

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New website in the works

The DSJ Alumni website debuted in 2005, giving your Alumni Association a presence on the worldwide web. The old website has served its purpose and now it's time to move on to bigger and better things. The old website will soon be gone, replaced by a new site with new features including a message board and video capability. We can't be totally sure when the new site will debut or when all the new features will be available, but check on us regularly to view our progress. And if you think of a feature that we haven't thought of and you'd like to see, let us know. In the meantime, visit the DSJ Alumni facebook page to see what's going on with your alumni association.

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Angeline "Mom" Miller

Service to St. John's



It all started back in 1938 - her family was still feeling the pain of the Depression and was very poor. The family could not afford even a small tuition (then called "a book bill") so Angeline and her twin sister attended public school. Angeline didn't complain "But I always wanted to go to St Johns," she said.

In 1969 she got her wish - sort of. A friend from St John's said "We are looking for a special person at school, would you like to join us?" With her children still in school, Mrs.

Miller was reluctant - but decided to try the job for a year. She retired from St John's 24 years later!

And during that time, along with raising all the students in school, she also found time to raise her five boys and two girls.

She credits former student Rod Moorman, a nephew, with giving her the title "Mom" Miller. Her official title was "study hall monitor" - it was a job where Mrs. Miller got to know the students. She could learn if they had any problems and she would give them motherly advice.

Now at 87 years, she is still remembered by all of her former students. And when you touch a lot of lives you become a celebrity. And she get noticed everywhere she goes, like on a trip to Vegas where one of her former students, also there on vacation, spotted her and called out "Hi Mom Miller!"

Her time dealing with the staff and the students has given her plenty of wonderful memories. "I could write a book with all the stories I know about St Johns!", she says with a smile. "But knowing all that - I have only good things to say about the school." "St John's has a great tradition and students should appreciate the privilege of attending such a wonderful school".

And now, more about her role as a secret weapon. Little did the opposing teams know that St Johns players could play harder than anyone else because they had Mom Millers - custom tailored uniforms! Any time the basketball or football uniforms needed a modification or repair, Mom Miller was there to tune up the threads. "I did some fancy sewing I can tell you!" "I think Bob Arnzen was my best client!"

Even in 2011 she was still tailoring and laundering the sports uniforms following school games.

What other team could say they had "downy" fresh uniforms for their players?

And during play-offs we understand Mom sometimes

even included a rosary in the washer - just for a little added help!

During the 2010 commencement ceremonies, to rousing applause - Mom Miller received her honorary diploma from Delphos St. John's - and her childhood wish finally came true!

Deb Elwer Lindeman

Athletic Achievement



"Miss Clutch" was the nickname given to Deb Elwer Lindeman during her time on the State Champions St John's Girls Basketball team. She had the ability to pull out amazing shots - in tough games.

The 1970's were a defining time in women's sport, and as Deb recalls it "The first girls' state tournament was in 1976 - my freshman year. Jeanne Arnzen, Cork Grothouse, Sue Youngpeter and I went to the girls' state tournament in Columbus. I remember looking at the other girls and saying

quietly "One day the four of us are going to be playing on that floor!"

From that day forward Deb and her teammates dedicated themselves to being the best at their game. And they succeeded - from their sophomore year to their senior year they boasted a winning record of 74 and 1 - a tremendous achievement.

But Deb credits a lot of her success to great teammates "I was very fortunate to be part of a very successful team at Delphos St John's. I look at all my teammates as lifetime teammates. I am still very close to many of them especially Jeanne (Arnzen) Gulick; Cork (Grothouse) Ulm, Sue (Youngpeter) Hohnebrink, and Anne (Metzner) Chung. I know they would be there to help if I ever need anything."

Like many who play sports Deb improved by watching her heroes, one of whom lived very close by "One of my best role models was my brother Denny Elwer (Class of 1971) who played for Coach Arnzen. Growing up I wanted to be just like him."

"Coach Arnzen built a rich tradition in boy's basketball and he was influential to the girls program." The girls had Fran Voll. "I could not imagine playing for a better coach than Fran Voll. He was more than a coach - he was a good friend. His coaching went beyond the court, and he prepared us for life after basketball."

But like many successful people, her good luck came with a lot of work, and practice.

"I remember spending many hours practicing, shooting baskets from the stone court in our barn yard."

During her years at St John's she is credited with some amazing basketball honors:

UPI First Team All-State; UPI "Player Of The Year"; AP First Team All-State; All-State Tournament Team; Western Buckeye League First Team. During 1978-79 she won: UPI Ohio Class AA Player-Of-The Year; Class AA All-Ohio First Team; AP and UPI Class AA Tournament Most Valuable Player; and Western Buckeye League First Team.

And her talents were being watched by university coaches too. She received a full scholarship to Northern Kentucky University and continued her playing career there for four years.

Now in her role as an assistant coach for Ottoville she has turned to teaching her skills "I enjoy coaching, watching the young girls grow and watching them succeed - not only in basketball - but in life as well."

Msgr. Bertrand Joseph Shenk

Service to Mankind



"May God bless you and the Devil miss you!" This is a phrase that everyone who knows Father will always remember when they think of Msgr Bertrand Shenk.

Msgr. Shenk was born in Delphos on July 27, 1912 and spent his formative years here. He attended St Johns elementary and high school and it was during his time at school that that he discovered the passion for his faith. According to Msgr. Bertrand, as early as the second grade he had decided that wanted to be a Priest, noting

that being around the Church and the Priests at St Johns were instrumental in him choosing his vocation.

During high school he began his transition to the Seminary: first attending St. Joseph College, Indiana and then St. Gregory Seminary, Cincinnati, and finally Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Norwood.

He was ordained to the Priesthood in 1937 – and he did not retire from active ministry until March of 1995, serving the Lord and the Church for 58 years!

After Msgr. Shenk and his brother Fr. Joseph left for the seminary, his mother continued to live in Delphos and taught school at St. John Elementary until 1957. She later retired and served as Msgr.'s housekeeper for 25 years. She passed away at age 95 and is buried in St. John's Delphos cemetery.

Over the past fifty years, Msgr Shenk has worked at numerous Diocesan assignments:

St. Peter Parish, Huron; Cathedral Chapel Parish, Toledo, as Assistant Pastor;

St. Peter Parish, Mansfield, as Assistant Pastor; St. Joseph Parish, Fremont, as Assistant Pastor;

St. Patrick Parish, Bryan, Pastor; Sacred Heart Parish,

Fremont, Pastor; St. Mary Parish, Norwalk, Pastor ;

St. Alphonsus Parish, Peru; and lastly as a chaplain at Ohio Veterans Home Sandusky.

Today Msgr Shenk is semi-retired and lives in Norwalk Ohio. He is the oldest and the longest-serving priest (74 years) in the Diocese of Toledo.

Though Msgr Shenk might be semi-retired, he is always the active Catholic. He still says Mass each day at his home and goes to the nearby Adoration Chapel to say "15" decades of the rosary!

Over his many years as priest, Msrg. Shenk has been to Rome at least ten times and has visited the Holy Land numerous times too. For a time he was even the Spiritual Director for an overseas tour company.

Now, nearing 100, Msgr. Shenk is remarkably active, reading the newspaper, plus many books and Catholic magazines. He is notable for answering his emails "religiously" and using the internet to keep in contact with friends, family, associates and former parishioners. He also visits the sick and helps to celebrates funerals of friends.

On Jan. 30, 2011 Bishop Blair, through a special connection with the Holy Father in Rome – elevated the good Father to title of Monsignor.

His long time assistant Linda Huber notes, " Msgr. Shenk gave me instructions in Catholicism and helped me when I decided to become a member of the Catholic Church in 1973. He was a great teacher then, and after being around him almost 34 years, I find I am still learning from him. Perhaps he is still doing "missionary work" with me because Father seems to always be promoting the Faith and the Catholic Church. "

It's great to have such a wonderful example to add to our 2011 Hall of Fame.

Dr. Joseph P. Myers, M.D.

Professional Achievement



Joseph P. Myers, M.D. is a 1968 graduate of Delphos St. John's High School, a 1972 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and a 1975 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio in 1978 and his fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the University of Cincinnati Hospitals in 1980.

From 1980 to 1981 Dr. Myers was a member of the faculty of the University of Michigan

Medical School, Ann Arbor, and then moved to Northeast Ohio and the Northeast Ohio Medical University where he has held numerous hospital and medical educational positions. From 1981 to 1985 Dr. Myers was the first Director of Infectious Diseases at the Youngstown Hospital Associa-

tion, Youngstown, Ohio and Associate Program Director for the Hospital's Internal Medicine Residency Program.

From 1985 to 1987, Dr. Myers became the Chair of Infectious Diseases and Associate Internal Medicine Residency Program Director at St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio. From 1987 to 1996, Myers assumed numerous duties at Akron General Medical Center, Akron, Ohio where he was the Program Director of the Internal Medicine and Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Programs as well as the Chief of Infectious Diseases and Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). From 1996 to the present time, Dr. Myers has been at Summa Akron City/St. Thomas Hospitals where he has held various positions including Program Director of the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics and Transitional Year Residency Programs. In 2007 he was appointed Chair of the Department of Medicine at Summa Akron City/St. Thomas Hospitals.

He has been named to the "Best Doctors" and "America's Top Doctors" lists for the past several years and has provided visiting lectures and educational sessions at hospitals throughout Northeast Ohio. He is currently Chair, Department of Medicine at Summa Akron City/St. Thomas Hospitals and Professor of Internal Medicine.

Joe and his wife Gwen live in Akron, Ohio and are the parents of four children: Emily, Caitlin, Bill, and Paul

"I am now and will forever be indebted to the dedicated and talented teachers and administrative personnel at Delphos St. John's High School. These wonderful people set no limits to what their students can accomplish through hard work, dedicated study, and a strong sense of social responsibility and community service.

These characteristics as taught by family, school, church, and the townspeople as a whole are the building blocks of success for each and every student who walks through the doors of Delphos St. John's High School.

These building blocks are indeed woven into the fabric of life within the community."

Athletic Round-up 2011-12

Volleyball: 3-19 MAC 0-9

Boys Golf: MAC runner-up 7-2

Cross Country: not enough runners for full teams

Football: 11-4 MAC co-champs, state semi-finalists

Girls Soccer: 5-13

Girls Basketball: 14-6 MAC 5-4

Boys Basketball: 14-9 MAC runner-up 7-2

Wrestling: Allen County Inv. Champs

Catholic Inv. Tournament:

Small School Champs

State Qualifiers:

Logan Heiing, Logan Looser,

State Alternate: Will Buettner

Teaching career

Linda Noonan "1966 DSJ grad" adds up her teaching career at DSJ

Where did you go to college and what brought you to DSJ?

I attended Mary Manse College in Toledo. In 1970 I started at St. John's right out of college teaching Physics and Physical Science for a semester. Then a year later Mr. Adams called and I taught a year of Math. After that year I spent the next several years at home raising our children. When I went back to teaching, I taught half days at Jefferson for one year. The next year (1984-85 school year) I was to substitute for a semester as a teacher to a leave of absence but instead it turned into a full time job and the rest is history.

What were some of the changes you and your students had to go through over your teaching career?

The changes I saw in the teaching of Math through the years is the amount of math the students are expected to learn at the high school level and the use of technology. When I started teaching we used little scientific calculators which then progressed into the Texas Instrument graphing calculators. As computers become more plentiful at St. John's, they will be used in math classes also.

What were some of our favorite memories while teaching at DSJ?

The fondest memories of St. John's include the feeling of family among the faculty and staff. There was always a friend to turn to if you had a bad day. Also the appreciation of the students for what we as teachers were trying to teach to them.

What was the most rewarding part of your job at DSJ?

When a student comes back on their break and stops in to say "Thanks" or sends a note it means the world to me.

What do you have planned for your retirement?

At this time my husband (Tom, a 1966 graduate also) and I are just relaxing and doing what we want when we want. We would like to do some traveling and be able to spend more time with the grandkids.

Thanks Linda for your dedication to DSJ and its students!

DSJ Wrestling welcomes home its founder



Dr. Brewer reminisces with members of his 1969 wrestling team.

The St. John's wrestling program looked back to its roots during a tri-match with Spencerville and Tinora in early February. As the young 'Jays took down the Bearcats and Rams, the founder of St. John's wrestling, Dr. Samuel C. Brewer, looked on from the bucket seats.

Current head coach Derek Sterling started a Facebook page for DSJ wrestling about a year ago and in his quest to learn more about the sport's beginning at DSJ, found Dr. Brewer living in southwest Ohio. He invited Dr. Brewer to visit DSJ for the final home meet and he accepted. Dr. Brewer attended the meet and was greeted by a number of wrestlers from his first team. He was also presented a plaque recognizing him as the founder of St. John's wrestling by Blue Jay coach Derek Sterling.

Dr. Brewer finished up his student teaching at DSJ in the spring of 1968 and was hired full time that fall. It was during that fall that he was asked to coach the fledgling Blue Jay wrestling program in its initial season. Coach Brewer, who had been a pretty good wrestler in high school, remembers that first year was quite a challenge. There wasn't any wrestling equipment and the team used the gymnastic mats for meets which were held in the Little Theater or the gym, depending on what else was scheduled. That first Blue



Dr. Brewer is presented a plaque recognizing him as the founder of DSJ wrestling by current coach Derek Sterling.

Jay wrestling team finished with a team record of 3-5-1.

Dr. Brewer moved on to the Middletown school district in 1969-70 and eventually moved up to superintendent of another district. He is now retired and in the real estate business.

There is an interesting side-note to this story. DSJ junior Will Buettner is a member of the 2011-12 wrestling team. His uncle, Will Buettner, was a member of the first wrestling team in 1968-69 but was killed in an accident in high school. The older Will's brother Keith, and his wife Kathy, named the younger Will after his deceased uncle. It's all in the family at DSJ.



City Feed Store demolished...



A long time Delphos landmark and a neighbor of St. John's High School for many years, City Feed Store was razed to the ground in March, 2012. Owner Terry Odenweller, Class of 1960, retired in the fall of 2010, closing the business after more than 70 years of operation.

Delphos St. John's Parish Foundation

Delphos St. John's Parish Foundation is celebrating 35 years of investing in the future of Catholic Education at Delphos St. Johns. The Foundation utilizes strategic financial investments to provide for the long range financial security of our schools and parish. Rising costs in salaries, benefits and utilities lead to a larger operating budgets each year. Annual distributions from the Parish Foundation assist the parish in maintaining a balanced budget.

The Parish Foundation has grown substantially in the last 35 years through a variety of generous donations: Stocks and Bonds, Real Estate, Estate Planning and Retirement Funds. Donors who contribute \$25,000 or more to the Foundation will become a member of the Fr. Bredeick Club. It was Fr. John Otto Bredeick's dedication and commitment that led to the establishment of our Parish and School. These donations can be made in a single payment or through an annual commitment. All members of the Fr. Bredeick Club are recognized on a memorial plaque in the front entrance of the high school.

Your gift to the St. John's Parish Foundation means that you Believe in our Past, you Believe in our Present and you Believe in our Future! If you are interested in finding out more information on the Parish Foundation please contact the Parish Business Manager at 419-695-4050.

By the numbers...

St. John's High School Enrollment By Decades

Here are the largest classes at DSJ during the last ten decades...

1919.....	12
1929.....	31
1937 and 1938.....	41
1948.....	79
1959.....	81
1967 and 1969.....	139
1972.....	169
1980.....	157
1999.....	86
2007.....	103
2012.....	73

The Baby Boom came into full affect at DSJ during the 1960's. From 1964 through 1983 there were at least 102 graduates in each class at DSJ. The smallest class during those 20 years was 102 in 1983 with the largest being 169 in 1972. In 1971 there were 623 students in the high school. (Where did we put them all?) Since 1983 only two classes have graduated with 100 or more graduates, 106 graduates in 1986 and 103 in 2007. The 2012 graduating class will number 73.

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seniors, we'd spend our time helping cut up chickens and later, serve meals and wash dishes. Now I spend the weekend helping bake the iconic dressing in an ancient oven and washing (more accurately, scraping) the baked-on dressing off the baking pans. The best part of Festival weekend is seeing the next generation of Festival workers take their place next to those who started 30, 40, even 50 years ago. This is truly a Tradition Worth Keeping.

The Alumni Association would like to do our part to celebrate our 100th Festival by sharing your Festival memories. Please send us your favorite memories of the School Festival, the more the merrier. If you have photos or mementos from the Festival, please send us copies of those as well. We hope to be able to display all your submissions in the Alumni showcase at the school during the Festival. You can send your memories or photos to the Alumni Association at PO Box 112, Delphos OH 45833 or via email at rebbeskotte@woh.rr.com. All submissions will also be displayed on the new DSJ Alumni website.

Check the St. John's Parish and new DSJ Alumni websites often to see what other activities will be held to celebrate this milestone.

Alumni band

St. John's Alumni Band celebrates 20 years

The Delphos St Johns alumni band was organized in February 1992 by Denny Hedrick and Cindy Metzger. The whole idea at the time was to get as many alumni band members together just for the purpose of playing the school song, fight song, alma mater and to just "have fun". Dan Duncan, a former St. John's band director, was asked if he would come to the first few practices to help the group get started. He accepted and quickly realized that with alumni ranging from graduating classes from the 1940's through the 1990's there were many different types of styles and rehearsal techniques to meld to get the group to play together.

With the co-operation of the high school administration (use of the band room) the group began practicing every Thursday night. To the amazement of all the members their musical ability came back much faster than they had expected and they soon progressed past their original thoughts of just playing the fight song, school song and alma mater. Songs they remembered playing when they were in school were suggested and it became the groups' goal to march in parades "like we used to". The St. John's alumni band made their first public appearance in May of 1992 in the Delphos Memorial Day parade playing You're a Grand Old Flag & the St. John's School Song. Parades continued throughout the summer, ending with the Canal Days parade in September.

As winter approached Dan started wondering how to keep the groups interest and abilities that they had developed over the summer intact. The idea was presented to the group, and the administration, of them playing for the St. John girl's basket ball games. The idea was widely received by both groups and the St John's alumni pep band has been providing entertainment every season since, with this year being their 20th season.

The following spring brought renewed interest in marching and membership as the group continued to grow musically and in members. The group gained a majorette line, flag carriers



The Alumni Band performs at the Indianapolis 500 Parade in downtown Indianapolis in 1994.



The Alumni Band marches down Second Street in their debut at the 1992 Delphos Memorial Day Parade.

and a most fitting identification banner. Once again the band performed in many parades throughout the summer. In the fall of 1993 Dan received a phone call asking if the alumni band would be interested in submitting rehearsal tapes for consideration to march in the Indianapolis 500 parade. He admits he thought it was a joke, but quickly realized it wasn't. He was told that a committee member of the Indianapolis 500 parade had observed the group in the Canal Days parade and asked that the group be contacted. After many conversations with the band about time commitment for practices and various sponsors about financial backing, things began to take shape.

The band had playing rehearsal twice a week starting in January thru March going over and over "Semper Fi" and "Colonel Bogey". They also had marching rehearsals twice a week on Kiggins Road, marching two and a half miles per night, regardless of weather. Finally, on Saturday May 28, 1994 the group boarded chartered buses for Indianapolis, and thanks to the many businesses and sponsors, the trip was expense free for the members.

Another phone call came in the spring of 1995 from Lima asking if the group would be interested in representing the City of Lima at Riverfront stadium for Lima days. After a quick

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Class connections



Left to right: Randy Calvelage, Jeff Grothouse, Jay Kunder, Dave Metzger, Eric Fritz, Ron Morris and Don Bergfeld. In the picture: Dick Clark and Bret Jacomet

By DICK CLARK

We graduated in 1978 and of course we all said we would stay in touch. Well we thought we would but then of course life happens and we are too busy to keep in touch. As the kids grow up and move out and on with their lives, I find we have more time to rekindle and maintain those old friendships we swore would never end. Social Media is making it easier to find old Classmates and reconnect with them but I have the good fortune to spend 1 evening a month with some of my old High School Friends. Since 2007 a group of

us gather to play cards the last week of each month. I can remember my Mom and her friends had a "Card Club" that met occasionally. It always amazed me that they NEVER played cards. They just visited and laughed a lot! While our group does play cards, there is an awful lot of laughter. It is so nice to gather as friends and reminisce the good ole days, discuss current events and rebuild the bonds of friendship that have eluded us through the passage of time! Life was Great in '78, but I appreciate these guys more with every passing year!

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meeting with the band, rehearsal tapes were sent in and soon after, thanks again to the generosity of many, the band was boarding buses at the Lima Mall headed for Cincinnati to provide 15 minutes of pre-game entertainment at a Cincinnati Reds game.

The band continued to march in parades and play at the girl's games until about 1998 or 1999 when the golden buckeye cards and A.A.R.P. cards outweighed the desire for many to march. Since that time the group has been most happy with the weather (dry) and atmosphere (bright and warm) of the Robert A. Arnzen gymnasium, provid-

ing support and entertainment for the girls, parents and fans of the St. Johns girls basketball team.

Membership has fluctuated over the years from an Indy 500 high of 64 playing members plus front line to the initial beginning numbers of approx. 15-20 with a current turnout for girl's games between 20-30.

When asked what memories stick out in their minds the group agrees that the honor of being accepted to march in the Indy 500 parade and playing at Riverfront Stadium are at the top of their lists. Each has their own memories of things that hap-

pened, but the bus rides seem to have been as eventful as the events themselves. Other top memories are all the Canal Day Parades and relaxing and having beverages on Dan's patio before the parade started, the Ottoville parades and the food fests at Linda's afterwards and the kind people on North Main Street in Delphos that sprayed them with cold water at the end of a very hot Fireman's Convention parade. Last, but certainly not least, turning the corner of 2nd St. onto Main St. their 1st Memorial Day parade in Delphos to the cheers of all the onlookers.

Alumni Appeal

DSJ alumni appeal a great success



The 2011 Alumni Appeal was another great success, surpassing the previous year in every way. There were 297 responses, an increase of 58 over 2010. The goal for this year's drive was \$50,000 and \$63,311 was received. The funds were marked for: Technology, \$12,628; Teachers Endowment, \$20,711; Tuition Assistance, \$14,697 with an additional \$15,275 unmarked. A matching gift of \$18,000 earmarked for the Parish Foundation and Teachers Endowment was received making the total for the 2011 Alumni Appeal \$81,311!!



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Popular local athlete passes away friday

"Yuckie" Schmidt, Star Guard and Captain of St. John's High Basketball Team, Baseball Star and All-around Athlete Dies at Home Friday Night – Will be Mourned by Thousands of Friends and Admirers - Funeral Tuesday at St. John's

"Yuck" is dead.

The many friends and admirers of Frank "Yuck" Schmidt will be grieved to know of his death. He passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmidt, 615 West Bank Street, at 9:00 o'clock Friday night.

For many weary months, "Yuckie" had been confined to his bed, battling for his life.

An athlete with ability far above the ordinary, he found this enforced inactivity extremely irksome. Yet he never murmured but kept his interest in athletics, and especially in basketball, to the very end.

"Yuck" was one of the speediest and best basketball players ever produced by St. John's. He was a member of the cage team that placed Delphos on the map in 1924 and played at the State meet in Columbus.

As captain of the team in the following year, he led the Blue and Gold to a long series of victories and was given great credit for the generalship he displayed as well as for his lightning speed and guarding ability.

He was also a baseball player of marked ability, a star pitcher, a catcher and field, in fact an all-around athlete.

In the fall of 1925, just as the St. John's cage team was preparing for the opening of the season and was building all its hopes around "Yuck", the star player was taken ill. He was required to take a long rest and remained in bed for months, finally showing great improvement. During the summer of 1926, he was apparently regaining his former health and activity.

In the fall, however, he was again forced to take to his bed and remained there until his death.

He kept in constant touch with the activities of his old teammates, rejoicing with them in their victories and grieved with them in defeat – and lack of skill caused them to meet many of the latter.

"Yuck" was a senior at St. John's High. He was popular with all who knew him and his admirers among basketball and baseball fans are not limited to Delphos and vicinity but are to be found throughout this section.

Had he lived and retained his health, he would, no doubt, have achieved a high place in the world of athletics.

He was also a good student and was the proud possessor of honors in the commercial department of the school.

His passing will be mourned by many.

Frank Schmidt was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schmidt on July 30, 1906. His entire life was spent in this city. He passed away at the age of twenty years, six months and fifteen days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his parents, two brothers, Otto Schmidt of Lima; Charles Schmidt at home; three sisters, Mrs. Marion Alspaugh of Delphos; Mrs. George Speaker of Lima; and Miss Helen Schmidt at home.

He was a member of the Catholic church.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at nine o'clock at St. Johns church and burial will be made in St. John's cemetery.

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