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Through the Halls

OF DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S



DSJ Hall of Fame marks 13th class

The 13th Class of the Delphos St. John's Hall of Fame was inducted on Sunday, November 27, 2016. The 2016 class consists of: Service to Mankind: Father Bob Holden, Class of 1954; Service to St. John's: Dorothy Fisher; Arts/Athletic Achievement: Ken Burgei, Class of 1968; Professional Achievement: Duane Pohlman, Class of 1982. See the stories of our inductees on the inside.



Blue Jay athletes gather more awards!

Basketball, wrestling, cheerleading take home honors at state and national events!

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2016 Hall of Fame - Service to Saint John's DOROTHY FISHER

As the eldest of five children, I was always the "trailblazer" in the family, and choosing a lifework was no exception. My mother had been a teacher, my Aunt Lucille was a teacher, their two sisters, who were Precious Blood nuns, were high school teachers and my dad was a school bus driver. Why wouldn't I be influenced by all the "teacher talk" I heard? In addition, my paternal grandmother was a very religious lady who attended daily Mass and literally showed me the importance of religion in my life. The die was cast; I wanted to be a teacher, a teacher who taught religion as part of my school day.

After earning my education degree from the former Mary Manse College in Toledo I spent 5 years teaching kindergarten in Fort Jennings and then in 1975 I heard about a position open at St. John's Elementary, applied for the job and was accepted to teach Grade 6 at St. John's. I had become a Blue Jay! My time on the St. John's campus kept me very busy and I found myself wearing many hats.

Not only did I teach children but I got involved in adult education as well, the RCIA, the Confirmation Team, Faith Search. In 1980 I was asked to become a pastoral associate at St. Johns, becoming the only lay person on the core staff of the parish. This was a learning experience for me as I was involved in parish responsibilities and decision-making, many involving teaching. At this point I earned my Masters Degree in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Dayton and wrote a book to clarify some of the workings of the parish.

But the smell of chalk-dust was still beckoning and in 1983 I accepted the position of Senior Religion Teacher

and subsequently became the head of the Religion Dept until I retired in 1995. I had found my niche. I taught Church History and Lifestyles to Seniors and supervised retreats and a myriad of religious programs. It was a great joy and quite interesting to interact with the Seniors from whom I received respect and cooperation and lots of questions. We had an open line of communication. I received much support from my fellow teachers, the Sisters of Notre Dame, and my husband, Ken, (now deceased), and my six children were supportive as well. It was a dream come true.

It has always been my belief that

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to be effective we need to meet students where they are. For some reason I was constantly being nagged by the thought that we were not doing enough to help the students actually become involved in the Church, especially the Mass. They were spectators but not participants.

I have always followed a quote which says, "If it's God's work it will continue; if not, it will fall by the wayside." With that in mind, our religion dept. formed a Student Liturgy Team, who, with our help, planned all student Masses, and recruited students for all the liturgical ministries. Sister Valerie handled the music and started the



"Jesus Crew", a musical group. Judy Fischer, Annie Tuohy and I trained the others. At one point the students took full responsibility for the 11:30 a.m. Mass one Sunday per month. It was working. The students were happy to be involved.

The final piece of the plan fell into place when we received permission from the pastor and the Diocese for the Seniors to become Eucharistic Ministers, a very special and awesome privilege. For the past several years now, the high school students have been invited to volunteer with the adults for all liturgical ministries and at present they make up almost 50% of all those volunteers at weekend Masses. You may have observed them reverently and prayerfully carrying out their responsibilities.

Our parish community has been enriched by the inclusion of the students and the students have been blessed for their efforts to become a vital part of the worshipping community at St. Johns. May they continue to serve wherever they go. "If it's God's work it will continue; if not, it will fall by the wayside."

GET PUBLISHED!

**We're always looking for stories
to feature in the newsletter.**

If you have a story on an interesting alumnus or a good story on your years at St. John's, please share it with us. You can submit articles you've written or send us ideas and we'll follow up on them. And always include pictures!

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From The Principals Office....

Dear Fellow Alumni:

On behalf of the faculty and staff at St. John's Junior High/High School, it is my pleasure to let you know that we have had an amazing 2016-17 School Year. We are thrilled to continue our tradition of excellence and graciously thank the parish, parents, community, and you, the alumni, for all of your support and dedication. It is through all of your selfless efforts, and the commitment of our faculty and staff, that we are able to achieve our goals of delivering a superior Catholic Education to our students every day.

This year will mark the 102nd Graduating Class from St. John's High School. This is truly a momentous occasion, for not only the Class of 2017, but for the supporters of St. John's, and all past, present, and future alumni. St. John's School represents all that we have gone through as a school and parish, which has brought out our pride and spirit, and has caused us to rally around one another. Over these 102 years, St. John's has seen many challenges, and through it all, we, as an alumni, parish, and community, have weathered the storm and celebrated the success. We will continue to do so, thanks to the faith and dedication of supporters like yourselves.

Recent examples of your support include the addition of Project Lead the Way (an Engineering program for students), American Sign Language courses, providing each 7th grade student with a laptop as part of our developing One to One program, additional AP and College Credit Classes, and many technology updates and improvements to our building.

When you return to St. John's you will see the halls painted blue and gold, the old Study Hall transformed into a new state of the art Media Center, and a new LED message board in front of the high school, to share events and congratulate our students for their achievements. This is all in an effort to provide a superior education to our students, while keeping St. John's on the cutting edge. None of this would be possible without the generous donations that you have made, and your continued support of St. John's and our students.

As the landscape of education continues to change, know that we are diligently looking into ways to allow our students to be successful upon their graduation and entry into the community. Whether that be the workforce, college, or the military, St. John's students will continue to have the best faith based education we can provide.



As this year concludes, I look forward to the opportunity in meeting and continuing to work with parents, alumni, and the St. John's Family, to serve our students, in helping them reach their full potential. Please remember that my door is always open, my phone always on, and my email always checked, should you have any questions or concerns.

Go Jays and God Bless,

Adam Lee '99
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Many technology updates and improvements to our building have been made this year, thanks to our supporters.



2017 Hall of Fame - Arts/Athletic Achievement

KEN BURGEI - Class of 1968

Ken Burgei is a 1968 graduate of Delphos St. John's High School where he lettered in basketball in both his Junior and Senior years.

After graduating from St John's, Ken attended Findlay College where he received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Science Education as well as a Physical Education and Health Degree in 1972.

Ken credits his family and St John's for preparing him for the rigors of college. "I was fortunate to have been taught proper work ethic by my parents and the faculty at St John's.

Ken later earned a Masters Degree in School Counseling from the University of Toledo in 1985.

Upon graduation from Findlay College in 1972, Ken returned to St. John's and took on the role of High School Biology and Physiology teacher. He was also the assistant coach in basketball and football. In his new roles he credits Coach Arnzen with being a huge influence in his life as a person, athlete, and later as a Guidance Counselor and Coach.

In 1975 Ken married Connie (Pohlman Class of 1971). Today they have two great kids, Chris and Kelly, a wonderful daughter in-law, and 3 beautiful grandchildren.

Ken left St. John's in 1983 to join Wauseon High School as Guid-

ance Counselor, Physical Education teacher and Head Basketball Coach. Ken worked in the Wauseon District for 30 years including 26 years as Head Basketball Coach.

While at Wauseon, the Indians won 5 NWOAL (NorthWest Ohio Athletic League) Championships, 9 Sectional Championships, were District and Regional Champions in 1994 and State Runner-up in 1994. Ken was named NW District Coach of the Year 7 times and State Coach of the year in 1994. His career coaching record at Wauseon was 322-242.



It's a great honor for me to see my name next to the many role models from this school that influenced me and made my career".

"When I got the Head Coach position at Wauseon, Coach Arnzen told me: "Ken, be yourself, be Ken Burgei, not Bob Arnzen". That was great advice, but completely impossible achieve. Coach Arnzen had so many great traits and characteristics both as a person and coach. After playing for him and working with him

for 11 yrs, I found myself automatically emulating his style. Coach Arnzen was a huge part of the success I had with the Wauseon Indians".

Ken also served as an officer with the District 7 Coaches Association as well as District Director to the State Basketball Coaches Association for 20 years.

With all the success at Wauseon, the honor Ken is the most proud of is the "Bob Arnzen Longevity Award" given for coaching at the same school for 20 years.

Ken says he finds it humbling to be inducted into the Delphos St Johns' Hall of Fame." It's a great honor for me to see my name next to the many role models from this school that influenced me and made my career".



The Class Ring Project

The Alumni Association continues to fill open holes in our awesome class ring collection.

We need class rings in the following spots:

Womens rings: 1935, 1942, 1944, 1950, 1988, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2008-2016

Mens rings: 1930, 1933, 1934, 1936, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1946, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2007, 2011-2016.

THANKS COACH GROTHOUSE!

Dan "Beeze" Grothouse resigns as girl's basketball coach after 32 year career

Longtime St. John's girls basketball coach Dan "Beeze" Grothouse announced his resignation at the end of the 2016-17 season. In his final season, a young Blue Jay team finished 10-13, losing a tough, hard fought game to McComb in the tournament.

Dan was a senior on the 1973 boys basketball team at DSJ that rebounded from an 8-8 start to win its way to the state title game. In 1986 he joined the girls basketball program as a jv coach/varsity assistant before taking over the reigns as head coach for the 1990 season. In his 28 years as head coach, Grothouse won 393 games against 252 losses. Included in the wins were a state championship in 2002, a state runner up in 2007 and a state semi-final berth in 2000. His teams also won five Midwest Athletic Conference titles.

Personal honors included National Federation Coaches Association Ohio Coach of the Year in 2002 and MAC Coach of the Year in 1999, 2000,

2002, 2007 and 2009. In 2006, he earned the Ohio High School Athletic Association Bob Arnzen Longevity Award and was an active member in the District 8 Coaches Association for 32 years, winning Coach of the Year honors in 1999 and 2000.

He coached in the Ohio versus Indiana "Border Wars" All-Star Game in 2001 and for the North in the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches Association North-South All-Star Game in 2008.

He was also District 8 All-Star Game coach in 1995, 1998, 2002, 2010, 2015 and 2016; Northwest Ohio Division III Coach of the Year in 2007; and Van Wert Area Coach of the Year in 2007.

Our new coach and fifth in the history of Lady Jays basketball is Nathan Stant, a 2000 DSJ graduate and our Elementary Principal. We wish Coach Stant the best as he begins to guide the Lady Jays. We'll profile Coach Stant in our next newsletter.



Pictured above: Coach Grothouse congratulates members of the State Championship Team of 2002.

Left: The team celebrates!

2017 Hall of Fame - Professional Achievement Duane Pohlman - Class of 1982

Duane Pohlman, a 1982 graduate of Delphos St. John's High School, is widely acknowledged as a premier investigative journalist and television anchor, having worked at some of America's premier television stations.

He achieved a Bachelor of Science in Journalism in 1987 from Bowling Green State University.

Duane is the son of Patricia "Pat" and Gilbert "Gip" Pohlman (a DSJ Hall of Fame inductee) of Delphos and credits former DSJ teacher John Gunder, (also a DSJ Hall of Fame inductee) who taught television programming classes at Delphos St. John's, for providing the encouragement and a platform to begin his journey as a journalist.

Over the course of three decades at television stations across the country, Mr. Pohlman exposed government corruption, the resurgence of white supremacist movements, nuclear security violations, deadly threats from arsenic-treated wood, stolen babies in Central America, deplorable conditions of coffee workers in Guatemala, wrongful convictions and numerous other stories of illegalities, unfairness and wrongdoing.

Many of his investigations resulted in real change, from congress-

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sional inquiries and prosecutions to nationwide recalls to adoption of fair trade agreements and passage of a rule by the Social Security Administration, to give presumptive disability coverage to any person diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

In addition, Pohlman has documented some of the most important moments of our time, including "Operation Desert Storm," where he covered war from the front lines in Saudi Arabia to the Bosnian peace-keeping mission, where he joined army forces patrolling the Zone of Separation.

Pohlman has been honored with hundreds of awards, from Emmys to Edward R. Murrows, as well as first place achievements from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), Associated Press (AP),

National Headliner and American Humane Society, as well as the



states of Washington and Ohio Trial Attorneys' top reporter honors. He has been named Reporter of the Year six times in three states, including four times in Ohio.

Mr Pohlman has served as Board Member and Vice President of the Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), board member and Treasurer for the Lower Great Lakes Chapter of National Academy of Television Arts and Science (NATAS) and President of the Board and founding member of the Ohio Center for Investigative Journalism.

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Angie's list

Time Flies! It's Reunion Time!

CLASS REUNION

Class of 1968

**SAVE THE DATE!
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018
50TH CLASS REUNION**

*Place: Delphos Eagles
Information will be sent to classmates.
Contact Mary Ann (Mack) Wagner,
419-695-2936*

STAYING CONNECTED

St. John's Class of 1972

It started several years ago when 3 or 4 classmates decided to get together for dinner. They had so much fun catching up with each other that they then decided they should meet again the following month and each one was challenged to invite another class member. One thing led to another and now the group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at the Topp Chalet at 6pm in the front dining room to accommodate the large group of guys and gals. We've laughed 'til our stomachs hurt and encouraged those going through a tough time. Everyone is always welcome to attend the get-together.

The Class of 1972 will celebrate its 45th class reunion on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Classmates can sit together at the front of the church at 4:30 Mass. Dinner plans are on your own time and place of your choice. Socializing begins at 7 PM at the Fireman's Clubhouse, 911 Lima Ave., Delphos. Snacks and finger-foods will be provided. You must bring your own beverages. The cost is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to Margie Rostorfer and mail it to 21450 Jennings Delphos Rd., Delphos, OH 45833. E-mail her at dmrostorfer@centurylink.net if you have any questions, or call her at 419-303-6642. We've not gotten together as a class for ten years, so we hope to see as many classmates as possible attend this celebration to re-connect!



Front row: Margie Gerdeman Rostorfer, Dianne Ricker Wiltsie, Cindy Grothouse Schwinnen, Jane Hanschumacher Brown, Joanie Neumeier Nijack. Back row: Diane Fischer Steinbrenner, Cherie Patton Core, Lorrie Fisher Menke, Marilyn Trentman Kerner, Steve Franklin, Judy Bradshaw Briggs, Diane Elwer Lindeman, Patty Hemphling Clementz, Pat McRedmond. Present but not in the photo: Marie Dukes Axe and Joyce Perrin Schulte

2016 Hall of Fame - Service to Mankind Father Bob Holden - Class of 1954

Father Bob Holden was the middle child of five children of John and Marcella Holden. A solid Catholic upbringing from his parents continued into his school years at St. John's. He never really knew he wanted to be a priest but the gentle guidance and encouragement from the priests and nuns at St. John's gave him the direction that would change his life.

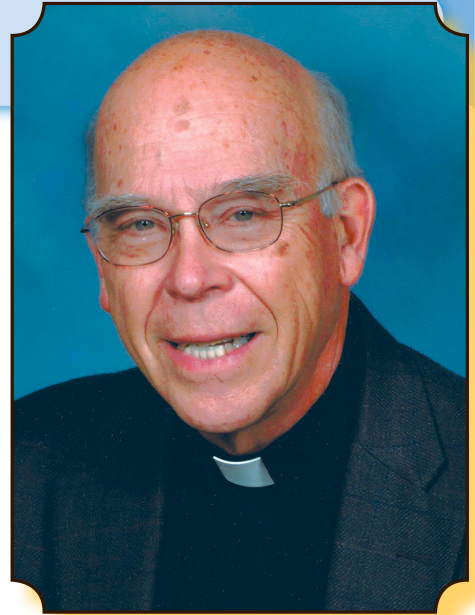
One of his biggest influences was Sr. Marcella. She encouraged him to explore the priesthood and every time she saw him would tell him, "I'm praying for you." His reply would always be, "I don't want to be a priest. I want to play basketball at St. John's." Undeterred, Sr. Marcella kept praying for Bob and told him so every time she saw him.

Also influential in his life choices were the priests at St. John's: Ottenweller, Herr, Quenneville, Kuhn, Gorman and others. They were young, alive, wild and enjoyed life! Their spirit was infectious! Every Saturday Fr. Herr would pick up Bob at 6:30 and they would go for a drive and talk. Fr. Herr would assign him a book to read and the next week they'd discuss it. Bob also spent a lot of time with Fr. Ottenweller, visiting the migrant camps, teaching and caring for the migrant workers and their families.

Father Holden credits Sr. Marcella and the young priests at St. John's for their great influence. He remembers them as "live wires", whose spirit inspired him.

Father Holden enrolled in the seminary after graduating from St. John's, spending two years at St. Meinrad and six years at Mount St. Marys. Fr. Herr encouraged him to also attend summer school at Catholic University in Washington, DC, to expand his view of the world outside of Delphos, which he did during the summers of 1954 and 1956. But it actually wasn't until his final year at Mount St. Marys that Fr. Holden decided that, yes, he was going to be a priest.

He was ordained in 1962, the time of Vatican II. He recalls that Vatican II brought a new, fresh awareness of Catholicism and people were alive in the spirit. His first two assignments after ordination did not go well, serving only one year at the first and five months at the second. But he soon settled in and began a more than forty year career of serving God and



His people.

Fr. Holden served in parishes in Van Wert, Tiffin, Bowling Green, Toledo, Vermillion, Swanton and finally Wauseon. His longest time as a pastor was at Wauseon St. Caspar where he served for fifteen years before retiring in 2007.

Fr. Holden is retired now but keeps busy by volunteering in the Diocese of Toledo to help out at parishes when a pastor is away from the parish.

Reflecting on a life well lived, he credits Sr. Marcella and the young priests at St. John's for their great influence. He remembers them as "live wires", whose spirit inspired him.

Newly designed www.delphosstjohns.org

Make sure to visit the newly designed St. John's Schools website at www.delphosstjohns.org

This will eventually be the home of the Alumni Association as well.

Stay connected to DSJ via the website and Facebook. You can also find a link to the Patrish website there.



BLUE JAY STRONG!!!

About a year ago we asked all of you for some help. The Alumni bank account for publishing the newsletter had shrunk to the point where we had funds for maybe one more newsletter.

We asked our Alumni for some help in refilling the coffers and boy did you guys answer the bell!

We received hundreds of

donations ranging from \$10 to \$500 totaling nearly \$7,000!! The Alumni bank account is healthy now and able to support several more years of Through The Halls.

The Alumni Committee, that creates the newsletter and handles other Alumni activities, can't begin to thank you for your trust and support. Thank you!

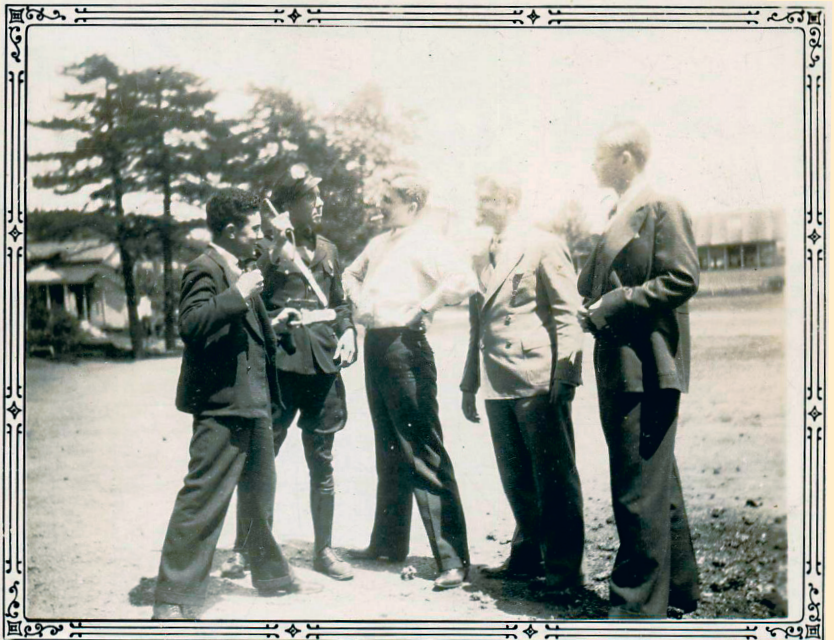


Thank you!

JOIN US ON THE ALUMNI COMMITTEE!

The sad truth is your Alumni Association committee is getting a little long in the tooth. We've been together a long time and we think we've made some great leaps forward with the Alumni Association. No, we're not quitting, giving up or riding off into the sunset but we would like some new, younger help and the chance to start training the next group of "vintage" Blue Jays. If you have an interest in being part of this great organization, just holler! We only meet 3-4 times a year and we really don't work all that hard. The best part of the job is that every year we get to meet dozens of awesome Blue Jay alums and hear their stories about their days at DSJ. Of special interest to us, as well, are people who are versed in modern technology, people who can enhance our presence on social media and contribute to an Alumni website.

If you are interested, talk to one of the core committee: George Berelsman, Dick Clark, Chris Druckemiller, Bob Ebbeskotte, Missy Fischer, Mary Kay Klausing, Chuck Wannemacher.



L-R: Roger Rekart, Richard Weber, Louis Scherger, John Ockuly, Robert Shenk

Blue and Gold Spotlight Alex Recker Class of 2011

After graduation in 2011 I attended The Ohio State University to study civil Engineering, although I was only there for academics I was not completely satisfied with my athletics career coming to a halt. I began looking into the many club and intramural opportunities offered; basketball and flag football intramurals, and club ultimate Frisbee and club football were all good options that were a lot of fun but didn't quite fulfill what was missing.

Coming from St. Johns athletics, you expect every teammate to be all in in every aspect and always be focused to put their maximum effort into improving and being the best, which is difficult to accomplish bringing people together from all over the country at a big university. Then, the 2012 summer Olympics came and

The people I have met playing handball have become lifelong friends and the places I have gone will never be forgotten.

went without any notice of handball being played but a friend I had met in the dorms freshman year did notice the popular European sport and asked if I would want to come play with the Team Handball club that he had just formed.

We started by trying to learn the rules and doing what we could with our limited skills and knowledge until a former USA national team player joined us as a coach and we really took off improving. Every skill I had learned from playing football and basketball throughout high school translated very well into handball and helped me to continue getting better.

We went to the college national championship tournament in April 2014 where the head coach of the senior national team was to recruit players to join the newly formed residency program. The residency was full time training program in order to help drastically improve the handball players in the US for the final push to qualify for the 2016 Rio Olympics.



After a weekend of tough games the national team coach asked me to join the residency which meant moving to Auburn, Alabama. Although I loved the sport the decision was hard to make, my friends and family would now be a ten-hour drive but this was an opportunity that could not be missed.

I have now been living in Auburn for almost 3 years and have had the best experience. I have played in multiple international games and had the honor of being selected to the roster for the 2016 Pan-American championships in Buenos Aires, Ar-

gentina.

The residency program is continuing to now train for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics where we hope to qualify for the first time since 1996.

The people I have met playing handball have become lifelong friends and the places I have gone will never be forgotten. My friends and family have never stopped supporting me and are really what drives me to be the absolute best player that I can, and to hopefully soon become a professional handball player in Europe.



TOKYO 2020



Blue Jays Excel in Winter Sports

The Blue Jays heated up the winter with some great success on the mats, hardwood and in Florida!

On the mats, senior Brett Vonderwell made his third trip to the state wrestling tournament. He muscled his way through to the tournament championship where he met Kaleb Romero, a three time state champion and the #1 ranked wrestler in the nation at 170 lbs. A valiant effort came up short and Brett took home the silver medal.

In Orlando, Florida the DSJ Competition Cheerleading team competed in the Americheer Cheerleading Competition. They earned their bid to the national championships by finishing first in every competition they entered including the Ohio State Fair competition. The team brought home three first

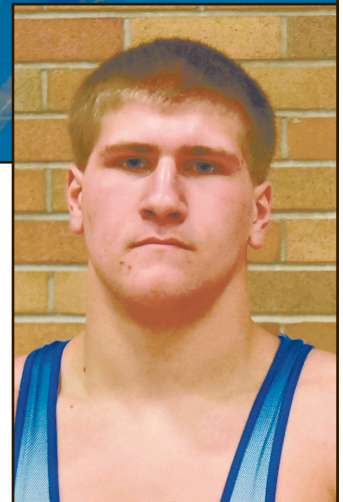
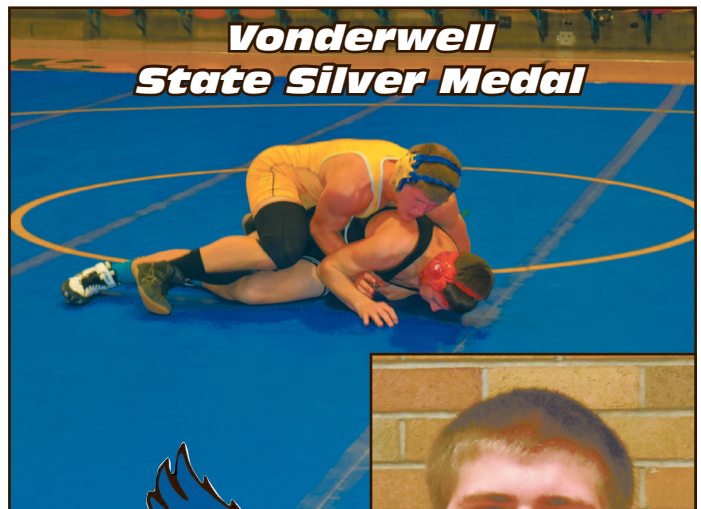
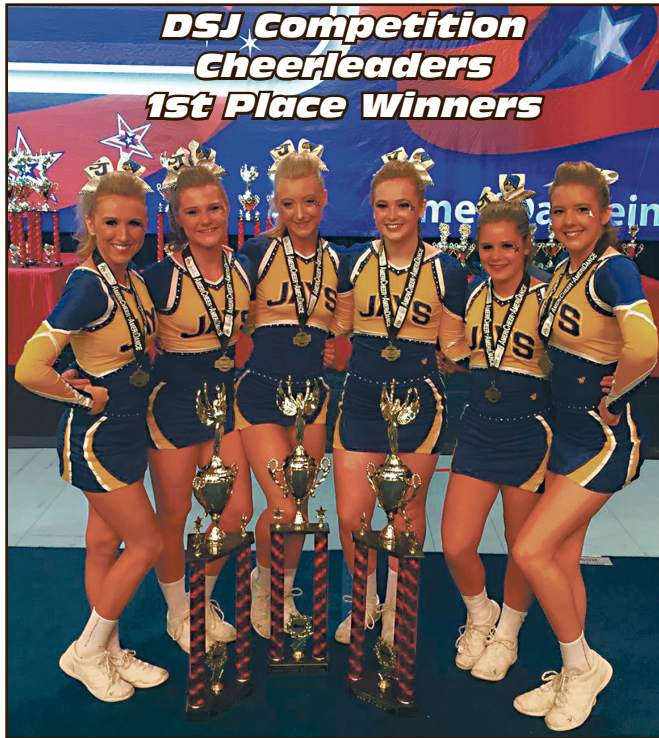


place trophies in Varsity Spirit (limited tumbling), Varsity Traditional Tumbling and scored the highest points out of twelve teams. Team members included Breece Rohr, Reagan Clarkson, Hailey Bacome, Paige Kline, Kennedy Clarkson and Olivia Buettner.

On the hardwood the boys basketball team added another chapter to the rich history of Blue Jay bas-

ketball by winning their way to the state tournament. A tough 48-36 win over Crestview in the District final and an even tougher 44-43 Regional final win over #2 ranked Mansfield St. Pete's earned the 'Jays a spot in the Division IV state semi-finals. In the semi's the 'Jays faced a

Lutheran East team from Cleveland Heights that had been stocked with Division I talent and fell 50-25. The Blue Jays boys finished the season with a 21-5 record, a third place finish in the MAC and both District and Regional championship trophies.



I Remember When.....

Festival Memories

When I arrived to bake dressing for the Festival this morning, quite a few people were heading home after arriving very early to prepare the food for today. One of those people was Don Gerdeman. Someone asked him how long he'd been working at the Festival and he replied "69 years"!!!! He is 87 years old and has been working at the St. John's Festival since he was 18. And you know what? I bet there are more like him who have devoted a lifetime to the Festival and St. John's. If you know someone like that, let us know. We'd like to recognize them!

Dan Beckman remembers...

Don Gerdeman is a great guy and former neighbor!

My parents, Elmer and Mildred Beckman who have since passed, were long time volunteers at the festival. Reading about the festival reminded me of a festival story you might find interesting:

It was festival Sunday back in about 1951 or 1952. My mom was at Sunday morning mass and dad was babysitting me and my brother Gerry. The ladies of the parish were busy preparing the food in the cafeteria kitchen when all the electrical power went out. Major problem. Someone called dad for help since he did a lot of the electrical work in the parish. Dad explained he couldn't come up to help until my mom got home from church. Monsignor Reinick must have gotten word of the situation because he called dad and said he would come out to our house and babysit us so dad could go up and fix the electrical problem. Imagine the surprise on my mom's face when she walks in the house and sees Monsignor Reinick playing with her two little boys!

Shelly Klausing shared this...

Ken and Lois Blankemeyer have been volunteering for many, many years. They not only help every Saturday and Sunday morning, but for many, many years have helped in the evenings as well. AND donate many items to the raffle booth and Country Store!

FESTIVAL 1999



I Remember When.....

Meeting at the 'Stic

The first weekend in May 1960 I was sitting at the bar in the Rustic with a friend when Minnie came in with her sister. Her sister introduced her to me. At the time I never asked her out for a date as she was younger than me.

Every weekend after she met me she always came to the bar I was at. She was persistent as she invited me to her graduation party.

My friend and I went to the party. Before I left the party she asked me if I would take her to the Little Flower Drive In at Ottawa and she would pay her own way. Pretty brave for a girl to ask a guy for a date in 1960.

The drive in gave a free pass to every senior in Putman county. We went to the drive in the last Saturday in May. I took her home after the movie and didn't ask her for another date, so she asked me if I was coming back next week.

After a couple of weeks of her asking me about a date, the next week we started going out every week.

Before we got married she told me that the first time she met me that it was love at first sight and she was going to marry me. I'm glad she did as it has been a great marriage.

We were married August 24, 1963 and we celebrated our 53rd anniversary this year. We hope to have many more happy years together.

Gordon Moenter



A Diamond Anniversary Celebration!



Number one tipped off in January 1919 against Ottoville. It was a win, the first. Number 100 will tip off on December 1, 2017 against Fremont St. Joe, trying to add on to 1,493 wins, the fifth most wins of any school in Ohio.

The 2017-18 boys basketball team at Delphos St. John's will be the 100th team in school history.

The first team in 1919 finished their season 2-1, splitting two games with Ottoville and ending the season with an easy win over the Ottawa Triangles.

The DSJ Alumni Association and St. John's high school want to recognize this milestone in Blue Jay basketball. If you'd like to help plan the recognition, please contact Bob Ebbeskotte at rebbeskotte@woh.rr.com or 419-692-0752. You can also message the Alumni Association on our Facebook page. Let's celebrate a century of Blue Jay basketball!

Musicals to Sock Hops....Great Happenings at St. John's



St. John's students in grades K-12 presented the 2017 school play "SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL!" under the director Susie Slawinski.

Thanks For Your Continued Support!



St. John's held its 2017 Benefit with a "Sock Hop" theme. The evening featured a Best-Dressed Women and Best-Dressed Man judging contest.



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