

# The Official Newsletter of the Morrice Area High School Alumni Association

The Morrice High School Alumni Assoc. is dedicated to fostering a lifelong relationship between its members and its alma mater.

## Officers:

William Rothney '69  
John Mortimore '75, Past President  
Shirley Hoag Shaw Vice President  
Andy Flynn '68, Historian  
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50th Year Directors Darla Frye Edington/Rose Roll Tickner



## Morrice High School Alumni Association 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Morrice High School

### Minutes: May 9, 2015

The 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Morrice Alumni Association was called to order on Saturday May 9, 2015 at Morrice High School. Members and guests were welcomed by John Mortimore. William Heath Superintendent of Morrice Area Schools welcomed the members and guests and introduced the class of 2015 who were in attendance. Gennie Munro Eva '86 welcomed the class of 2015 and her son Jamison Eva gave the class of 2015 Response. Seniors attending were; Carter Cole, Samantha Cole, Lucas Crawford, Kalli Dunckel, Jamison Eva, Jonathon George, Kelsie Harrington, Christopher Howard, Samantha Miller, Allison Parker. Bruce Rodgers, Courtney Wolf, Courtney York, and Taylor Zacher.

Alumnus of the 50<sup>th</sup> year class of 1965 who attended were Gary Edington and his wife Darla, Cindy Schiebner Beard and her husband Mike, Charles Lowrie and his wife Chris, Ron Grinnell and his wife Kim.

Invocation was given by John Mortimore '75. John dismissed the Officers and 50<sup>th</sup> year class for dinner catered by Brenda Hart '83 assisted by Patty Crawford Hower.

The entertainment for the evening was the Morrice High School Jazz

Band directed by Mallory Voris, Band Director. The Jazz Band members assisted our members who needed assistance with carrying their plates and also clearing tables which was greatly appreciated.

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by President John Mortimore. Roll call of the Alumni Board Members was taken, Bill Rothney, Vice President, Andy Flynn, Past President, Cathy Mulholland, Secretary, Treasurer, And John Mortimore, President, all Officers present.

Minutes of the 2014 Annual meeting was submitted in the Newsletters by Cathy Mulholland. They were approved as written, motion by Leroy Hankinson, supported by Linda Hankinson Strachan '64. Motion carried with all ayes, nays none. Motion to approve Treasurers report as received in Newsletters by Ron Grinnell '65 supported by Shirley Hoag Shaw. Motion carried with all ayes, nays none.

**Old Business:** The 2014 Scholarships of \$1000.00 each were awarded to Griffin Lewis and Kendra Miller. Griffin is attending Olivet Collage and is a member of their Basketball Team. Kendra is attending Michigan State.

**New Business:** Shirley Shaw was

nominated for Vice President by Leroy Hankinson '52, supported by Andy Flynn. No other nominations were received, nominations were closed. All ayes, nays none. Shirley was elected Vice President.

Andy Flynn was nominated for Historian by Cathy Mulholland, supported by Leroy Hankinson. All ayes, nays none, motion carried. 50<sup>th</sup> year class representatives are Darla Frye Edington and Rose Roll Tickner for 2016.

Discussion on making Jr. Love who has been a guest of Harold Tester at many Alumni Banquets an Honorary Member. Leroy Hankinson made a motion to make him an Honorary Member, supported by Duane Tune. All ayes, no nays, motion carried.

The Alumni Officers and Members would like to thank an Alumnus who remains anonymous for the 4th year donating \$1000.00 to the Scholarship Fund. Allowing us to give two Scholarships to graduating seniors.

A thank you was given to the Morrice Women's Club who donated \$1128.24, they have supported the Scholarship Fund for many years. Also, thank you to the following Alumnus who made large donations: Joyce DeFrenn Locke '49, Patrick Tyrrell '62, Jack

Kinney '45, Joan Kane Mills '52, and Mary Lezovich Wall '55.

Brenda Walker Hart '83 and Pat Crawford Hower Copeland '76 were thanked for the delicious meal. Gift cards were presented to the two oldest graduates present both from the class of '45 Irene Holler Montroy and Joe Lezovich' Motion to adjourn by Andy Flynn, supported by Linda Hankinson Strachan '64. All ayes, nays none.

Memorials for our Alumni who have passed since our last meeting was conducted by John Mortimore. Each year at the Annual Meeting a candle is lit and given to a family member, classmate or friend. The following members are:

Louise Hodge Kane '27  
Louis E. Hodge '32  
Shirley Mortimore Remington '35  
Thomas D. Kinney '38  
Catherine Fournier Schuyler '39  
Joseph Vavricka '41  
Pete Scribner '41  
Lillian Klee Figg '42  
Ilah Stover Perrin '43  
Royce Ray Smith '48  
Elgin Jenison '53  
Zane C. Thomas '53  
Howard E. Davis '54  
James F. Miller '59  
Gordon K. Godfrey '60  
Kris Harris '65  
Gerald R Gray '66  
John Thomas Bulmer '67  
Sandra Smith Warner '68  
Allen J. Pavlica '76  
Alice Turner Audia '77  
Jonathon E. McConeghy '77  
Mark A. Turner '79  
Greg Hill  
Dick Edington  
Jaiden Conklin  
Maxine Grinnell Brown

Benediction by John Mortimore '75.

Thank you to the following Alumni Members who sent in those generous contributions, we acknowledge donations at different levels: **Platinum:** \$100.00 and above, **Gold:** \$50.00 to \$99.99, **Silver:** \$25.01 to \$49.99, and **Bronze:** \$ 01 to \$25.00. (These amounts do not include payment of dues or for meals).

THE FOLLOWING HAVE CONTRIBUTED:

#### PLATINIUM

Anonymous Donor  
Morrice Women's Club  
Linda Forrest Atwood '65  
Jack Kinney '45  
Joyce DeFrenn Locke '49  
Joan Kane Mills '52  
Patrick Tyrrell '62  
Mary Lezovich Wall '55

#### SILVER LEVEL:

Joann Edington Blancher '50  
Eleanor Sinn Flood '54  
Norm Hoag '49  
Sharon & Clyde Lewis '60  
Sam & Joan Copeland Maag '72 & 73  
Cathy Lezovich Mulholland '61  
Bill Rothney '69  
Wanda Bolek Simon '48

#### BRONZE LEVEL:

Patti Bennett Bossick '74  
Robert & Gloria Tribley Carpenter '51  
Christine Sayles Cole '87  
Marion Maag Goda '57  
Joan Forrest Groll '69  
Christine Ware Cole '87  
Andy & Rita Flynn '68 & 69  
Richard Freeman '63  
Fred Kane '64  
Gary Kingsley '56  
Cheryl Brown Lewis '68  
Harold Lewis '46  
Marie Bressette Lewis '65  
Rose Marie Quinter Paraldo '55  
Ruth Kane Placeway '62  
Henry & Shirley Service Sayles '50 & 52  
Clarence Scollon '56  
Shirley Hoag Shaw '52  
William & Rita Kane Sinn '60 & '62  
Judy Maag Sleight '61  
Linda Hankinson Strachan '64  
Harold Tester '55  
Herman Tester '54  
Dorothy Sayles Ware '53

#### Donations totaled:

**Operations \$2,059.00**  
**Scholarship \$3,271.24**  
**Dues \$360.00**  
**Meals 1020.00**

**Bills Paid \$4634.31**  
**(Scholarships \$2500.00)**  
**Balance 7/1/14 \$6,598.27**  
**Balance 7/1/15 \$7,325.24**



#### CHAT FROM OUR MEMBERS

**Linda Forrest Atwood '65** I moved to Georgia to take care of my first Granddaughter, now I have 2<sup>nd</sup> Granddaughter. They keep me busy. We make it to Michigan every other year for family reunion. I wish my classmates all the best.

**Jack Kinney '45** Enclosed is \$500.00 for the Valedictorian and my dues. Class of '45 seems like a long time ago. I will be 88 in a couple of weeks, lots of memories. Have a great meeting.

**Sharon Freeman Lewis** We are leaving on a trip to visit daughter Kristin in Tennessee for Mother's Day and will not be able to attend Alumni Banquet this year! So sorry it is first time I have missed in many years—think it is 20-30 years.

**Sam and Jean Copeland Maag '72 & '73** Hope to find all in good health again. Sorry to miss the Banquet again. Take care.

#### Missing Yearbooks

We are missing a few editions of the yearbooks. If anyone has any of the following and would like to donate to the Alumni, it would be appreciated. The editions are: 1976, 1981, 1986, 1987 (100<sup>th</sup> year) 1993, 2005, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016



Obituaries since our last meeting:

Florence Short Brandt Hoose '32  
Bertrice Heeny Freeman '39  
Verlyn J. Drake Sr. '45  
Charles R. Eno '52  
Joanne Brown Fritz '52  
Leroy N. Hankinson '52  
James W. Rood Sr. '52  
Rosemary Spencer Eldridge '53  
Patricia Morse Ewalt Durga '58  
Gilbert B. Grinnell '60  
Gary H. Tilson '62  
Charlotte Grinnell Opsommer '73  
Karen L. Eberhart DeYoung '74  
Henry J. Cunningham '77  
Jerry L. Carr '79  
Gene Proudfoot '82  
Weldrick A. Thomas ?  
We will light a candle in their memory at our Banquet.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT'S



**Lucas Crawford**



**Taylor Zachar**

Recipients of the 2015 Alumni Scholarships are pictured above with Cathy Mulholland '61 and John Mortimore '75 who had the privilege of presenting the two \$1000.00 scholarships.

Taylor plans on studying Computer Engineering at Michigan State University. While at Morrice he participated in Concert and Marching Band, receiving the Band Student of the Year for 2011-2012 school year. He participated in Football, and Track, was a member of the High School National Honor Society for three years. He was a Member of the Student Council and served on the Executive Board as President in 2013 thru 2015.

Non school activities include member of the percussion section in the Lansing Concert Band, and Shiawassee Chamber Orchestra and continues to date.

Taylor stated "I have lived in Morrice my whole life, as well as my brother Zach Fanco. My mother Marie Proudfoot went here as well as her mother and father before her, Barbara Proudfoot McKone and Paul Proudfoot respectively. On my grandpa's side of the family both his mother and his father went to Morrice, James and Nerissa Dunn Proudfoot. Nerissa's mother was Pauline Kiihn who also went to Morrice. That makes me fifth generation at this wonderful school."

Lucas plans on attending Michigan State University and studying Mechanical or Electrical Engineering.

He was Team Captain of the Quiz Bowl in 2013-2014 and had first victory in 2014. He was a member of the Jazz Band all four years, played Trombone in Marching Band starting in 2008 thru his senior year. He received Scholastic Recognition Awards (Maintaining above a 3.5 grade average for ten consecutive semesters).

Non school activities include: Boy Scouts 2002-2015, Civil Air Patrol 2010-2014, Shiawassee Scholars 2009-2015, MSBOA District and state Solo and Ensemble Contest playing the trombone from 2010-2015. Shiawassee Chamber Orchestra member 2014-2015, Lansing Concert Band member 2014-2015. Lucas also participated in Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Symphonic Band, and Blue Lakes International North Winds Band and traveled to Germany and Denmark this past summer.

Lucas says Morrice is the only school he attended, moving here from Lansing when he was two. "I was and always have been a very shy person, so I don't think I would have many stories to tell, but I fondly remember my fifth and sixth grade years. Both of those years, I had Ms. Strang as a teacher. When I first heard that I was going to be put in her class, I was worried. However after the first few days, I realized that I would be having an amazing year. She expected a lot out of her students, but she made the learning fun. Those two years were challenging but enjoyable, out of any year at Morrice. I think those two years had the greatest impact upon me has a student and a person. Her class made me set my educational goals and expectations high, and I have kept both very high ever since.

Taylor and Lucas tied for Valedictorian with a 4.09 grade point average. They were also recipients of The Alumni/Jack Kinney Scholarship of \$500.00, each receiving \$250.00.

## FROM SMALL TOWN TO THE BIG TEN

Morrice/MSU Jamie Wesley Klein '94 among those entering The Greater Lansing Hall of Fame on July 30, 2015. Klein was a four year varsity player at Morrice High School. As a sophomore, she led the Lansing area scoring with 25.6 points per game. She scored a career-high 51 points against Genesee as a junior, and she recorded 15 steals in a game three times throughout her high school career.

Wesley-Klein, whose high school jersey is retired, was a three-time Class D first team all-state selection and a two-time Lansing State Journal Dream Team member. She finished sixth in Miss Michigan Basketball voting as a senior in 1994.

She was also a two-time Class D first team all-state softball player.

She became a three-year starter for the MSU Spartans and helped them capture a share of their first-ever Big Ten title during the 1996-97 season.

She is currently ranked 19<sup>th</sup> in MSU history in points (1,075), ninth in 3-point field goals attempted (304), sixth in free throw percentage (79.8) and ninth in steals (197).

"Coming from Morrice then going to MSU, it was crazy at first. Going into my freshman year, everyone that was coming into college did well on their high school team. You think you're being pushed in high school, but in college it's a whole different level." "You figure out how tough you really are."



## Eight Man Football

The Morrice football team may have had only ten players, but it didn't stop them from racing to an 8-1 regular season record and 9-2 overall, a Number 6<sup>th</sup> ranking and a berth in the postseason.

Morrice coach Kendall Crockett said the Orioles had to learn to adapt throughout their 2015 season, they added two JV Players to the roster to increase the team's depth for the playoffs.

The season started with a big loss to Battle Creek St. Philip 65-32. The rest of the regular season had 8 wins in a row: Peck 44-0, Carson/Port Sanilac 56-0, Dryden 69-6, Kingston 55-6, Deckerville 34-30, Kinde-N. Huron 77-6, Webberville 62-12, and Portland St. Pat. 58-42. First round of the playoffs Morrice beat New Haven Merritt 76-36. Morrice could not repeat the win against Deckerville in week six and lost to them in the regional finals 40-20.

**Jake Rivers** was first to have 1000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season (1292 rushing and 1020 receiving). He scored 46 touchdowns and 296 points.

**Nick Hart** 30 touchdown passes and 1902 yards passing with a 68% completion percentage.

Both **Nick** and **Jake** were honorable mention All-State.

It was great to see the spectators show up for the game, lot of Alumni in attendance. Playing on the new field under decent lights for a change, setting in lawn chairs as we wait for the bleachers to be installed did not dampen the spirit of the game.



## Girls Basketball District Champs

The Lady O's are back to back District Champs beating Pottersville 53-37. Taylor Hewitt had 5 three pointers and 22 points, Jaymie Smith 3 three pointers and 12 points, Averi Munro 8 points and Maddie Lewis 6 points, 7 rebounds, 5 steals and 4 assists, Mackenzie Adams went 3 for 4 at the line sealing the win.

The Lady O's traveled to Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes to play the first round of the class D regionals against Novi Franklin Road, winning 45-24, returning to play Waterford Our Lady in the Regional Championship game losing 47-35.

Kris Smith '98 (who in 3 years of Varsity play for Morrice scored over 1000 points) has coached the girls since 2006, assisted by Gene Munro '83 and Doug Clark.



Congratulations to **Avery Munro** on being named All State Honor Athlete, honorable mention All-State, 1<sup>st</sup> Team Argus Press for Shiawassee County, and first team Genesee Athletic Conference Blue Division.

Congratulations also to **Taylor Hewitt** who was named to 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Argus Press for Shiawassee County.

## Superintendent leaving Morrice

Will Heath Superintendent for the last 6 years is leaving Morrice for Portland. He will replace their Superintendent who is retiring after 25 years leading the district.

Mr. Heath will be greatly missed in Morrice! He has had the dual position of Superintendent/Principal of the Jr./Sr. High School.

He is well liked by the students, teachers and community. Morrice Alumni wishes him well in his new job.



## Morrice Advance Band



Congratulations Morrice. Advanced Band on receiving a Division 1 at the Band Festival. This will be the fourth year the band has received that honor. The band is directed by Mallory Vorce. The band does a great job performing at the home football games, and the Pep Band at the home basketball games. Keep up the good work!

## VARSITY TRACK

Webberville	Apr. 12, 2016
Fowler INV	Apr. 15, 2016
Bentley	Apr. 19, 2016
Genesee/Atherton	Apr. 26, 2016
Webberville INV	Apr. 29, 2016
Byron w/Bendle	May 03, 2016
Beal City INV	May 06, 2016
N.Lothrop w/Hamady	May 10, 2016
Fulton INV	May 14, 2016
Webberville	May 17, 2016
Regionals	May 20, 2016
GAC League/Bentley	May 24, 2016
Shia. Co. Meet Perry	June 01, 2016
State Meet	June 04, 2016

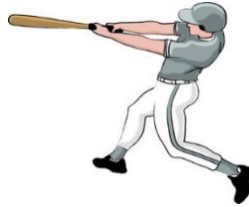
SVSU 12:00 pm, O-E, Web, Fow  
 Web Inv, Ful, GAC Meet, Shia .Co  
 Meet all start at 4:00 pm.  
 Bentley, Gen., Byron and  
 N. Loth.all start at 4:30 pm.  
 Beal City at 3:00 pm  
 State Meet 8:00 am



## Varsity Football

Horizon Science	Aug. 20, 2016
Toledo, OH	1:00 PM
Dryden	Aug. 26, 2016
Lawrence	Sept. 01, 2016
Deckerville	Sept. 09, 2016
Kinde N. Huron	Sept. 16, 2016
Mayville	Sept. 23, 2016
Kingston	Sept. 30, 2016
Peck	Oct. 7, 2016
Webberville	Oct. 14, 2016
Portland St. Pat	Oct. 21, 2016

All games start at 7:00pm  
 Except Aug. 20, H.C Sept. 23, 2016  
 Away games in red



## Varsity Baseball

Ashley	Apr. 11, 2016
Potterville	Apr. 14, 2016
Bentley	Apr. 18, 2016
Bendle	Apr. 21, 2016
Webberville	Apr. 25, 2016
New Lothrop	Apr. 28, 016
Atherton	May 02/2016
Hamady	May 05, 2016
Genesee	May 09, 2016
Byron	May 12, 2016
Whitmore Lk Inv.	May 14, 2016
Flint SW Acy	May 16, 2016
Mt Morris	May 19, 2016
Sr. Banquet	May 23, 2016
Charyl Stockwell	May 24, 2016
Fulton	May 26, 2016

All regular games start at 4:00 pm  
 Away games in red  
 Inv. Starts at 10:00 am

## Volleyball 2016

1 <sup>st</sup> Practice	Aug. 10
Webberville	Aug. 23
N Lothrop Inv.	Sept. 01
Ashley	Sept. 08
N. Lothrop	Sept. 13
Byron	Sept. 15
Durand Inv.	Sept. 17
Montrose	Sept. 20
	Atherton
	Sept. 27
Bendle	Oct. 04
N. Lothrop	Oct. 06
Morrice Inv.	Oct. 08
Byron	Oct. 11
Webberville	Oct. 13
Perry Inv.	Oct. 15
Montrose	Oct. 18
Atherton	Oct. 20
Bendle	Oct. 25

Practice starts at 3:00 pm All  
 games start at 6:30 pm except  
 Ashley starts at 5:30.  
 Invitationals start at 9:00 am.

## Varsity Softball

Ashley	Apr. 11, 2016
Potterville	Apr. 14, 2016
Bentley	Apr. 18, 2016
Bendle	Apr. 21, 2016
Prom	Apr. 22, 2016
Webberville	Apr. 25, 2016
New Lothrop	Apr. 28, 2016
Atherton	May 02, 2016
Hamady	May 05, 2016
Whitmore LK Inv.	May 07, 2016
Genesee	May 09, 2016
Byron	May 12, 2016
Flint SW Acy	May 16, 2016
Mt. Morris	May 19, 2016
Sr. Awards Banq.	May 23, 2016
Fulton	May 26, 2016

All regular games start at 4:00 pm  
 Away games in red  
 Inv. Starts at 10:00 am



Hello Alumni,

04/04/2016

The Field of Dreams is about to embark on our fourth year in our effort to provide our community, our students, and our school with an exceptional facility for football and track. Last year, we experienced first-hand how bureaucracy and red tape can hinder a project like this, but with patience and tenacity, we persevered. On a Friday night, following a game versus Deckerville, we were finally able to give everyone a taste of the new stadium lights on the new field. WHAT A DIFFERENCE! It was a site to behold watching people walk out on to the new field to experience what was to come. That night, October 2, 2015, saw the Orioles stun Deckerville with a great come-from-behind win, 34-30. That night also saw the Orioles close a chapter in a long and storied history for Morrice High as they played their last game on the old football field. The next two Friday nights saw Morrice begin a new era on the new field by destroying Kinde North Huron and their nemesis, Webberville, by a combined score of 139 to 18! That is what this project has been all about from the beginning—opening up new opportunities and making sure that our students have the best! Last season left us wanting so much more. Can you imagine what it's going to be like to host our first track meet in the over 100 year history of Morrice High? I personally, can't wait!

This summer will see us erect the bleachers at the new field. Currently, engineers are working on adapting a set of bleachers that once stood at Michigan International Speedway to our site. As soon as the drawings are complete, we plan on breaking ground to begin the underground work. The new bleachers will seat over 700 people! We have so far to go, but we have come so far! We desperately need the support of the alumni to complete this project. Please support our fundraisers and please donate what you can so that we can finish this project for your home town. Come home and see how far we've come. Once an Oriole, always an Oriole!

With Oriole Pride,

Dave Larner, President MOAA

**MORRICE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
*Founded 1891*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please include Maiden name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I plan on attending enclosed is \$12.00 for my meal \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **126<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **SATURDAY MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **MORRICE HIGH SCHOOL**

Sorry, I cannot attend this year, but I am sending  
Annual Membership Dues \$5.00 per member per year. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **OPEN HOUSE 5:00 pm**

Donation to Operations (everyday duties) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **DINNER 6:00 PM**

Donation to Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Morrice Alumni Association

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
**COST AT THE DOOR WILL BE \$14.00 PER PERSON**  
Morrice Alumni Box 335 Morrice, MI 48857

**CHAT AND COMMENT SECTION**

Comments, Complaints, New, about yourself, your life, your activities, your classmates, class reunions, old Morrice Stories worth retelling. Your Alumni friends would love to hear from you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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