

Cedar Cliff H. S.

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Hickory Grove One-room School Demolished for Luxury Living



The Class of 1961 was the last class to attend one-room schools in the townships of Newberry and Fairview. The schools were most likely constructed in the 1870s and many are still standing, renovated into houses or small businesses. That's not true however of all of them. Each few years another schoolhouse is lost to demolition for one reason or another.

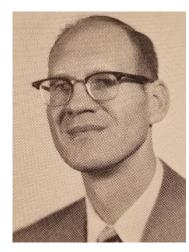
This latest school stood at the corner of

Limekiln Road and Spanglers' Mill Road and had been used as a field office by Hempt Brothers Farms for more than thirty years. A few years ago, the Hempt Brothers sold their entire operation to a business from the Mid-west and the new owners started selling off the farms. This one has been sold for luxury condominiums.



The Hickory Grove One-room School, above and now recently demolished.

Former Teachers: Mr. Follet



We really do not know how many of our former teachers still survive. One that I had the pleasure of seeing recently is Mr. Earl Follet, whom I have seen over the years at the West Shore Farmers Market. He used to have breakfast often on Fridays with some other former teachers, who have since passed. Mr. Follet still looks the same, a little older, like all of us. He still lives in his own home on West 15th Street New Cumberland. He came to New Cumberland Junior High School in 1957, after having graduated from Millersville State College. Some of you may remember him as he taught Industrial Arts both at New Cumberland and Cedar Cliff. If you know of any of our teachers who still survive, please let us know.

Mr. Earl Follet, 1961

The West Shore Farmers Market



Grand Opening Poster, West Shore Farmers Market. 1950

<u>A Meeting Place: The West Shore Farmer's Market, State Street Lemoyne.</u>

And speaking of the West Shore Farmers Market, that venue is where I often see classmates and in the past former teachers. In our time I don't remember Giant Foods, Wegmans, Walmart or Sams Club. There was a Food Fair, I don't remember where (Maybe someone can help me-I'm old) and an Acme market on Market Street in Lemoyne, not far from the High School. In the small towns there were "mom and pop" stores every couple of blocks. In the late 1950s, a Weis Market opened on Louther Street in Lower Allen Township.

I didn't know much about the West Shore Farmers Market, other than my mom took her market basket and went there after work on Friday afternoons. According to this vintage poster, the market was opened on May 1st, 1950, by Ray Garver, whom I still see around the market from time to time. Ray has retired and passed the market onto his daughter, Tracy and her husband, Greg.

As you probably know, farm markets are a big thing now, with an emphasis on eating right and shopping local. and this one is very well-attended. It burned down approximately twenty years ago but was rebuilt on the same footprint. If you get to the area on a weekend, you should stop in. Maybe you'll run into one of your classmates.

Happy Valentines Day and Blessed Ash Wednesday

If you scratched your head and rolled your eyes when you realized that Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday fell on the same day this year, join the crowd. I couldn't remember that ever happening before, and although I'm old, I was mostly right. Because Easter and therefore Ash Wednesday is a "moveable Christian holiday" it can fall on many different dates. According to the Internet, the last time this happened was fairly recently, 2018 in fact. But if we go back one more time, it fell on 1945. Apparently, Valentines Day and Ash Wednesday fall on the same day in a cluster of three and then it doesn't happen for more than seventy years (1945-2018) For those keeping score, the next time it will happen will be in 2029. To summarize, in our lifetimes it has happened only three times (1945, 2018 and 2024)



Valentines Day: Candy, flowers and hearts; Ash Wednesday: Ashes, fasting, and preparation for Easter; Note that the commonality of the holidays is "Love"- Human love, friendship and romantic in Valentines Day and Love by God who gave his only begotten Son to die for us, greater love hath no one.

81st Birthday Party

In response to overwhelming support, we will have an 81st Birthday Celebration this Summer in the same format as last summer. We'll choose a place that serves meals, and we'll order off the menu. Everyone will be responsible for their own meal and a tip for the wait staff. We are thinking that we will have it on a Saturday in mid-June or mid-July. We would like your input on that and whether the venue Hoss' Steak House was satisfactory. Please let us know in the next few weeks. We want to have the details worked out by next month.

Punxsutawney Phil Says Early Spring

The famous Pennsylvania groundhog failed to see his shadow on a very cloudy February 2nd, meaning we would have an early spring, So far, he has been pretty accurate with many sunny days and temps in the high forties. February 13th was an exception when we received about four inches of the "onion snow" The good side was it got warm quickly most of it melted the same day. Still keeping our fingers crossed.

The West Shore Theatre

The West Shore Theatre continues to thrive with a mixture of new-release movies, music programs, and classic films. In honor of Valentines Day, they are featuring a number of romcoms during the month of February. "When Harry met Sally" was featured on Valentines Day. Other choices during the month are "Casa Blanca" and Breakfast at Tiffanys".

Always Looking for Help

While our current staff enjoys the interactions and connections very much, we have in organizing and publishing regular "Updates", we can always use more help. There are many ways you can help, whether you live in Alaska or Camp Hill. We can always use new themes for inclusion, suggestions, sharing your hobbies, sharing your ideas, questions you might like answered, etc. Just let us know at <u>brinschmahl@verizon.net</u>.

Missing Classmates

The following is a list of classmates for whom we have no contact information- no working telephone number, no working email address, and no physical residence address. Or we have an email address that no longer works and a home address from which our mail is returned. We have been told that some of these classmates are on Facebook, so if you are on Facebook, you might be able to find some of these classmates for us. We also understand that not everyone "wants to be found" and that is their choice. We honor confidentiality and try not to intrude. While we try to be inclusive, participation to what ever level you are comfortable with is completely voluntary.

Mike Beaver Pat Betz Ambrose David Bitterman **Ginger Bowman** Byron Brown Larry Conley Nancy Clancey Gabonis Rita D'agostino Pepi Joan Diffenbaugh Claugher Ed Dobie **Richard Ebling** Jean Emerick Jones Doris Eshelman Terry Muller **Robert Evans** Jim Faust **Darlene Fisher Bowser Bob Fitterer** Anne Fleming Ridgeley **Florence Galley Anderson Ray George Robert Giles Donald Goodyear** Ina Grant Wolaver Helen Grossman Ilves **Edith Price Gramm** Shirley Prowell Devore **Carol Rowley Dowell** Peggy Rudy Radabaugh **Charlotte Schreiber Markley** George Smith Lowell Snyder John Stuckey

Albert Hartman Donna Heim Morrison Barbara Himes Hill **Bob Hocker** Linda Kenney Linda Kerr Corl Elke Kreutz Bellefonte Barbara Kunkel Blauser Larry Laughman Stuart Lehman **Dick Leiter Raymond Lichty** Joe McMurtry Don Martson Pam Mathis Jack Menear Damaris Miller Milo Judy Miller Hayes Andrea Neidig Des Roches Isabel Mueller Brackbill Barb Moore Byrem Linda Orr Davis **Peggy Painter Nobis Kaylene Pecht Steel** Joan Superka D'agostino Ellen Vastine Hartz Roberta Whitman Bair Jonas Rupp Sandy Shertzer Kalbach Don Snyder Lorna Strupp

If you know where any of these classmates are or have contact with them, please notify us at <u>brinschmahl@verizon.net</u>.

Wishing you the best in all things and good health and happiness. On behalf of the Cedar Cliff Class of 1961,

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