

# 1961



*Cedar Cliff H. S.*

## *October 2024*

The summer of 2024 is finally over, here in Central Pennsylvania. It was a very hot summer, mostly dry, but with periods of protracted rain. We were able to have a fairly successful garden, thanks in part to the rain barrels which we installed a few years ago. Tomatoes and zucchinis were the top crop in the “Small” garden, which is actually pretty small- all raised beds. For fall we planted kale and broccoli and several different greens, which we have all summer long. How many of you still have a garden? We’d like to hear about your experiences.



### Where Have All the Pumpkins Come From

Who remembers pumpkins, pumpkins NOT everywhere and not a pumpkin to carve. When we were growing up in the early 1950s pumpkins were as hard to find as hens’ teeth. Procuring one or a couple usually meant hopping in

the car with mom and dad and taking a trip out to farm country. Maybe even to a farm owned by the parents of one of our classmates. Even when our children were small it was not easy to acquire a pumpkin because most stores didn't have them. Farmers didn't raise them because they were not a big money-maker. Fortunately, we were able to find a farm in York County along Route 362 who raised some pumpkins. Picking the best pumpkin was a lot like picking the perfect Christmas tree.



Transitioning to 2024 pumpkin hunting is much different! Pumpkin and carved Jack-O-Lanterns are everywhere. You can purchase them at farm markets, grocery stores and even at a few drug stores. They are clearly the go-to decoration made of cardboard, wood, fuzzy material, composites and of course the ubiquitous

plastic as well as of course real pumpkin. I'm not complaining! I love pumpkins, which seem to appear in all kinds of foods and drinks. I'm sure you all remember the kids and grandkids carving them and removing the "goop" inside which comes out with the seeds. After a good washing the seeds can be roasted and salted for a special treat.

### Passing of Mr. Earl Follett

On September 10, 2024, Mr. Earl G. Follett, the last of our former teachers at the "Cliff" passed away. Mr. Follett taught Industrial Arts for thirty years at Cedar Cliff. He taught several years at New Cumberland Junior-Senior High School as well. He was instrumental in developing the industrial arts program at Cedar Cliff. He was a Korean Veteran, and he earned a number of battle awards including the Purple Heart in the service of his country.

### Annual Birthday Party Update

Thank you for all of you who offered your input on future class activities. At this point Annual Birthday Parties are preferred for future get-togethers, as we have done the last two years.

Our Organizing Committee is not opposed to scheduling activities on Friday, for those who are coming and plan to stay over. Again, please let us know your preference.

### The 1960 Presidential Election

Most of us are more than tired of listening to the myriads of political advertisements blanketing our TV airwaves. The 1960 presidential election was much different. First of all, even those classmates who were 18, couldn't vote. One had to be 21. Vice-president Richard Nixon was the early favorite. When the Democrats nominated John F. Kennedy, many Americans were concerned that if Kennedy, who was a Roman Catholic, was elected the country would be run by the pope.



*John F. Kennedy*



*Richard M. Nixon*

This presidential election was characterized by four debates, the first to be televised. Some reporters thought that Nixon appeared old and somewhat disheveled when his make-up ran. Kennedy appeared young and vibrant. As we all remember, JFK won in the closest election since 1916. Kennedy won the Electoral College 303-219 and the popular vote by only ca. 113,000 votes or 0.17 per cent. Kennedy was the youngest candidate to be elected president at just over 43 years.

### The 1960 World Series

The 1960 Baseball World Series was a best-of-seven playoff that matched the Pittsburgh Pirates and the New York Yankees. In Game 7, Bill Mazeroski hit the series winning ninth-inning home run. This was the first time a winner-take-all World Series game ended with a home run.



Despite losing the series, the Yankees scored 55 runs, the most scored by any team in World Series history and twice as many as the Pirates. The Yankees won three blowouts, while the Pirates won four close games. The MVP was Bobby Richardson of the Yankees, the only time in history that the award was given to a member of the losing team. The rules on selection were different at that time and votes had to be in by the start of the eighth inning, at which point the Yankees were ahead.

### Upcoming Updates

We're always looking for material for our Updates, and this is where you all can participate. If you have a hobby or a memory you would like to share, please send a brief paragraph and pictures.

One of the topics for a Winter Update will be the ice-skating venues: The Lemoyne Ice Company and Silver Lake. If you have any memories of your time enjoying skating at one of these popular places, please share. Silver Lake is still there, near Lewisberry, The Lemoyne Ice Company no longer has an ice rink on the roof, but the building is still there and is being used by a business.



*The Ice Skater, by Sherry Phillips Deibert*

### Enjoy the Fall, Fall is Best of All

We hope you are enjoying the fall weather. Here in Central PA, we have had ten or twelve beautiful days of early fall weather. As of Halloween, we haven't had a killing frost yet. Fall is my favorite season. Its only downside is that it is followed by winter.

Take care and remember all the habits we octogenarians should be pursuing one is of course eating a healthy diet with lots of fruits and vegetables. While pumpkin seeds are a healthy snack, pumpkin roll is not!!!

Best wishes for a happy and healthy Fall.

*Brian*