

# Licking Heights Alumni Report

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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*  
*From the Officers and Directors of your Alumni Association*

## Hornet Winners

**W**ow! What a Fall Sports Season at Licking Heights!! Golf had a best ever team score of 129. The Girls Cross Country Team – yes we had enough girls for team status! – finished a record 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league. The Boys Cross Country Team finished 5<sup>th</sup>. The Volleyball team upped their record to 12-8 and a 4<sup>th</sup> place league finish. Our Soccer Teams continue to grow and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the league.

Last, but not least, how about that Football Team! First playoff game held at Licking Heights. First playoff win ever!! Coach Waters named Central District Coach of the Year *AND* Division IV State Coach of the Year! Congratulations to all our athletes and their coaches for a great start to the 2007-2008 school year!

Oh and it doesn't stop there! Coach Suzi Ketcham competed with two of her Cross Country team members, Autumn Springer and Sarah Phillips, in the Footlocker Midwest Regional Cross Country Championship at the University of Wisconsin – Parkside. Our volleyball team participated in the statewide challenge to host a Volley For The Cure Match to benefit cancer awareness and research – and they hosted a Power Buff Match to help raise funds too! (Power Buff Match is volleyball's version of football's Powder Puff game.)

The fun's just beginning! Come join the current athletes and students for Basketball and Wrestling this winter and Baseball, Softball and Track this spring. Everyone is welcome to come and help or simply sit back and enjoy the games.

We have a fine group of athletes representing Licking Heights High School. We can't wait to see how the winter and spring teams perform! We hope to see you in the bleachers!!!

## Hornets Beat Watkins

**O**n August 31<sup>st</sup>, our Hornets football team dominated the game over rival Watkins Memorial Warriors, with a 40-7 victory. [That's right 40-7!](#) This year's match up was held at Watkins Memorial stadium. According to Watkins Superintendent it was the largest crowd ever. The stands were full, the fence was lined with fans 2 and 3 deep all around the field.

With only minutes left on the scoreboard, Licking Height's students, parents, alumni, and fans began to gather at the end zone. The police officers saw what was going to happen and moved the barricades aside. Then, just as the final second ticked off, everyone rushed the field to join in the victory celebration. Coach Waters asked everyone to take a knee as he praised the team and thanked everyone for their support.

The Hornet's victory prompted renaming Park Avenue, which runs off of Broad Street next to the Pataskala Municipal Building. On Monday, the Street Department changed the street sign to "Hornets Way". It's one of the perks of winning the Watkins Memorial-Licking Heights football game Aug. 31.

## ALUMNI FOOTBALL PLAYER NIGHT

The Alumni Association wanted to do something special for the football team and alumni. So we contacted as many Alumni football players as possible and asked them in turn to notify their team mates of this special night. It was the last football game of the regular season and it was our way of showing our support for the team and a victorious year. To our surprise, over 100 Alumni football players showed up.

Along with the cheerleaders and band, they lined the end zone and cheered our team onto the field. But, the most rewarding time was after the game. Our Alumni met with the players and Coaches and passed on some history and traditions. We were honored to have three All-State alumni; Mike Harrison, Clearance Glover, and Gary Stag. Look for this again next year and don't miss the fun and excitement.





# Pathway to Victory Plaque

Have you ever noticed the stone plaque on the Alumni Bell Tower? As we (the Alumni Association) were conceptualizing the possibility of building the structure, we solicited the assistance of the high school students. We asked for two things; (1) design a structure to house the old high school bell and (2) create a poem or phrase that expresses the spirit of Licking Heights (Summit High). The winners were selected and awards given, and here is what is inscribed on that stone plaque, come and see it for yourself.

Alumni Bell Tower "Pathway to Victory"  
Designed by Lance Mitchell  
and Sean Blair, Class of 2004

## PATHWAY TO VICTORY

Apathetic to loss, always strive for something better.  
And if we go down, we all go down together.  
The Hornet has power, and everyone can tell  
when we tread the path to victory, and ring the victory bell.  
We will never give up, we wear our colors proud  
and you may break a sweat when you hear the buzzing sound.  
So make room for the swarm, and don't say you weren't told.  
We fly our colors proud; we are the maroon and gold.  
Jordan Meyer, Class of 2006

# Bell Tower Spring/Fall Cleaning

It was a bright, warm, and sunny Saturday morning. Many of the Officers and Directors met at the "Alumni Bell Tower" aka "Pathway to Victory" for some needed spring cleaning. It was time to paint the wood trim, weed the flower beds, trim back some of the shrubs, and spread the new mulch. The engraved pathway bricks were carefully brushed and sweep to display the many alumni names and supporters. It was just in time for the annual ice cream social and concert band performances.

As I admired the bell tower structure, I felt proud of the Alumni's contribution to preserving the past and preparing for a promise of the future. Small children were playing tag around the tower, ringing the bell and having fun. And then I noticed many of the adults slowly walking the pathway as if to read each and every brick. They spent time reading the plaque and the inscriptions. When looking at that



Keith Edmonds, Secretary

big old bell, it brought back many fond memories of my youth and the old high school. I remember working in the lunch room which was in the basement. The library was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor where I got into trouble, and the seniors ran the candy stand. Do you remember; Tom Appleman, steam heat, the back stairwell to meet your girl friend and steal a kiss, freshman initiations, black boards with chalk, and the smell of polished wooden floors?

If you get the chance, stop by the new high school and take a walk down memory lane (Pathway to Victory). Then stand under the bell, close your eyes, and take a trip back in time and recount those "good old days". Or, ring that bell one more time just for fun of it!



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## Victory, LH School Levy Passes

The Licking Heights 8.9 mill emergency operating levy was approved by the voters. Though it was late in the evening when the results were released, several students at the high school ran to the Alumni Bell Tower to ring the "Victory Bell" to celebrate. The margin of victory was slim and if it were not for the Franklin County voters, the levy would have failed.

Thank you for your support, because our children are our future and there is no better investment.

## Senior Humor

A very self-important college freshman attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.



"You grew up in a different, actually almost primitive, world," the student said, loud enough for the whole crowd to hear. "The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon, our spaceships have visited Mars...We even have nuclear energy,

electric and hydrogen cars, computers with light-speed processing and, pausing to take another drink of beer.

The Senior took advantage of the break in the student's litany, and said, "You're right, Son. We didn't have those things when we were young, ..... so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little brat, what are you doing for the next generation?"

*Don't you just love senior citizens!!!*



Wow, what a season the marching band has had performing five selections of "Music from Wicked", a Broadway show about Oz. Under the direction of Mr. Tom Shook, Ms. Deborah Costa & Mrs. Rachel Steele they went to seven contests and received an Excellent rating at the first event and received a Superior rating at the other six. They also earned a Superior rating & 1's from all judges at the OMEA State Finals in Dayton at Welcome Arena on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the sixth year in a row the Marching Hornets has received a Superior rating at State Finals. They earned a total of 43 trophies and awards with two Esprit de Corps Awards at separate events due to the support of their extremely audible fans. Fifteen members of this year's band are seniors and most have participated for six years. Listed are the events and awards the band received this season.

# Superior LH Band

1. Lancaster Band Festival : **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Class B, Excellent Rating, Best Percussion Class B, Best Auxiliary Class B, Best Field Commander Class B
  2. Pickerington Band Festival: **Grand Champion** Overall, Superior Rating All Groups, Best Music Overall, Best Visual Effect Overall, Best General Effect Overall, Best Field Commander Class B, Esprit de Corps
  3. Shawnee Showcase of Bands: **First Place** Class B, Superior Rating All Groups, Best Auxiliary Class B, Best Percussion Class B
  4. Canal Winchester Band Classic: **Grand Champion** B/C, Superior Rating All Groups, Best Percussion Class B/C, Best Auxiliary Class B/C, Best Music Class B/C
  5. Westerville Central: **First Place** Class B, Superior Rating All Groups, Best Percussion Class B, Best Auxiliary Class B
  6. Newark Band Invitational: **Grand Champion** B/C, Superior Rating All Groups, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Class B, Best Percussion Class B/C, Best Auxiliary Class B/C
  7. Tri-Valley Band Festival: **Grand Champion** B/C, Superior Rating All Groups, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Class B, Best Percussion Class B/C, Best Flags All Classes, Esprit de Corps
- OMEA State Finals: **Superior Rating** Overall Band Class B, Superior Rating Percussion, Superior Rating Flags.





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# From your Alumni Association



*Merry Christmas*



*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,*

*And never brought to mind?*

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot,*

*And days of auld lang syne?*

*Happy New Year!*



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