

# Licking Heights Alumni Report

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## Alum Jay Baird Enters Hall of Fame



The Licking County Agricultural Hall of Fame inducted for 2008 the late Jay Noel Baird. The family of Jay accepted the honor on his behalf at the well attended Salute to Agriculture Breakfast held on March 20th 2008 at the Reese Center in Newark.

Jay demonstrated a commitment to agriculture in his youth and adult life. As a youth, he was very active in FFA, 4-H and Jr. Fair Board activities. He regularly showed his Southdown sheep at county and state fairs. He regularly showed at national livestock shows as well. Jay graduated from the Ohio State University College of Education and developed an expanding livestock business of sheep and horses in western Licking Co.. Jay served as Licking Co. Commissioner from 1998-2005 including a term as President. His community involvement included the Pataskala Presbyterian Church, farm bureau, Pataskala Area Chamber of Commerce and Pataskala Rotary. Jay

served six years as a member of the Licking Heights Board of Education, and was quite active in many livestock associations including a long term member of the Licking Co. Sheep Improvement Committee. He was a 4-H advisor for five years. His Hartford Fair experiences included serving as Grand Marshal, Licking Co. Master Shephard Award, and exhibiting the supreme champion flock at the fair five times. He also won the Shephard's Lead contest at the fair. Jay was active in farmland preservation efforts, political activities, and the Licking Co. Planning Commission. One leader commented that Jay was a work horse, not a show horse. He was ambitious and successful, but always polite, respectful and respected.

Jay's portrait will join the display of other Hall of Fame honorees at the Licking Co. Agricultural Center. Jay's family resides on the farm that he purchased on Mink St. in Pataskala. His wife Carol operates a thriving horse boarding business and offers riding lessons. Their son Alex is in Kindergarten at Liberty Christian Academy. Jay passed away August 6th, 2005 of complications from a brain tumor.

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### Search for New Superintendent

Things have not been going well between the Superintendent and the School Board. The Board recently hired the Ohio School Boards Association to conduct a search for a new superintendent. This in spite of the current superintendent's decision to not resign or step down. The disagreement between Superintendent Husarik and the Board goes back to the previous board that wanted to replace him.

It was only a few months ago that the Board voted to fire Superintendent Ernest Husarik, effective June 1st. However, Mr. Husarik still considers himself to be the right person to lead the district forward. He contends that his contract does not expire until 2009.

### Alum goes Broadway

Nathan Morgan, a 1998 graduate of Licking Heights High School, Ft. Hayes Theater and The Manhattan School of Music, New York in 2002, will be performing on stage, March 2nd in the Broadway Musical "CATS" as Gus. He is now on tour with the cast of Cats. Nathan is the son of Rosemary and James Morgan, 2 brothers; Kevin and Jeff and sister, Christel who also graduated from Licking Heights HS. He has 2 nephews attending Licking Heights schools; Christopher Lewis and Jonathan Morgan.



# How Many Marbles Do You Have Left?

## 1000 Marbles

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. Perhaps it's the quiet solitude that comes with being the first to rise, or maybe it's the unbounded joy of not having to be at work. Either way, the first few hours of a Saturday morning are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement shack with a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and the morning paper in the other. What began as a typical Saturday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time.

I turned the dial up into the phone portion of the band on my ham radio in order to listen to a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, came across an older sounding chap, with a tremendous signal and a golden voice. You know the kind, he sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. He was telling whomever he was talking with something about "a thousand marbles." I was intrigued and stopped to listen to what he had to say.

"Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well but it's a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "Let me tell you something Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities." And that's when he began to explain his theory of a "thousand marbles."

"You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years. Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3900 which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime." Now stick with me Tom, I'm getting to the important part.

"It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about

all this in any detail," he went on, "and by that time, I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about 1,000 of them left to enjoy. Only 1,000. And that was if I was lucky. So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had."



"I ended up having to visit three toy stores to roundup 1,000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right here in the shack next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away."

"I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

"Now let me tell you one last thing before I sign-off with you and take my lovely wife out for breakfast. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time."

"It was nice to meet you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to meet you again here on the band. 75 year Old Man, this is K9NZQ, clear and going QRT, good morning!"

You could have heard a pin drop on the band when this fellow signed off. I guess he gave us all a lot to think about. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning, and then I was going to meet up with a few hams to work on the next club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs and woke my wife up with a kiss. "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile. "Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together with the kids."

"Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles."

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### DECA Students Recognized

Thursday, January 31, turned out to be a great day for Licking Heights High School DECA. Thirty student members traveled to Zanesville's Colony Square Mall to participate in the District Career Development Conference. Members competed against six other schools in marketing and management contests. Every member earned a trophy at the contest, including 11 first place awards. An amazing 27 members qualified to advance to the Ohio DECA State Career Development Conference. In addition, for their hard work Licking Heights DECA was named District 12 Chapter of the Year, and each member received a certificate at the Board of Education regular meeting in February.

DECA is a co-curricular association of high school marketing students in its second year at the high school. Competitors at this conference hope to advance to the National DECA Conference in Atlanta.

### WRESTLING NEWS

Licking Heights wrestler Chandler Jones completed his Junior season with another long line of accomplishments. The 2 time state placer finished the season with a record of 41-5, running his career record to 131-17. Chandler once again qualified for the Ohio High School State Wrestling Tournament, being the first LH wrestler to qualify since our recent move up to division 2. Along the way Chandler was named to the Central Ohio All-Metro team which is comprised of the best wrestlers from the Columbus area regardless of school size or division. The 119 pound junior was also named the Mid-State League Cardinal Division wrestler of the year as well as 1st team all league. Chandler is on pace to break the school career victory record and his name already appears in the OHSAA record books for wins and falls in a season. Chandler will be representing the Hornets along with teammate Eric Wolfe at the NHSCA National tournament at Virginia Beach during spring break. Great job Chandler and good luck on your run for a State Championship next season.



### Membership Year Explained

Some of our members have asked us to explain the term membership year. In our by-laws; article III, section 1. states; "A membership year is the period of time from July 1st until the following June 30th." The logic behind this is that we always hold the alumni banquet and annual meeting the 3rd Saturday in June.

As an example, the membership year is "08-09" will begin July 1, 2008 and run through June 30, 2009. So, if you are planning to attend the banquet and annual meeting, it's a good time to renew your membership.

By having the membership year run (somewhat) concurrent with the banquet, many of our members renew their membership at the banquet. It also affords us the opportunity to save on mailing costs. The membership drive and banquet invitation can be sent in the same mailing.

If you have any questions about the association, please forward them to any one of our Officers or Directors. You can find the email addresses and phone numbers on the Alumni website. [WWW.LHALUMNI.COM](http://WWW.LHALUMNI.COM)

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs. It's jolted by every pebble on the road.  
**Henry Ward Beecher**

### Summit Hornets Class of 1958

On May 18th the members of the senior class left on their annual trip to Washington, D.C, New York, and Atlantic City. The senior play "A Feudin' Over Yonder" directed by Clifford O. Craig, executive head, was presented April 4-5. Eleven seniors who took the senior scholarship test, were Margie Shannon, Nancy Carr, Emma Irvin, Dalene Houck, Susie Campbell, Charlotte Strait, Nancy Mexicott, Don Beck, Stewart Stock, Bob Moore, and Jerry McCullough.



**1958 Queen and Court**

The Hornets had a 4-3 record in football and a 15-3 record in basketball for the season. Don Beck, Jerry Donovan and Bob Moore were named All-County football players, while Jerry Donovan, Bob Moore and Heinz Francis represented Summit on the All Mid-Buckeye squad. At the Senior Homecoming Dance, Nancy Carr reigned as queen with Margie Shannon, Nancy Williams, Diane Whitaker, Libby Galloway and Judy Fries as her attendants.

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# 2008 Licking Heights Alumni Banquet



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