

The banquet is a special time to reconnect with your fellow Alums. Although we all love our individual class reunions, the banquet is a great opportunity to see those people that you went to school with, even though they didn't graduate with your class. We would love to see the many families that have generations of Licking Heights graduates attend! So spread the word and start a special tradition with your parents and or your children.



# Another Generation Called to Serve

Not since the Vietnam War has any generation witnessed such a long period of time when the U.S. was engaged in conflict overseas.

The Vietnam War lasted from November, 1955 to April, 1975. Today, we are actively engaged in Afghanistan (since 2001) and continue military support in Iraq, where we have been present since 1996.

Our youth is rising to the occasion - as they did in the past. We would like to recognize all those that have sacrificed for our country and us.

Please let us know if you, any member of your family, a fellow classmate or a friend that went to Licking Heights, has served in the military.

We would like to know their name, graduating class, branch, years of service, deployment and if they gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving.

Please send the information to Lori Hewitt via email at lhewitt6855@gmail.com or include it on the back of your banquet reservation or membership application when you send them to us.

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# Licking Heights Alumni Association Loses Cherished Member

If you look up "community service" in the dictionary, you might find a photograph of the late Bruce Baird there. To those of us who knew Bruce, he was the epitome of someone who loved and served his community well and with passion.

Bruce grew up, went to school, worked, and was extremely involved in the Pataskala area. The community was saddened to hear of his death on January 4, 2012.. The Licking Heights School community has lost a well-loved alumnus (class of '56) and supporter of the Hornets. Anyone who has attended the recent LH Alumni Banquets cannot forget Bruce's words of wisdom at the conclusion of each banquet. He

did that so well. Bruce served as an officer of the Alumni Association.

Family was extremely important to Bruce. He supported his children in all their endeavors, whether it was school activities, political service, the Hartford Fair, or other community involvement with his presence and encouragement. Bruce's own community involvement included serving as the mayor of Pataskala for three terms, Council president, trustee on the Southwest Licking Community Water and Sewer District, Pataskala Area Chamber of Commerce president, Pataskala Rotary Club, Pataskala Lions Club, elder and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Pataskala, West Licking Historical Society, 4-H leader, member of the Republican Central Committee, Licking County Aging Board, Licking County Tourism Board, taught at Watkins Memorial High School, and ran a local real estate business. Showing sheep at area fairs in the summer and fall was another of his favorite activities.

Bruce is survived by his wife Judy of 51 years, his children, Susan Baird (class of '88), Sandra (Paul) Gundler (class of '88), Catherine Baird (class of '90), four grandchildren, Alex Baird, Madelyn and Sarah Gundler, and Greyson Baird. He is also survived by his brother Charles (class of '50). Bruce was preceded in death by his son Jay (class of '86) in 2005.

Bruce will be sincerely missed within our association and our community.



## **News from our Licking Heights Music Department**

Students from the Licking Heights Music Department - 95 in all, participated in the OMEA (Ohio Music Education Association) Solo and Ensemble Contest at Granville High School on February 11, 2012. Licking Heights performances received 50 Superior ratings, 22 Excellent ratings and 1 Good rating. Of the events receiving Superior ratings, 22 were voice solos, 18 instrumental solos and 10 group performances.

Several students submitted auditions for OMEA All State Choir. Myles Suggs (Tenor), AJ Hildreth (Tenor) and Jenna Seeright (Soprano) were selected to represent Licking Heights at the OMEA Conference held at the Convention Center in Columbus.

The Licking Heights Music Department presented "Once Upon a Mattress" for their Spring Musical in March. All of the costumes were hand sewn and were amazing! Many volunteers donated their time into the sets and costumes. The cast and crew, numbered 111, including 54 cast members, 8 orchestra members, 14 set designers, 24 costume designers and 3 cosmotologists. The production was incredible and wouldn't have been possible without the talents of students, parents and the community.

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