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SUSAN LANG TAKES OVER AS SUPERINTENDENT....



Dr. Susan K. Lang

The Wyoming Board of Education is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Susan K. Lang as Superintendent of Schools effective October 3, 2011. She has signed a three-year contract.

Dr. Lang holds a Bachelors degree from Bowling Green State University, a Masters from Kent State, and a Doctorate from Miami University. While serving as Executive Director of the Ohio Center for Essential School Reform from 2004-07, she authored and subsequently published a book on formative assessment for the classroom. Dr. Lang has also recently taught graduate level educational leadership classes as an Associate Professor at Bowling Green University and has held a position on the Student Affairs Board for BGSU.

RITE OF PASSAGE....

For years fall would find the 9th or 10th graders scurrying through front and back yards, to the Fisk house on Glenway, to Spring Grove Cemetery, to the Evans' house on Hilltop and beyond. Why? Because their leaf project was due!!! We don't know when this started but at least 50 years ago and probably more. This fall was different. Instead, the students took a River Watch field trip to the Ohio River to boat and collect/analyze water samples. Sometimes change is tough. But, just as the leaves in nature...you never know when the project will return!



CAROL "KEENIE" CLARK JOHNSON '46 A "WYOMING LEGEND"....



Keenie Johnson '46

Carol "Keenie" Clark Johnson '46 has added one more honor to her incredible list of achievements both on and off the golf course. Just to mention a few, she is a member of the Wyoming High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Miami University's Cradle of Coaches, and this month she will be inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame. This past September she received another very special honor when she was named a "Wyoming Legend"! This honor stems from a newly formed foundation that will honor great Wyoming golfers and - at the same time - provide scholarships for Wyoming High School golf team members. The founders of the "Wyoming Legend" foundation included Wyoming grads Taylor Metcalfe '66, Jane Hess Walker '60, John Bloomstrom '70 and Susan Jarecki Stewart '57. The "Wyoming Legend" award and the scholarships are going to be given every other year. This year's recipients of \$1,000 are seniors Adam Crider and Carly Hauer.

[Click on the link on the "ECHO" page of our web site and request receiving your ECHO by email.](#)

Bring us up-to-date on your life. Please send your letters to the Alumni Association at P.O. Box 15068, Cincinnati, OH, 45215-0068 or email to info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com Deadline for the next issue is April 1st.

YOUR ASSOCIATION

The Wyoming High School Alumni Association is an Ohio non-profit organization serving the graduates and friends of Wyoming High School. Faculty/staff and non-graduates are welcome as auxiliary members with dues payable at the same rate. Donations to our Scholarship Fund are also greatly appreciated.

The ECHO is published semi-annually in May and November. To insure inclusion in the newsletter all letters/photos/materials must be received by the 1st day of the preceeding month. Information contained herein is believed to be accurate and does not necessarily reflect the views of the WHSAA. Letters to the editor are encouraged and subject to modification due to space limitations. A class address list is available to each reunion class. These lists are not to be used for solicitation purposes.

All correspondence, newsletter information and address changes should be sent to WHSAA, P.O. Box 15068, Cincinnati, OH 45215-0068 or emailed to info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com.

The Board of Trustees is composed of area residents loyal to their school and willing to lend a hand when needed. If you wish to serve on the board please email info@wyominghighschoolalumni.com to that effect.

Your **officers** are: President, Jon B. Boss; Vice President, Tom Tobias; Secretary, Harriet Schierenbeck; Treasurer, Ann Wiggers Verhaeghe.

The **Board of Trustees** of your WHSAA are:

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ECHO Editor Sherry Sheffield '63. Contributors: Tom Tobias '71.

IN MEMORIAM

We have been notified of the passing of the following alumni and friends since the printing of the Spring ECHO.

Charles Benner, Band Director (9-13-2011)
 Le Cox, Teacher (2-24-2011)
 Ethel Haag Wilcox '38 (6-12-2010)
 Ruth Elaine Revenaugh Wagner '38 (1-23-2011)
 Stanley Merlyn Dodgson '41 (5-24-2010)
 Thomas Lee Maxwell '44 (6-12-2011)
 Gloria Strohmer Goering '51 (6-24-2011)
 Barney Burke '54 (10-16-2011)
 Daniel Brent Kooyman '55 (7-23-2011)
 Andrew G. McDonald '56 (8-11-2011)
 Robert F. Rosselot '58 (7-2-2011)
 Jeffrey S. Sawtelle '61 (7-18-2011)

J. Randolph Collins '62 (7-14-2011)
 Carol Bass Millick '62 (2004)
 Jerome Giuseffi '62 (5-21-2011)
 Bruce McMakin '63 (4-27-2011)
 Scott Stegeman '72 (10-16-2011)
 Emily Snow '74 (6-2-2011)
 Martin Collins III AUX '76 (7-14-2009)
 Donna Dory Peters AUX '77 (01-2011)
 Matthew William Gutjahr '78 (4-26-2011)
 Kenneth Brunzman '81 (9-28-2011)
 Nancy Wulf Hawley '82 (7-13-2011)
 David Melvin '84 (4-28-2011)

OVER EXAGGERATION....

A bit of miscommunication caused us to list Barbara Nichols Clark as deceased. She isn't. A note from her sister Micki Nichols Posgay alerted us that she is alive and well. Sorry Barbara - glad you are around to attend your 50th reunion in June.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Marcia Watkins Jordan '62
 Lynne Shore Abbott '82
 Carol Cordes Hake '54
 Mary Sells '76
 Jacob Allsop '10

PRESIDENT'S LETTER....

Staying Connected and Looking Ahead – How You Can Help

I had the pleasure in September of watching and talking with those amazing young people who in just a few short months will join us as alumni of Wyoming High School. They and their parents were picking up the packets that help explain what they need to know as these seniors prepare to submit college applications, graduate and begin looking ahead to a whole new phase of their lives. I was there, of course, to encourage them to buy a Graduation Walkway Brick and explained that such sales were a primary means of the Association's raising funds for scholarships and publication of *The ECHO*. We made some sales, but more importantly, with the venue being outside on the Graduation Walkway, rather than inside in the cafeteria, it was significantly easier to "show the product" and to tie-in the tradition those young people will become a part of next June. Since then we have more than doubled the initial sales and our hope is that the Class of 2012 will be one of the best represented ever as they parade over those bricks next June to receive their well-earned diplomas. Details on how to order a brick can be found on page 7 of this issue of *The ECHO*, or at our website at www.wyominghighschoolalumni.com.

For those who have yet to join that tradition, please consider doing so within the next month or two. When you do so, you will join your classmates in honoring the school system that gave you such an excellent start in life. Your support will help ensure that the Wyoming High School Alumni Association can continue to keep in touch with you, your classmates, and more than 6,000 other WHS alumni. Even as important, it will help us continue the tradition of awarding at least two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors each spring. Biographies on this year's recipients, Christian Matthew Bellman and Molly Elizabeth Holthus, can be found on page 6.

Another way to support the Association's work is by becoming a Lifetime Member. About 600 alumni have done so to date. Even more encouraging, many continue to make additional contributions annually. As with the purchase of a Graduation Walkway Brick, you can complete your Lifetime Membership application by going to our website as noted above, or using the form on page 7.

Our thanks to the more than 500 alumni who already have elected to receive their future issues of *The ECHO* electronically either by responding to the prompt on our home page, or via our new *Facebook* link. A notice of the availability of each future issue will be e-mailed to you and posted on *Facebook*. As with other such electronic links, all you will have to do is click on the appropriate "url" link. Thank you for helping us keep one another connected!

Jon B. Boss – Class of 1954
jboss@fuse.net

NOW I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP....

When you come to town for a reunion or to visit family and friends there are two new places to rest your head when the family home is full up! Wyoming has its first Bed & Breakfast at 272 Compton Road (corner of Compton and Mt. Pleasant). Some of you elder statesmen & women might know it as the Martin Low House. It was Mr. Low who transformed a farm house to the columned structure most of us recognize today. The Rettig Family purchased the house in 1954 and lived there for 55 years until selling to Anne Black. After much renovation the Twins B&B is now open for business with three bedrooms each with private bath. The web site will be up soon. To make reservations call (513)821-0240. The B&B is named after Anne's two children who, obviously, are twins!



Twins B&B

Glendale's Village Square is home to a boutique hotel, The Glendalia. The six suites with kitchens are on the 2nd floor above shops on the south side of the square. You can check out this home-away-from home at www.theglendalia.com and make reservations at 513-376-9645. The General Manager is former long time Wyoming resident Doris Marks Callis, mother of 2002 grad William Callis.

ECHO PRESERVED....

The Wyoming Historical Society has spent the summer digitizing all the back issues of the ECHO newsletter starting in 1985. This preserves the newsletter in PDF format. Thanks to Joyce Mueller '71 for her help with the scanning.

REFLECTIONS

Murray Reed '44 Minneapolis, MN

The ECHO's piece on the 150th anniversary of Wyoming was of great interest to me -historically and personally. I had not known of Mr. Reily, the early settler who convened a committee of some twenty residents of the not-yet-named area, for the purpose of choosing a name. Half the committee nominated "Wyoming," recalling a pleasant area of Pennsylvania through which many of them had passed. The other half suggested a well known Biblical city. The Chair cast the tie breaker and Wyoming it was.

Now the personal connection: After graduating from WHS in '44, I went off to Yale and completed a year before being drafted in May, '45. After service, I returned to Yale, graduated and went on to do some graduate work in Psychology at U. of Cincinnati before going on to the U. of MN to complete the doctorate. While doing some study at the Dept of Psychiatry at UC I met Mary Richards, a highly regarded social worker in a highly regarded Department of Psychiatry. It was -and is- a great match! Mary grew up in the small Nebraska town of Hebron. We often visited her parents who were born and lived all their days there.

The name half of Mr. Reily's committee voted to name our area? Hebron!

Bea Harvey Seebohm '47

The late Bea Harvey Seebohm '47 was honored in September by the Hamilton County Park District for all her efforts to secure funding for the draining and restoration of Sharon Lake at Sharon Woods Park. Bob Mason, Stewardship Manager with the Hamilton County Park District said "...But she was more than a money gatherer. She was a cheerleader." A plaque paying tribute to Bea and describing her legacy is at the harbor area of Sharon Lake.



Janet Yelton Teal '47 Burbank, CA

My daughter, Sharon, and I were back for a short visit this Spring to my former home on Pendery Avenue. We saw the high school and football field and did a 'flash back' when an acre of our property was sold to the school board to enlarge the area. The acre of property had been planted in alfalfa by my dad to feed our cow. What a thrill to see the facility as it is today - and a joy to know the spirit continues to help youth on their journey.

Emily Rauh Pulitzer AUX51 (St. Louis, MO) & Louis Rauh '54 (Cincinnati)

Raised in Woodlawn but attending Wyoming schools, Emily & Louis' parents Harriet & Frederick Rauh bought some wooded acreage and built a cinder block house designed by famed Cincinnati architect John Becker. The grounds were landscaped by A.D. Taylor of Cleveland who did the same for both the Pentagon and Union Terminal. The Rauh's sold in 1962 and the house changed hands a number of times, finally falling into ruin and close to demolition and the six-acre lot subdivided. A Woodlawn resident contacted Emily in St. Louis and Emily agreed to help restore the modern home. By the end of next year this incredible childhood home of Louis and Emily will be whole once again.

David Fischer '56 North Venice, FL

This is a remembrance about my classmate, Andy McDonald, '56, who passed away several weeks ago: If Wyoming is an apple tree, somehow alumni, whether well-traveled or not, never quite fall far from it. What is it about the pull of Wyoming? The Echo once ran a piece entitled "You Can Come Home Again" advising returning alums that they could re-visit the homes in which they grew up. But it's not about one's old homestead; it's about Wyoming, the place, and its people, particularly the graduates – even-non-graduates -- of Wyoming High. Somehow as the years accumulate, WHS alums melt into one, large, yes exclusive, extended family. We didn't hold a funeral for Andy. (Our Latin teacher, Ms. Williams, would confirm that the derivation of funeral is all about death.) Instead, we held a memorial service and reception afterward to celebrate the life of this remarkable classmate. What is it about the pull of Wyoming? The outpouring of love and remembrances of Andy must have spanned several decades of WHS alumni. You really had to have been there to appreciate it. Thanks, Andy.

John Lanser '67 Flint, MI

Married 37 years to Vicky. We have 3 children, all girls, all married, and 1 two-year old grandson. Working for G.M. for 36 years. Partying every chance I get and having lots of fun. Great job on the ECHO - keep up the good work.

Connie Bergstein Dow '69 Cincinnati, OH

I have a new book out. It's called, *One, Two, What Can I Do? Dance and Music for the Whole Day* (Redleaf Press, 2011), and is a movement book for teachers and caregivers of young children. It is structured around the child's day and offers ideas for movement for everything from greetings, circle games, large motor skill development, addressing learning standards, to good-bye activities. The book includes a double CD of original children's music.

Bernie Barre '70 & Tom Crosby '70 Cincinnati, OH

On September 22, 2011 the Cincinnati Enquirer included an article titled "Friendship that goes the distance." The article recalls the more than 50 year friendship between Wyoming's head football coach Bernie Barre '70 and his classmate and Tom Crosby head coach at Mariemont. Between them they have over 70 years of coaching. But it's more than that. They went to the same college, were in each other's weddings, vacation together, and bet a dinner on the outcome of their football rivalry.

Andy Howe '75 Atlantic Beach, FL

Andy is head of Cranewoods Development LLC. He spends most of his time working as a consultant to developers and lenders trying to reach deals for projects affected by the real estate boom and bust. His work brought him back to Cincinnati - if only for a short time - to work on 2 condo projects, one in East Walnut Hills and another downtown.

Byron Todd Jones '75 St. Paul, MN

Whether you call him Byron or Todd, this Wyoming grad is currently serving as the acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. B. Todd Jones is a graduate of Macalester College and the University of Minnesota Law School. He is a former Marine and was the U.S. Attorney for Minnesota!

Dr. Gary Kirsh '76 Cincinnati, OH

Gary is president of The Urology Group, a private practice with more than 30 physicians. They are building a facility in Norwood which, when completed in late 2012, will be one of the largest independently owned and operated urology centers in the nation.

Brian Quinn '04 Denver, CO

Brian has been transferred to Denver as part of his employment with CINTAS: The Service Professionals.

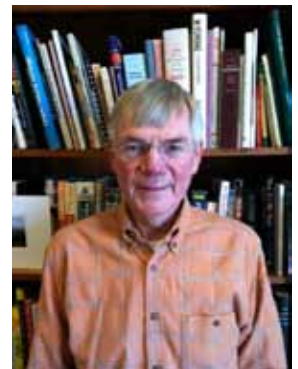
A SMALL BLIP ON THE RADAR SCREEN OF HISTORY....

It's 1978. You are a cardiologist at a hospital in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A call comes from the ER that your skills are needed. Soon that emergency is over and the patient - hospital bound for several weeks as was the practice at that time - asks your opinion. This patient is a budding politician. Running at that time for the House of Representatives from the State of Wyoming. What do you say when he asks if he should continue his campaigning or not?

This cardiologist is Rick Davis '57. The patient is now former Vice-President Dick Cheney. The answer he gave and the one he would have given anyone in that same position is "Go for it". Rick's belief is that if it makes you happy you will be better off in the long run.

So if you are reading Dick Cheney's book "In My Time" and you get to page 120 and see the above story and see both Rick's name and that of his wife, Ibbey Potter Davis '57...you will know that it really is the Rick and Ibbey that you know from Wyoming High School.

Would Dick Cheney have gotten off the campaign trail and lived a simpler life if his Doctor had said to do it? That's a question that will remain forever unanswered!



REUNIONS 2012

CLASS OF 2006 - 5 YEAR REUNION

James Horn has put together a reunion for November 25th, 2011, 7-11 PM at the Wyoming Golf Club. Price is \$15 and includes appetizers and 2 drinks. Cash bar. Contact James at james.horn11@gmail.com or (513)519-9663.

CLASS OF 1952 - 60 YEAR REUNION

The Class of 1952 is having a 60th reunion the weekend of June 8-10. Contacts are Hugh McDiarmid, hughmcdiarmid@yahoo.com, (248)852-0681 and Nancy McCue, marleste@aol.com, 513-761-0222. Friday night everyone will be at the Round-Up. Saturday will include graduation and dinner at the golf club.

CLASS OF 1957 - 55 YEAR REUNION

The class of 1957 is considering having a 55th reunion June 8-10, 2012 and needs your input to determine the amount of interest among classmates. If you would be interested in attending please let Terry Marty know. Contact Terry at terrygmarty@yahoo.com or 1-800-452-9211 x207 as soon as possible.

CLASS OF 1960

The Class of 1960 is gathering for a dinner on Friday, December 2nd, at Sorrento's on Reading Road in Reading. Please contact Melinda Mathews Wahl to make reservations. Also, if you are interested in a Mid-reunion this June contact Melinda (937)783-2488 or hmwahl@frontier.com.

CLASS OF 1962 - 50 YEAR REUNION

The class of 1962 is holding their 50 year reunion on June 8-10, 2012. For those arriving on Thursday the 7th...there will be a gathering at the Century Inn that evening. Friday the 8th will be the Round-Up at the Wyoming Golf Club, 7-11PM. Saturday is graduation at about 6:30 at the Pendery High School. After you lead the processional you will leave to attend dinner at the Wyoming Golf Club. Sunday there will be a brunchish picnic. Locations for most events have yet to be determined. If you have any suggestions for additional activities, or wish to organize one please let us know.

Go to the web site and let your committee know if you are considering coming so they know the approximate number of people and can choose a venue that is appropriate. Keep checking your web site for reunion details... <http://www.evensens.us/wyoming/wyoming62.html>. Contact: Mary Melville, marymmelville@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1972 - 40 YEAR REUNION

The 40th reunion of the Class of 1972 will be held the weekend of July 21-22, 2012.

The Friday night venue has yet to be selected. Saturday will start with breakfast at the bakery, walking tours of both the Middle School and the Pendery High School, followed by lunch at Gabby's (formerly Sanders Pharmacy). There is a possibility of golf in the afternoon. Saturday night's dinner will be at the Wyoming Golf Club.

SCHOLARSHIP.....

The 2011 recipients of the alumni scholarship are Christian Bellman and Molly Holthus. And once again each of these graduates excelled in the classroom and the community. Christian Bellman, chosen as the Dorothy Spreen Schierenbeck Scholarship winner, was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, Cum Laude Society, carried a 4.39 GPA and served as the "go to" tech person at home, at school, just about anywhere someone needed help with computers and technology issues. Chris created a swim team slide show and sold it with the proceeds going to the team. He was part of the crew for the Corral Variety Show. He served as a tech for the Theatre Arts Department. He set up the scoreboard animations for home football and soccer games. And if that wasn't enough, he started his own computer business in 6th grade with clients such as Gabby's Restaurant and Design to Market. Chris is attending Ohio State this Fall.



Chris Bellman

The Sherry Sheffield Scholarship went to Molly Holthus, also a member of Spanish Honor Society and Cum Laude Society. An athlete on both the swim team and golf team, Molly also excels in band and orchestra and was a member of the Wyoming Marching Cowboys serving as the field commander. Molly served on Student Council all 4 years and was student body VP her senior year. She also was involved in the Corral show and worked on the yearbook all 4 years. Outside of school she volunteered at Valley Interfaith, Project LEAD and for Kinderveldt and the Wyoming Art Show. Her work experience includes coaching 9-10 year old swimmers, babysitting and being a cashier and hostess in a local restaurant. Molly is attending the University of Evansville majoring in physical therapy.

DUES

(All donations are tax deductible)

Please use a separate sheet to tell us what's new.

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FIRST NAME: _____ MIDDLE: _____ MAIDEN NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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ECHO by email

It is through your dues that we can produce the ECHO and maintain the web site.

We thank you for your support.

Fill out this form and send in your dues today.

STEP INTO HISTORY

Have your name and year of graduation engraved on a brick for our Graduation Walk. Return this completed order form and a tax-deductible check for \$50 made payable to WHSAA. Bricks are placed in the walk only once a year. For your brick to be in place for the June graduation ceremonies, your order must be received by April 1st.

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If purchased as a gift, a gift card will be sent to the recipient at the following address:

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WHAT A GREAT GRADUATION GIFT!

THE WYOMING AVENUE BUILDING....

You may have heard that the Board of Education has been discussing ways to improve the Wyoming Avenue school building currently serving as the Middle School (5-8 grades). Save all, save part, build new and every possibility in between has been discussed. After 4 years of surveys, community meetings, and architectural renderings, an effective design that will be offered to residents - probably in next year's spring election. Recognizing its historic importance to the community, most of the existing building will be saved. The gyms and band room will be removed and new venues built. Many of the existing rooms will be re-purposed to fit today's educational needs for science, math, engineering, technology, and the fine arts. Hallways will be widened by taking out one side of lockers. A new driveway will go from Wyoming Ave to Worthington and a secure entrance and student drop off will be constructed on that west side of the building. The new gym will have seating enough for all 650 plus students at one time. The Marble Staircase will receive much needed repair.

We will keep you advised as to the progress of the levy and the plans in future issues.

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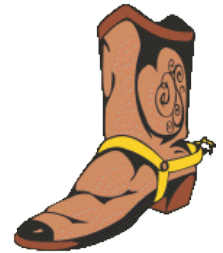
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Membership...make it for life

A NOTE FROM WHS PRINCIPAL AARON MARSHALL...

Wyoming High School continues to build on its tradition of success. While still offering a variety of Advanced Placement, Honors and college prep classes, we've introduced new courses like Chinese and Aerospace Engineering over the last year. Additionally, the use of Blackboard, a learning management system, continues to transform classroom instruction in that teachers and students can communicate and interact collaboratively online at any point during the day or evening. A goal of WHS is to meet the needs of the students while still maintaining the core principles of our excellent legacy. As our mantra states, Wyoming High School is a place "where excellence becomes a way of life".



MULTITASKING ON A FRIDAY NIGHT...

This photo captures a typical sight in Wyoming over the past decade and is emblematic of how deeply involved our current students are in extracurricular activity. Junior Trey Maxam (left), son of Kate Allen Maxam '83, is one of three football players that can be seen marching at halftime this year. Trey loves his busy Friday nights and is appreciative that his coaches and band director support his interests in participating in both. The beauty of a small school is that you don't have to choose between band and football!

CONTINUED EXCELLENCE...

Wyoming High School continues to have reason to celebrate. The Washington Post and Newsweek rated WHS #92 and #86 respectively among the top 100 public high schools in the nation. The class of 2011 had 175 grads with over half earning Honors diplomas. Of those 175, 161 are attending 4-year college, 6 are attending 2-year college, 2 are deferring college, 5 are working and 1 entered the military. UC and Ohio State University were the most popular college choices. Also the Cowboys and girls won their 11th straight CHL All-Sports Cup.



Photo by Rod Apfelbeck