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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Alumni:

Fall is slowly changing the seasons from the enjoyable warmth of summer weather to prepare us for winter snow. A time of transition is taking place. The same can be said for the Alumni Association. The By-Laws of the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association that were amended in March 23. 2011 of Article VI-Officers, Paragraph 6.03, so states that "The Vice President shall at the annual membership meeting, following his or her election to such office automatically ascend to the office of President." I would like to Thank Jack James for his hard work and leadership for the past four years as President.

As for Jack and the many Alumni members who were dedicated to forming the Alumni Association, they will not be denied their dream. I would like to say to everyone involved in making the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association, which is a truly a wonderful organization, Thank You.

I have some really big shoes to fit into and with the help of the newly elected officers and some new Board of Director members, I want to keep Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association moving forward.

At Vice-President is Ray Tracy from the class of 1966. Mary Grace Baker-Luff class of 1960 is taking over as Secretary, replacing John McArthur, who is going back to the Board of Directors. Treasurer is being handled by Dorothy Wedge, from the class of 1975. Dorothy is replacing Norma Marshall who is also going back to the Board.

New on the Board of Directors is Bill Falkner from the class of 1963, Bruce Newton from the class of 1965, Sandy Jastremski from the class of 1975 and Kimberly Alexander from the class of 2011. Stepping down from the Board of Directors is Ken Kenney, class of 1958, Sullivan Fitzgerald, class of 2009, and James Oddy, class of 2010. We appreciate all of your support and wish you the best in your endeavors. We will miss you.

When I look back at what the Alumni Association did the first year in 2008, with four scholarships awarded, with a total value of two thousand dollars and a mini-grant program of fifteen hundred dollars, we were very proud. For the class of 2011, twelve scholarships were awarded for a total value of ninety five hundred dollars and a mini-grant program that might exceed last year's request of three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

We have just completed the Distinguished Alumni Program for 2011 by inducting Ann Johnston, class of 1958, W.Hall Wendel, class of 1961, Gary Baker, class of 1970, and Todd Freishlag, class of 1984. The latest class makes fifteen members that have been inducted into the Lewiston-Porter Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Ann, Gary and Todd gave some very inspiring words to the future graduates of Lewiston-Porter at the assembly and visited some of the classrooms in the afternoon.

Hall Wendel was unable to attend the Third Annual Induction Ceremony, but I was able to catch up with Hall at the class of 1961, 50th class reunion. There, I was able to present Hall with his certificate and Lancer Pin, recognizing him as a Distinguished Alum

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From the desk of the Principal

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Dear Alumni,

The winds of November are blowing, the holidays are just around the corner and life at Lewiston-Porter is in full swing. As I write to you, I am pleased to let you know that November 13th-17th Lewiston-Porter High School will have hosted an International Water and Science Forum. At Lewiston-Porter we are extremely proud of this venture onto the international secondary science scene. In 2009, we attended the International Water Forum in Moriyama City, Japan. The IWF was an amazing experience for all involved, most importantly, it opened Lewiston-Porter High School to the International Science Consortium. We were scheduled to attend the 2011 Forum in Shizuoku City, Japan, however, due to the uncertainty around student safety with the March 2011 tsunami, we were unable to attend. Our friends in Japan graciously asked if they could bring a smaller delegation of students to Lewiston-Porter to conduct a mini IWF. We were happy to oblige. The IWF is a great experience for our entire school community. In 2014 we hope to host the full IWF at Lewiston-Porter. This could bring 500-600 students and teachers to Lewiston-Porter to discuss international water resource issues. This is cutting edge education at its best. I am extremely proud of our faculty, students and community at Lewiston -Porter.

The 2011-12 school year has gotten off to a very busy start. Our International Studies program welcomed students from our partner schools in Padova, Italy and Lubeck, Germany. At the same time, Lewiston-Porter students traveled to partner schools in Argentina and France. Homecoming 2011 went off in fine fash-

Lew-Port Distinguished Alumni Award Nomination Form

Do you have a classmate or fellow alumni that you would like to see as a Lew-Port Distinguished Alumni?

Please use this form to nominate your candidate, the induction will be held homecoming weekend of October 2012.

> Nomination Deadline April 30, 2012

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ion. Amidst all the festivities and school spirit we inducted our third class of nominees into the Lewiston-Porter Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. Congratulations and a huge thank you goes out to Ann Johnston -Class of 1958, W. Hall Wendel - Class of 1961, Gary Baker – Class of 1970 and Todd Freischlag - Class of 1984. The Distinguished Alumni ceremony has become a very special event at the school. To watch these outstanding individuals spend a day on our campus, interacting and role modeling for our students is truly magical. The link between past, present and future is palpable. Kudos to Ray Tracy, Doug Diez and the entire LPAA Distinguished Alumni committee for this outstanding program.

The teaching and learning process continues to be at the forefront of our work at Lewiston -Porter High School. As I have developed in previous articles, Lewiston-Porter has seen great gains in student academic performance over the past five to seven years. It is interesting to note that this rise in academic success has coincided with the development and overwhelming support of the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association. The Lewiston-Porter

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ni. We were especially honored to have him.

I would like to Thank Ray Tracy and Paul Casseri, for the wonderful Induction Ceremony. I would also like to Thank Sue Ann Ross, Marilyn Clayton, JoAnn Anklebaur and Marcy McGrath for inviting me to speak at the 50th reunion of the class of 1961. Many memories were shared at the Induction Ceremony and the class of 61 reunion. We were honored to have Mr. Douglas Monroe, Chorus Director, come to the Distinguished Alumni Induction Ceremony to honor Gary Baker. Also, at the class of 61 reunion, a tape was played with the Four Porters singing. Those involved in the Four Porters were Hall Wendel, Rich King, Jim Spacone and Blair McEvoy. This was a real "Blast from the Past."

Until next time, Doug

Alumni Association has supported significant scholarship opportunity, student academic and cultural activities and offered great role modeling for our school community. There are so many aspects to the development of a focused educational organization. Schools are social organization. Schools build human capacity – they build the future. It is often difficult to quantity school success. One thing is for certain; success at Lewiston-Porter would not be as pronounced if it were not for the tremendous support offered by the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association.

Special thanks and a message of overwhelming gratitude goes out to Col. Jack James '58. In September, Jack stepped aside as President of the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association and turned the reins over to Mr. Doug Diez. All of the great endeavors that have developed from the Association can find their spark with Jack. Jack's tenacity and outstanding leadership skills have allowed the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association to flourish. Jack and I met in my office in May of 2007 and from that meeting has developed an organization that is deeply committed to the success of the Lewiston-Porter Central Schools. The Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association provides the bridge from past to present and then a vision for the future. Thank you Jack, for all you have done and continue to do to support our school community. Your advice and guidance has made Lewiston-Porter a strong and vibrant school district.

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Well, a busy November, December is in the horizon. The James H. Walker Basketball Tournament in early December means a new class of candidates will be inducted into the Lewiston-Porter Athletic Hall of Fame. Our Holiday Concert, a combined Orchestra, Band and Choir concert will be performed on December 21st at 7:00 pm in the high school auditorium. Over the weekend of January 13th, 14th and 15th the Lewiston-Porter music department will perform Beauty and the Beast in our high school auditorium. Performances on Friday and Saturday begin at 7:00 pm and on Sunday there will be a 2:00 pm matinee. Please come out and enjoy these great musical performances. I hope all alumni have a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

> Paul J. Casseri High School Principal



Mini Grant Winners from 2010 made a presentation to the LPAA Board on the success of their project to the Lewiston-Porter students. Middle School Math teachers, Colleen Duffy and Sharon George where pleased with the results they were able to received with the instant response to questions. Chemistry teachers, Kristen Gresko and Shelly Hinchliffe reported that their passing success rate in regents went from 78% to 90 %. Mary Ellen Aurelli demonstrated the "playway" she purchased for the Intermediate Education Center Library.

Find us on the Web: www.lew-port.com/alumni with our dropdown link for the LPAA thanks to Joe Lauzonis.



Hall Wendel Class of 1961



Gary Baker, Class of 1971

W. Hall Wendel Jr. Class of 1961

Hall earned a BS/EE from the United States Naval Academy in 1966, entered the Navy's Nuclear Power Program, serving from 1966-70. He was a Nuclear Weapons Officer on a Guided Missile Cruiser, received two letters of commendation and was nominated for early promotion to lieutenant. Hall received his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1972.

Hall joined Polaris snowmobile division Textron as a Sales Administrator in 1972 and was named President/CEO in 1980. In 1981, he and a group of managers acquired Polaris from Textron in a leveraged buyout. Polaris was listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1987. In his twenty-one years as CEO, he took Polaris from sales of \$20 million to \$2 billion. He expanded and balanced Polaris from just snowmobiles to ATVs, motorcycles, jet skis, and industrial products. Hall turned over the CEO position in 1999 and retired in 2002 as Chairman.

Hall has been very generous with his fortune. He established a \$5 million Wendel Foundation in 1986 later expanding to Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN, Miami, FL and Maine. Hall donates 5% annually for education and development of underprivileged inner city youth. In 2011, he donated \$1.5 million to Harlem Children's Zone, launching an ongoing college scholarship fund for HCZ's Promise Academy Charter School.

Hall also made his mark in medical research with a huge donation to the Mayo Clinic of \$27.5 Million to what will now be called the "Mayo Clinic W. Hall Wendel, Jr. Musculoskeletal Center." He had a lot of work done at Mayo, including knee and shoulder replacement surgeries. "I liked the idea of finding new solutions to old problems using the high-tech medical devices now available."

When the Plymouth-Miami Congregational Church in Coconut Grove, FL needed \$500,000, Hall, a bass in their choir, offered to match, dollar for dollar, any gifts made by choir members or given in honor of any aspect of their music program up to \$50,000.

The more exciting side of Hall is his hobbies. It was reported in 2008 that Hall was among an expedition of hardy mountaineers who tackled Cho Oyu, Everest's neighbor and the world's sixth highest peak. During this climb he faces his own limitations, hobbled by bursitis in his left knee. Hall was the 23rd person in the world to climb the highest Mountains on seven continents (seven summits). These seven summits are: Everest, Aconcagua, Denall, Killmanjaro, Elvira's, Vinson Massif, Cartons Pyramid, and Kosciuszko.

Hall won the 1991 sailing race from Newport to Bermuda. In 2004, he sailed 15,000 miles in ten months from Miami, FL to Sydney, Australia on a 60 foot sloop, Integrity. He also raced cars with Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) for ten years and ran in six marathons (Boston, New York City, Marine Corps, et al.).

Gary Baker Class of 1970

Gary launched his recording career with Muscle Shoals' famed LeBlanc and Carr band, performing on their Top 10 hit "Falling." He wrote and recorded with artists ranging from Mac Davis to Marie Osmond before becoming a member of Muscle Shoals' hit country act, The Shooters. Alabama's charttopping "Once Upon a Lifetime" marked his first No. 1 hit as a songwriter.

Gary Baker refuses to rest on his laurels. Even though he's earned a Grammy Award and created two of the music industry's best-selling crossover hits, the multi-talented singer, songwriter and producer from Muscle Shoals, Alabama, prefers focusing on future projects and fresh musical horizons. "I have one goal – to keep it all going and keep writing from the heart," says Baker, who garnered a gold Grammy statuette for 1994's multi-million-selling smash "I Swear," a tender testament of true love co-written with Frank J. Myers. "That song tapped into something universal – a person expressing undying devotion to the person they love," Baker believes. "Generations from now, that song will still be around – I really believe that."

Few songwriters experience a success of the "I Swear" magnitude even once in their career. Baker, however, recaptured that songwriting magic when he and Myers collaborated with Richie McDonald on a second musical masterpiece called "I'm Already There." "I feel very lucky," Baker observes. "I've been in the right place at the right time a whole bunch of times."

Released in 2001, Lonestar's "I'm Already There" single remained No. 1 on the country charts for seven weeks before crossing as a Top 5 pop smash. The song – which deals with a husband and father who misses his wife and children while he's forced to be away from home – proved to be an inspiring and comforting favorite among servicemen and their families. "Those lyrics really struck a chord with an awful lot of people," Baker maintains. "To me, it means more to me than any song I've ever written – that's because I wrote it for my wife and kids."

Since the success of "I Swear," Baker has been honored by the Country Radio Music Awards, the Country Music Awards, the Academy of Country Music Awards, American Songwriter Magazine, the American Music Awards, NSAI, ASCAP and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame. His versatility in pop and country has enabled him to work with pop superstars Nick Lachey, Jessica Simpson and the Backstreet Boys (who scored a No. 1 hit with Baker's" Anywhere for You") as well as country favorites like Lonestar, Reba McEntire and LeAnn Rimes.

Baker and his wife, Amanda, live with their two sons, Brett and Cole, on the majestic bluffs overlooking the scenic Tennessee River in the Muscle Shoals region of northwest Alabama.



Ann Johnston Class of 1958

Ann Johnston Class on 1958

Ann is a charter member of the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association. She graduated from Bryant & Stratton Business Institute with a degree in Secretarial Studies. Her corporate career included Olin Mathieson High Energy Fuel Plant and Harrison Radiator General Motors Corporation.

Ann's priorities in life have always been family, work, and community involvement. When she became a mother she left the world of work to raise her four children: Janice Previte, Daryl Johnston, JoAnn Allender and Derek Johnston. While her children were attending Lew-Port, Ann was active in both Lew-Port Youth Football and the Niagara Pioneer Soccer League in the early days of their establishment. Ann served as a board member, cheerleader adviser and statistician for Lew-Port Youth Football and as a coach, coach liaison and board member for Niagara Pioneer. Ann has always been a strong advocate of athletics, the life lessons they teach and the character they build. It was through her efforts and determination to make sure that girls were provided equal opportunities in athletics that Niagara Pioneer expanded their registration to include girls in the mid-70s and that Lew-Port created the first girls soccer team in 1979---accomplishments which countless female athletes of Lew-Port have benefitted from

During the mid-70's Ann worked as a substitute teachers' aid and in various clerical positions at Lewiston-Porter. Ann's kind and compassionate personality made her a favorite of students. After leaving Lew-Port in June 1980 she returned to full-time employment at Niagara County Community College as a typist in the President's Office, Counseling Center and as a Senior Typist in the Humanities Division. In 1990 she graduated with High Distinction from NCCC with a degree in Liberal Arts Humanities/Social Science. After earning this degree Ann was promoted to Technical Assistant responsible for transfer students and career exploration. Ann was selected as the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Support Services in 1988. Ann worked as an Admission Adviser, a job that put her back working with students. Ann was always eager to provide advice and support to her students and made a positive impact on many of their lives during the sometimes difficult transition from high school to college.

Today Ann is still actively involved in our community selflessly giving countless hours of her time. She is a member of the Lew-Port Alumni Association assisting with the newsletter and membership, the Lewiston Choraleers, the Youngstown Recreation Commission, the Youngstown Historical Society and a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown where she has also served as an Elder, Sunday School Teacher, choir member and Vacation Bible School recreation leader. Ann was one of eight women who were responsible for creating the 1812 Bicentennial Art of Peace Garden in Falkner Park in Youngstown which was dedicated in August 2011.

"If you have something that needs to get done or a wrong that needs to be righted, assign it to Ann Johnston and it will be taken care of." Daughter JoAnn Johnston Allender

Todd Freischlag Class 1984



Todd has accrued a very impressive career as a Navy Seal. After graduating from San Diego State University with a B.A. in Anthropology and a minor in Ecology, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1991. In 1992, Todd graduated as Honor Man for class 183 at Basic Underwater Demolition/Seal Training. He completed Basic Airborne Jump School and reported to Seal Team TWO where he was assigned as a platoon point man and deployed to the European area of operations.

Todd was accepted to Officer Candidate School in 1995 and commissioned as an Ensign. His next tour of duty was to USS Juneau as an engineering officer before he was deployed to the Western Pacific/Persian Gulf before transferring back to Naval Special Warfare. Todd has served through eight deployments: three to the Middle East, two to Europe, one to Afghanistan and two to Iraq rising through the ranks as an Assistant Platoon Commander, Platoon Commander, and joining SEAL Team Four as Operations Officer. In 2008 on his last deployment to Iraq, he served as SEAL Team FOUR Executive Officer. Reporting to Naval War College in 2009, Todd was awarded a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

He is currently serving as the Commanding Officer of the Naval Special Warfare Advanced Training Command. Todd has been awarded two Bronze Stars, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and numerous campaign and unit awards. Todd and his wife, Karen have two sons, Konrad, 9 and Slater, 5. They reside in Coronado, CA.

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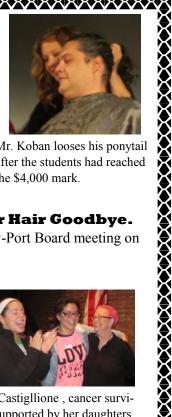
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Principal Cuddy-Miller introduces Hannah Mergi the 6th grade poster



Jennifer Lantzas buzzes Donald Allender.



Mr. Koban looses his ponytail after the students had reached the \$4,000 mark.

Cancer Society Fund Raiser at the Lew-Port Middle School—Kiss Your Hair Goodbye. Mr. Scinta presented a \$7,000 check to the American Cancer Society at the Lew-Port Board meeting on November 18, 2011



Mr. Scinta the organizer of the event.



Twenty-two students participated.



Mrs. Castigllione, cancer survivor, supported by her daughters had her little pink fuzz buzzed.



Lancer Memory Lane and Courtyard

The Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association is proud to announce the creation and development of Lancer Memory Lane and Courtyard. The Lane and Courtyard have been constructed of beautifully engraved bricks designed to enhance Harry Blakeslee Stadium. This is your opportunity to honor Alumni, Faculty, Family, Friends and Community Partners by purchasing the tribute bricks, making them part of Lewiston-Porter History. We have several pricing options. All proceeds support the many initiatives underway with your Alumni Association. These include scholarships, teacher minigrants and freshman orientation. All programming is in support of the success and achievement of students in the Lewiston-Porter Central Schools.

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John Renouf And Ron Eydt



Pat Doyle, Bill Red Irving, and Rich King catch up on the last 50 years since leaving Lew-Port.



LPAA President Doug Diez presents Hall Wendel with his Distinguished Alumni Certificate & pin at the Brickyard Friday night mixer.

Class of 1961 50th Reunion

The Class of '61 held a 50th Reunion September 7 and 8th, 2011. This event was a wonderful success. Many class members from all over the United States gathered with friends from the area to share high school memories.

Doug Diez, President of the L-P Alumni Association and Nancy Orsi, supporting Alumni Association member, shared information at both events. This will help the awareness and growth for our Alumni Association. Hall Wendel was presented the "Distinguished Alumni Award" by Doug Diez on Friday night.

The reunion was a meaningful way to renew old connections. Ron Eydt, from Tennessee, joined his brothers in Lewiston for a long awaited gettogether. They all joined us. Sue Shaw, from California, arranged her 'family reunion' in Youngstown, and they joined us. It was a marvelous time to re-unite.

John Swieca, from VA, wrote, "I want to give all of you a big thank you for organizing the reunion. I know a lot of time and work went into the effort and it was really appreciated. Both venues, the Brickyard and Water Street Landing, did a great job and each was exactly appropriate for its intended function. Bev and I had a great weekend and we just wish there was more time to talk with more people."

The reunion was a wonderful celebration and a time to share memories and make re-connections.

Written by:

Sue Ann Maxon Ross



The Raby Racers are off and running.



First across the finish line is: Christian Peehler



Winners of the Raby Race: Amy Fakerowitz 17:47 Christian Peehler 16:28



The Raby Family Gary, Jr., Tatyana, Jennifer, Darlene, & Coach Gary, Sr.



The Brass Monkees entertain the crowd at the Raby Race. All are Lew-Port

students

Jason Raby 5K Wrap-up

The 3rd Annual Jason Raby Memorial 5K Run and Fun Walk was held on Friday, August 12th with 139 runners and walkers participating. The overall winner was Christian Peehler with a time of 16:28 and the female winner was Amy Faborowitz with a time of 17:47. LPAA was grateful to the many Lew-Port students, alumni, and employees who participated in this endeavor to raise monies to support LPAA projects.

This year Lew-Port's own The Brass Monkeys performed through the evening. Thanks to the many sponsors and patrons for their support again this year that helped make the 5K a huge success.

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wich Shop

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LEWISTON-PORTER BUILDERSE

Meet Nathaniel Swanson "Nate" an honor student in the 8th grade. Nate is very active in school clubs. He is a member of the builders Club, Future City and Aeronautics, and the National Junior Society.

Middle School News by Nate Swanson

Fall is here and winter is just around the corner! Seems just yesterday we were walking in on the first day of school. Things at the Middle School couldn't be going better so far. The 6th graders are adjusted to the change from elementary to middle school. The 7th graders just went on their field trip to the zoo and have completed their cell cakes. The 8th graders are having a great year as well. We recently had the "Kiss Your Hair Goodbye fundraiser to raise money for cancer research. Teachers shaved their heads bald if the amount of money they wanted to raise was met. Some students also volunteered to shave their heads in support of cancer research. Builder's Club is continuing its outreach to community this year. We have already participated at the Peach Festival Food Tent, did the annual beach sweep at Fort Niagara and have started library story hours. In addition, we also helped at the Red Brick Halloween Party in Youngstown where there were snack, games and a costume parade. Great fun was had by all! Many more outreach events are planned this year for Builder's Club such as the Habitat for Humanity fundraiser.

Our new principal, Mrs. Cuddy-Miller, has begun her first full year at Lew-Port. She has high expectations for a great year. The Halloween Dance this year was a great success. We had fun with great food and snacks, fun and scary music, and other spooktacular events. As the end of the first marking period draws near, we here at the Middle School are bunkering down for a winter of learning and fun. LPAA Mini Grant Awards



Doug Diez with 2011 mini grant winners:

The Alumni Association Mini Grant Committee met in October to select the winners of this year's round of applications. Mary Grace Baker Luff, Judy Jarvis, Peggy Shear, Kay Collard, and Nancy Orsi worked diligently reviewing the applications and selecting the winners for the \$3500 budgeted for the grant awards. It was difficult because all ten of the applications were deserving of financial support, but we managed to fund six of the requests. The recipients and their grant titles were: Ann Marie Oliverio's "Motivating Reluctant Readers Using the Nook" for \$450.36; Heidi Kazulak's and Sue Hedemann's "Using Voice Recorders to Improve Reading Fluency' for \$422.80; Eileen O'Neil's, Vicki Way's, and Crystal Thomas' "Intel Reader-The Mobile Device That Reads Print Aloud" for \$1300; Brett Coppins' "Nikon D 3000 Digital Camera: for \$500; Teresa Sondek's " Newton's Law Lab Activities" for \$500; and Maria Wiepert's "Magnetic Mural-Legacy Wall" for \$327.

The grants went to teachers in the Primary, Intermediate, Middle and High School, so the money was spread across the district and would impact about 450 students this year. The grants are intended to enhance classroom instruction by supplementing what is normally allocated in the school budget. The association's fund raising and donations support this very worthwhile program. A presentation will be made to the Lewiston-Porter Board of Education on November 15, 2011 by Doug Diez, LPAA's President and Nancy Orsi, Chairperson of the Mini Grant Committee. The Alumni Association has received much positive feedback from the teachers over the last three years and plan on continuing the program with the hope that we may be able to increase the amount of money awarded each year. A big thank you is extended by the MiniGrant Committee to the people who have donated to the Association and all the individuals, merchants, and businesses who have supported the fund raising activities.

Written by: Nancy Orsi

Principal Andy Auer climbs to the roof of IEC for a F r i d a y work day. Photo by: Janet Schultz



Intermediate Education Center students put Principal Andy Auer on the roof of the IEC for a full day of work. This project is through Parents As Reading Partners. In September, Mr. Auer challenged his students to read 125,000 pages and although he is afraid of heights he would climb to the roof and come back down. By October 11th, they had read 102,000 pages and by October 13th they were at 113,000.

The students were making great progress so with Superintendent Chris Roser in agreement Mr. Auer would spend an entire day on the roof if the students could get 130,000 pages completed over the weekend. On Monday, the students reported reading 143,000 pages. So Principal Auer spent a Friday on the roof of IEC with his portable computer and cell phone.

The Primary had their own challenge for the PARP with the winning class getting a story read by Principal Larson dressed as a character from a book of her choice. The second graders were the winners of the contest but the kindergartners were just a few pages short. In the spirit of the contest, Mrs. Larson read to both grades in costume.

2011 Athletic Hall of Fame

Lewiston-Porter will hold the Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner Friday December 2, 2011 at the Como Restaurant. Cash bar to start at 5:30 dinner at 6:30. Tickets can be purchased at the door. HONORING

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For more information please contact Scott Townsend :

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Bill Vrooman, LPAA Board Member and Class of 1956

Bill Vrooman .Class of 1956 was honored on October 22nd as part of the Niagara Falls Sports Hall of Fame induction dinner. Bill lettered in basketball and baseball at Lewiston-Porter making four all-Niagara-Orleans League baseball teams. He starred for Simon Oil in the Double-Eye League between the ages of 15-23. The slick fielding shortstop and right handed line drive hitter was awarded a baseball scholarship to Syracuse. Settling in Westchester County he played slow-pitch softball and coached basketball and baseball.

He is a gentleman and scholar//athlete and was inducted in the Lewiston-Porter Hall of Fame. Bill is honored in the real estate world in the White Plains, N.Y. area. Apríl Wisniewski 1993



Sullivan 'Sully' Fitzgerald, Class of 2008 wins big on the "Price is Right." Syracuse University senior is now driving a new car. Sully is the son of Mike and Kelly George Firzgerald.



Susan Jakubowski, Class of 1969 at the Summer of '69 reunion recalled being the big winner on "Sale of the Century." Susan is pictured at the Senior High Library during a campus tour. Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association Lewiston-Porter Central School 4061 Creek Road Youngstown, NY 14174 Pre-Sorted Postage U.S. Postage Paid Non-Profit Organization Permit No. 25



SAVE THE DATE

Lewiston Porter Alumni Association is in the early stages of planning a huge celebration. On **October 6th 2012** we will commemorate two communities coming together to create what we all know as Lewiston-Porter Central School. Sixty years ago the seniors from Lewiston & Youngstown came together & participated in a graduation ceremony while the school was still under construction.

Currently the event will be "Black Tie Optional" and funds raised by this event will provide scholarships & mini grants for students and teachers. We will keep you updated as we continue to plan. Ticket information will be available April 2012. For the most current information please go to

www.lew-port.com/alumni, Dorothy Wedge Gala Chair



Is your class having a reunion in 2012? If so, LPAA would like to help. If you are a contact person for your class, please

<u>email: FlyingJP1S (a) aol.com</u> so we could assist you with your reunion.