

Adolph Louis Madaras

Adolph “Duff” Madaras was born in Raab, Hungary, July 8, 1911 and raised in Pemberville, Ohio. His family immigrated through Ellis Island and was quarantined for six weeks due to an outbreak of rheumatic fever. He spoke only Hungarian until attending school. He spent his early years helping the family in the fields as a migrant worker, with frequent changes of schools from Moline, to Martin to East Toledo to Bradner. He graduated from Pemberville High in 1929 where he played basketball and track.

Duff enrolled to Bowling Green State University at the age of 24. He would earn three letters in football (1937-38-39), basketball (1938-39-40) and track (1938-39-40) during his athletic career. He started at tackle on the Falcon football team for most of his three seasons despite never playing the sport until he began attending BGSU. He also started for most of his three seasons as a member of the basketball team finishing second on the team in scoring as both a sophomore and junior. He had his career high 211 points as a senior earning second team All Ohio Conference honors helping the Falcons to a 16-4 record, the best in the first 28 years of the program. He totaled 477 points for his career. Duff competed mostly in the field events as a member of the Falcon track team. He often competed in the high jump, pole vault, shot put and discus. He was captain of the 1940 squad setting a school record in the shot put. Duff was inducted as a member of the BGSU Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 1995.

Even with so much athletic success, college was not easy for Duff. He became discouraged and dropped out twice before eventually receiving his degree in 1940 at the age of twenty-eight. Uniquely, Duff’s brothers George and Steve graduated that same year from BGSU. It was a struggle to

stay in school during the Depression, with a \$1.00 food allowance for the week. Duff worked many side jobs to make ends meet. He organized the American Red Cross Swimming Program southeast of Pemberville at Gossett’s Quarry. There he taught swimming lessons. As an outstanding swimmer, he was well known in Bowling Green as the lifeguard at the City Pool for many summers. His first teaching/coaching position, for two years, was at Fayette High School prior to the outbreak of WW II. He then became a US citizen in 1940.

Duff enlisted in the Navy under the Gene Tunney Officer Training Program who was the former boxing heavyweight champion. In Norfolk, Virginia, he directed the aquatic program, which provided swimming lessons to all navy personnel. Duff earned the rank of Lieutenant before his discharge. After returning from military service, he was Boy Scout Master in Pemberville. He continued the Madaras self-sufficient farming life style, gardening, trapping and providing for the family.

A lifelong farmer, Duff taught school and coached at Pemberville High School and then taught at the newly consolidated Eastwood High School. He taught Industrial Arts, Mechanical Drawing and Health/ Physical Education. While at Pemberville, he coached basketball, baseball, and track. During the years, Duff also taught driver’s education and adult education classes, specializing in woodworking. Overall, Duff taught in the school system from 1946 until 1974.

Duff also believed in community involvement. He was a member of the American Legion Post 183 and a founding member of the Post 183 Calf Club, helping to build the original cattle barn. He taught adult swimming lessons and lifeguarded at the new Pemberville Pool in the 1960’s as well as umpired softball and baseball games at the legion ballpark. He was also a director of the Pemberville Elevator Association, charter member of the Wood

County Mental Health Board and devoted member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church.

Probably the best thing Duff ever did was marry June Adams in 1941. Duff and June met on a blind date in which Duff had a date with June's sister and June was the date of Duff's friend, Dale Booth. June moved to the farm from northeast Ohio only to share the running of the place with Duff's Hungarian speaking mother Gizella. With the death of Duff's father, Stephen, he returned to run the family farm. Surely, there were difficult moments for June but she managed to raise four children, Bill, Duff Jr., David and Anne all Eastwood graduates.

Education was a corner stone to all Madaras children. All of Duff's siblings received advanced training in various fields. As Duff and June's own children grew, June graduated from Bowling Green State University deciding to pursue an education career and taught fourth grade at Woodmore Schools until her retirement in 1978. Education and community involvement were always a top priority in the Madaras family.

Oldest son Bill studied welding and worked in die making at Libbey Owens Ford. He served as a Pemberville Freedom Fire Fighter for forty years and a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 183. Bill has two children; Lisa (Terry) and Eastwood graduate Adam (Cassy) and four grandchildren. Bill passed away in 2014, his wife Sheila survives.

Second son, Duff, a Bowling Green State University graduate, taught and coached at Liberty Center, Woodmore and Bowling Green City Schools for thirty-five years. He continues to coach track today and has the current Division I State pole vault champion. Duff married Tekla Walston and raised four children; Keith (Janet) current Eastwood High School biology teacher, Jody who worked for several years as Eastwood High School musical director, Kevin (Leslie) and Lindsay.

Duff has four grandchildren.

David graduated from Ohio Northern University, Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo. He served his country during the Vietnam Conflict as a combat infantry soldier, receiving the bronze star for his service. He taught for thirty-five years at Eastwood, Woodmore where he was also assistant principal and athletic director and principal at Bettsville Schools. David is a highly regarded track official serving in this position for forty years. He is married to Patricia DeVries. Presently, he is adjutant of the American Legion Post 183 and member of the Calf Club. He is also a member of the Pemberville Historical Society.

Anne also graduated from Bowling Green State University. She taught sixth grade at Eastwood Middle School for thirty years. She is actively involved in the community as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 183, Pemberville Historical Society and Pemberville Mental Culture Club. She also sings in the 50's group known as the Hot Flashes. Anne was awarded Pemberville's Outstanding Citizen in 2012. Anne and Dave Michel (current Eastwood School Treasurer) raised two children. Leslie is currently Pemberville Elementary Library Para-professional and high school musical director and DJ (Ashley) current Eastwood high school physical education teacher, track coach and weight room instructor. Leslie's husband Brian Myers is also the Eastwood High School Marching Band Director. Anne has two grandchildren.

Duff passed away in August of 1975 and June passed in 1987. His story is an American Dream story. Duff always had a devilish smile, a quick wit and a story to tell. Through his family, the legacy of education, community involvement and especially a story to tell continues...just ask one of us!

Adolph Madaras was nominated by Bill, Duff, and David Madaras and Anne Michel

Richard Lowrie

Richard “Dick” Earl Lowrie was born August 14, 1928 to Ada C. (Campbell) and Earl R. Lowrie in Lorain Ohio. His father, Earl, was superintendent of Industrial Arts at Lorain High School (1924-1944). Dick graduated from Lorain High School in 1946. Following graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy Air Corps. His rank from 1946-1948 was Parachute Rigger 1st Class.

Upon his return he entered Ohio Northern University under the GI Bill where he received his A.B. (Architectural Bachelors) and his B.A. in education in 1951. While in college he worked with the engineering department paving roads.

His career began with teaching in Alger High School teaching English, Speech and Business, (1951-52). He was also the baseball and basketball coach. He then went to Bucyrus High School (1952-1953) where he taught English and mathematics. He continued coaching and competed at state level and won with the baseball team. His career then moved him to Sulphur Springs High School where he taught mathematics and chemistry (1953-1954). Onto newly consolidated Convoy-Union Jr High School as Principal. He was also teaching history and Physical Education from 1954-1959. During his summers Dick followed in his father’s footsteps for the love of painting. This passion for painting and desire for details extended into his retirement years.

He furthered his education by finishing his masters from Indiana University in 1959 just before being sought out by Pemberville. The family moved here just days before the new school year began. “When I first came to Eastwood, I worked every night for three months talking to many people about the bond issue, and it finally passed. In the fall of 1961, we moved into a new building.” – Dick Lowrie

The first class of 1959-60 had 89 members and when he retired in 1979 as principal, the class had 180 members. During his twenty years as principal many changes were made. When additions were made to the new high school it took many more levies and countless hours of speaking engagements to gain community support. The new high school was added on to which took many additional levies and even more speaking engagements. Eastwood was always at the heart of whatever Dick was doing. As you read the following testimony from a member of the class of 1969, Dick exemplified not only great leadership but also great humanity to both students and their families.

Dick Lowrie – The Community Person

For those of you who are familiar with the Pemberville Community Free Fair, it was a part of Dick’s summer life. He was either selling tickets in the ticket booth, or counting money as he was treasurer of the fair board for many years. While spending many, many hours frying hamburgers at the Fair Board stand it gave him opportunities to speak to the community members about upcoming school issues and levies. Those were great days for him.

He felt strongly about giving to the community and did so by actively belonging to the Civic Club and the Lions Club. These strong organizations gave him more time to talk to members of the community about Eastwood.

Beginning in 1964 he donated many hours as a member and president of the library board prior to the new building. He was instrumental on the passing of the levy that provided Pemberville with the new library and establishing the library in Stony Ridge. Even into his retirement he continued to serve the libraries and communities as administrator and worked part-time ordering books and creating

work schedules. Dick was a member of the Freedom Post 183 of the American Legion and served as an Elder of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Dick Lowrie – Affiliations

In 1960 Dick was assigned as the Draft Board Representative for Eastwood which made him eligible to register 18 year old boys for selective services. At this time, there were only 6 Wood County representatives.

School year 1961-62 he was named Who's Who in American Education listing these affiliations: Toastmasters International, Ohio Education Association (OEA), National Education Association (NEA), National Association of School Administrators, American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Northwest Ohio Association of School Administrators, and Phi Delta Kappa, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Lambda Pi, fraternities. In 1972 Dick was named Ohio Principal of the Year which he received the honors at Ohio Northern University.

Dick's Responsibilities as Principal

Early on in Eastwood's history, the role of the high school principal involved wearing many different hats. Dick not only drove the roads early in the winter mornings to help decide whether or not the school would be open and safe for buses to travel, he also was in charge of calling for all substitute teachers. This took much of the early morning hours before the school day began. Once at school, Dick served as attendance officer and athletic director (he was required to be at every home game) and as more athletics sports were added to the schedule, this became a very long day for Dick. He was also in charge of all money brought in for every home game. He spent evenings counting and rolling the change and making the bank deposits.

Dick was the hall monitor. You could find him

any time as classes were dismissed, standing at the corners of the hallways. He would give smiles and nods or occasionally the stern look that told you without any words to straighten up and get to class. He would eat his lunch in the cafeteria with the students just to mingle and this also gave him the opportunity to see if any student looked like they needed to talk. He saw to it that no student went without a lunch.

There were rare occasions when Dick would find the piano in the auditorium and the hallways would sound with the boogie woogie jazz. One of his favorite past times was the piano and when the stress of the day would get to him, the piano was his release.

The time of Dick Lowrie as principal was before the day of computers. One of his tasks was to prepare the schedules for every class and every student in those classes. This entailed using file cards for each student – usually 5 or 6 cards per student. These were laid out across the dining room where Dick would do arrange each student's schedule to best benefit that student. What this meant was, once school began, he knew where every student should be all day long. What this meant to the family during this time of scheduling – was we were NOT allowed to pass through the dining room!!! Readers of this have no idea what those days were like. Dick/dad was stressed to the max trying to make sure each student would have a successful year.

There were some very hard, disappointing days for Dick. One of them was in 1971 when the school doors were locked at Thanksgiving break and didn't reopen until January 1972 due to no money to run the school. This meant the school week extended into the weekends and included Saturday classes from January on, in order for the Senior class to graduate on time.

Dick Lowrie – The Family Man

If we needed to describe our dad, his sense of humor would be one of the top of his traits. One example of his humor that sticks out – would be the class of 1970 loved to play pranks. Halloween time, they of course wanted to soap the principal's house. As they were sneaking around the house, dad heard them. He quietly put on his varsity jacket and slipped out the back door of the house. He hid behind a large tree beside the house and as the "gang" was soaping, he jumped out with the starter pistol in hand and shouted – "Reach for the sky, I have a gun!" At which point, a member of the senior class, – ran smack into the tree and fell to the ground thinking he had been shot. Laughter rang out from everyone.....but especially from dad.

He had a quick wit and a very dry sense of humor. He not only dished it out, but could take it just as well.

He was honest. His Navy tattoo (which he got after his mom told him never get a tattoo-and also got him 3 days in the brig) said, "Death Before Dishonor" He lived that quote every day.

He was the most loving father ever. He brought music into our lives. While we were doing dishes, he would play the piano which entertained us and relaxed him (it also got him out of doing dishes!) If dad heard the music from the classics to modern, he could play it. He would add his own interpretation to the version but they were always entertaining. If you want to know more of his great qualities ask us!

Understanding that back in the 60's actually throughout his career, his pay was nowhere near what administrators receive now. That being said, there was never a time that we remember that we went without. Somehow, he got it done.

Dick's Family

Dick and Joan had 3 children. Mary Jo, Elizabeth "Betty", and Colleen.

Mary Jo (Jerry) Bish went into education following both her parents' chosen paths. She graduated from Ohio Northern and taught at Lake throughout her entire 36 year career. They have two daughters. Christina who is employed by Wood County Hospital has a Master's in Organizational Development and Rebecca (Nick) Pisula who teaches at the alternative school for Wood County and has a Master's in Business Education. Mary Jo's hobbies include showing German Wirehaired Pointers and Wirehaired Pointing Griffons. She and her husband enjoy classic cars and enter many car shows. She also enjoys quilting and embroidery and yard work.

Betty (John) Kahlenberg tries to juggle as many hats as her dad. Together with her husband they raised 5 children (born in 6 ½ years) and loved living on the farm. She worked locally in their church, and then went into banking and finished her working years at the local newspaper as Advertising Director. She served on the school board for 12 years, and also served as trustee and president on the Bowling Green Community Foundation board. She is currently the president of the Bowling Green Rotary Club, as well as president of Eastwood Alumni Association and treasurer of Eagle Way Hall of Fame. Children: Michelle (Mark Skowronski) is a MD/PhD of Rheumatology at University of Michigan hospital. They have 2 children, Adyn and Emerson. Sonya (Brian O'Connor) lives outside Portland Maine. She is the Executive Director for a non-profit organization for orphaned Grauer gorillas in the Congo (gracegorillas.org). They have 2 daughters, Lilah and Hazel. Rachel (Michael) Barnett has a Masters in Math and Education. They live in Bowling Green and have 2 daughters, Elizabeth and Julia. Katie (Luke) Ward has a Masters in Nursing and is in charge

of quality control at Bay Park Hospital. They have 3 children, Amelia, Everett, and Eloise. Michael (Lindsay) lives in Akron. He is a practicing attorney for a law firm in North Canton specializing in complex business litigation. They have 1 son, Gavin.

Colleen lived in Colorado. She spent her business career working for many attorneys both here in Bowling Green and in Colorado. She finally ran her own business securing contracts for towers for telecommunication companies. She had 2 sons, Joe and Luke Cousino. Joe works as a personal trainer for a large car company in Denver and Luke is pursuing his career in pharmaceutical sales. Colleen passed away October 8, 2012.

Joan passed away December 10, 1971.

In the summer of 1972, Dick married Dolores (Dee) and he became the father to two more daughters. Dick and Dee celebrated 10 years together. She brought much joy into his life as they looked forward to his retirement and his hobbies. Dick's hobbies were fishing (sometimes his favorite over everything else) at Douglas Lake, Pellston Michigan. They had a cottage there and spent 6 weeks in the summer re-grouping. Dick was an avid fisherman and didn't care if it was raining or windy...he would fish. He also loved to bowl. He was the secretary/ treasurer of his Thursday night league for many, many years. He loved to teach all of his kids how to fish and bowl but most of all, how to make the most out of every day. Dick passed away while at his cottage on May 7, 1982 only 2 years into his retirement. He was 52.

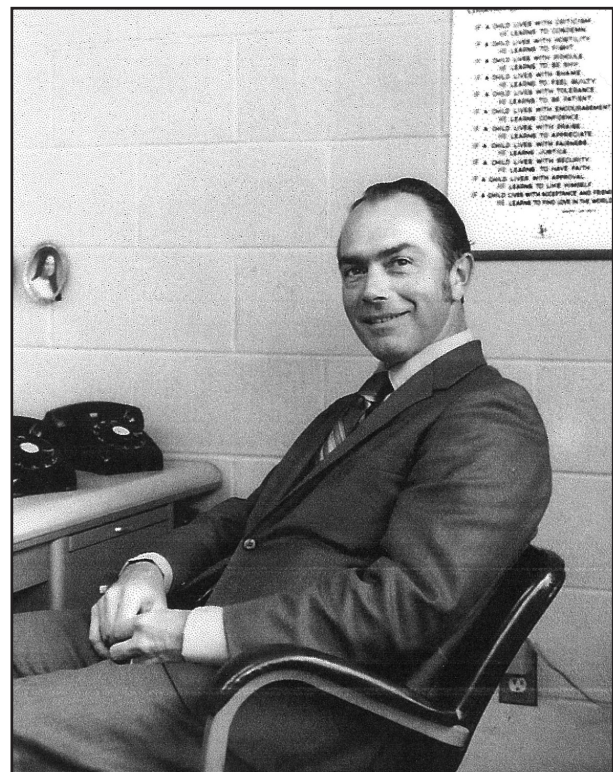
Denise (Matt) Krumel lives in Perrysburg and just celebrated their 25th anniversary. Denise works at UTMC as a registered nurse in the surgical intensive care unit. They have 3 daughters, Kara who graduated from Flash Point College in Chicago. Haley, is studying to be a

Vet Tech at Statzenberger and Makenna is a junior at Perrysburg High School.

Andi (Greg) Tye resides in Perrysburg. Andi is the Communications and Media Director for the Toledo Mud Hens and Toledo Walleye. They have 2 sons, Noah who is studying at Pace University in New York City pursuing an acting degree. Spencer is a freshman at Perrysburg High School.

Although Dick didn't get much time to enjoy being a grandfather, he was of course by far the best grandpa ever! He loved and tolerated being jumped on and pulled in every direction from the six grandchildren he got to enjoy. He loved to read to the grandkids and play Candy Land and he was thrilled that some had already begun playing the piano at a young age! We, the entire family, know he would have loved to see them all grow up and become such wonderful contributing members of society and the world.

Richard Lowrie was nominated by Roger Weber and Denis Helm.



Eastwood Principal 'Closes Book'

Richard Lowrie has joined the "80-and-out" club. The magic figure, 80, comes with adding his age (50) and number of work years (counting military service) which totals 30.

Thus, Mr. Lowrie is retiring, at a seemingly young age, as principal of Eastwood High School district in Wood County.

Mr. Lowrie said he established the "80" combination when he started as a schoolteacher. By retiring then, there is time to enjoy the golden years, he figured. But, on the other hand, Mr. Lowrie is not sure how it will work out.

"We're going to spend at least one month in a warmer climate next winter," he said. And that, he added, will be his reward for all those mornings when he and the Eastwood schoolmaster, John Poth, had to decide if busses were to transport students through the snow.

He also is Pemberville public library administrator.

Mr. Lowrie recalls the difficulty, many times, getting substitute teachers lest a classroom go empty. He figures that if retirement gets a bit boring, he can always be a substitute teacher.

Work doesn't bother Mr. Lowrie, ever since his first year when he worked in a steel mill in his native Lorain, O. Later, he spent five nights a week playing in a dance band.

His education was mainly financed by the GI Bill, following navy service. He was graduated from Ohio Northern University, received his master's degree at

Indiana University, and did some preliminary work on a doctoral degree at Columbia University. All he has left to complete the doctoral program is a dissertation. However, now that he is leaving the profession, he doubts that he will go for the high degree.

Both his parents were in education. His father, Earl, was one of the original "Five Brothers" in a fraternity at old Bowling Green Normal. His mother, who received a two-year teaching degree at Adrian College, now lives in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

At Ohio Northern, Mr. Lowrie got a major in mathematics and science, plus English, and a minor in social studies. With all this education, he spent his first year of employment in the city engineer's office in Lorain.

"But I wanted to be with young people," he said. "So it was teaching."

He spent one year each at Alger, Hardin County; Bucyrus, and Sulphur Springs. In 1954 he was hired as principal of old Convoy, now Crestview, where he was one of only five teachers.

After five years at Convoy, he was hired at Eastwood by Dallas Gardner, now Wood County superintendent of schools. That was 20 years ago. Eastwood had 89 seniors then. Last year it was 188.

This year's seniors joined in the Eastwood system's farewell tributes. Sherry Papenfuse, class president, gave him a diploma. Kim Kahler, student council president, gave him a silver tray. The board of education presented a plaque. And, above all, Mr. Lowrie gave the commencement address.

Mr. Lowrie, a onetime boxer, loves sports. But enough is enough. As principal, he was required to be at all athletic events, supervising crowd control. With girls' teams joining boys' teams in basketball, plus wrestling meets, this can be a six day 7 a.m.-to-midnight task in winter.

As a boxer, of 52 bouts he won 48, lost two, and tied two at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. He also was in the base choir. As for music, he might have found a life career in the field, able to play the piano, trumpet, sax, and trombone. But at 16, he was in an auto-

mobile accident which smashed his lip.

Mr. Lowrie and wife, Dolores, and their five daughters, plan to travel and also divide their leisure among their properties near Mackinac, Fort Myers, Fla., and another near Cheboygan, Mich.



Don Wolfe



RICHARD LOWRIE
Retiring Eastwood principal

Lowrie retires after 30 years

By RITA SOBOL
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"Sometimes I thought maybe I'd look for a job somewhere else, but I always came down to the same thing —there isn't anywhere I'd rather be. This has been the best place I know of to work," Richard Lowrie, Eastwood High School principal, said in reminiscing about his 20 years as EHS principal.

An educator for 30 years, Lowrie began his teaching career in what is now the Upper Scioto Valley School District and three years later, assumed his first principalship.

He talked about the Eastwood people, students and staff.

"This year has been the best for staff I can remember. Every person on the staff is a real professional and they all work well together.

"As far as students, I believe that as long as an adult respects a student, he will get respect back. I really don't think there has been much change in student attitude here over the years.

"And the parents are very helpful. They help to discipline a kid if he needs it. They stand behind the school all the way," Lowrie explained.

Lowrie's boss, John Poth, Eastwood superintendent, sees Lowrie as a man who is child-

centered:

"He has done much for a great number of students over the years. He works with students on an individual basis and is child-centered in his approach to education."

Poth also added "I know the staff will miss him. He has been a good and fair leader and gained respect because of that. He is the kind of person a good staff enjoys working with."

What changes has Lowrie seen over the years? For one thing, he began his principalship in the old Pemberville High School. The new school was built and then the high school changed to a three-year one. Before that, his school had served kindergarten through six and nine through 12, "an odd mix."

"The enrollment has doubled since we moved into this building, and the curriculum has changed considerably," he noted. There were 87 students in the first graduating class and the first year after the high

school moved to the new building, there were 102 in the class. It has kept going up, and the staff has increased somewhat to keep pace with it.

"Before Penta County, we ran vocational programs. Now that they are our 'vocational extension,' we have become a college prep school. We changed the academic curriculum to try to coincide with college courses. We concentrated on shorter periods of time, like a semester or a minicourse, with a greater concentration on specific areas," Lowrie explained.

Another change he sees is in the support of the schools by parents. "As I said, we couldn't ask for better moral support. But I think all taxpayers, not just here, but everywhere, are hit with inflation. Their bills go up and there's nothing they can do. Then, along comes a school levy and finally there's one

thing they have a choice on. Some vote 'no.' It's just inflation and what it does to all of us," he said.

Not only has Lowrie enjoyed being principal, but he admits "I enjoy living in this community. It's a nice town; a good place to raise a family."

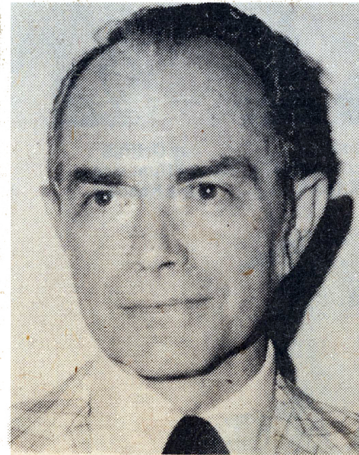
According to Poth, the feeling is mutual, as he says, "He is and has been a real friend to the Eastwood community," noting that his service was not just to the students in school, but to the whole spectrum of the student's life.

Lowrie has a cottage in northern Michigan and said perhaps someday he will work "supervising teachers for a quarter now and then at a university near there, or perhaps one in Florida, where we also spend some time in the winter. We still have two children in school, so we won't be moving anywhere for very long," Lowrie said.

He also intends to continue wearing his "other hat," that of the administrator of the Pemberville Library. "I took the job when an emergency arose, resigning as a library board member to do it. I really like the job — it's part time and it won't tie me down," he explained.

Lowrie also likes to fish and golf and intends to do more of it. That is, if his plans for working on other things don't interfere. How does he feel, now that he is at the brink of retiring?

"If I had it all to do over again, I don't think I would change a thing. It's been good."



RICHARD LOWRIE
EHS principal



'Old Hand' Returns To Serve Eastwood

By DON WOLFE

Bearing out an old farm yarn, Eastwood school board members now know that it is possible to fall in the mud and come up smelling like roses.

A few weeks ago, with the opening of the Wood County rural school embracing Pemberville, Luckey, Scotch Ridge, Lemoyne, and Stony Ridge, the Eastwood board was confronted with what could have been an extremely delicate situation.

John Poth, superintendent since 1970, had an alluring opportunity to continue moving up the educational ladder. He was suddenly offered the position of Sandusky County superintendent of schools, with a personal salary increase of about \$3,000.

Opportunity such as this knocks only once in the life of a schoolmaster, most of them will testify. But for Mr. Poth, it was a mixed bag. He was under contract to Eastwood, at least for 1980-81. This, for men of honor, is a legal and moral obligation, to fulfill a contractual promise. Also, with school ready to open, it called for a watchful eye. For the board, how do you deny an executive an opportunity to better himself, both personally and professionally?

Fortunately, for all concerned, the

problem was resolved quite swiftly, and easily. The Eastwood board had an experienced, willing man who could step in as interim superintendent.

Richard Lowrie, who had retired as Eastwood principal at the seemingly young age of 50 a year previously, was still living in the district. He possessed 20 years of experience in the Eastwood administration. What is more, Mr. Lowrie was handling two supplemental jobs: librarian in Pemberville and Stony Ridge and his hobby-oriented painting, paperhanging, and interior decorating.

Mr. Lowrie was tapped. And, as one citizen put it, this was a parable of the old, inspirational speech of the Rev. Russell Herman Conwell, entitled "Acres of Diamonds." The nationally famous clergyman's theme was that a person might search for something or other all over the world, yet find it in his own backyard.

So it was with Richard Lowrie. He agreed to step in and serve, thus freeing

Mr. Poth to move to Fremont.

Mr. Lowrie, under restrictions of his Ohio Teachers Retirement System pension, can work only 85 full days or 170 half days in this school term. While he is recording only the allowable hours, it is known around Eastwood High that those half days of work are really stretching to 10 to 12 hours. As any educator would admit, it takes that to do the job. A schoolhouse is on a dawn-to-night schedule.

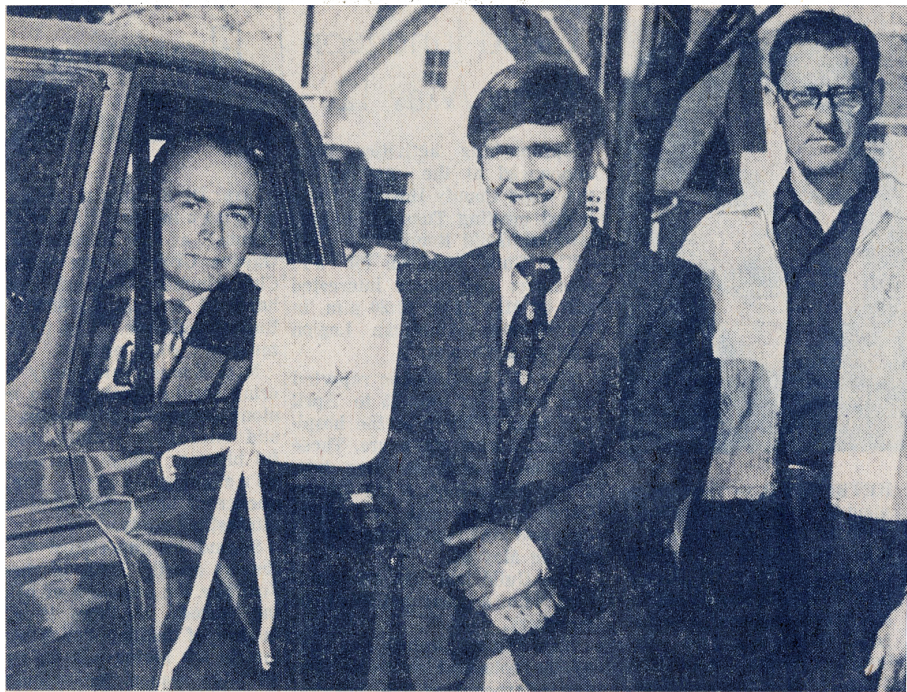
Before taking over, Mr. Lowrie was working as a librarian only part time, or whenever needed. An odd phase is that he could go full time in his papering and painting work, not only because of work quality but also because there is a shortage of that talent in a rural region. Already, Mr. Lowrie has taken on a helper.

And Mr. Lowrie was back in school work before he planned. Upon retirement, he was to remain out of any type of educational activity at least six months. He planned to be a consultant on practice teaching, a vital field.

It will be interesting to see what happens to Mr. Lowrie in the temporary chair, as to whether he may be "drafted" into the superintendency. No board member has addressed himself to that, but Mr. Lowrie, only a dissertation short of a doctoral degree, does have substantial community support. However, he declined to talk about the future, saying only, "I was asked to do a day-by-day job."



Don Wolfe



FIRST TRUCK — The Eastwood Future Farmers of America Chapter will have for the first time a 1971 half-ton Chevrolet pick-up truck for its use as the result of a plan worked out with the Eastwood Board of Education by Eisenhour Motor Sales, Inc. The truck has been donated by the firm for the use of the FFA organization primarily and other groups when the FFA is not using it. Richard Martin, FFA adviser and vocational agriculture instructor, said there are many

ways the truck will be used by his group such as taking projects to the Wood County Fair, hauling runt pigs and making visits. Under the plan, the truck will be turned in each year for a new model. Receiving possession of the truck this week were (from left) Richard Lowrie, principal of Eastwood High School; Mr. Martin, and Jack Eisenhour, representing the Eisenhour Motor Sales. (Sentinel-Tribune staff photo)

I first met your dad 45 years ago this summer when I came to Eastwood to teach vo-ag. I had just graduated from OSU and was about as green and inexperienced as they come. At first I didn't know quite what to think of your dad. He seemed to have kind of gruff, no nonsense personality...almost like a military drill sergeant. But I soon learned that under that gruff exterior was a man who was very supportive of his faculty and cared very much for the success of his students. He didn't put up with a lot of foolishness yet behind the scenes he often found humor in in the everyday happenings of running a high school. He was a great mentor to me and even though I moved on to working with 4-H the following year, his advice and philosophy stayed with me.

-Dick Martin

Jane Schuerman Kohlenberg

Jane SchuermanKohlenberg was born June 18, 1944, the sixth child of Frank and Henrietta Schuerman. Her family lived on North River Road, Pemberville during the formative years. Good family relationships, ethical behavior, and hard work were important building blocks learned in the Schuerman family. Jane attended 1-8th grade in the Pemberville building. Her class of 89 was the first class to graduate from the new high school in 1962. Jane was active in band and choir, member of the GAA, Future Teachers of America, and the National Honor Society.

Jane commuted to BG and completed a BS in Business Education in 1965, and a Masters in Education in 1969. Her teaching experiences included Oak Harbor, and Lake High School, Vanguard Vocational School, Fremont, Ohio. She taught part time for one year at Eastwood High School when the business department was being downsized. While director of the Pemberville Library, Jane completed a Masters in Library and Information Science at Kent University the only Masters program in library science in Ohio that is accredited by the American Library Association. It took four and a half years to complete the degree finishing in 1995.

In January of 1975 while a stay-at-home mom, Jane was contacted about doing the Clerk Treasurer's job with the Pemberville Library. She worked part time from home in this position, working with Mr. Lowrie who was the director for a time after his retirement from his principal's position at Eastwood. After his death in 1982, the Board of Trustees hired Jane as Director and she has completed her 33rd year in that position.

Jane's professional memberships include the Ohio Library Council, NORWELD Consortium of Libraries, and WoodLink, the leadership arm of the public libraries in Wood County. She

served on several state library committees during her time as director.

Jane is a member of PIMA (Pemberville Independent Merchant's Association), Four Seasons Garden Club, and the Pemberville Mental Culture Club. She has been an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church all her life serving on various committees and currently working as the financial secretary.

In July, 1966, Jane married Ray Kohlenberg and together they are the parents of three girls, twins, Laura and Lisa, and Jill. Laura currently lives in White Plains New York, working with Bunge, Limited as a Global Talent Management Associate. She has a bachelor's in Psychology and a Masters of Organization Development both from BGSU. She is a 1988 Eastwood Graduate.

Lisa lives in Woodville, Ohio, and works for Pepsi as an Administrative Assistant to the Sales Manager in Toledo. She previously worked for 13 years as an Independent Sales representative to schools and libraries. Lisa teaches an Adult Sunday School class at Bethlehem. She has been an usher for 14 years at the Stranahan Theater with the last 7 years as a ticket taker. She graduated from Eastwood in 1988 and has a bachelor's degree from BGSU.

Jill is a 1994 graduate of Eastwood, graduate of BGSU with a degree in psychology. She has a Masters in Education from University of Dayton, 2003. She worked at UD as Assistant Director of Student Activities, and in Marketing Research prior to that. She married Grant Lammi in 1999. They have two children, Sophia (10) and Bennett (7). Jill is a stay-at-home Mom who spends much time volunteering in the school that the children attend and teaching Sunday School at their church.

November 23, 2014

Dear Members of the Eastwood Alumni Association,

I nominate Richard Lowrie for induction into the Eagle Way Hall of Fame.

Mr. Lowrie served as Principal of Eastwood High School for 22 years, beginning in 1958.

If you were at the top of the class, Mr. Lowrie encouraged you to achieve even more. If you were in trouble, he took you under his wing. Each kind of student had a friend and mentor in Richard Lowrie. He was a leader who earned our respect and admiration. He knew you by name. His office was always open.

I can't imagine the hours he spent dealing with teachers, parents, students and school board members. I'm told he would make out EVERY student's schedule by hand. He also served as Athletic Director. In spite of those demands, we would regularly see him at football and basketball games, school musicals and other extracurricular activities.

I graduated 45 years ago. I wish I had more specific memories to share. But I assure you that countless other EHS graduates will give similar or perhaps more detailed accounts of Mr. Lowrie's positive influence.

I'm glad to know that people like Dallas Gardner, Frenchy Filiere and Dale Bruning are in the Hall of Fame. They deserve to be recognized.

But the list seems incomplete without adding the name of Richard Lowrie. He gave Eastwood 22 years of quality service, laying the foundation for the great school it is today.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Weber
EHS Class of 1969
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Kenneth W. Krukemyer

Kenneth W. Krukemyer was born on April 24, 1949 to Warren and Margaret Krukemyer. Kenneth graduated from Eastwood High School in 1967. He was a member of St. Paul's, Lutheran Church in New Rochester.

Kenneth answered his country's call to duty and joined the United States Army on July 18, 1968. Kenneth completed basic training at Fort Benning in Georgia and was then assigned to Fort McClellan in Alabama where he was placed in the Advanced Infantry School. Upon completion of this training, he was issued orders for deployment to Vietnam.

On April 3, 1969, Kenneth began his tour of duty in South Vietnam. Kenneth was assigned to D Company, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry of the 9th Infantry Division. Kenneth's ultimate sacrifice for his country occurred on May 23, 1969. He was taken by enemy ground fire. His rank at this time was E3 private First Class. Kenneth is buried in Fish Cemetery. He is survived by his brother, John Krukemyer, and his sister, Janis Heller.

The United States awarded Kenneth the following:

- The Purple Heart
- The Bronze Star
- The National Defense Medal
- The Air Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal

He was also awarded a Unit Citation for Valor and a Unit Citation for Gallantry, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Kenneth is further honored at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. His name is listed on Panel 24 West, Line 86. He is also honored in Clinton, Ohio on the Ohio Memorial and on the Wood County Memorial at the courthouse in Bowling Green. Pemberville American Legion Post 183 has also honored his name.

Kenneth was nominated by Jerry (Jiggs) Sandwisch.

Leroy Minnix

Leroy Minnix was born on June 6, 1946 to Myron and Loretta Minnix. He was a member of the Eastwood Class of 1964. He was also a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Luckey, Ohio.

Leroy joined the United States Army on December 7, 1964. He completed basic training at Fort Knox in Kentucky. Upon graduation from training, he was assigned to the Advanced Infantry School at Fort Polk, Louisiana. Leroy volunteered for Airborne Parachutist Training School in Fort Benning, Georgia. He received his parachutist Badge after passing the training in June of 1965. Leroy was then deployed to Vietnam.

His tour of duty began July 13, 1965. He was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Leroy was killed by an enemy explosive mine on October 12, 1965. His rank at this time was E3 private First Class. He was 19 years old. Leroy is buried in Troy Township Cemetery. He is survived by his sisters, Deanna Aspacher and Myra Jean Dierksheide.

The United States awarded Leroy the following:

- The Purple Heart
- The Bronze Star
- The National Defense Medal
- The Vietnam Service Medal
- The Vietnam Campaign Medal

He was also presented with a unit Citation for Valor, Unit Citation for Gallantry and a Combat Infantry Badge.

Leroy's Name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. His name can be found on Panel 02 East, Line 120. He is honored at the Ohio Memorial in Clinton, Ohio and at the courthouse in Bowling Green on the Wood County Memorial. The Village of Luckey named a ball diamond at Basic Part "Minnix Field" in his honor.

Leroy Minnix was nominated by Jiggs Sandwisch

Gerald “Jerry” Sigler

Eastwood Class of '63

Living just across the street from the Pemberville School, I spent many days in the late '50s and early '60s on the stage watching this old, short, white-haired guy (Coach Doyce Filiere) raise holy hell while producing excellent basketball teams. I had no idea then that I would be that old, white-haired coach down the road.

I tried to play the sport. Unlike my brother (Tom Sigler, Pemberville Class of '49), it wasn't meant for me and of course, like many kids today, I knew more that the coaches! I wanted to be around the boys, however, (Marty Brueggemeier, Wayne Buchman, Duff Madaras, Hal Moore, Roger Kahlenberg, Renald Radeloff and Ronnie Dunmyer) so I became the manager along with my close friend Terry Conaghan. Not sure what I did, but I held the title “Manager.”

After graduating from Eastwood, I worked numerous jobs, living the life and running around all hours of the night. One night, my cousin and I decided to partake in a beer and pizza at Dino's Pizza in Bowling Green. I had on my Manager Varsity jacket when I heard this “Hey, Eastwood!” by a BGSU coed who was celebrating with my Eastwood classmate, Marilyn Garn. Who knew this would lead to 48 years of Bliss, as of this February 4th? They said it wouldn't work!

The ultimatum was put to me to go to college or she was out of here, so I did. At first I wanted to be a mortician, people called me “Digger.” That fell through; then I was going to be a meteorologist, which was too hard. Next try was a business degree, another no go. Through all of this my habits and grades were not conducive to getting a degree. I decided to try physical education. All of a sudden, I had a GPA of 3.5 and headed to the teaching field which lasted 31 years as a Sylvania elementary

physical education teacher. I received a Bachelor's degree in 1970 and a Masters in 1974 (both from BGSU).

During my first years of teaching I formed a unicycle and gymnastic group that traveled all over Northwest Ohio putting on halftime shows at numerous basketball games (both high school and college) and at malls.

At this point, I thought I might like to try coaching, so I made it known to Sylvania Athletic Director, Jim Glase. He got back with me to say he had a position, but he wasn't sure it was what I wanted, JV girls' basketball. Wow, “Girls!” Karen and I talked it over and decided that I needed to take it. That season ended at 11 – 1. The Varsity Coach, BJ Beck, thought she would prefer to be an assistant and wanted to know if I would switch with her. I said “yes” which led to 37 years of Varsity girls' teams! The players of that first JV team bought into hard work and discipline which set the standard for all the teams to follow. The '77-'78 season accomplished a trip to the state Final Four losing to the Middies of Middleton. That being my second varsity year, I thought this is pretty easy, little did I know it took 25 years to get back! The 2003-2004 team finally made it to Columbus losing in the semis to Cincinnati Mount Notre Dame who went on to win the state. We thought we would never make it back again because our senior class graduated and all we had left were substitutes. Low and behold that next team surprised everyone losing just one regular season game and making it to Columbus a second consecutive year! Again we lost to the State Championships Dayton Chaminade. This was the most rewarding season of all my years!

Throughout my 37 years of varsity girls' basketball, I was fortunate to be part of many memorable coaching win plateaus; league, district and regional championships; state

Ron Dunmyer

appearances; three undefeated regular seasons; team and individual coaching honors. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the young ladies who played for me and the many assistant coaches who helped along the way. I am extremely proud to have had 24 players go on to play at the college level.

Not only did I have a wonderful experience with girls' basketball, but in 1986 I took over a struggling softball program and coached it for 14 years. Over that time we went 226 – 100 with numerous league, district and regional championships, losing in the '92 state semi-finals in eight innings 1 – 0 on a one-hitter to Springfield in a great game! After 14 years of both sports, it was time to give up one and I really like a nice warm gym better!

Not being able to give up the game after retiring from Sylvania in 2013, I am in my 40th year of coaching. Now I am coaching at Onsted High School as an assistant with the boys' team. I try to keep a 31 year old head coach in line and give him my thoughts, some of which he uses and others he just looks at me and says "Wiseman (they call me that at Onsted), Really?!" It is a whole different atmosphere being the good cop, but it helps when you have a 6'10" Junior that you just say get him the ball. I truly enjoy this experience with the boys here. They are so appreciative!

Jerry Sigler was nominated by Jim Brueggemeier, Hal Moore, Wayne Buchman, and Roger Kahlenberg

Ron was born at Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio on June 14, 1946 to Vernon and Dorothy Dunmyer. Many American Flags are displayed each year on that day and Ron loves to tell everyone that those flags are in his honor. His family lived in East Toledo until he was three and then they moved to Lemoyne Rd, Troy Township. He was given the chance to help on the farm and to help his father so at five years of age Ron was driving a tractor to disk the fields. He sat on the seat to see over the steering wheel and keep straight lines in the field as was expected by good farmers. Because of his size he needed to quickly slide off the seat to reach the clutch when changing gears to turn. It was quite a sight to see and several times his mother received a phone call telling her there was a small boy on a runaway tractor out in their field. He also rode Pal, his saddle horse, and had to make a quick trip to the hospital when he was thrown off.

He started kindergarten that year at Schweitz Church on Bradner Road and then went to Lemoyne Elementary for first through fourth grades. During that time in his life Ron had heroes that he admired. His first was The Lone Ranger, then Mickey Mantle and in fourth grade it got "real". His role model was Joe Sandwisch. Joe was the starting guard on the Trojan Basketball Team and in 1956 he was selected for the All Tournament Team along with Curt Juergens. Due to overcrowding at Lemoyne he was bussed to Luckey for fifth grade. While at Luckey Ron was asked by Frenchy Filiere to serve as the water boy for his Troy Luckey Football Team. He was required to be at all practices and all games. He loved being in the locker room and riding the bus with these athletes and coaches. Those good memories inspired him to go into coaching and helping others.

Eastwood was consolidated in 1958 and Ron

entered junior high school at Luckey School. His first year of high school was in the Pemberville Building and he served as class president.

The new Eastwood High School was ready for its students in 1961. During his high school career Ron participated in four varsity sports including football, baseball, basketball and track and earned 8 varsity letters. He received All League Offensive End Award in 1962 and All League Defensive Back Award in 1963. The 1963 team was the first winning football team in Eastwood history. Ron continued his sports interests by playing softball with the Pemberville Merchants during summers of 1963 through 1965.

Ron attended BGSU and played defensive back specializing in punt returns and kickoff returns for the Falcon Freshman Football Team in 1964 and the spring of 1965.

Ron went on to play open division softball with the Toledo Sports Center and found himself on the same team with his role model, Joe Sandwisch. Wow! Again it was an amazing experience for him.

In 1966 Ron got a job with Sun Oil Refinery, married his high school sweetheart, Linda (Hetrick) Dunmyer, and was drafted into the US Army. He spent basic training at Fort Bragg, NC, completed AIT in Fort Jackson, SC and joined a company in Fort Meade, MD. to prepare for his overseas service. He left by troop ship for Vietnam on December 4 and landed in Vietnam on Christmas Day 1967. He returned home in late November 1968.

Upon returning from Vietnam Ron played with the Sun Oil Industrial Softball Team and was chosen MVP of the All Star Team hitting 4 for 5, scoring 5 runs, the last of which was the winning run. For the next 10 years he played open division softball at the Lucas County

Recreation Center and traveled to many out-of-town tournaments bringing home lots of trophies. As Ron's playing career wound down, he played with Wade Loomis's Eastwood Merchants Team, Jim Brueggemeier's Bethlehem Church Team and Mel Karn's local softball team. Even though his open division years playing left field were the most intense, his last years on the mound were the most fun.

Ron began his coaching career with t-ball and Little League and progressed to Pony League, Legion Baseball, and Junior and Senior Girls Softball for a total of 10 years. Many young players learned the fundamentals of the game from him.

In 1980 Dale Bruning came to Ron and asked him to coach the eighth grade girls' basketball team. Dale wanted fundamentals to be taught to the players at that level so he didn't have to spend time doing that when they reached the varsity level. Ron with Linda as his assistant then started coaching girls' basketball at Eastwood. For five years he taught basic fundamentals, the importance of teamwork, and strategy of "seeing the floor" and knowing what's happening around you. During this time he had 3 league champion teams and 2 runner-up teams. The biggest plus for the Eastwood Basketball Legacy was there were always enough confident players to form an Eastwood freshman team the following year.

His experiences with volleyball at Eastwood started in 1984 when coach Kathy Loomis asked Ron to video tape her matches. Two years later he started his line judging career which lasted for 25 years at Eastwood. During that time he enjoyed meeting new friends and encouraging the players to work hard to reach their goals. The players always smiled when he reminded them of his two important rules for volleyball success. The first was "Hit it where they ain't" and second was "Find the dummies and hit it at 'em". They were more

relaxed and confident to step up their game after those thoughts.

One of Ron's best memories came from the years 1992 and 1993. When he was line judging Eastwood and Otsego games, he always felt an electrified excitement from the players and their fans. On Otsego's trip to the state tournament, Coach Jones asked Ron to speak to her team before the Regional Tournament. Otsego went on to win the Division III State Championship. The following year was Eastwood's turn to shine. This time Eagles Coach Kathy Loomis asked Ron to give his encouraging talk to her team at the exact same time in their journey to the state. The result was again outstanding as Eastwood Volleyball was crowned Division III Champs.

At the present time Ron is line judging and supporting volleyball coach, Cheryl Jones, and her players at Otsego.

Ron and Linda have three children who make their lives complete. Shelly who graduated from Walsh University and The Ohio State Medical College is a family physician in Zanesville, OH. She has two sons, Ryan (13) and Lucas (11). Ron Jr. who graduated from Hiram College is the CFO of Tri-Iso Inc., a chemical distribution company, in Cardiff by the Sea, CA. Stephany who earned her undergraduate degree from Kenyon College and BA from Ashland University is the women's basketball coach at Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia Beach, VA.

Ron and his family lived in their home on Sugar Ridge Road for 37 years. On their garage door was a baseball picture of Ron sliding into homeplate with the umpire signaling safe. Over the years this painting started many conversations with complete strangers who then became acquaintances and close friends.

Seven years ago he moved back to his home-
stead in Lemoyne. He enjoys taking care of his sheep who he claims are the best "lawnmowers" around. He rescues dogs and cats and believes that pet owners should spend quality time with their chosen friends. As a result he has many loving house pets who know the meaning of the word "spoiled".

He loves to make improvements to his surroundings and is given credit for the sewing room addition to the house. It is the perfect place for socializing and quilting done by the Quilting Eagles. It has been said that Ron frequently comments about the delicious food and marvelous fun that fills his home on Tuesdays when the quilters meet. He also continues to make landscaping changes to his property with boulders and rocks, plants and trees, and gates and fences. His family and friends always ask, "What's your new project Ron?"

One of his most famous "jobs" is to deliver paczkis made in Polish Town at Central and Lagrange to friends in the Eastwood community on Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) each year. This year marked his 25th year of bringing smiles and delicious pastries to many gracious people and brought the total number of fried goodies to 4962.

Many of us recognize Ron's honesty and fun-loving personality and encourage him to "Keep up the good work".

Ron Dunmyer was nominated by Linda Dunmyer