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The Alumni Newsletter of Grand Blanc High School

Alumni Association Honors 2006

The GBHS Alumni Association will be honoring two Alumni at our 70th annual Homecoming weekend this fall.

Joan Batchelor Kifer '45 has been selected as this year's Homecoming Grand Marshal. Joan currently lives in Bend, Oregon and will travel home to Grand Blanc to be part of the festivities, including the Grand Marshal luncheon on Thursday, the parade and game on Friday, and the Alumni Banquet on Saturday. A few years ago, Joan gave a gift to the Grand Blanc Educational Foundation to be used for athletics and band projects. Recently, the gift was used to fund a bleacher project at Frank Thomas Field for the Marching Band to sit and play during the game. The band will now have their own section in the west end zone and play towards the home stands. The Grand Blanc High School March-

ing Band, Athletic Department and Alumni Association would like to thank Joan for her wonderful gift. The band will use the bleachers for the first time this fall. Of course, Joan is the daughter of Don Batchelor, our great teacher, coach and first ever Athletic Director.

Lori Iafret Buiteweg '82 will be receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award for her excelling in her profession and significant contribution to her local community. Lori is a practicing attorney in Ann Arbor having graduated from the University of Michigan and the Wayne State University School of Law. She is a partner in a family law mediation firm, past President of the Washtenaw County Bar Association, and chair of the Representative Assembly for the State Bar.



Lori Buiteweg, 1982

Lori is active in her local church community serving on its governing board. Recently, Lori started a free legal services office in Ann Arbor for those who can't afford legal representation. The office specializes in helping families with domestic problems in many areas.



Grace-June Batchelor, 1961



Don Batchelor, 1945



Joan Batchelor, 1945



Don Batchelor, 1961

Grand Blanc Mourns Loss of Coach

By Peter Farrehi, MD, Class of 1983

Grand Blanc's Chuck Creasey, former Phys. Ed instructor and varsity basketball coach, died June 10, 2006, after a long illness. He was 68 years old.

Born in Kentucky, Chuck moved to Grand Blanc in 1961 after graduating from the University of Kentucky. He initially taught at Grand Blanc Junior High School (Perry Junior High), later transferring to Grand Blanc High School where he was named head coach of the high school's varsity basketball team in 1964. After eleven seasons, his teams compiled a 129-79 record and two Big Nine Conference titles.

Chuck's team went undefeated during the 1972 season only to lose in the district tournament.

Beginning in 1975, Chuck was named Director of Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation and held that position for twenty-five years. Most recently, the City of Grand Blanc recognized his community service by naming Bicentennial Park of Grand Blanc Road in his honor.

Chuck leaves his wife Sondra, and two sons, Rob, Class of 1977, and John, Class of 1983.

Homecoming 2006 Alumni Banquet

Our 69th Homecoming will be October 6th and 7th, 2006. We invite you to join us for the festivities. The parade, football game vs. Carman-Ainsworth, half-time crowning of the Queen and King will all take place on Friday evening, October 6th.

Then, **ALL GBHS ALUMNI, family and friends** are invited to join us on October 7th for the Alumni Banquet. This has become a reunion for many former Bobcats. The Banquet will be held in the Perry Gymnasium starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. We will be honoring our **Distinguished Alumni for 2006**, and enjoy the reunions of the **1956, 1971, and 1981 Football teams**, too!

Please make your reservations no later than September 15th by telephoning (810) 591-6075, or send your check to: GBHS Alumni, 11920 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc, MI 48439.

Veterans' Honor Roll Still Growing

By Jerry Wolfgang, Class of 1969

With nearly 300 names on it, the Veteran's Honor Roll in a front hallway at the Grand Blanc High School is still growing. The typed and matted display, framed in red, white and blue, is currently eight pages long. It includes the former student's name, his or her year of graduation and the military branch in which they served.

Marcia Kramer, principal of Grand Blanc High School West Campus, got the idea for the Veterans' Honor Roll during the High School's Veteran's Day program in 2004. She said she expects to add the names of more veterans twice each year, in January and in June, and added that the display is the least the school can do for its former students who have or are currently serving their country.

"It just seems like such a simple way to say 'thank you'," Kramer said, "and recognize the effort and sacrifice people have made or are making."

The display itself seems to be right at home in a front hallway in an area of military memorabilia. Located nearby is a letter from Gen. George Patton, a mural and a quote from country singer Lee Greenwood.

"It was the right place to put this," Kramer said, "A lot of kids walk past this area so they're going to be able to see it. One of the things I hoped would result from this project is that the students recognize that those who came before them and walked those halls went on to do this. We're always trying to get the students to have a sense of history or what's happened before, and this is really a kind of personal way to do that."

If you know of a Grand Blanc graduate who should be added to the Veteran's display at Grand Blanc High School, please telephone Marcia Kramer at (810) 591-6644.

A Letter From The President

Charlie Carmody '80

Hello Bobcat Alumni! The Alumni Association hopes you enjoy this edition of the Bobcat Alumni Banner. If you are interested in continuing to receive this newsletter, please consider a contribution to the Alumni Association.

The Grand Blanc Educational Foundation has again underwritten the cost of printing and sending this newsletter to you, and we are grateful for their continued support of the Alumni Association. In addition, they have funded our efforts to complete Alumni Hall at Grand Blanc High School. We are continuing to scan and build composite pictures for all the graduating classes at GBHS, with the help of John Schlaud, Class of 1952. Then, we mount, assemble, frame and hang the pictures in Alumni Hall for all to see. Within the next year, we will complete this long project. You will be able to see all the graduating classes from 1927 until 2005 when you visit Alumni Hall. Your contributions to the Alumni Association help offset the costs of this newsletter, fund our special projects like matting and framing a composite picture of every graduating class, and enable you to receive future editions of the semi-annual Alumni Banner.

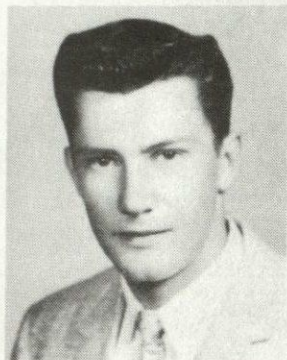
Your Alumni Association meets once a month to plan this twice annual newsletter, plan the Alumni Banquet, help classes start their reunion plans and keep GBHS grads in touch with one another. We would love to have you join us and help with our activities—especially if you live in the Grand Blanc area. We are in desperate need of alumni to join us from the 1960's, 1970's, 1980's and 1990's. So please consider joining us for a meeting this fall. We will meet on Wednesday, September 6th from 7-8 p.m. in GBHS Room 234.

We have developed a great website for you at: hswwww.grandblanc.k12.mi.us/alumni. You can reach us by phone at (810) 591-7378. Thank you for your support.

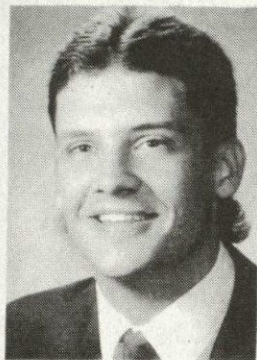
If you need to reach the Alumni Association, please call (810) 591-7378 or email me at ccarmody@grandblancschools.org - Thanks again for your continuing support of your Alumni Association.

GB's Father-Son Athletes

By Bob Burek, Class of 1958



Dale Hittle, 1958



Dan Hittle, 1991

A father-son combination is an interesting part of the lore of Grand Blanc High School athletics. The father, Dale Hittle, Class of 1958, captained the 1957 undefeated Bobcat football team. His son, Dan, Class of 1991, was captain in 1990. The pair joined forces last Fall in coaching a team in the Grand Blanc Parks and Recreation Junior League Youth Football program.

Their time working together has been a bonding experience for the Hittles.

"Coaching with dad has been great," Dan exclaimed, "It is something I will take time for and do in the future."

Dale was a two-way starter on the 1957 team and a major contributor on the 1956 team. The '56 team went 9-0 with four shutouts in route to the conference crown. The 1957 team finished 7-0-2 with Grand Blanc's second straight title in the old County B conference. Dan was a captain and an all-league defensive end and offensive guard for the 1990 squad.

Are there any other father-son combinations out there?

Palm Coast Pioneer

By Charlie Carmody, Class of 1980

In the 1970's, Margaret Waeiss Davie, Class of 1933, would take her real estate clients on a chartered boat from Flagler Beach, Florida up the intracoastal Waterway, to eventually stop and climb an old welcome center tower. She would point them in the general direction of their lot over the brush and trees, as this was the only way to see their property. Little did she know, Margaret was helping begin the housing boom in Palm County, Florida that now is ranked as one of the fastest growing in the nation. At 90, she is now one of the oldest residents in Palm County and one of the few who remembers the old days.

Margaret is currently the director on the historical society, and remembers when she and her husband Wilbur first moved to Palm County. At that time there were only two paved roads, no neighbors, and not even a street sign where they lived. In the 1970's, Margaret would drive 35 miles to Daytona Beach just for groceries. Now, a Publix is just a half mile from her house.

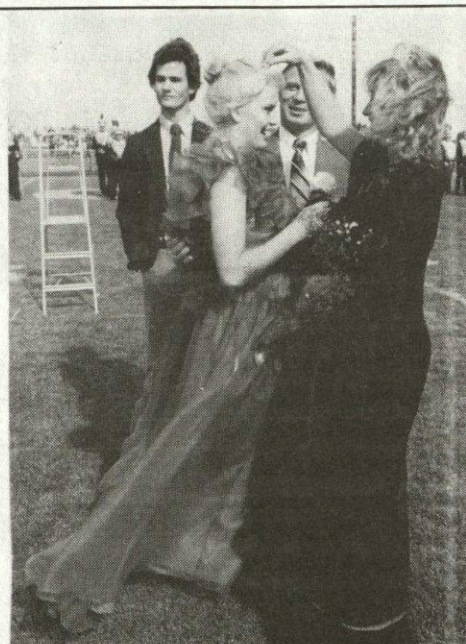
Margaret would like her friends and classmates to contact her: Margaret S. Davie, 21 Faith Lane, Palm Coast, Florida 32137, or telephone (901) 445-3184.



Margaret Waeiss, 1933

Another Brain Teaser!

Do you know when and where this picture was taken? What was the event and who are these four people? Please email your responses to jerrywolfgang@gmail.com.



...Notes and Messages...

Steve Carpenter - Congratulations on your marriage to Lauren Hyland from Christopher Hoadley.

Class of 1977 - Plans for the 30th reunion are currently in the works. Please send your personal information (complete mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address) to Shirley Beardslee, Lynda Shaw, and Sandy Skaff at gbclass77@yahoo.com or call Sandy at (810) 953-4853. Visit our web site, www.freewebs.com/gbhs1977 to find out which classmates we still need personal data for. Looking forward to seeing you the summer of '07. The date will be 07-07-07!

Dear 78 Reunion Committee - Thanks so much for your kind thoughts and condolence card. It means a lot to hear from special people from my past at GBHS. Memories of the past are one of the great joys of life. You all take care - One day we may connect again - Little Joe's? Jim Drost.

Class of 1987 - is organizing a 20 year reunion in 2007. Contact Wendy Burek LoCascio at wlocascio@comcast.net or (847) 823-8299 to help or submit your address update.

Class of 1996 - A "Ten Year Reunion" will be held on Saturday, October 7th, 2006, at the Grand Blanc Golf and Country Club. For more details, please contact Wendy Williams, 1220 Windsor St., Flint, MI 48507, telephone: (810) 233-7294, or Anne Cox, telephone: (810) 695-0387, or Allison Smith, telephone: (810) 694-4216.

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