



Newsletter



March 2023 Edition

"Proud to be alumni"

From the Editor's Desk... We are saddened to report the death of David Earnest Horn of Granger, Indiana, who passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 11, 2023. He was instrumental in establishing the CHS Alumni Association, Military Wall, and CHS Hall of Fame. Dave was the first from his family to graduate from college. He was a proud alumnus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo MI, Go Broncos! Upon Dave's graduation from college in 1962 he started his search to begin his career as a teacher and coach. He was hired by Constantine High School in the fall of 1962 as a physical education teacher. Throughout his almost forty years at Constantine high school, he served many roles in addition to teacher, including administrator, athletic director, school bus driver and starter for hundreds of cross-country and track meets. However, the role he is best known for in Constantine was as a football coach. Coach Horn's original goal was to become a baseball coach; however, the baseball coach position was filled and the only vacancy available for coaching was football. Dave's Constantine Falcons teams excelled, including several undefeated seasons during his tenure as head coach. He was elected to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990. He was recognized in 2006 as the Citizen of the Year for Constantine, MI. (Information provided by Ruthann Horn.) *** Constantine also lost Willie Harder on Dec. 30, 2022. He was a huge fan and supporter of CHS athletics. Willie was honored in a resolution on Jan. 16, 2023 by the village council for: attending CHS, participating in basketball, football and baseball (graduating in 1956, serving in the Army from 1956-1959, volunteer firefighter, 4th of July fireworks volunteer for over 35 years, trustee on the village council for over 40 years, Citizen of the Year in 1988, 2013 recipient of Rotary's Paul Harris Award. Willie owned and operated Harder Automotive on E. Water Street, a drag racer and a fan of stock car racing. ***

CAA potluck information: In the past we have had the potluck on the Sunday of the weekend that CHS holds Homecoming. We have had difficulty these last two years

with Covid, then finding volunteers to assist with the potluck, and at this point decided to postpone it again. The CAA provides KFC chicken, and although the number of people attending dwindled, several people did drive quite a ways to attend and enjoyed the potluck. *** If you wish your newsletter e-mailed to you instead of being mailed at the post office, or wish anything (reunions, etc.) added to the bi-annual newsletter, contact CAA sec. Angie Birdsall at (269) 435-8546 or angiebirdsallmsu@hotmail.com. *** CAA president Cindy Hansen handles the school's Military Wall. Contact Cindy at (269) 816-2386 or imagine389@aol.com. Forms are in the high school office, or online at the school's website: homeofthefalcons.org. Under Falcon Nation on this site are links to: the Constantine sponsorship banner, alumni news, alumni registration, Military Hall of Fame, Athletic Hall of Fame and Falcons in the News. *** Congratulations to students in CHS sports programs for an outstanding year! Coach Dale Davidhizar and Gus Hatzipavlidis were awarded the Michigan Wrestling Coach & Regional Wrestling Assistant Coach of the Year awards! *** An excerpt by Rob Beachy in the school publication "Falcon Community": "What makes this small town worth a second look? It's waking up at sunrise to go with a friend to the best fishing spot on the St. Joe River to watch frogs jump in the water, riding bikes all over town, and playing at the cannon park until the street lights came on. It's Friday football games when the entire town shows up and there's not a seat to be had, enjoying Homecoming bonfires and shucking corn. That's Constantine." Jennifer Demkovich adds: "Constantine isn't just a village, it's a family, a peaceful town and a great place to raise my children."

Local school-friendly groups... The Sturgis Area Community Foundation (SACF), a thirty-million dollar organization serving the community is taking nominations from Feb.1-March 14 for the 2023 John E. Oster Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching at sturgisfoundation.org. The Constantine Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of SACF that has served the community for 23 years, dispensing over 300 grants, awarding \$242,000 in grants. Info. is at <https://www.sturgisfoundation.org/constantine>. *** Wreaths Across America a 501(c)(3) nonprofit org. and Constantine wrestlers partnered again this year to put wreaths on veterans' graves at Constantine village cemetery prior to Christmas. NOTE— The Constantine Falcons are members of and compete in the Southwestern Athletic Conference; Go to "Follow the Falcons" on Facebook.

For Whom the Bell Tolls... David E. Horn, served 40 years at Constantine schools, died Feb. 11, 2023; Kenneth W. Rainey, died August 30, 2022. Class of 1966; Wm. H. Freisner, died Sept. 11, 2022, Class of 1956; Stanley Richard Dimmick, died March 5, 2022, Class of 1947; Madelyn Mann Leister, Sept. 16, 2022, Class of 1947; Gary L. Fisher, died Sept. 13, 2022, Class of 1974; Joanne Mary (Stieglitz) Yoder, died May 29, 2022, Class of 1977; Roger Alan Lamb, Died June 12, 2022, Class of 1958; Darlene M. (Pinkerton) Rentz, died March 26, 2022, Class of 1954; Stanley Dimmick, died May 5, 2022, Class of 1947; Bernard "Budd"/"Coach" Munson, died Sept. 29, 2022, Class of 1954; Henry "Scott" Chiddister, died June 13, 2022, Class of 1984; Carol L. (Larrance) Whetstone, died Oct. 7, 2022, Class of 1956; Tammy L. (Chaffee) Smith, died Oct. 29, 2022, Class of 1985; Berne R. Heign, died Oct. 31, 2022, Class of 1955; Roman K. Miller, died Nov. 8, 2022, attended CHS; Beth Donley, died November 28, 2022, Class of 1994; Jerry Rentfrow, died Dec. 14, 2022, Class of 1970; Carol May (Berkey) Younes, died Dec. 12, 2022, Class of 1958; Frederick Willard "Willie" Harder, died Dec. 30, 2022, Class of 1956; Linda (Bickle) Byers, died Jan. 5, 2023, Class of 1970; Karla K. (Pridgeon) Brouse, died Jan. 9, 2023, Class of 1980, Bernard "Bud" R. Jennings, died Jan. 24, 2023, Class of 1950; Beverly June (Breece) Naylor, died Dec. 16, 2022, Class of 1949. *Please note: send obit info. to angiebirdsallmsu@hotmail.com or call (269)435-8546.

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Help to sign up a new member. Pass this information on to a friend or family member that might be interested in joining. Anyone who attended Constantine Public Schools (they need not have graduated from Constantine) and faculty members are invited to become members.

Constantine Alumni Association

New Member Registration

www.constps.org – click on Community

A one-time registration fee of \$5.00 is accepted (for postage, printing, etc.)

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Name of Spouse: _____ Year of Graduation or Years Attended: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

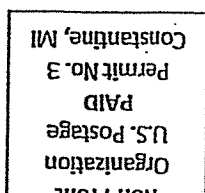
Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Please Note: We will NOT put your phone number and email address on the school website without your permission.
Circle your choice: Phone #: YES NO / Email: YES NO

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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