



# The Miner Tremor



41<sup>st</sup> Edition

Shullsburg High School Alumni News

Fall 2014

## 21st Annual Banquet Coming September 27th

Once again Shullsburg's Wheel In will be hosting this year's annual meeting and banquet during Homecoming. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Members of the **Class of 1964** celebrating their 50th class reunion will be honored at this year's banquet. The class included: Bob Woodworth, Randy Milestone, Helen (Kittoe) Olmstead, John Metcalf, Mary Beth (Curran) Gieseman, Jan (Coulthard) Hancock, Marsha (Sargent) Tessoroff, Lynne (McAloon) Oellerich, Gordon Mittlesteadt, Linda (Hammel) Keene, Mary Jo (DeRocher) Dusing, Kathleen (Doyle) Loeffeholz, Ed Jeffery, Ed Holland, Richard Jackson, Dennis and Cheryl (Brown) Bradley, Patrick Gile, Judy (Edge) Hawthorne, Anne (Hendrickson) Brown, Robert Hillary, Nancy (McCoy) Donnell, Mary Jo (Dickinson) Piper, Karen (King) Grace, Harold Redfearn, Sharon (Waul) Ostreng, Robert Keene, Bruce Ollerich, Maria (Webster) Heim, Gloria (Schunk) Hale, Mary Jo (Hillary) Doyle, Ken Peacock, Jane (Bastian) O'Brien, David Rodda, Mary (Harty) Ubersox, Leon Metz, Larry Pahnke, and Rosemary (McDermott) Monahan.

The 50/50 Raffle ticket sales support the Alumni Association newsletter. Thank you to all that have already bought tickets for this year's raffle! Haven't got yours yet? They can be purchased at the banquet if you plan to attend, otherwise they are included in the newsletter or on our website. **A banquet reservation form is included in this newsletter and also on our website <http://shullsburgalumni.com> . Please return your reservation by September 15th.**

Ballots will be cast at the Annual Meeting to elect members to serve 3-year terms on the Alumni Board of Directors. Current board members whose terms are up are Jeff Russell (74), Tammy Morrissey (83) and Mary Gensler (71). If you want your name to be placed on the ballot, please submit your signed request by mail before September 15, 2014 to Shullsburg Alumni Association, PO Box 595, Shullsburg, WI.

## Calendar of Events – 2014

Sept 27 - Shullsburg Homecoming, parade at 10:30 a.m., football game at 2:00 p.m. with the Highland Cardinals, Homecoming Dance from 8 - 11 p.m.

Sept 27 - Shullsburg Alumni Banquet, Wheel In, 6 p.m. for cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner served

Oct 4 - Firemen's Breakfast at Fire Station, 7 - 9:30 a.m.

Oct 4 - CHEESEFEST, free entertainment, kids games, pony rides, hayrides, great food

Oct 4 - Class of 1969's 40th Reunion, Brewster House, starting at 6 p.m.

Oct 4 - Ernie Hendrickson Band at the Wheel In, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Nov 1 - Fireman's Dance at the Wheel In

Nov 28-29 - Bit of Yesteryear Christmas, Home for the Holidays downtown

Nov 29 - Christmas House Tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov 29 - Lighted Christmas Parade starts at 6 p.m., the Christmas Tree lighting follows

## CLASS of 2014

Sixteen members of the Class of 2014 graduated at a ceremony held on May 23, 2014. The diplomas were presented by School Board President Eugene Uehling. The graduates and their future plans include Valedictorian Ellen Hernandez, UW-Platteville, Salutatorian Haley Morrissey, UW-P, Nichole Champion, UW-P, Connor Crotty, UW-P, Patrick Hanley, work, Bree Harker, NICC, Nathan Hendrickson, UW-Whitewater, Tyler Hill, SWTC, Nathan Houtakker, SWTC, Preston Kalpinski, work, Chase Kelly, UW-Oshkosh, Kasha Leitzinger, UW-P, Johnathan Meyer, Benedictine College, Holly Rennert, UW-P, Tristan Robbins, UW-P, and Lacy Stanton, Capri Cosmetology.

## New Members

**Welcome to our newest members:** from the Class of 2014, Nicole Champion, Connor Crotty, Nathan Hendrickson, Ellen Hernandez, and Holly Rennert. Other new members are Mary (Schunk) Bahler (64), Josh (95) and Karla (Turpin) Jerry (95), Shullsburg.

# Changes in the Old Burg

## New B&B and Inn Downtown



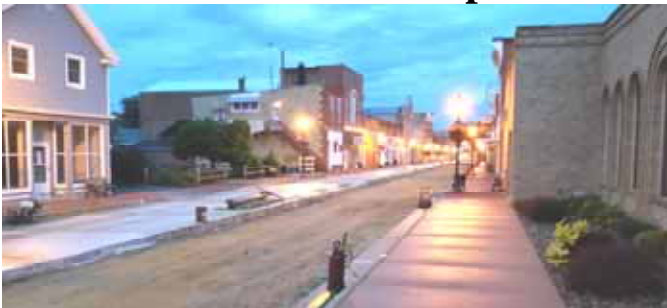
"Prepare to be pampered". This is the motto of John & Deb's Place, which opened in June of this year. John and Deb Sherman purchased the bank building previously owned by Dr. Martin and Dianna Thorsen at 201 West Water Street. Since

then they have been very busy completing the renovation of the 2nd floor space into two unique and intimate lodging spaces and converting the dental office space.

The Thorsen Suite and Doc Hanifan's Room both feature king beds, 12 foot ceilings with tall windows, beautiful baths with Jacuzzi tubs and much more. Downstairs you'll find a full kitchen, dining area and game room. Want to add to your relaxation? Massages are available.

Visit their Facebook page, John & Deb's Place, to get to know the Sherman family and view photos of the results of their hard work and attention to detail. Call (608) 482-5047 for a reservation or more information.

## Water Street Re-Opens



If you've been around Shullsburg since July 4th you are well aware that big things are happening on Water Street. First came the closure, demolition, and replacement of the street from the intersection of Gratiot and Water to the intersection of Judgement and Water Streets. Happily, all the utility services work and concrete work is done now and Water Street is once again open to traffic. A street dance was held on August 9, 2014 to celebrate the street opening and the joys of food and music on a great summer night.

Next comes the demolition work on the lot west of the Brewster House to make way for the new downtown Cheese Factory. Looks like this will keep a section of Gratiot Street closed for a while. The gazebo has been

removed from the site but it will be relocated at some point to the grassy lot between Kingsley Crossing and Cub Hollow Antiques. Have patience with our progress!

## First Ever Royce Lyne Memorial Basketball Tournament Held

A tournament to benefit the Royce Lyne Memorial Scholarship Fund was held at Shullsburg High School on Saturday, April 19, 2014. Royce Lyne (73), who passed away in 2012, spent much of his free time supporting Miner Athletics. His family and friends want to keep his memory alive by establishing a scholarship fund. Spectator admission was free. A bake sale, a silent auction and other fundraisers were also held to benefit the scholarship fund. A good group of alumni played basketball throughout the day. Royce's son, Kyle Lyne, led his 2011 teammates to the men's title while the 2007-2008 team took home the women's title.

Members of the 2011 men's team were: Tyler Pahnke, Kyle Lyne, Michael Ubersox, Jacob Holland, Mitchell Kautz, Max Blackburn, Gavin Ubersox and David Pedley. Members of the 2007-8 women's team were: Alecia Montgomery, Sarah (Weiskircher) Gruenwald, Janelle Jackson, Amanda Montgomery, Maureen Leahy, Anna Leitzinger and Samantha Peacock.

## New Curators for Badger Mine & Museum

Mary and Michael Bradley were approved as the new volunteer curators of the Badger Mine and Museum by the City Council in May. A few years ago they made their home in the beautifully restored Rennick House on Rennick Road south of Shullsburg.

The Bradleys have several goals they'll be working toward. They have formed a volunteer group, the Shullsburg Ambassadors, to help with the many endeavors they have planned.

One of these endeavors is the Shullsburg Pioneer Database. Using Federal Census Records, pioneers living in Shullsburg beginning in 1850 will be added to a database including pictures and stories provided by you, the family and friends of these important pioneers. Your contributions will greatly enhance the substance of available information. This database will be available for public viewing on the Badger Mine and Museum web page when it is finished. The database is being created in cooperation with Southwest Technical School in Fennimore, WI. If you have pictures and/or stories about Shullsburg or your family members to share make them part of our history and call Mary at 608-965-3076.

On the 4th of July the Badger Mine & Museum offered 2 special guided tours that included Gravity Hill, the Berry Tavern, Gratiot's Grove and other historical sites and stories about Shullsburg. It ended with cheese tasting downtown at Crooked Canvas. The cheese was generously donated by Shullsburg Creamery. "Jesse Shull" and his family were in the 4th of July parade and were also at the Mine & Museum after the parade to have their picture taken with interested patrons.

Future plans in the works are Shullsburg history classes and activities that may be offered at school and at the mine and museum, historical tours around Shullsburg, Pioneer Days at the Mine & Museum, and summer programs for kids involving historical experiences.

## ***New Playground Equipment Dedicated at Park***



The northeast corner of Badger Park now sports what looks like a giant red umbrella, part of a play-place that includes tube slides, swings, bridges, climbing rocks, cushioned ground cover, lighting, benches, waste containers, landscaping and more.

The wonderful new playground was donated by Tom Leahy (60), Las Vegas, in honor and memory of his wife, Sharon (Christopher) Leahy (61), who passed away August 2012. Both Tom and Sharon had grown up playing in Badger Park. Their three children Angie, Jay and Stephanie also spent happy hours there while visiting their grandparents in Shullsburg. At the dedication held Sunday, May 25th, Tom and Sharon's grandchildren were there to play on the new equipment, making the third generation of the family to enjoy Badger Park. A large memorial stone nearby reads: "This playground is dedicated in memory of Sharon Ann (Christopher) Leahy, Loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend in honor of her great love of children."



## ***Cheesefest is Coming!***

The 17th annual celebration of everything Cheese is coming to Shullsburg on October 4, 2014. Start your morning off with a delicious breakfast at the fire station. Next, put your running/walking shoes on and join in the 5K or 10K Walk/Run sponsored by the Shullsburg FFA and Miner Community Group. If you're looking for something less strenuous, try milking a cow or checking out the shops and street market.

Time to kick back a little by browsing through books at the Shullsburg Library Book Sale. Next take a hayride and help judge the scarecrow displays around town. Tap your feet to the music of the Shullsburg Band & Chorus and the Fever River String Band. Starting to get hungry? If you're REALLY hungry sit down for the cheese curd eating contest or just grab a bowl of chili and crackers, cheese soup, a grilled cheese sandwich, a cheeseburger, or a slice of cheesy pizza with pumpkin cheese cake for dessert.

Do I hear Tom Black singing some great country tunes? Now we're ready to enjoy the petting zoo, pony rides, and a short drive out to see what's up at the Open House at the Berry Tavern. Finally, settle down on Water Street to listen to the Dylan Doyle Band. Visit [www.shullsburgwisconsin.org](http://www.shullsburgwisconsin.org) for a schedule of events or call (608) 965-3236.

## ***2014 Music in the Park***

Perfect weather and extra large crowds made Badger Park the place to be on Thursday nights this summer. This year's series was dedicated to Cheryl (Griffin) Fink (70), one of the founding members of Music in the Park, Inc. (see obituary). Cheryl, along with Lance McNaughton and Barbara Sue Schubert were the volunteer team that created the summer music series eleven years ago in 2004 and have worked to make each season better than the last. This season is also dedicated to Steve Chandler, husband of Ellen Chandler Doyle (72), who passed away July 31, 2014. A talented musician and storywriter, Steve lent his abilities and support to help make Music in the Park a reality.

The series continues to grow in popularity with fans coming from Galena, Scales Mound, Benton, Cuba City, Darlington and points beyond to enjoy a great night of music and summertime food in our beautiful park. As a bonus this year, a free prize raffle was held each night.

Make sure to thank this year's sponsors for their generous support: Blackbourn and Sons, Inc, the Brewster House Restaurant, the City of Shullsburg, Del Roby of Benton, Furlong Funeral Home, Humphrey Transport and Towing, Kari Strang Tax and Accounting, Kingsley Crossing, O'Flaherty-Erickson Funeral Home, Russell Law Offices, Shullsburg Community Bank, Shullsburg Lions Club, Shullsburg Community Development Corporation, Shullsburg Subway, Teasdale Auction & Realty, Truck Country Services and Body Shop, Turpin's Hometown Grocery, Water Street Pub & Lodging, and the Wheel In Restaurant and Lounge. See you next year!

## *Water Fight Winners*

Something new and fun to watch at this year's July 4th Celebration was the first annual "Firefighter Water Fights". Competing for bragging rights were teams from Benton, Cuba City, Galena, Gratiot, Scales Mound, Shullsburg, South Wayne, Wiota, and Woodford. Taking home the 1st Place Trophy was Shullsburg's own **Tim Shepherd (89) and Ryan Jerry (98)**. Second place was awarded to Cuba City's Steve Tranell and Mike Vail. The third place trophy went to Shullsburg's **Emmett Kent (10) and Brad Teutschmann (01)**. Congratulations!

## *"Beautify Shullsburg"*

The beautiful hanging flower baskets downtown have been an added attraction again this year. A community that works together can accomplish great things! We want to thank the generous contributors that have made this project possible: **Rose Garden (\$1000>)** Steve Bryne (73), the City of Shullsburg.....**Sunflowers (\$500>)** the Shullsburg Fund....**Daffodils (\$250>)** Truck Country....**Daisies (\$100>)** Shullsburg Community Bank, Russell Properties, Pete (75) & Sue (Allendorf) Paquette (76), Jim (65) & Pam (Geissbuhler) Paquette (66)....**Petunias (\$100<)** Shullsburg Chiropractic, Clare Bank, Gary (68) & Sue (McArdle) Weiskircher (69), Shullsburg Creamery, Bill Nethery, Cub Hollow Antiques, Verlea Glindinning....**Sweet Peas** – Thank you to all the friends that donated to the jars around town!

**A very special thanks to the energetic volunteers that helped water the baskets:**

**May** - Sandy (Teutschmann) Russell (76) & Sue (Allendorf) Paquette (76), Peg (Wiegel) Diedrich (78) &

Deb (Wiegel) Lethlean (72), Mary (Teutschmann) Gensler (71) & Peg Rowley

**June** – FFA, Music Boosters, Tom (85) & Jill Reilly, the Strang Group, Dan (82) & Sue (Harker) Morrissey (82), Uehling/Sigwarth Group

**July** – Joanie (Burns) Von Glahn (66) & Cam Von Glahn, the Doyle Group, the Colleen Blackbourn Group, Tommy & Abbie Behrens

**August** – Timmerman/Wiegel Group, Athletic Boosters, Matye Group, Kim Jacobson & Rick Ubersox (68), Tom Turpin (97) Group

**September** - Pam (Tregloan) Harker (79) Group, Rose (Harker) Doyle (81) & Kevin Kent

**Construction Site Waterers** - Steve Staver, David Pedley(11), Jim (65) & Pam (Geissbuhler) Paquette (66)

**Substitute Waterers:** Doc (71) & Dixie Paquette

**A special thank you to Harry Blackbourn (77) and his crew for their help hanging the baskets!** Our next project will be decorating for Fall and Cheese Fest. If you would like to contribute to "Beautify Shullsburg" please send your donations to Clare Bank 101 W. Water Street, Shullsburg, WI, 53586.

## ***BENTON STATE BANK HONORS GEORGE BURNS***



The BSB Community Bancorporation, Inc. and the Benton State Bank honored George "Bill" Burns (51) at their 2014 annual shareholders meeting on March 25, 2014.

George is a native of Shullsburg where his banking career began in 1954 at the Farmers & Merchants

Bank. George later became an officer and a member of the board of directors there. He continued in that role after the F & M Bank was purchased by Clare Bank.

In 1985 George joined the Benton State Bank as Vice President, Cashier, and a member of the board of directors. He was elected President of the bank in 1994 and was elected Chairman of the Board in 1996. In 2000 George served as the first President of the BSB Community Bancorporation Inc., the newly created holding company of the Benton State Bank. He retired from the daily operation of the bank in 1995 and served as Director and Chairman of the Board until 2009. For the past five years George has served a vital role as Chairman Emeritus of the Benton State Bank and Director Emeritus of the BSB Community Bancorporation Inc.

George and his wife Lorna have five children: David (73), Lori (74), Pat (76), Brian (77) and Anastasia (81) and 8 grandchildren. They will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ***Star Spangled Scramble***

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Star Spangled Scramble took place at the Platteville Golf and Country Club. An absolute perfect day awaited as 96 players arrived to participate in a day of golf, laughs, and reminiscence. Some came on a bus and some flew in just for the occasion but a good time was certainly had by all. A new team was crowned this year as the historically under-achieving foursome of Timmy Lacke (81), Pat Probst (81), Pat Foley (80), and Chuck Vickers (81) walked away with the plaque. They now have bragging rights for a year and will take full advantage of them! Jeff Lutes (83) can also proclaim himself as best putter in Lafayette County as he walked away with the Putting Contest loot!

Special thanks go out to the local businesses and individuals that helped make this event a success: the Leadmine Tavern – David Lacke (83), Benton State Bank - Steve Malone, Doolittle's Pub and Eatery – Joe Spillane, and General Beverage, Inc - Darric Hawkins.

Although not touted as a fund-raising type of tournament, it has slightly evolved into an event that allows the participants to give back in some way. Players left the golf course feeling good that they helped contribute to a very worthy cause as over \$2300 was raised to support a Trust Fund established for the children of Kim (Miller) Lawrence (86) who passed away earlier this spring. Many of her classmates from the Shullsburg class of 1986 participated in this event. Emotions were at a different level this year due to the impact that Kim had on the lives of her friends and the closeness of this community.

Next year's event will be held July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please reach out to Lance Wand (86) or Mike Pfeil (87) if you have an interest in playing.

### **Bit of Yesteryear Christmas House Tour**

A Bit of Yesteryear Christmas will be held on the weekend of November 28 and 29, 2014. On November 29, the house tour will feature the homes of Mike (92) and Tammy Woodworth, Aaron (93) and Julie (Teasdale) Wiegel (92) and Debbie Bale (79). It also includes John and Deb's Place and the Berry Tavern. The 2014 featured Red Wing Pottery collectible is a Water Cooler.

The lighted Christmas Parade takes place on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Santa's reindeer will participate in the parade. After the parade, the new community Christmas Tree will be lit for the first time. Be a part of this historic event and enjoy a hometown start to the holiday season!

## **Emily Franz Memorial Scholarship Fund**



The 2014 scholarship recipients are: Nicole Champion, Connor Crotty, Bree Harker, Nathan Hendrickson, Ellen Hernandez, Chase Kelly, Kasha Leitzinger, Johnathan Meyer, Haley Morrissey, Holly Rennert, and Tristan Robbins. Each recipient brought two items to be auctioned for the fundraiser held August 3, 2014 at Badger Park. Other supporters donated items including a quilt, Badger tickets, Brewer tickets, a painting, pies, cakes, and much more.

Entertainment was provided by Robert Slattery and Fun-N-Games Trivia. The Shullsburg Fire Department manned the grills, cooking delicious steaks and chicken for the meal in which over 200 people were served. Each meal ticket included entry into the raffle. Thank you to Larry Teasdale (66) and Randy Gill (69) for doing a bang-up job of auctioneering with great humor!

## ***In our Neighborhood***

### ***Swiss Valley Plans to Double Their Waste Water Capacity***

Swiss Valley Farms announced that it has received approval from its board of directors to engineer and build an expansion to its current waste water treatment facility due to plans for increased cheese production.

A spokesman for the company stated that the expansion will allow for an increase in manufacturing and eliminate the odor that is sometimes experienced when peak capacity of the current treatment plant is reached.

### **McCoy Group Acquires New Outlets**

McCoy Group, Inc. announced that they have recently purchased Stoops Freightliner-Quality Trailer, acquiring all six Stoops locations in Indiana and Ohio. This brings the full service dealerships owned and operated by Truck Country to 18, with locations in Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana and Ohio. The move also doubles the size of the McCoy Nationalease network.

## *Class of 74 Reunion Held*



The Class of '74 met at the Wheel In, Saturday, July 5, 2014 for their 40th reunion. Present were: (1st row) Debbie (Stoycheff) Deuvall, Deb (Herbst) Sargent, Emmett Reilly, Karen Ryan, Janet (Sanderson) Glasgow, and Sandee (Webster) Schunk.

(2nd row) Sue (Leahy) Doyle, Cindy (Ubersox) Anderson, Lori Burns, Karen (Jackson) Bode, and Jackie (Byrne) Curry Folle.

(top row) David Schollmeyer, Mick Schwartz, Jim Harwick, Chris Teutschmann, Doug Coy, Ted Teutschmann, Mark Fields, and Jeff Russell.

## *Memorial Day Celebration Held at Berry Tavern*

Around 150 people attended the program held on May 26, 2014 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the monument stone placed in front of the Berry Tavern by the Shullsburg Daughters of the American Revolution in 1914. The stone marks the Stagecoach Road and the tavern built by Fortunatus Berry. After the program the Tavern was open for tours of the inside of the building, the root cellar, and the Cholera Victims Cemetery.

## *Upcoming Reunions*

**The Class of 1959** will hold its 55th reunion at the Wheel In on September 27, 2014, in conjunction with the Alumni Banquet. Reservation forms are available at <http://shullsburgalumni.com> and payment may be made directly to the Committee. For more information you may contact Ron Foley at [ron\\_barb\\_foley@yahoo.com](mailto:ron_barb_foley@yahoo.com) or at (608) 965-4542, or call Marian Kelly at (608) 776-2883.

**The Class of 1969** will celebrate their 45th reunion at the Brewster House on Saturday, October 4, 2014 during CheeseFest. Cocktails at 6 p.m. For more information contact Mary Lou (Richardson) Tuescher at [mary\\_lout@hotmail.com](mailto:mary_lout@hotmail.com) or at (608) 482-0961.

## *Bits and Pieces*

### **Alumni Updates**

#### **70's**



**Debbie (Stoycheff) Deuvall (74)** received the promotion to "Designer" with Premier Designs Jewelry. She received national recognition at their Rally in Ft. Worth TX on

July 11<sup>th</sup>. Having achieved this level with Premier, she is among the top 4% in the nation. You can check out her website at <http://debbiedeuvall.mypremierdesigns.com> code 2013 or email her at [ddeuvall@yahoo.com](mailto:ddeuvall@yahoo.com).

#### **80's**

**LeAnn (Smith) Wurtzbacher (88)**, graduated from UW-Platteville with an Elementary Education degree and accepted the Early Childhood position with the Shullsburg School District starting this fall.

#### **00's**

**Hannah (Rennert) Pick (02)**, Shullsburg, graduated this spring from UW-Platteville with a degree in social sciences. She was also named to the Chancellor's List.

**Laura Scott (05)** and **Courtney Woodward (09)** were named to the Dean's List at UW-Platteville for the spring semester.

**Kyle Blackburn (06)**, assistant men's basketball coach at Benedictine College in Kansas, hosted a week and a half summer basketball camp for boys and girls 5th through 10th grade in Shullsburg this year. Brad Solberg (alumnus of Black Hawk High School), currently assistant men's basketball coach at Ottawa University, and several area high school coaches, helped to run the program as well.

**Josh Einsweiler (08)**, IT/Web analyst, was named to the Dean's List this spring at South West Technical College in Fennimore.

**Brooks Lutes (09)**, a senior biology student at UW-Platteville, won second place prize of \$300 for his entry in a University Writing Center essay contest answering the question: Does evidence suggest that "winning at all costs" is a common mentality throughout the United States?

#### **2010's**

**Kevin Teutschmann (10)** graduated on May 17, 2014 from UW- Oshkosh with a bachelor of science degree in

athletic training. He is now employed at Aurora Health Care in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He will be working as an athletic trainer for the Mishicot Indians.

**Katelynn Scott (10)** graduated on May 11, 2014 from UW-La Crosse with a bachelor of science degree in therapeutic recreation. She was also on the Dean's List for the spring semester.

**Marlaina Morrissey (10)** was named to the UW-Madison spring Dean's List. She is a senior in the school of nursing.

Named to the Dean's List at UW-Platteville for the spring semester were: **Katie Morrissey (12), and Anna Holland (13).** **Brent Knautz (10)** graduated with a degree in Animal Science.

**Brittany Monahan (10)** human services associate, and **Kurtis Roberts (10), Reid Schwartz (13), Bret Doyle (13), Chet Scott (13),** all in Agri-Business/Technology, and **Hervey Trejo (13),** Building Trades-Carpentry, were named to the Dean's List at South West Technical College in Fennimore. **Bret Doyle** also received the Lenz Family Endowment Scholarship awarded in June. **Chet Scott** received the Wisconsin FFA Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarship sponsored by GrowMark at this year's State FFA Convention. The scholarship is in the amount of \$2500.

**Morgan McComish (12) and Brett Kautz (13)** were named to the Dean's List at UW-Oshkosh for the spring semester.

**Nathaniel Carrier (12) and Blaire Lutes (13)** have been named to the Dean's List at Loras College, Dubuque, IA, for the spring semester.

**John Meyer (14)** will continue his basketball career at Benedictine College, a private academic institution in Atchison, KS. His new team, the Ravens, won their conference championship in 2013-14 and were a Sweet 16 National Tournament qualifier. Shullsburg native Kyle Blackburn (06) is assistant coach for the team.

## Wedding Anniversaries



**Randy (69) and Julie (Teasdale) Gill (69),** Shullsburg, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2014 during a surprise party with family and friends in Badger Park. The couple lives on their farm east of Shullsburg. They have 4 children, Brett (Jenny) Gill (95), Janesville,

Brad (Tara) Gill (97), Lake Geneva, Brooke (Casey) Fennell (01), Shullsburg, and Brittany (Travis) Lyne

(02), Oregon, WI. They also keep busy with 13 grandchildren under the age of 9.



Tom and **Jane (Webber) Jean (72),** Darlington, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on April 27, 2014. They have two children, Sarah (Aaron) Berken and Jason (Kelsey)

Jean and five grandchildren.

Bob and **Paula (Morrissey) Stauffacher (72),** Platteville, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a party in the park with friends and family. They were married August 31, 1974 and have three children, Joe, Karl and Kate.

## Weddings



**Devin Shawcross (00)** married Craig Kuehn on July 12, 2014 in a ceremony in Shullsburg. Their home is in Platteville, WI.

**Wade Schwartz (08)** married **Sarah Pedley (08)** in a ceremony held July 26, 2014 on the bride's family farm near Shullsburg. Their reception followed at Banfield's Swiss Haus. Wade is employed as a mechanic at Pioneer Motors in Platteville, WI. The couple are making their home in Shullsburg.



## Births

Joe and **Kathy (Grindey) Bobadilla (97),** Lexington, KY, are the parents of a daughter, Alexandra Ariana, born April 26, 2014. Alex joins a brother, Tyler, 7. Grandparents are Bill and Carol (Glick) Grindey (58), Shullsburg.

Bryan and **Allison (Fink) Stocker (97),** Shullsburg, are parents of a son, Levi James, born July 24, 2014. Levi joins big sister, Leighton.

**Rose Leahy (98)** and Mike Geurin, Hazel Green, WI, are parents of a son, Colton Richard Geurin, born April 22, 2014. Colton joins brothers Nicolas and Carson. Grandparents are Jerry and Patti Leahy, Shullsburg, and Susan and the late Robert Geurin, Vancouver, WA.

**Brian (98)** and Becky **Kammes**, Browntown, WI, are parents of a daughter, Charlotte Mary Lou, born June 18, 2014. Little Charlotte joins a sister, Samantha, 6. Grandparents are Jerry and Cheri Kammes, Shullsburg, and Steve and Helen Lincicum, Browntown.

**Matt (01)** and Julie **Rennert**, Madison, WI, are parents of a daughter, Raya Marie, born July 2, 2014. She joins big sister, Rylynn, 2. Grandparents are Steve & Michelle Rennert, Shullsburg, and John & Connie Tranel, Hazel Green.

**James Farrey (06)** and Joyce Petsche, Shullsburg, are parents of a daughter, Jaqueline Ann Marie, born April 5, 2014. She joins a brother, Levi, 1. Grandparents are Nancy and Steven Petsche, Lena, IL, Kathy King, Shullsburg, and Tony Price, Durand, IL.

**Alexa Curran (12)** and Adam Abraham are parents of a son, Axton Arthur Abraham, born June 26, 2014. Grandparents are Bob (80) and Tammy Curran, Shullsburg, and Allen & Carolyn Abraham, Darlington.



Chris and **McKenzi (Herbst) Genslinger (03)**, Oswego, IL are parents of a son, Grayson Christopher, born July 24, 2014. He joins his big sister, Brynn, who is 22 months. Grandparents are Rick (68) & Peggy (King) Herbst (73), Shullsburg.

## Obituaries



**Evelyn (Coulthard) Gensler (29)**, Shullsburg, died July 1, 2014 at her home in White Oak Springs at age 103. Evelyn Irene was born on March 17, 1911 to Webster and Jessie (McCann) Coulthard. She was born, grew up and lived her entire life in White Oak Springs township. During her childhood she made pets out of every animal on her parents' farm. After graduating she attended Platteville Normal School for 1 year, earning a certificate to teach grades 1 through 8.

She spent the next 20 years teaching in one room country schools. She married Forrest W. Gensler in 1945. They lived on the home farm that she and Forrest purchased in 1943, eventually running a large dairy farm in the 1960's and 70's with their son, Charles. In the 1940's through 1960's she traveled with her family frequently to vacation around the country or to attend World Fairs.

Evelyn loved country life, her family, friends, and animals; especially cats. She thoroughly enjoyed her

days as a school teacher and former students became lifelong friends. She loved visiting on the phone, remembering her friends faithfully with cards and letters, and enjoyed watching soap operas and Lawrence Welk on TV. Blessed with good health, she was always an energetic person, caring for her aging parents, aunts and uncles, her husband, and later at times her grandson.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Scales Mound, IL for more than 80 years. Evelyn is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mary (Teutschmann) Gensler (71), her grandson, Matt Gensler (04), a brother-in-law, Albert (Shirley) Gensler (62), two sisters-in-law, Joanne (John) Weiskircher (58) and Mary Alice (Tom) Pedley (67), and two nieces, Linda (Coulthard) Peterson (57) and Virginia (Paul) (Coulthard) O'Brien (62). She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 1994, her brother, Thomas Coulthard, her son, Charles, in 2011, and two grandsons.



**Kathleen (Curran) Bennett (40)**, Shullsburg, died June 14, 2014 at Stonehill Care Center in Dubuque, IA. She was born in Shullsburg on June 4, 1922, the daughter of Elmer and Mary (O'Neill) Curran.

Kathleen married Mertin Bennett in 1965. They spent 45 happy years together until his passing in 2010. She lived in Rockford, IL; Houston, TX; Dodgeville, and Wauwatosa, WI before returning home to Shullsburg in 1977. Kathleen was proud of her Irish heritage. She was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church in Shullsburg. She enjoyed her family, golfing, ice fishing and volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Store.

Her daughter, Sheila Trotter, step-daughter, Susan Bennett, brother, Pat Curran (48), sister, Helen Engels (50), and several nieces and nephews survive her.

**Mary "Margie" M. (Trebian) Blackburn (51)**, Lena, IL, passed away July 22, 2014, at the Lena Living Center, surrounded by her family. Margie was born in Shullsburg, WI to Carl and Viola (O'Neil) Trebian on September 26, 1932. She married Charles R. Blackburn in 1955.

She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lena, IL. Margie enjoyed being with her family, spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, watching the Cubs, dancing, reading and walking. Margie is survived by three daughters, Cindy (Charlie) Nipple, Becky (Pete) Becker, and Tammy (Kevin) Miller; five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, four brothers, Roudell, Harvey,



Barney, and Duane Trebian. Burial was held at St. Matthew's Catholic Cemetery in Shullsburg, WI.



**Dr. Donald Tregoning (56)**, Tulsa, OK, died April 5, 2014. He was born in Dubuque, IA, the son of Orville (30) and Ermine (Metcalf) Tregoning (30). Don grew up on the family farm. After high school he attended Platteville University, graduating in 1960. He studied at Logan

Chiropractic College in St. Louis, MO, and practiced in Drumright, OK.

He married Carol Yandian in 1970. Together they raised their two children, Gigi and Mike. Don also had a son, Timothy, from a previous marriage. Don's great loves were the Lord, his family, the Oklahoma Sooners and duck hunting.

His wife Carol, his children, and two grandchildren survive him. His brother, Joe (Jeanne), Madison, WI, and sister, Susie, Tulsa, OK, also survive him.



**Dale Monahan (62)**, Shullsburg, died May 15, 2014. Dale was born in Shullsburg, the son of Edward and Rose Monahan. After high school he attended Rockford Barber College. He lived in Shullsburg his whole life.

Dale married Rosemary McDermott (64) in 1965 at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Shullsburg. He worked at John Deere Works, Dubuque, IA until retiring in 1996. He later worked for USPS as a rural postal delivery man until 2008.

He was a member of the United Auto Workers and St. Matthew's Catholic Church. He enjoyed target shooting with his brother, Keith, and spending time with his family.

Dale is survived by his wife, Rosie, two daughters, Lori (Donald) Hirsch (84), and Connie (Bill) Graham (86), and four grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Keith (Nancy) and Ron, and one sister, Rose Ellen Kieffer (58).



**Gerald "Jerry" O'Neill (63)**, Shullsburg, died June 27, 2014 at home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born January 25, 1945 in Shullsburg, the son of Clifford and Dorothy (Welch) O'Neill (36). After graduation Jerry served in the US Army

from 1965 to 1975.

After leaving the Army, Jerry spent the rest of his life in Shullsburg. He married Louise Specht in 1968. He worked at John Deere in Dubuque, IA for 20 years.

Jerry also owned the Irish Inn in Shullsburg from 1977 until 1990.

He was a member of McCann-Richards American Legion Post #105 and the Shullsburg VFW #10533. Jerry was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, served on the Shullsburg Fire Department for 20 years and the Shullsburg Ambulance for 18 years.

He is survived by two daughters, Ann Marie Maahs (86) and Jennifer Koltjes (91), Louise O'Neill, a brother John, a sister Mary Kay Walker (69), four grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



**Cheryl Jane (Griffin) Fink (70)**, Shullsburg, died May 24, 2014 following a long and brave battle with cancer. She was born July 3, 1952 in Hazel Green, the daughter of Robert and Darlene (Duerr) Griffin, Sr.

She grew up on the family farm near Shullsburg. Cheryl received a bachelor's degree in organizational management from the University of Concordia. She married Norbert Fink on April 17, 1971. They made their home in Shullsburg. Together they raised two daughters, Jennifer (89) and Allison (97).

Cheryl worked for Dean Foods in Rockford, IL for over 30 years. She later became operations manager for the Nuestro Queso Cheese Plant in Kent, IL. She was a member of St. Matthew's Church and its Council of Women. She was a current member of the Shullsburg Community Development Corporation and a past member of the Shullsburg School Board and City Council.

Cheryl enjoyed her family, cooking and baking, traveling, shopping, scrapbooking and collecting Longaberger baskets. She loved Shullsburg and Christmas, many times combining the two in events like "Bit of Yesteryear Christmas", which she worked to support each year.

Her husband, Norbert, her daughter, Allison (Bryan) Stocker (97), Madison, WI, and two grandchildren, Leighton and Levi Stocker survive her. She is also survived by her brother, Jeff Griffin (89), her sisters, Susan (Robert) Woodworth (71), Donna Van Lent (73), and Betty Monahan (76), all of Shullsburg. Her brother, Bobby (79), and daughter, Jennifer predeceased her.

**Kimberly Ann (Miller) Lawrence (86)** died on March 23, 2014 at her home following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born February 22, 1968 in Perry, IA to Erwin and Katherine Miller.

Kim is survived by her husband: Howard Lawrence of Scottsboro, IA, two sons; Hunter and Dakota, one daughter, Haley all at home, her parents, Erwin & Katherine and a brother Gary Miller (85).



**Robert "Bob" J. Christopher (72)**, Shullsburg, died May 15, 2014. He was born on September 14, 1954, the son of Clarence and Josephine (Hillemeyer) Christopher (38). Bob lived almost his entire life on his family's farm in rural Shullsburg.

After high school, Bob remained a fixture in Shullsburg and could usually be found at most public events and athletic games. He also frequented the public library and enjoyed reading and using the computers there. He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Shullsburg.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother, Michael. He is survived by cousins and friends in Shullsburg.



**Thomas H Bennett**, Darlington, WI died May 4, 2014 after a courageous 3 year battle with ALS. He was born in Cuba City, WI, the son of Melvin and Louise Bennett. He attended Shullsburg High School with the Class of 1991.

Tom married Stacy Harker in 1993 and together they had two children. He married Jaci Schwartz in 2001. Tom worked at Dura Automotive in Stockton, IL for many years. He later worked at the Browntown Foundry, then at Hypro in Platteville until health problems caused him to retire.

Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing and watching sports. He was a true Packers and Chicago Cubs fan. He met many medical challenges throughout his life. He was a member of the Belmont and Shullsburg Fire Departments.

His wife, Jaci and five children: Cody Bennett, LCPL Cody Ryan, Alexis Bennett, Ceara Bennett and Xzander Bennett survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Louise Andrews, two brothers Todd and Travis Bennett, one sister, Tracy Bennett, two grandchildren, and many nephews, nieces and close friends.



**James M. Bastian (67)** Cape Coral, FL, died August 6, 2014 unexpectedly. He was born June 5, 1948 to Marco and Margaret Bastian.

Jim married Betty Malott on August 17, 1968 and they had two daughters. He was an avid Packers fan and enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, coaching and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Betty, two daughters, three grandsons, one sister Jane O'Brien (64), and two brothers Joe (69) and John (75).

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Boys Baseball Team Finishes Great Season

The Shullsburg/Benton Team earned a share of the Six Rivers West Championship with a 17-6 conference record, their second straight conference title. They went on to defeat Belmont 3-0, earning a WIAA Division 3 Regional Championship title. They advanced to Sectionals for the 2nd time in the last 3 seasons before losing a heart-breaker to the Argyle Orioles 7-6 after leading 6-0 in the sixth inning. They finished the season 22-6 overall. The team is coached by Tim Strang.



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### "Miner Tremor" Online

The Miner Tremor is a biannual publication designed to keep SHS alumni and friends informed of activities, changes and events happening in Shullsburg. This publication is funded using monies generated by the SHS Alumni Association.

Letters to the editor are welcome, as are suggestions for articles and alumni updates.

### The Tremor Staff

Members of the newspaper staff are Mary Gensler (71), editor; Paula Stauffacher (72), reporter, layout and design; and Jeff Russell (74), reporter. The newsletter staff welcomes your comments, suggestions, photos and stories. Please send them to: Shullsburg Alumni Association, PO Box 595, Shullsburg, WI 53586-0595. Email messages send to: [shullsburgalumni@gmail.com](mailto:shullsburgalumni@gmail.com) or visit the Alumni web page at <http://shullsburgalumni.com>.

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Gerald Milestone (54), Shullsburg - \$100  
Retta (Morris) Monahan (63), Benton, WI - \$20  
Terry Wiegel (79), Peoria, AZ - \$25  
Bridget Schultz (98) and Josh Johnson (98), Chicago, IL- \$50

**Alumni News**

*The Miner Tremor* contains a column called *Bits and Pieces* for alumni updates. The columns include news about alumni updates (employment information, changes and promotions; volunteer information/ recognition; advanced educational degrees received; awards and other recognition received), alumni marriages, births, obituaries, and staff notes. If you have news to share, please forward it to the Alumni Association.

We'll be glad to print photos taken at your events, gatherings, award presentations, etc. Just send them in! Please identify all people in the picture. All submitted photos will be returned if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed. If sending a digital file via email we recommend the image to be 240 to 300 dpi. Email photos or alumni notes to [shullsburgalumni@gmail.com](mailto:shullsburgalumni@gmail.com).

**Shullsburg Alumni Banquet at Wheel In on September 27, 2014 Reservation Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00\* per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Alumni Notes - Do you have news to share? Let us know in the space below:

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Please do not send cash. \*price includes family style meal, coffee or tea, tax, gratuity, and souvenir.

Return reservation to Shullsburg Alumni Association, PO Box 595, Shullsburg, WI 53586 **By September 15, 2014**  
After that date phone Paula at (608) 732-7025 to check for availability.

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m.



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