



# The Miner Tremor



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35th Edition

Shullsburg High School Alumni News

Fall 2011

## 2011 Annual Banquet Coming on September 17th

The eighteenth annual banquet and meeting of the Shullsburg Alumni Association will be held Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Wheel In, Shullsburg.

Please use the attached form to make your reservations for the banquet by September 8, 2011. Can't make the banquet? All Alumni are invited to the Wheel In lounge following the meal to socialize with their friends and fellow Miners.

Winners of this year's raffle will be drawn during the banquet. Raffle ticket sales support the Alumni Association newsletter. Your support is always appreciated!

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 are interested in running, please submit in writing by September 8, 2011.

## CLASS of 2011



Commencement exercises at Shullsburg High School for the Class of 2011 were held on May 27, 8:00 p.m. in the new gym. Receiving their diplomas were Hillary Barclay, Max Blackbourn, Dirk Bode, Anna Burgess, Emilia Cervantes, Hillary Cook, Mick Curran, Christopher Gallagher, Amanda Gleason, Patrick Grate, Aislinn Hanley, Paige Heim, Jacob Holland, Mitchell Kautz, Ashton Leahy, Kyle Lyne, Paola Martinez, McKenzie McGranahan, Clarissa Morrissey, Tyler Pahnke, David Pedley, Tierney Reilly, Ricardo Ruelas, Jr., Jayde Russell, Stephen Spillane, Jacob Stocker, Jamie Teutschmann, Jose Rejo, Donnie Turpin, Gavin Ubersox, Michael Ubersox, and Ryan Welsh.

## New Members

Welcome to our newest members: (from the 2011 graduating class) Max Blackbourn, Amanda Gleason, Jacob Holland, Mitchell Kautz, Kyle Lyne, David Pedley, Tierney Reilly, Jacob Stocker, Chris Gallagher and Gavin Ubersox, also Sarah (Wand) Vosberg (93).

## Calendar of Events – 2011/2012

- Sept. 17 - Fall Harvest Days in Downtown Shullsburg  
Fall gathering at Mary O'Leary's Cabin
- Sept. 17 - SHS Homecoming, parade at 10:30 am, Game at 1:00 pm.
- Sept. 17 - Shullsburg Alumni Banquet, Wheel In, 6 pm
- Oct. 1 - CheeseFest, Firemen's Breakfast @ Fire House from 7-9 a.m., hayrides, free entertainment
- Oct. 29 - Firemen's Dance, Wheel In
- Nov. 11, 12 & 13 - Mining Town Christmas
- Nov. 25-27 - Bit of Yesteryear Christmas
- Nov. 26 - Home for the Holidays, Pasty lunch at Centenary Methodist Church, Santa and Elves at Hanler's, Lighted Night Parade, Fireworks
- Feb 12, 2012 - EMS Valentine's Dance at the Wheel In
- Feb. 25, 2012 - Lucas Lee Scholarship Memorial Pool Tournament
- Mar. 10 & 24, 2012 - Pasty Bake at Centenary Methodist Church
- May 5, 2012 - May Day Celebration, spring festival on Water Street



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## *Changes in the Old Burg*



New Barbershop along Highway 11 in Shullsburg

A Barbers Salon – "Blue Door Barber Shop Too" opened at the corner of Highway 11 and 613 Water Street on July 13, 2011 (formerly the Bittersweet). Laura Jenkins is a master barber and haircut specialist. She offers haircutting for men, women and children. All haircuts and hot lather shaves are \$15 each.

The barber shop will be open for 42 hours a week of haircutting and old fashioned hot lather shaves. The hours of operation are Mondays 6 am - noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 am - 6 pm. You can call for an appointment or just walk in...whatever works best for you.

## *In our Neighborhood*

### **White Oak School Reunion Held**

Twenty-seven former students of the White Oak Rural School reunited on July 17, 2011 at the Scales Mound Town Hall to reminisce. The one-room school, located at the corner of White Oak Road and School Street south of Shullsburg, was built in the late 1800's and served the children of farmers living in the area from first grade through eighth grade. The building itself was converted to a residence in the 1960's and was lost to fire about 10 years ago.

They enjoyed remembering their former teachers. One stalwart soul had the task of preparing lessons, teaching separate classes of math, reading, history and grading papers for all the students. They talked about the jobs the students had such as carrying in water, sweeping the floor, washing the blackboards, cleaning the outdoor toilets and raising and lowering the American flag. They also remembered recess and the games of Red Rover, Kick the Can, and Captain May I.

Former students who gathered included Virginia (Coulthard) O'Brien (62), Judy (Edge) Hawthorne (64), Curtis Edge (69), Mary Lou (Richardson) Tuescher (69), Becky (Edge) Hendrickson (67), Linda (Coulthard) Peterson (57), Evelyn (Coulthard) Gensler (29), Earl Edge (45), Justin Edge, Dennis Redfearn (66), Ann

(Hughes) Schoenhard (68), Kurt Bale (55), Larry Hughes, Richard Hughes, Dianne (Bale) Buglass (59), Linda (Bradley) Couinard, Arletta (Bradley) Shuman, Janice (Koester) Steinhoff, JoAnn (Richardson) Richards (66), Judy (March) Brown, Herb Chapman (58), Dale Redfearn (64), John Herbst (66), Jack Redfearn (60), Roger Redfearn and Wayne Redfearn (65).

### **Gratiot House has New Owners**

If you travel south of Shullsburg to Rennick Road you'll notice an old and stately limestone house that has been a local landmark for over 175 years. The Gratiot House was started in 1835 by Henry and Susan Gratiot and completed by Edward Gratiot in 1860. It is one of the oldest houses still existing in Wisconsin. The Webb family owned the house the longest from 1897 to 1956. It has undergone many renovations and additions over the years. Most recently it was owned by John and Diane Hatfield. Now new owners Chris Price and Heather Walker are giving the house a renewed life.

Chris, originally from California, moved to Wisconsin 12 years ago and purchased the house in 2010. He is a commercial pilot. His grandfather was born in Wisconsin in 1864. Heather, a massage therapist and a stay at home mom, was originally from West Bend, WI. They were drawn to the community and the house by the closeness of an airport. You can visit their blog on [www.gratiothouse.blogspot.com](http://www.gratiothouse.blogspot.com).

Chris and Heather have taken the house back to the frame and studs to replace many of the rotted structural timbers. One half of the house will be kept as original as possible. The other half will serve as the living quarters for Chris, Heather and infant son, Duncan. During the renovation work they have found many screws in the house that went out of production in 1845 along with a few bats, of course. Doing a lot of the work themselves, they estimate that the project will take from 18 months up to 4 years to complete. In the meantime they are enjoying adventurous living amidst the chaos and charm of a real antique.

### **Willow Valley**

Gina (Scott) Leahy ('94) and her partner Nikki Komprood are opening Willow Valley, LLC. It is an assisted living facility with 16 one bedroom units. It is located at 520 W. Estey Street, Shullsburg. Gina with 7 years of nursing and Nikki with 3 years will have a 24 hour staff on site. The resident will be able to choose the level of care they wish to have. They allow the spouse to live on site. They will provide nursing services including medication assistance, blood pressure and vital

signs checks. They will have daily activities for the residents. You can contact them at 608-732-4013 or 608-214-2013 for more information.

## Cargill Facility Improvements In Progress



Cargill's grain facility just north of Shullsburg is undergoing some major improvements this summer. Work is underway to add two new scales, new and faster unload systems, better staging areas and enclosed dump pits capable of absorbing 1000 bushels of corn or soybeans at a time. Cargill has total storage capacity of 6 million bushels on site. Work is expected to be completed by September 30, 2011.

## Emily Franz Scholarship



The Emily Franz Scholarship Fun Night was held on August 7, 2011 and raised over \$5,000 from the auction, raffle and dinner. Over 225 people attended. The speaker was Joseph Unley. Recipients of \$4,000 scholarships were Dirk Bode, Anna Burgess, Max Blackbourn, Christopher Gallagher, Page Heim, Jacob Holland, Mitchell Knautz, Kyle Lyne, Paola Martinez, Clarissa Morrissey, Tierney Reilly, Jayde Russell, Jacob Stocker and Jaime Teutschmann.

## Donation to Rescue Squad

The family of Adda (Lyne) Gehrt (41) recently presented the Shullsburg Rescue Squad with a \$2,250 donation in her memory. The donation enabled the squad to purchase a CPR training manikin, a casualty simulation kit, and other equipment.

## Fall Harvest Days



The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Harvest Days will be held on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be Mums and Pumpkins galore downtown Shullsburg.

Mary O'Leary's Cabin will be open and also feature an Antique Show, pumpkins, food and music from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## CHEESEFEST 2011

The Cheesefest tradition continues. Shullsburg's 14<sup>th</sup> annual event takes place on Historic Water Street. Free, family entertainment continues throughout the day on the main stage. This year's lineup features a Cheesefest favorite with local ties, Ernie Hendrickson (son of Dean (72) and Beth (Aurit) Hendrickson (72)), and a local favorite, the Wundos.

New this year is Folk Dancing demonstrations led by Matt Harker with a cast of family and friends. You may even get an opportunity to join in the fun!!

The Cemetery Walk will be back this year (9:00am – 11:30am) with a new cast of characters. Sponsored by the Lafayette County Historical Society, characters in Shullsburg's history will be brought back to life. Rides will be provided from the fire house so you can have breakfast then get a ride to the cemetery to learn more about those people that played a role in Shullsburg's history.

Kick the day off with your family and friends while getting in your exercise by participating in the Walk/Run sponsored by the Miner Community Group and the FFA Alumni. Registration for the 5K or 10K Walk/Run begins at 8:30am.

The Fire Department will host their breakfast beginning at 7:00am. What a great way to start the day! The Arts & Crafts Market will begin at 9:00am and continue throughout the day. There is something for everyone.

Many local clubs and organizations offer fresh baked goods and other treats. Stop and explore then enjoy your treats as you stroll down Water Street and enjoy the free entertainment.

Our Cheesefest Raffle has some great prizes. The Shullsburg Creamery is sponsoring the Scarecrow Contest with some great prizes. Join in the fun at the Cheese Curd Eating Contest. Search for a new book, or choose several as the prices are reasonable, at the McCoy Library Used Book Sale. There will be a petting zoo, Moonwalk, and a few surprises for the kids. Events and activities, fun for everyone, are still being added so please check our website, [www.shullsburgwisconsin.org](http://www.shullsburgwisconsin.org), for updates or call Cheryl Fink at (608)965-4579 for more information.

## **A BIT OF YESTERYEAR CHRISTMAS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS November 25, 26 & 27, 2011**

We are continuing some of our traditional events for the Thanksgiving weekend festivities. Merchants and restaurants on Historic Water Street will be ready with Christmas greenery and decorated shop windows.

We are planning to bring back the Holiday Tour of Homes this year. This popular event will include new homes as well as older homes restored or renovated for today's life style. All will be decorated in their holiday finery for your enjoyment. Tickets for the house tour will be available at the Shullsburg Townsend Community Center. The tour runs from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The last tickets are sold at 3:30pm.

Our "Home For The Holidays" theme continues to bring enjoyment to the youngsters so we plan to hold the activities again this year at the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center. What better way to make Holiday memories– decorating Christmas cookies and making Christmas cards.

The Shullsburg Community Development Corporation will feature a Red Wing Pottery creamer this year to match the 2010 sugar bowl as part of its Red Wing collection of pottery pieces offered over the past several years. The numbered, limited edition creamer will be available at the Shullsburg Townsend Community Center. There are only 100 available so you won't want to miss this opportunity to add to your pottery collection. If you have collected the pottery in past years and want to continue getting your numbered piece, please contact Jeff Russell at 608-965-3782 to reserve your creamer.

Any pieces not picked up by 2:00pm on Saturday, November 26, will be released for sale.

When it's time for lunch, stop by the Methodist Church for a piece of homemade pastry or stop at the many restaurants on Water Street who offer a varied menu of delicious dishes.

Spend the after noon shopping or visiting with family and friends, have dinner in one of our fine restaurants and end the day enjoying our ever popular lighted Christmas parade.

Plans are still underway so you will want to check our website for updates, [www.shullsburgwisconsin.org](http://www.shullsburgwisconsin.org) or call Cheryl Fink at (608)965-4569.

## *Reunions*

We would like to have a record of reunions held so if you have a handbook, pictures, a DVD or PowerPoint presentation used for your class reunion, etc. please send us a copy either electronically or in print for our archives.

### ***1951 SHS Baseball Champs Hold 60th Reunion by George Burns***



The Water Street Pub was the site on Thursday August 4th for the 60th anniversary reunion of the SHS 1951 Championship Baseball team. The 1951 team won the Blackhawk League Championship, the district tournament by beating Hazel Green 11-1 and a 4-1 win over Darlington for the championship. The Miners beat Benton 5-3 in the first game of the sectional played in Shullsburg and followed up with a 7-3 victory over Cobb in the sectional championship. The Miners cinched a birth in the state tournament in Menasha with a sectional playoff game, a 3-0 win over Evansville played in Dodgeville. The Miners entered the state tournament with a 12-0 record and proceeded to take a 1-0 win over Alma Center in the first game at state. The second round

the Miners came through with a 5-4 win over Spooner to qualify for the state championship game. The Miners came up a bit short handed in the pitching ranks for the championship game and went down in defeat to West Bend, a team that had more students in their school than the Miners had in our city. In 1951 there were no divisions in high school sports. We played among the giants. The enrollment of SHS in 1951 was 115 students, the smallest school in the tournament.

The 1951 team was coached by Rudy Christian and Norm Sheehan. Of the 12 members on the team only John Schaffner is deceased as well as one manager Ralph Evans. Members of the team present for the reunion were, Pat Kennedy (52), Bill Webber(52), Ken Townsend(54), Bob Moore(51), Joe Byrne(51), Dick Byrne(52), Bill Gile(53), Bob Casper(54), George Burns(51) and manager Sandy Russell(52). Jim Jackson(51) and Ted Burns(51) were unable to attend.



**The Class of 1971** held its 40-year reunion at the Wheel In, Shullsburg on July 2, 2011. Attending were: (l to r bottom row) Linda Walker, Mary (Teutschmann) Gensler, Debbie (Teutschmann) Unbehaun, Anna (Teasdale) Geissbuhler. Middle row: Cherry (Harty) Hingtgen, Sandy (King) Goffinet, Barb (Weiskircher) Woodworth. Back row: Lynn (Robbins) Schultz, Gary Blackbourn, Coleen Harty, John Troy, Karla (Scott) Blackbourn and Charles Gensler. Thanks goes to Linda Walker for organizing the reunion! We all had a great time!

**Save the Date!** The Class of 1966 is holding their 45th Class reunion on October 29, 2011 in Shullsburg. Contact Donna (Francis) Teasdale ASAP at (608) 215-3802 or email to [tease2@charter.net](mailto:tease2@charter.net) to get more information and update your mailing/email information.

**The Class of 1951** met for their 60<sup>th</sup> reunion on July 2, 2011 at the Brewster House. Classmates attending were Jake Teutschmann, Barbara (Staicar) Teutschmann, George Burns, Kathleen (Scott) Symons, Marcella (Cherry) Russell, Margie (Trebian) Blackbourn, Bob Moore, Ted Burns, Ed Meyer, Joe Byrne, and Sharon (Bausman) Zink. A social hour was followed by a delicious family style meal. The group had a great time visiting and remembering old times and good friends. Thanks to George Burns for his work to put together the reunion!

*Upcoming Reunions*

Class of	Contact	Date	Place
1956	Carol McLernon (262) 248-4710	Sept 17, 2011	Lunch at Brewster
1961	Barb Foley	Sept 17, 2011	Wheel In
1981	Rose Doyle	Sept 17, 2011	Wheel In
1966	Donna Teasdale at 608 215-3802 or <a href="mailto:tease2@charter.net">tease2@charter.net</a>	Oct 29, 2011	In Shullsburg
1991	Brad Lutes	September	??
1996	Dave Wiegel (608) 965-3071	Nov 25, 2011	Brewster House

**Save the Date!** The Class of 1996 is holding their 15th Class reunion on November 25, 2011 at the Brewster House in Shullsburg with drinks at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Contact Dave Wiegel at (608) 965-3071 or email to [dlw@scalesmound.net](mailto:dlw@scalesmound.net) to get more information and update your mailing/email information.

## *Bits and Pieces*

### Alumni Updates

#### 20's

In the spring newsletter the update on Evelyn (Coulthard) Gensler (29) stated that she married Forest Gensler in 1943. Sorry for the error, they were married on Aug. 23, 1945 in St. Croix Falls.

#### 60's

Sandy (Wiegel) NeCollins (69) retired from Shullsburg Schools after 32 years. She served as a high school English teacher, an advisor and the librarian.

#### 70's

Gary Blackbourn (71), Shullsburg, was the big winner of the \$1,000 first prize for the 4th of July raffle.

Paula (Morrissey) Stauffacher (72) retired from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville School of Education the end of June with 34 plus years of service.

#### 90's

Roxanne Boardman (90) graduated summa cum laude from UW-Platteville with a degree in broad field science and has accepted a position in the Lancaster School District. She was also named to the chancellor's list.

Amanda (Unbehaun) Aird (95) and Dianna Rogers (99) both earned a master of education in professional development from UW-La Crosse during the spring 2011 commencement. Amanda teaches at Shullsburg High School and Dianna teaches at Darlington High School.

Lt. Andrea Leahy (99), the daughter of Jerry and Patti Leahy, Shullsburg, is currently serving in Afghanistan. Andrea is attached to an Army unit working to improve the lives of the Afghan people. Her address is: Lt. Andrea Leahy USN, TF War Horse, ROL FF-A, Camp Stone Heart, APO AE 09382.

Dianna Rogers (99), Darlington, will take part in the William Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program starting in August 2011. She will live in the state of Puebla, Mexico and teach English to college age students. The program will send Mario Quinonez Mendoza to teach Spanish at Darlington High School. The exchange program is for one year. Dianna plans to blog to share

her experiences [www.imuseinmex.blogspot.com](http://www.imuseinmex.blogspot.com) if interested.

#### 00's

Matt Gensler (04) earned his juris doctor from Marquette University during the spring 2011 commencement.

Abigail Wiegel (04) earned her master of education in education policy and leadership from Marquette University during the spring 2011 commencement.

Maureen Leahy (07) has a summer internship working for Dairy Farmers of America with the Central Area Council in Dodgeville, WI. Interns gain critical experience in communications, engineering, finance and marketing while learning more about the dairy industry.

Anna Leitzinger (07) graduated from Edgewood College in Madison with a degree in biology during the spring 2011 commencement.

Natalie Russell (07) graduated from UW-Madison during the spring 2011 commencement with a bachelor of business administration, business accounting degree.

Lori Schoenhard (07) graduated cum laude from UW-Green Bay with a degree in mathematics during the spring 2011 commencement.

Named to the chancellor's list at UW-Platteville - spring 2011 semester: Andrea Doyle (08), Samantha Morrissey (09), and Patrick Harker (06). Named to the dean's list were: Alyssa Graham (10) and Miles Russell (10).

Students earning Phi Kappa Phi honors for being in the top 10% of their class at UW-Platteville were: Andrea Doyle (08), Roxanne Boardman (90), Katherine Diedrich (03) and Patrick Harker (06). Freshman Miles Russell (10) earned Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honors.

Named to the dean's list at UW-Madison for the spring 2011 semester were Cory Groom (10) and Marlaina Morrissey (10).

Named to the dean's list at UW-La Crosse for the spring 2011 semester were Dana Groom (08), therapeutic recreation, and Samantha Peacock (07), communications.

Adam Whitford (08) was inducted into the Psi Chi International Honor Society at UW-Platteville.

#### **Graduating from UW-Platteville this spring were:**

Kyle Blackbourn (06) with a degree in Physical Education, Kari Hill (06) with a degree in business administration, Russell Peacock (05) with a degree in

civil engineering, and Sarah Weiskircher (07) with a degree in animal science. Kyle, Kari, and Sarah were all named to the chancellor's list for the spring semester.

## Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations to Donald (40) and Audrey (Morrissey) Bell, Shullsburg, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on July 26, 2011!

Herb (58) and Barb Chapman, Footville, WI, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on June 12, 2011 at the Red Flame Banquet Hall, Brodhead, WI. The couple farmed near Brodhead for 35 years before retiring. They have three children and six grandchildren.

## Weddings



Jenni Bennett (96) married Sedrick Foster on April 23, 2011 at the First Baptist Church, Kenosha, WI. The bride is a graduate of UW-Madison. She works at Kenosha Human Development Services. The groom is a graduate of the hotel-restaurant management program at Madison Area Technical College. He works for Darden Corporation. The

couple's home is in Kenosha.



Megan Shawcross (04) married Nicholas Simon in Benton, WI on August 6, 2011. Megan is a 2009 graduate of UW-Platteville currently teaching in Madison, WI. Nicholas is a 2008 graduate of UW-Platteville employed as a cost accountant with Care Fusion. Their reception was held at Bridges Banquet Center in Darlington, WI.



David Byrne (04) married Natalie Redfearn on July 9, 2011 at the New Diggings Primitive Methodist Church. David attended NICC in Peosta, IA and is now a manager at his family-owned business, Bytec Resource Management in Monroe, WI. Natalie graduated from UW-Platteville and is a first grade teacher for the River Ridge School District. Their

reception was held at the Diamond Jo Harborview Room in Dubuque, IA.

Laura Scott (05) married Benjamin Root at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Shullsburg on July 9, 2011.

Laura is employed at Mystique Casino in Dubuque, IA. The groom is currently serving in the US Army.

## Births

Erik and Janelle (Curtis) Eckdhal (97), Monroe, WI are parents of a daughter, Evelyn Margaret, born April 30, 2011. Little Evelyn joins a brother, Connor, 3, and a sister, Althea, 2.



Pete (94) and Lindsey (Gill) Poppy (99), Shullsburg, are parents of a son, Hudson William, born June 15, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque, IA. Hudson joins brothers Eli, 6, Heath, 5, and Grady, 2.



John (80) and Charla (Ubersox) (96) Walker, Shullsburg, are parents of a daughter, Caylyn Charleigh, born June 10, 2011 at Meriter Hospital in Madison, WI. She joins a big sister,

Allie. Maternal grandparents are the late Charles (70) and Linda Ubersox. Paternal grandparents are Izetta Walker, Dubuque, IA and the late Otho Walker.

Elizabeth Reuter (03) and Bobby Franklin, Platteville, WI are parents of a daughter, Kiava Aaliah Reuter, born April 18, 2011. Kiava joins Jasmine, 5; Myron, 3; and Ayana, 18 months. Grandparents are Bill and Sharon Reuter, Shullsburg, and Evette Franklin-Ford, South Bend, IN.

Ryan (96) and Kim Ubersox of Sun Prairie, WI welcomed Audra Jean Ubersox on March 22, 2010. She joins brother Jake (2 years old at the time).

## Obituaries



**Marjorie (Andrews) Hall (36)**, Shullsburg, died July 29, 2011. She was the daughter of Lorenzo and Ethel Andrews and lived most of her life in Shullsburg. After marrying Arthur Hall in 1944 she farmed with her husband for two years in Jenkynsville and then for 20 years in Seymour Township. They

moved to Shullsburg in the mid-1990s.

Her husband preceded her in death on November 21, 2010. Her daughter, Marilyn (Gary Farland) Hall, one sister, Joyce Tyson, one sister-in-law, MarJean Andrews, and many nephews and nieces survive her.



Mary A. Hicks (32) age 98 of Shullsburg, WI, passed away Friday, June 24, 2011, at the Shullsburg Home. She was born March 8, 1913 in Shullsburg the daughter of Edward and Catherine (Welch) Field. She lived in Shullsburg until her marriage to James Hicks on April 2, 1934, when she moved to Warren, IL. In 1939, they moved to Shullsburg where they have resided since.

Mary is survived by one son: David (Donna) Hicks(55) of Columbia Station, OH; four granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband: James in 1972; two sons: Edward Donald Hicks(58) in 1964 and James Glen Hicks (53) in 1997.



**Mildred Gallagher (36)**, Shullsburg, died April 22, 2011 at Memorial Hospital, Darlington. She worked for Stoycheff's Ford Garage in Shullsburg for 28 years before retiring. Her cousins Kay Jeffrey, Audrey Bell, Dick Morrissey, Dennis Morrissey and friends survive her. She was preceded in death by her long time companion, Rogers Date (30).

**Grace L. (Beckwith) Thompson (39)**, Watertown, WI, died January 31, 2011, at Marquardt Memorial Manor following a brief illness. Grace was born on October 16, 1921, in Shullsburg, daughter of Joseph and Julia (Distler) Beckwith. She married Arthur Thompson on June 21, 1947, in Shullsburg.

Grace was an English teacher with the Watertown Unified School District from 1962 until retirement in 1984. Grace was a member of Christ United Methodist Church and a member of the Eastern Star in Shullsburg. She loved to read, travel and knit.

Survivors include a daughter, Regina Thompson of Watertown; a son, Peter (Sandi) Thompson of Watertown; a sister, Josephine Gerlach (32) of Winona, MN; and a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur on Jan. 25, 1970; and a sister, Arlene (36).



**Thomas W. Walton (48)**, Shullsburg, died July 5, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center, Dubuque, IA. He was the son of John and Hazel Walton and one of eleven children. Tom enlisted in the US Army during his senior year at Shullsburg in 1946, returning to graduate with the Class of 1948 after his honorable discharge. He married Donieta Arand in 1952. Together they raised 5 children. Tom worked for many years in the area mines. He also farmed, hauled milk, and

worked at Kleinpell Lumber Yard in Shullsburg. His wife Donieta preceded him in death in 2008.

Surviving are three sons, Thomas Jr. (70), Carl (72) and David (78). Also his daughter, Donna Gordon (75), 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, a brother Delmar Walton (54), and two sisters Marietta Gleason (52) and Mildred Hall (59) survive him.



**Joyce H. (Ahlstrom) Heim (54)**, Benton, WI, died May 13, 2011, at home surrounded by her family. Joyce was born on February 25, 1936, in Dunbarton, Wisconsin, the daughter of John and Berniece (Wickler) Ahlstrom. She married Paul Heim on June 22, 1957. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1990. Joyce watched many children from town along with her grandkids. She loved reading, doing crafts and quilting, gardening and her flower beds. Joyce loved spending time with her family and her siblings. She looked forward to the Ahlstrom family reunion every summer.

Survivors include three daughters, Heidi (Randy) Hillary, of Hazel Green, Diane (Mark) Griffiths, of Benton, and Lorelei (Gary) Freitag, of Taylorville, IL; a son, Cory (Hollie) Heim, of Sherrill, IA; four sisters, Helen (Dave) Hocking (50), of Benton, Lillian Rowley (52) and Shirley (Duane) Hastings, both of Shullsburg, and Beverly (Jerry) Prine (60), of Rockford, IL; three brothers, John (Barb) Ahlstrom (48), of Warren, IL, Stanley (Mary) Ahlstrom (61), of Geneseo, IL, and Donald (Peggy) Ahlstrom (66), of Shullsburg; eleven grandchildren, Josh Hillary, Amanda Hillary, Christopher Hillary, Brandon Heim, Danielle Russell, Courtney Griffiths, Cody Griffiths, Devon Freitag, Andy Freitag, Cole Heim, and Ella Heim; six great-grandchildren, Drew, Hannah, Brookelyn, Bailey, Izabelle and James; and nieces and nephews.

**Ann K. (Poppy) Scott (57)**, West Allis, WI, died May 17, 2011 after a long battle with ALS. Her husband, Richard E. Scott preceded her in death. Ann was a preschool and elementary teacher in Racine and the Milwaukee area for many years. Her children Andy Scott and Kathy Evans, three grandchildren, and her siblings Ronnie Poppy, Susan McCoy (62), Ruth Melcher (67), Allen Poppy (68), Lois Martinson (70) and Connie Eckelbarger (72) survive her.



**Darryl D. Busch (92)**, Winona, MN, died June 20, 2011 at home. He was the son of LeAnn (Herbst) Olson (72) and Dennis Busch. Darryl married Jennifer Ewers on July 13, 2001. He worked as a newspaper carrier for the Winona Daily News. Darryl was a boy scout leader



and enjoyed frisbee golf, reading, ball games, and family game night. He was a fan of the Carolina Panthers, Milwaukee Brewers, Minnesota Twins and NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon. His greatest joy was his children, Brittany, Craig and Jacen.

His wife, Jennifer, his children, his mother, LeAnn (Herbst) Olson (72), his father, Denny Busch, his sisters Sarah Busch (94) and Jenelle Shepherd (95), and his grandparents survive him.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Staff Notes

Scott Matye earned a Masters of Education in professional development from UW-La Crosse during the spring 2011 commencement.

Staff retiring at the end of the spring 2011 semester were: Karla Anderson (grade school), Mike Parks (guidance counselor), Sandy NeCollins (librarian), Ruth Ann Teutschmann (PreK) and Carolyn Ensich (reading specialist). Together they contributed 139 years of service to the Shullsburg School District. An open house was held at the Wheel In on May 25, 2011 to honor the retirees. May they enjoy many fine days ahead!

### Junior Prom Notes

Under the heading of "Things sure are different now" is this year's Junior Prom. The dance, held on April 16th with the chosen theme of "Jungle Fever", was by all accounts a beautiful event. The biggest difference in this prom was that on the night of the dance each junior couple was recognized as a king and queen with the kings receiving a white sash and each queen receiving a tiara. Now why didn't we think of that?

### "Miner Tremor" Online

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