

## 2008

### **Andrew “Bud” and Phyllis Clouse**

Bud and Phyllis Clouse’s support of Hopewell-Loudon School spanned well over 40 years. Anytime they could lend their support for any program at Hopewell-Loudon, they were right there. Whether it be feeding hot dogs and chili to the football team, raising money for the athletic department, or raising money to install lights to make the sidewalk to the school safe for pedestrians, you can guarantee, Bud and Phyllis led the march. We owe our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clouse for being instrumental in initiating the Hopewell-Loudon football program. And Bud was a Chieftain fan right to the end. We will all miss his presence here. Who can forget his “Let’s Go Red” signs, or the Chieftain banner he displayed across Rt. 18 in Bascom, and of course, many of you may remember Phyllis’ famous broom.

Although Bud left Hopewell-Loudon School to join the army, three generations of the Clouse family have, or are presently attending Hopewell-Loudon School.



### **Mary Ruth Crandall**

Former teacher, coach, dean of students, and athletic director Mary Ruth Crandall is taking her place in the Hall of Fame Class of 2008. Mrs. Crandall began her career at Hopewell-Loudon in 1977 as the junior high English teacher. As well as being a highly respected educator, Mary Ruth also coached track, cross country, and volleyball, and served as an advisor for cheerleading, quiz bowl and senior class. Her love of high school sports led her to become the athletic director, a job which she held until her retirement in 2000. Mrs. Crandall was voted Ohio Athletic Administrator of the Year in 2000

by the Northwest Ohio Athletic Administrator Association. She remains active with high school athletics. In the springtime, she can be found working at many area high school track meets.

Her devotion and influence on those whose lives she touched in her many roles at Hopewell-Loudon did not end with her retirement. Through the Mary Ruth Crandall Scholarship, several Hopewell-Loudon students pursuing their post-secondary education have benefited from her generosity.

Mrs. Crandall continues to support and serve the Hopewell-Loudon School Community on various committees, and as a true Chieftain fan.



### **Jim Miccichi**

Mr. Jim Miccichi began his career at Hopewell-Loudon in 1972. A graduate of Defiance College and Tri-State University, Mr. Miccichi came to Hopewell-Loudon from Edgerton Local Schools, and was the longest serving superintendent in Hopewell-Loudon history. During his eighteen-year tenure as Hopewell-Loudon Superintendent, Jim Miccichi was instrumental in restoring Hopewell-Loudon's reputation and the value of academics, setting into motion the district's ascension to the level of excellence we enjoy today. Under Mr. Miccichi's leadership, the addition of the gymnasium and renovation of the music department was completed in 1988. A former

football coach himself, Mr. Miccichi also played an important role in the establishment of the Hopewell-Loudon football program in the early seventies.

Mr. Miccichi had the opportunity to hire many staff members over his 18-year career. Among those persons are many Hopewell-Loudon Hall of Fame members, including 3 being inducted in 2008.

Mr. Miccichi is enjoying retirement with his wife Georgienne, and children and grandchildren.

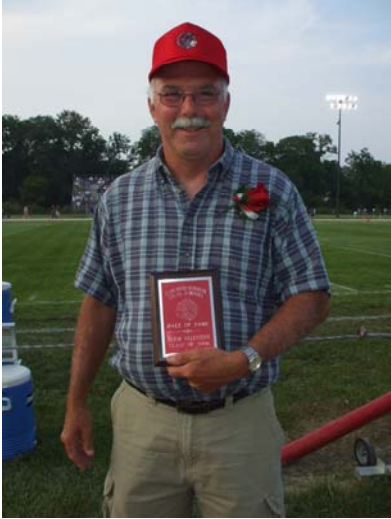


### **Doug Reynolds**

Mr. Reynolds began teaching fourth grade at Hopewell-Loudon in 1990. He also began coaching Boys JV basketball during the 1990-1991 season. In 1992, he was hired to coach Varsity Girls Basketball. As head coach from 1992-2000, Doug Reynolds built a solid girls' basketball program that brought statewide recognition and pride to the Hopewell-Loudon School District. His work to develop a basketball program built on fundamentals resulted in back-to-back trips to the state tournament. The Lady Chieftains were state runners-up in 1998, and returned in 1999 to claim the State Champion crown.

Mr. Reynolds returned to his alma mater of Elmwood in 2000 to teach middle school physical education and coach boys basketball. Doug coached his son Dustin, just as his father had coached him during his high school basketball career at Elmwood.

Doug resides in Portage with his wife Deb.



### **Herm Valentine**

Herm Valentine graduated from Hopewell-Loudon in 1969 and began working at the school in 1973. Over the next 27 years, he wore many hats, including custodian, groundskeeper, bus driver, bus coordinator, and head of maintenance. A dedicated employee for many years, Herm could always be counted on when a job needed to be done, no matter what job or what time of the day. Even after his retirement, Herm could still be found volunteering his time to Hopewell-Loudon School. As someone who knew the building like the back of his hand, his help as a school facility committee member was invaluable. You may have even been fortunate enough to

see “Santa’s Helper” reading to the elementary students and checking to see who’s been naughty or nice.

While his devotion to Hopewell-Loudon was strong, he was also very devoted to his wife Jean, his children and grandchildren.