

'Round Town

"Save This Date!" read the green sheet – an invitation from **Mary Sue Kessler** and **Barb O'Hara**. The invitation continued..."meet at one o'clock at the new Paw Paw shelter in Hills & Dales...one hour of fun & info to learn the importance and value of Five Rivers MetroParks. We must pass the Nov. renewal levy for Five Rivers in order to continue to protect our communities valuable asset..."

It was an ideal morning for the gathering – and the new shelter is terrific – and **Charlie Shoemaker**, Executive Dir. of Five Rivers MetroParks gave the ladies, and several gentlemen, a dynamite sketch of the Park system and what it means to the area. There are 15,000 acres in the system...over twenty non-contiguous Parks...with five thousand individual programs each year for participants...the November levy renewal is not asking for an increase in funds it is just a renewal. "We have 315 employees maintaining and managing our Parks...it costs the taxpayers less than one dollar per month." It is a ten year 1.8 percent levy.

David Smith, Oakwood artist, was there. **Carol Powell** (Clayton), **Jo Granzow**, **Pokey Huffman**, **Mary Creager**, **Betsy Whitney**, **Rita Price**, **Sherri Hayes**, **Marilyn Hart**, **Paula Macilwaine** (Oakwood) all had questions and pledged support.

Todd Catchpole, Asst. Pk. Mgr., took the attendees a walk-in-the-Park. They walked in the area saved by **John Patterson** and designed by the sons of **Frederick Law Olmsted**.

The Oakwood High School Athletic Boosters held their second Hall of Fame program last Tuesday at Dayton Country Club. A well attended social hour gave the group of alumni from the early forties to the present a chance to meet-n-greet and to enjoy the many photos, year books, and banners collected through the years.

Rodney Boren claimed "...to be the oldest one here." He came with **Jim Deuser** – who wore his OHS athletic jacket. **Rich Gowdy** asked about classmate **Hank Hull**. "Tell him I'm splitting my time between California and my house in Kettering." **Charles & Ann Simms** came with **Bud Welch**. **Tami Whalen** was there – husband **Jim** was one of the presenters. **Bill James**, **Bob Spayd**, and **Cy Laughter** sat together – they were all Class of 1944.

Mark Hughes was MC. The first inductee was **George Neal**, Class of '31. **Rich Gowdy** was the presenter. George was Capt. Of the '30 football team (8-1). Lettered three years in football & track and two years in basketball. At Ohio State he lettered in football.

Howard Blose, Class of '40 lettered in football, track, and basketball. Sr. Class Pres. & Valedictorian. At Cornell he held the school's scoring record for 20 years. Awarded Bronze star for the battle of Okinawa. V-P of Exxon Corp. **Jim Whalen** was the presenter.

Dr. Tim Coughlin, Class of '64 was a three year starter in football. Named *Dayton Daily News* 'Area's most valuable player', All Conference. Also received letters in basketball and track. Tim lives in Reno, Nev. His brother, **Jim Coughlin** and wife **Amy** were with him. **Bill Pees** was Dr. Tim's presenter.

Howard Sales, Coach of OHS, was an honoree. **Dan Rasor** was his presenter. Howard was Coach/Athletic Director from '65 to '95. He taught history, social studies and Phys. Ed. As head football coach he had 112 wins – the most of any coach in OHS history. Pres. of Ohio High School Football Coaches Assoc. and elected to their Hall of Fame.

Katy Deddens Dalrymple, Class of '93, was presented by **Lisa Fickert**. "Katy was a four year Field Hockey starter. Her junior year she set the scoring

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