



# DHS Alumni News

A Dexter High School Alumni Association Publication

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## Dear Alumni —

Homecoming.

The floats are different. The football field and all the school facilities are different. Faculty, different. Different people, different ways of doing things.

But 'home' remains the same.

When you've called a place like this 'home;' when you grew up the way we did...some things, truly important things, remain unchanged. The people we knew and loved, the places we went, the things we did...remain forever unchanged in our hearts.

Whether you have lived here all your life – or whether you now live far away...you never truly, completely leave. Some of Dexter goes with you wherever you go. And some of you remains here.

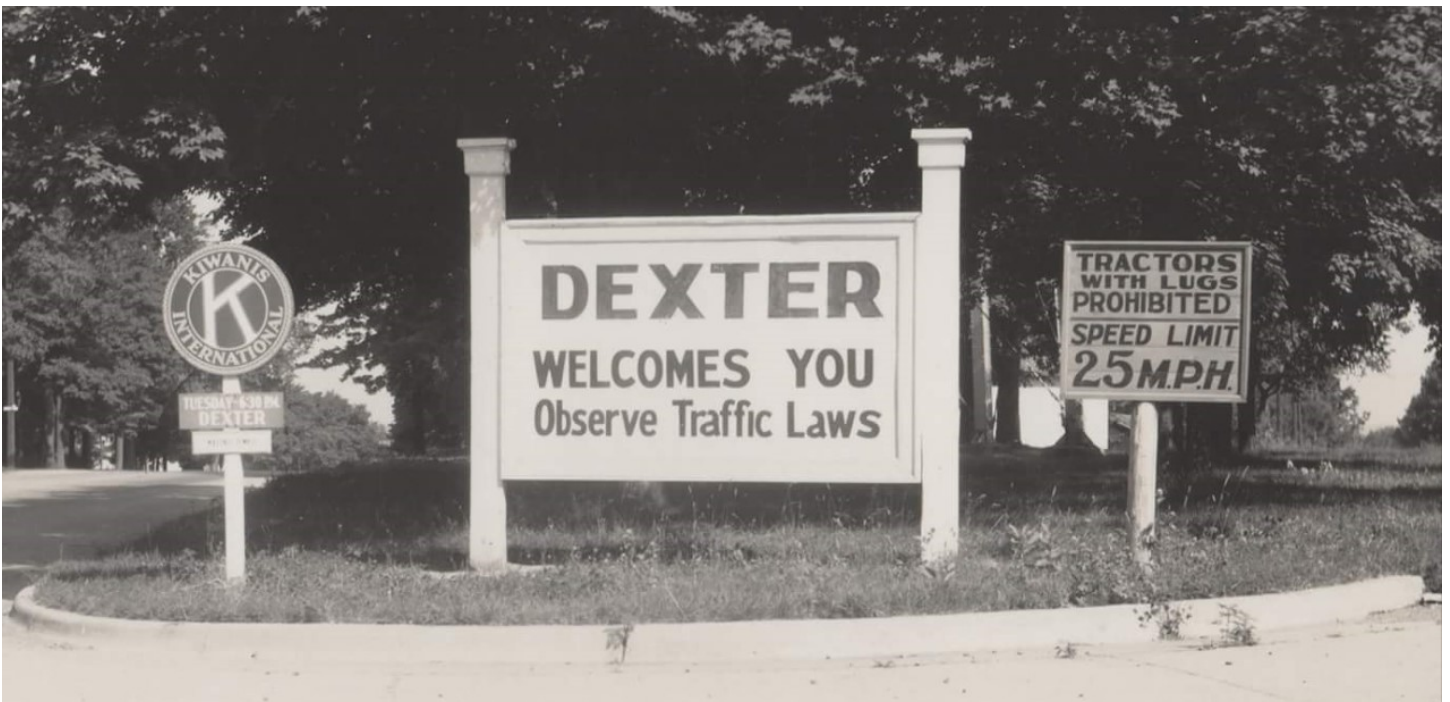
This is what we share...

We are truly blessed, Alumni. Thanks for being part of the team....



Your friend,  
**Keith Hafner**

Alumni Association President





**At our recent Alumni Banquet, DHS grads were given the opportunity to share their favorite memories from their high school days.**

**We'd love to share your memories, too. Simply email them to [khafner@dexteralumni.org](mailto:khafner@dexteralumni.org)**

**Cliff Blossom, '61:** *Sunny skies, smooth water, easy sailing...and Lucy Temple!*

**Patti (Palmer) Chambers, '68:** *Kelly Palmer, Billy Palmer, Vickie Palmer and myself all graduated together; I am the aunt for all three. I participated in hurdles during track season.*

**Rose Gordenier Stevens, '68:** *Building floats, the fun the laughs, the good times. Toma Road parties.*

**Vickie Palmer Skop, '68:** *Went to school from K-12 with Pat McKillen and walked down the aisle with him at graduation. Mr. Torp, our history teacher, gave me a great love for history - he made it fun!*

**Tom Andrews, '67:** *Pizza and apple crisp for lunch; playing Rock and Roll with the Derelex!*

**Johnny Weber, '61:** *Sports and band; a touch-down pass from Tom Hoey on Father's Night; trips to Bob Lo Island with the band; our Senior Trip to D.C.*

**Bill Rector, '52:** *Working for several years to earn money for our Senior Trip - Niagra Falls and Washington D.C. Mr. Wendt and Mr. Pontier were our sponsors.*

**Eileen Wheeler, '63:** *At Copeland, going down the fire exit and going out to lunch downtown, and getting back in time to ride the bus home.*

**Harvey Wheeler, '62:** *Coach Al Ritt and Varsity football games; band director Mr. Bearss and the Dexter Band at Interlochen Band Camp.*

**Jearl Dean Crews Johnson, '45:** *I enjoyed our skip day very much; we also had a great Senior Trip, much fun on the boat and in Chicago. On the boat, the smooth deck was the most popular. It was also fun on Mackinac Island.*

**Jessica Stout, '18:** *Playing volleyball; SEC champs the past 2 years! Beating Chelsea to secure that position was really fun!*

**Biff Hills, '48:** *The undefeated, unscored upon football team. Amazing? Bright students: Herb Ware, George Kielwasser. We had good teachers. Good basketball teams, '47 & '48 with Devlin, Kielwasser, Ware, and Bob Bauer.*

**Kayla Pulley, '18:** *Student teaching my senior year at Creekside.*

**Janet Scott (Bassett), '67:** *Building floats, especially 'We'll Quack 'Em Up!' Junior and senior plays; football and basketball games; making 'u-bangies' around the A & W, then up an down Main Street.*

**Fred Hutchinson, '67:** *Just about everything! Plays, football, baseball, and others; building floats, Junior and senior plays; all the classmates; cruisin'!*

**Beverly Ellsworth Miles, '58:** *Sports; bugging the teachers; fellow classmates; dances; games.*

**Roy Miles, '58:** *Sports and fellow classmates.*

**Rosemary Birchmeier Koch, '60:** *Math class with Al Ritt is what was memorable to me. He was out of the classroom a lot of the time; of course, we were not angels! Library with Roy Rodrigues and Sandy Faircloth. Driving to school, had a flat tire. Did 'lived in babysitting,' so I lived in Mumford Park, Pinckney. Mr. Miller, principle at the time, wasn't sure I could continue in the Dexter School District. But he decided to let me continue. Whew!*

**Joyce Birchmeier Carpenter, '58:** *My home economics teacher wanted me to guess her age and I guessed ten years younger than I thought she was. She said I was going to fail because she was ten years younger than that. The good news was, she passed me!*

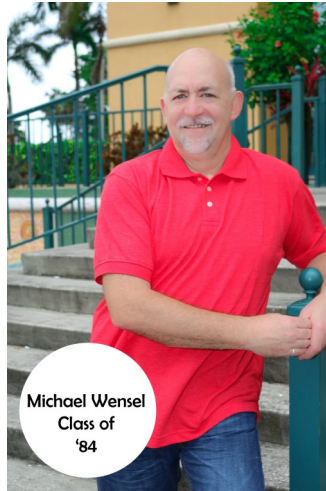


# Photo Gallery

Say hello to your fellow alumni!



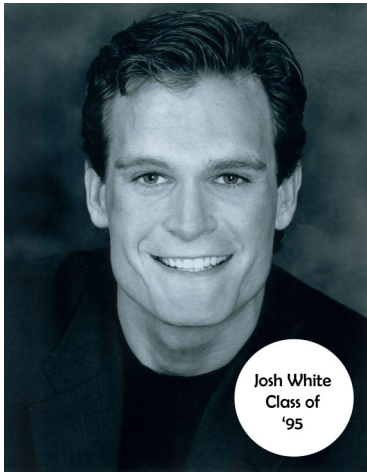
Jason Stidham '89



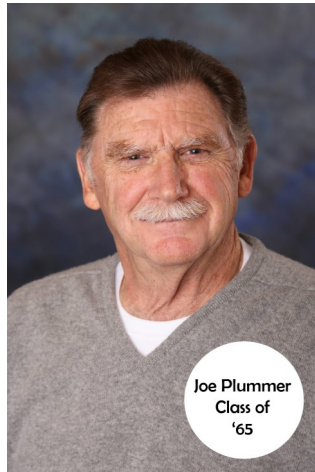
Michael Wensel  
Class of '84



Gail  
Ferguson Stout  
Class of '78



Josh White  
Class of '95



Joe Plummer  
Class of '65



Back row: Cliff Blossom, Hugh Mosher, Gil Campbell  
Front Row: John Weber, Terry Doletzky Stacey, Marge Wheeler Campbell  
Class of '61



Larry Staller, Sharon Wing Wheeler, Sam Boullion,  
Mary Zinc Garrett, Jim Irish, Terry Evinger Esper



Tanya  
Kangasniemi  
Class of '89



Class of '68 at the Dexter A&W, 8-13-18: Sharon Wing Wheeler, Dan Wheeler,  
Karon Rice Plummer, Sam Boullion, Sharon Rice Lobdell, Jonathan Chaffee,  
Terry Evinger Esper, Mary Zinc Garrett, Patricia Palmer Chambers, Larry Staller

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Class of 1968 50th Reunion





**If you have photos representing your time at  
Dexter High School, we'd love to include  
them. Email them to  
[khafner@dexteralumni.org](mailto:khafner@dexteralumni.org)!**



**Terry Helgren, '59:** *Graduation Night!*

**Jeanette Turner, '39:** *Our trip to Washington D.C.! My father was H. Carl Bates. He was the President of the School Board for 29 years. Bates School was named for him. He and my mother both graduated from Dexter High School.*

**John Lesser, '87:** *Russ Tanner and auto shop; Mr. Tinnell and printing and drafting class; 1st place in volleyball; the golf team; the Math/Science Club; 7 blue medals with the DHS band; trophy for golf long drive.*

**Robert Mast, '38:** *Probably the one person who I remember most at DHS was Pete Sweet. Not only was he the school janitor - he was also a deputy. I had gotten a ticket on Saturday; he found out about it and tore it up!*

**Carol Jones, '64:** *The day I got a demerit in Mr. Little's chemistry class for laughing out loud during lab; the reason was that while looking at a lit flame, my bangs caught on fire!*

**Scott Mullholland, '93:** *Playing football and baseball; going to Saline for half the day for auto shop class; being able to leave for lunch; gym class was my favorite!*

**MaryAnn Dutzer Byrnes, '73:** *Friday night football games with dances following the games; float building was always fun!*

**Shirley Edwards Sentgerath (sp?), '46:** *I moved to Dexter for my senior year; rode a school bus for the first time; played basketball and scored a basket - I was really thrilled! Had my first boyfriend, Chuck Bell, but liked all my class members. Loved living in the country; we were around the corner from Anne Heller on Joy Road. We lived on Zeeb Road, the old Cunningham farm. We called it Walnut Hill because of the black walnut trees. Thanks for the memories of 72 years ago!*

**Carl J. Lesser, '42:** *Mr. A.D. Van Aiken, Superintendent; Mr. Van Lewen, Principal. These were two fine gentlemen.*

**Ryleigh Bavineau, '18:** *Representing Dexter at the District Finals in basketball; we beat Pioneer to win the title.*

**Jerry Ulrich, '58:** *Going out with Mr. Hunter, our chemistry teacher, to Dan Hoey's farm pond looking for frogs and birds. Our teachers were great.*

**Patricia (Besenick) Hutchinson, '67:** *Working on plays, floats, and school events. Had fun doing art work for the year book. Cruising in cars!*

**Frank Hutchinson, '67:** *Our junior play, Diary of Ann Frank; stealing pumpkins, football and baseball; looking for UFO's.*

**Barbara Tykoski Hutchinson, '67:** *All the parties and friends; being co-editor of the yearbook my senior year; also, working on the homecoming float.*

**Pat LaValli, '57:** *Senior trip to Niagara Falls and New York with my Dad; 4 years of varsity football; the tunnels under the gym; the fire escape; Mrs. Bergstrom and driver's ed class; parties at Murdock farm.*

**Cougar, '57:** *Ed Coy crossing the goal line at Manchester for his first ever T.D.*

**David Ehnis, '56 (by his wife):** *Getting beat by Ray Fialkowski when they were wrestling.*

**Gail Frank, '60:** *In our senior year, after many years of winning 1st place for our floats in the Homecoming Parade, our class worked hard on a float that involved two feet that 'walked' in sync. We expected to win, as it was spectacular! We were five minutes late in meeting the deadline and Mr. McIntyre disqualified us! We were heartbroken and crushed!*

**Bonnie (Smith) Quigley, '60:** *We were the first class to go on our Senior Trip to Washington D.C. and New York City! Gail Frank fell off the music platform during practice. I looked down and there she was, chair and all! Lucky she wasn't hurt!*

**Alice Lovell Walz, '46:** *Senior Trip on Great Lakes boat; softball and basketball teams.*

**Jim Bradbury, '46:** *Senior Trip on the Great Lakes; most everyone got sick going from Holland to Chicago. The rest of the trip was fine.*

**Lee Curtis, '50:** *Had good luck in baseball, softball, and boxing...but was a disaster in football. Mrs. Wall (Dorothy's mother) was kind of a mentor for me. Mrs. Schnebelt offered to pay my way to Western Michigan University.*

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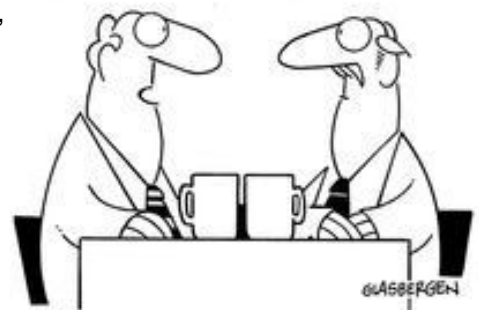
'73

A splendid time was had by all at the Class of '73 reunion in August, reports Ron Klumpp, DHS Alumni Association Vice President.

The event was held at the Dexter American Legion and was attended by 72 people!

## DHS 'Firsts'...

-  The first school paper was 'The Echo;' it was first published in 1929. The name was later changed to the 'Dexter Hi-Times.'
-  The first student council was also established in 1929.
-  The first senior trip was in 1931. The seniors went to Washington D.C.



"I had a wonderful time at my class reunion. I paid my son to go as me!"



## Save the Date!

2019 Annual Alumni Banquet:  
Saturday, June 15th!

