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CFHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Connor Sweatman, a graduate of Emerson High School in McKinney, Texas received the \$1,000 Jimmy Houff academic scholarship. His great grandfather was Bernard Golladay who graduated in 1933. He plans to go to Oklahoma State University and major in aerospace engineering. He has always been fascinated with planes and that passion has only increased as he's gotten older. His high school counselor speaks very highly of him saying he stands out among his peers.

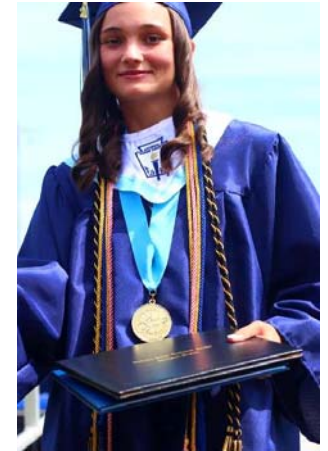
Kaidence Nicely, a graduate of our local Alleghany High School, received the \$750 Cindy Powell Ervin academic scholarship. Her grandmother Deborah Michael graduated in 1976. She will be attending Radford University and major in nursing. She is a member of the National Honor Society and played varsity volleyball and softball. Her assistant principal praises her level of maturity and commitment that is rare among students her age.

Abigael Riley, also a graduate of Alleghany High School was awarded the \$750 CFHSAA academic scholarship. She will be attending our local Mountain Gateway Community College. She plans on majoring in general studies and will transfer to a four year institution to major in psychology. Her grandparents both graduated from CFHS. Paula Nicely Crance graduated in 1973 and Linnie Crance graduated in 1974. Her great grandmother, Elizabeth Thurston was a 1949 graduate. She played volleyball and softball in high school. Her coach says she is a bright young lady and believes she will be successful in whatever she chooses.

Chris Harden, an Alleghany High School graduate, has been awarded the \$750 Green and Gold athletic scholarship. His grandfather John Hileman, Jr. was a 1963 graduate of CFHS. Chris played 3 years varsity basketball and was 2nd team all district in 2023 and 1st team all district in 2024. Plus he was 2nd team all region in 2023 and 2024. He played 4 years varsity baseball and was 2nd team all district in 2023. His math teacher says he's a good student and is fun to be around. He's outgoing and is passionate in everything he wants to do.



Kaidence Nicely



Abigael Riley



Chris Harden

Our last recipient is **Brenna Daniels**. She attended Fuquay - Varina High School in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina and finished there in December 2022. She started her college career in January 2023 at University of North Carolina Wilmington. She has enough AP credits to begin her fall semester as a junior. She intends on becoming a teacher and majoring in education and Spanish so she can reach a broader field of students. She will be studying abroad this summer in Galapagos to immerse herself in the Spanish language. Her grandfather is Terry Coffman, a 1964 graduate of CFHS. Brenna is a highly motivated and caring student.

IMPACT AWARD NOMINATION FORM

The CFHSAA IMPACT AWARD is a means of recognizing graduates, faculty and friends for the incredible contributions they have made in and on their communities, state and regions, the USA and the world. It is not all about stature, lofty position, wealth, social status or fame. It is all about the impact the individual has made on the lives of others, the service given to humanity, society and the earth in myriad ways, large and small. It is all about celebrating the foundation of education and preparation that was provided by Clifton Forge High School from 1928 – 1983. It is all about the Mountaineer pride that has accompanied us "around town" to all ends of the globe for decades. It provides a potential supplement to the CFHSAA scholarships, activities and ongoing support of our beloved Clifton Forge and Alleghany Highlands.

Up to five (5) IMPACT recognition awards are to be made each year at the August All-Alumni gathering with provision for unusual circumstances. Selections will be made by a committee of CFHS graduates made up with intentional representation of all generations, genders and cultures. It is recommended that up to four (4) living and one deceased person be awarded annually. Nominations not selected will be carried over from year to year and may be refreshed as desired. Complete information can be found on the CFHSAA website.

Due: July 15th

NOMINATION FORM Date Submitted or refreshed _____

Please attach additional paper, documents, clippings, etc. as needed or desired for nomination support.

1. NOMINEE (FULL NAME - INCLUDE MAIDEN NAME) _____

Nickname(s) _____

2. Person(s) making nomination or endorsement and contact information.

Name Contact info Name Contact Info

(1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

3. Nominee (or family/friend) Contact Information Name: _____ Relationship _____

Address: _____

Phone (cell) _____ (home) _____ email: _____

4. CFHS Graduate Yes ____ No ____ Class/Year _____ Other _____

Veteran? (Branch) _____ Years of Service _____

5. Category(s) in which this person is being nominated (Occupation/Avocation/Career/Job/Volunteerism, Philanthropy, etc.) _____

6. Why is this person being nominated? What are the significant contributions this nominee has made to his/her community, state, nation, family, profession/occupation, avocation, etc. (Please attach separate paper and support documentation as necessary.)

7. Personal Information:

a. Family:

b. Applicable memberships, affiliations, etc. (Occupational, civic, religious, avocational, military, etc):

c. Honors, recognitions & accomplishments:

d. Education & or certifications

e. Other pertinent info:

8. If possible, attach a personal or group photo and other supporting information of the nominee.

Mail to: CFHSAA, PO Box 118, Clifton Forge, Va 24422

CFHS Annual Alumni Reunion Aug 16th-17th

Friday, August 16th

**Social, C&O Heritage Center, Main Street
The C&O Museum, Shop and Restored Cars**

Will be Open for Alumni

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Light food, water and soft drinks **BYOB**

Saturday, August 19th

Joe Wood Mountaineer Classic

Cliffondale Country Club

9:00 AM – Shot Gun Start (Entry Form Pg. 8)

Home Room Open House

Presbyterian Church

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Special Green and Gold Presentation

3:00 PM – Meet in front of CFHS on Mountaineer Circle

Social, Dinner and Dance

Shrine Club, Douthat Road **BYOB**

*Entrance to the Shrine Club will be though the deck.

Follow the signs!

5:30 PM – Social on the Deck

6:00 PM - Catered Dinner

7:00 PM - Program

Impact Award Presentation

Alumni Memorial

8:00 PM – Social and Dance*

Music by **Alibi**

*For those Alumni who would like to come after

Dinner for the Social and Dance

Reservation Form:

Friday August 16th 6 – 9 PM

C&O Heritage Center Number _____

Donations to cover cost of venue \$ _____

are appreciated!

Saturday, August 17th 5:30 – 11 PM

Social, Catered Dinner & Dance Number _____

Cost per person \$30 \$ _____

Dance Only Number _____

Cost per person \$10 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

List All Attending to insure everyone has a name badge:

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

_____ Class _____

Mail this form by August 1st. Pre-registration is important!

CFHS Alumni Association

PO Box 118

Clifton Forge, Va 24422

Joe Wood Memorial

CFHS Alumni Mountaineer Classic

Official Entry Form

Saturday, August 17th, 2024 9AM Shotgun Start

Cliffondale Country Club

Name _____

CFHS Class of _____ Guest _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

I will be playing in a Foursome with:

Mail this form with your entry fee and 2024 Alumni Association Dues to:

Marty Wood

Golf Tournament Registration

1011 Claytor Place

Clifton Forge, VA 24422

Entry Fee of \$30 includes: Green fees, Pictures and Prizes. Payment should be made in Full by August 10th, 2023.

The Tournament is Open to all Dues Paying Members of the CFHSAA.

CFHSAA Dues are \$10.

The Tournament can only accommodate 13 Teams so get your team together

And register early!!!

ONLY FOUR MEMBERS PER TEAM ALLOWED THIS YEAR!

CFHS Class of '69 55th Reunion

The CFHS Class of 1969 will hold its' 55th reunion on September 13th and 14th. "Save the Date" postcards have been mailed to all alumni and an invitation with details will be mailed in August.

The evening of September 13th kicks off the weekend reunion with a reception at Hillcrest Mansion Inn for "Pie on the Porch".

The afternoon of September 14th will find classmates enjoying a catered picnic at the Camp Douthat Shelter at Douthat State Park. Lots of interactive games and a time of fellowship will cap off the weekend. The reunion committed members have been working to make this a reunion weekend to remember.

Please make plans to attend.



Class of '69

Sharon Wrenn
Charlton
Beverly Tucker

Marilyn Patterson,
Crowder

ALUMNI DECEASED SINCE APRIL 2024

Class of 1947	Beverly Montague (Monty) Anderson	09/19/2023
Class of 1949	Bernard Lynn (Bernnie) Jeffries	05/16/2024
Class of 1955	Victoria (Vicki) Hall Broughman	05/15/2024
Class of 1960	Sarah Jean Brinkley Rice	10/31/2023
Class of 1966	Anita Karen Fountain Oliver	05/26/2024
Class of 1969	Regina Anita (Gina) Hall Pullen	03/15/2024
Class of 1973	Tyrone Maurice (Ty) Lewis	05/08/2024
Class of 1973	Sharon Kay Crumb Martin	06/12/2023

CFHSAA Supports

Alleghany Highlands Relay for Life



CFHS Alumni Association is sponsoring the 2024 Relay for Life of Alleghany with a monetary donation to support the American Cancer Society in the fight against cancer. Cancer has affected too many people we love. That's why we are joining with Relay for Life to celebrate survivors, remember those we've lost, and to offer up support to anyone in our community who's been affected by it. All donations will sustain critical research and provide services for people trying to cope with their cancer experience. Every dollar counts!

Lynn McDaniel Agee (1971) is team captain for Central UMC team, "John's Angels". Many of our Alumni have fought and are still fighting cancer. We are excited to support this Relay team in their quest to raise funds to continue the fight.

If you wish to donate, you can write a check directly to the CFHSAA, earmarked Relay for Life. You may also support our team by going to www.cancer.org, click on Donate. In the search bar, type in "Lynn Agee", then search. Next, click on "participant". The next page will allow you to donate directly to this team.

The Relay for Life of Alleghany County is scheduled for August 3, 2024, 4pm – 10 pm at Jackson River Sports Complex, 870 W. Edgemont Drive, Covington, Va.

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Alibi: All Alumni Weekend Saturday Night, 8 pm, April 18th



Classic Rock, Country, and Rhythm & Blues

Alibi Band members: Drummer/Vocalist Mick Duff, Percussionist/Lead Vocalist Barbara Duff, Guitarist/Lead Vocalist Mike Carter, Guitarist/Vocalist Bob Deacon, Percussionist/Vocalist Neva Persinger, Guitarist/Vocalist Kevin Persinger



Susan Stinespring Hutchinson
John Hutchinson

Congratulations to John Hutchinson, Class of '72, who was sworn in as 4th Vice President of the Virginia Elk's Association June 15th at the Virginia State Elk's Banquet in Front Royal. He was also installed as Presidential Aide to State President Vince Brandtner.

Alumni Reunion 2023



Tommy Riddle



Pat Kern Cumor,
Nancy Nelson Ely

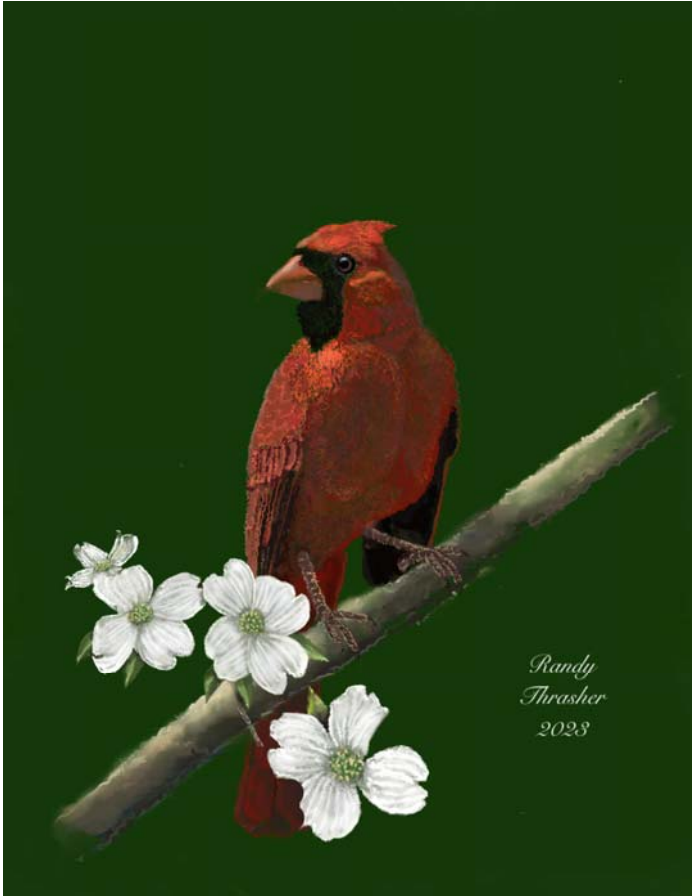


**CFHS Mountaineer
Circle
Special Presentation
Alumni Weekend to
Honor CFHS Green & Gold
Saturday, August 17th, 3:00 PM**



If any Alumni have awards, pictures or talents that they would like to share in the Mountaineer newsletter, Text or call or email Jo Ann Carter Henson 804-314-6561 cartergirl48@gmail.com

CFHS Alumni Beyond Talented



Randy Thrasher – CFHS Class of '63



The gracious lady was waving at me today. She was shaking all her limbs at me. Not as fast as in by-gone days. She is not the girl of her youth for she is showing a platitude of age. She still carries a proud bearing and a most pleasant facial expression. She can turn on a Knights Templar view to a tempest light. When she gathers those round her base as a wanton siren, they cannot resist the pull of her limbs. She prefers cloudy, wet skies. No blue skies and dry morsels for her consumption. Her color ensemble is changing like her mood toward a cold bear moon. She is a complex ever changing being. I love her. She is the sweet lady who lives in the gully. She dances for me on the slightest of breezes. Some people call her a Weeping Willow. I call her my Weeping Widow.

Ken Cahoon – CFHS Class of '65



OVER THERE

Forebear, we shall, till daisies bloom
When silent, still, invades, the room
And knock, we will, on gate and door
As beat and breath, last, little more
When light and time, come, stubborn, less
For joy, it dwindles and kingdoms, bless
And now, is then and then, is there
So cold, the skin, so soft, the hair
Before, the birth, unknown, was real
Unlike, the earth, to touch and feel
No rock, no stone, no mud, of soil
A mind, of though, and pots, a boil

Stephen Hartsook - CFHS Class of '71



Bobbie Downs Caton – CFHS Class of '66

CFHS Alumni Dues Letter & Form

In 2023, the CFHSAA has been very active in the community. We awarded five scholarships, sponsored a Little League Baseball Team and placed signs at all 3 fields, sponsored the Stars and Strips event and had a float in the July 4th Parade, supported the Food Pantry, the Woman's Shelter, the Relay for Life for the American Cancer Association and inducted 8 new members into the CFHS Alumni Sports Hall of Fame.

This year, we will be honoring Alumni with our new Impact Award. If you have someone you would like to nominate, it is not too late. Nominations are due by July 15th. If you did not receive a copy, let us know and we will get one out to you. The form should be on our web page www.cliftonforgealumni.org.

Alumni are encouraged to continue to make tax deductible contributions to the Alumni Association's Academic Scholarship, Green and Gold scholarship, Endowment Fund, Jimmie Houff memorial fund, Tom Dean memorial fund, or the Cindy Powell Erwin memorial fund.

You can also support the Alumni Association by joining, keeping your home or mail address, phone number, and e-mail address up to date and attending Association meetings and events and volunteering to help during events. Please consider becoming a more active member.

Bonnie Filleary Nicely '62 President, CFHS Alumni Association

Volunteers Needed:

CFHSAA participates in several local events as well as the Alumni Weekend in August. Volunteer are needed for the following:

Fridays in the Forge in Clifton Forge

Alumni will have a table and a tent and need at least two volunteers.

Fridays in the Forge
June 28th, July 26th, August 30th, Sept 27th
Text or Call JoAnn Henson 804-314-6561

July 4th Parade

If you have a truck that you would be willing to have decorated and drive in the CF July Parade, contact Suzy Mullikin 540-958-8689.

Volunteers also needed to decorate vehicles and march with the Alumni in the parade.

Alumni Weekend

Friday – Volunteers to help set up and take down at the Heritage Center starting at 4:30

Saturday – Golf Tournament - 9:00 AM

Saturday – Social, Dinner and Dance starting at 3:00 to decorate and at the end of the evening to clean up.

Call Terry Coffman 540-535-5970

Mail your membership dues to:

CFHS Alumni Association

P. O. Box 118

Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422

2024 Membership Statement (If you receive the newsletter, the number next to your address is the last year you paid dues)

This is your invitation to continue your support of this organization

Annual: Single () \$10.00 Joint () \$15.00 (Joint is not a family membership) \$ _____

5 Year: Single () \$40.00 Joint () \$60.00 (Joint is not a family membership) \$ _____

\$1000 donation give you a lifetime membership () \$ _____

Endowment Fund () \$ _____

Academic Scholarship Fund () \$ _____

Athletic Scholarship Fund () \$ _____

Jimmie Houff Scholarship Fund () \$ _____

Tom Dean Scholarship Fund () \$ _____

Cindy Powell Erwin Scholarship Fund () \$ _____

(Any amount received above dues will be considered a contribution toward the Endowment Fund.)

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CFHS Alumni Association 2024 Calendar Meetings and Events

Additions and changes to the Alumni Calendar will be posted on Facebook [Clifton Forge High School Alumni](#), via email from our officers or on our website at www.cliftonforgealumni.org.

<p>July 4th Clifton Forge Stars & Stripes Celebration 10:00 AM Volunteers Needed to decorate and march in Parade</p> <p>July 13th 10:00 AM - Alumni Meeting Clifton Forge Library</p> <p>August 10th 10:00 AM - Alumni Meeting Clifton Forge Library</p>	<p>August 16th & 17th All Alumni Weekend</p> <p>September 9th 10:00 AM - Alumni Meeting Clifton Forge Library</p> <p>October 14th 10:00 AM - Alumni Meeting Clifton Forge Library</p>	<p>October 18th, 19th, 20th Clifton Forge Fall Festival Volunteers Needed for Booth in Elks Club</p> <p>November 11th 10:00 AM - Alumni Meeting Election of Officers Clifton Forge Library</p> <p>December (to be decided) Clifton Forge Christmas Parade</p>
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