

## HHS '71 Class/Sports August 15 2025 - Update #4

### Hello Hornets!

Given enough material we hope to keep [this newsletter](#) going through the 2025 football season. If you have updates or stories classmates that might be of interest please let us know ([@HickoryHS71@gmail.com](mailto:@HickoryHS71@gmail.com)).

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## Hornet News

### 2026 -55<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Lots of ideas submitted for the above since last week's newsletter. Plans still have a long ways to go before finalizing anything so please keep those ideas and suggestions coming.

- Trying to think of things “inside” & “outside” normal reunion activity boxes.
- Not that we'll rule anything out but one consensus for this go-around seems to be no “formal” sit down meal.
- Ideas floated between renting Avalon's pool area for us to hang out in and use it as a base of operations for Dum Dum golfing, bike ride, pickleball, swimming.
- Also considering renting:
  - Casino hangout room
  - [“The B&B” at the Gateway Winery](#). (B&B has a private pool there and other amenities as well).
  - the [Erie St, Canal pavilion again](#).
- How many days worth of activities do we plan on? To make it worthwhile for long-distance travelers many say we need at least 2 days worth.
- Do we have any classmates that are Avalon members that can help navigate their administrative room rental process? (If so please contact us @ [HickoryHS71@gmail.com](mailto:HickoryHS71@gmail.com)).
- We like all this brainstorming. we can build a list of suggestions and keep drilling down on them
- We may be able to rent the “Buhl Park” swimming pool after a certain hour with food appetizers, and a couple bars set up. The biggest foreseen problem though if the weather is bad and really no place to go unless we had the option of using one of the rooms at the Buhl Park Casino.

- Maybe co-ordinate our 55<sup>th</sup> around “Buhl Day – 2026”? If “Buhl Day – 2026” is co-ordinated like when Karen Campman Emmett did in 2024 we could tap into a lot of events already pre-planned. (Click [here](#) to see 2024 agenda.)

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**Formation of a New Cub Scout Pack - Neshannock Alliance Church** -  3109 S Keelridge Rd, West Middlesex, PA, United States, Pennsylvania

- [Neshannock Alliance Church](#) is a few youngsters shy of starting a pack at their location. If you would like more information please let us know. [HickoryHS71@gmail.com](mailto:HickoryHS71@gmail.com).

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[Frank Lloyd Wright Buffalo, New York Bus Trip](#) - Saturday, August 9, 2025

Tom Darby was amongst the 40 or so that attended the above. He reports that he:

“Visited Falling Water and liked it better. But its location is off the beaten track and it feels more secluded and secretive”.

Tom further reports that Mr. Wright’s “design ideas are definitely carried thru from these two houses which the [Martin house](#) was built I think 20 years earlier than Falling Water. His organic architectural style is very in tune to nature and the immediate local environment. He would incorporate local stone and rocks into both buildings as well as [Graycliff](#) which was the Martins summer home and only 30 minutes away from Martin House”.

“Interesting the bricks used at Martin house are from a brick works near Pittsburgh. Steel beams are from the Carnegie Works in Pittsburgh. I felt that Martin House was almost gloomy. Graycliff is the opposite with large windows facing Lake Erie which sits 60 feet below the house. I almost visited another FLW house near Ohiopyle called Kentucky Knob. It’s now on my bucket list as well as a few others around the Midwest”.

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## Upcoming Events

Open Tours at [Hermitage Historical Society](#).

Saturday, August 16 1-3pm

Stewart House will be open for tours!

5465 E State Street, Hermitage, PA

Boy Scouts will be on hand for tour guides!!

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## Shenango Valley Lecture & Book Release

[\*“The Civil War Era in the Shenango Valley”\*](#)

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 - Sharon Municipal Building, City Council Chambers 155 West Connelly Boulevard Sharon, PA

**Yvonne Ceslak attended the above and reports:**

(BTW Wonderful synopsis Yvonne. Thank you so much for taking the time to do it. This,

along with some other classmate content, helps keep this class newsletter going).

- Last evening Larry and I attended the CIVIL WAR talk by [Taylor Galaska](#), Sharon. (Over 60 people attended).
- He began with the founding of both Sharon and Sharpsville - how men traveled up the river and claimed property in these 2 areas.
- Small towns eventually became the larger towns we see today.
- The names BUDD and BENTLEY are associated with these areas. Streets bear their names.
- When the war began, each community gathered men to fight and were sent to various areas to PA and the South.
- The memorial at the Mercer County Courthouse honors those who served. Many of those soldiers were buried in Oakwood Cemetery, where there is also a memorial, either from passing due to the war to after their lifetimes. Names of those who served as leaders in the war may be familiar - McDowell, Stambaugh, Hill.
- Our area was awash with iron factories due to rich bituminous coal deposits. Then later came steel through the BUHLS. The canal system allowed for easier transport, but then was replaced with railroad.
- An interesting mention was the Seneca tribe in our area. In growing up on Maple Dr., we all had gardens. One neighbor would find arrow heads digging in his backyard garden area every year. We always figured there was a settlement of some sort there. A few years ago I spoke with a man who as a kid played in the area behind the old WPIC building. Some artifacts were found there too. Perhaps the settlement extended there also.

Very interesting presentation. Books on this subject are available through the Sharon Historical Society. Click [here](#) to see their website.

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## Classmate Updates

### [“Ride for the Cure”](#)

As reported in previous newsletter the team’s 150 mile commitment was completed last month. Click [here](#) though if you would like to see some pictures of the scenery enjoyed during this year’s ride.

## Football Schedule 2025 -

Mike Joanow reports that his firm (i.e. Joanow Legal Group - JLG) will be streaming most games this year, starting with Farrell on 8/23. Canfield HS has informed him though that they will NOT allow JLG to broadcast the Canfield game. Also as he will be out of town JLG will NOT be broadcasting the 10/17 Slippery Rock game.

Mark your calendars! Here are the upcoming games for the Hornets:

- **8/16** – Aliquippa (4A) – 10:00 AM (Scrimmage)
- **8/23** – Farrell (2A) – 7:00 PM
- **8/29** – @ University Prep (4A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/05** – @ Conneaut\* (3A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/12** – @ Sharon\* (3A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/19** – Erie High (6A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/26** – @ Canfield (OH) – 7:00 PM
- **10/03** – Titusville\* (3A) – 7:00 PM (Homecoming)
- **10/11** – @ Grove City\* (3A) – 1:00 PM
- **10/17** – Slippery Rock\* (3A) – 7:00 PM (Senior Night)
- **10/23** – @ General McLane (4A) – 7:00 PM

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## Miscellaneous Links of Interest

### [HSD Athletics](#)

- [Joanow Broadcast of HHS Games](#)
- [Bob Greenberg](#)
- [Hornet Roster](#)
- [Professor Briggs](#)
- [21 WFMJ Sports](#)
- [Coach Bill Dungee](#)
- [D10 Wrestling FB Page](#)
- [Hermitage Park & Rec](#)

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Thanks for reading, and stay connected! We'll keep this newsletter rolling as long as you all keep the updates coming. Until next time, let's go Hornets!