

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).

Hornet News

**See below for more info on tonight's Football game against
University Prep – Cupples Stadium - Pittsburgh**

2026 -55th Reunion

No new suggestions came in from any '71ers during the last week for activities for our 55th
however click [here](#) to see some things that Class of '75 did recently for their 50th.

Previous reported ideas for our 55th noted below.

The time frame between Halloween to a week or 2 after NYE HHS reunion activity planning usually gets put on the back burner. Hope we come conclusions before then but in the meantime more ideas that have floated ek include:

- Do we want to do “tours” of the high school, other HSD schools or other?
- Volunteers sought/needed to help focus on completing small projects. Ex. Contacting a venue to get details of a possible rental.
- Party at dam? Rent a pavilion on a beach?
- Boat rides on the Dam?
- YMCA as a venue?
- New Virginia Park as a venue?
- One of Hermitage's neighborhood park as a venue?
- High school gym
- Hermitage Night Market
- Hermitage Arts Festival - Every summer, people from all over visit the two-day festival held in Rodney White Olympic Park, to browse the artist's marketplace, listen to live music, enjoy many food options and participate in children's activities. The free event showcases the work of local painters, sculptors, jewelry artists, photographers and other artisans. Activities such as Chalk-the-Walk and the pet costume contest offer something for all ages. Local bands play a variety of musical styles. A 5K run and a fireworks display also make the event special.

Plans still have a long ways to go before finalizing anything so please keep those ideas and suggestions coming.

- We're 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 having? 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).
- 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 55th around "Buhl Day – 2026"?

If "Buhl Day – 2026" is coordinated we could tap into a lot pre-planned events already. (Click [here](#) to see 2024 agenda.)

Artist corner

○ Dave Mudrinich Lithograph –

As a young man David learned the art of making "lithographs". Click here to learn more about the process and one of the works that he did. Given the complexity of the process and that fact that it is documenting part of Sharon's history several '71ers are current in the process of getting David's work admitted into the Sharon Historical Society.

Just for the record though the piece had been approved and was on display at Dave's Penn State's – Shenango campus alma mater. It wasn't until the recent

decision of the University to close doors at their Shenango location to find a new venue to display the work for Valley residents to see and enjoy.

We hope to report the acceptance into the Sharon Historical Society archives soon.

You Tube links that might be of interests:

- Our Arizona classmates report experiencing a “haboob” for the 1st time in their residency. Click [here](#) for more info on this weather phenomenon.
- If you’re a DIY mechanic these links of interest:
 - o [DIY Mechanics- Mustie](#)
 - o [DIY Mechanics 2](#) – Royal Auto Service
- This [video](#) will break your heart. Thanks goodness there are people that have the time, talent & resources to do such work.

Local Activities

Buhl Day – Labor Day - Happens on this Monday!

Click [here](#) for more info on our “Jewel of the Valley’s” Big Day. Do we dare to plan our -55th Reunion Activities on or around the 2026 “Buhl Day”?

Football Schedule 2025 -

Technical issues prevented the Joanow Legal Group (JLG) from streaming Hickory’s last Saturday’s 13-12 squeaker of a victory over Farrell. Fortunately, it was WKBN’s “Game of the Week” and that crew did a wonderful job on broadcasting the game.

(Just for the record Mike did report previously that his firm (i.e. JLG) will be streaming MOST, although not all, games this year. Canfield High School and tonight’s game against University Prep (Cupples Stadium - Pittsburgh) will NOT allow JLG to broadcast those games. Also, as he will be out of town on 10/17 so he will not be broadcasting the Slippery Rock game.)

Reportedly a record number of tickets (i.e. 5,466) were sold for the Farrell game! Go Hornets!

Click [here](#) to read the Herald’s write up of the Farrell game and then [here](#) to view Tanner Mondok’s excellent camera work capturing the “moments in time”. (Click on any of the “thumbnail” pics to enlarge it). Finally click [here](#) to read WKBN’s write up on the game as well.

Click [here](#) to view the local pundits' chances on Hickory winning this week's University Prep game.

If you click here [here](#) at 6:30pm EST, or after, before tonight's night's 7pm kickoff you'll can scroll down and "listen" to the radio broadcast of the game on the "Friday Night PA"
<https://www.fridaynightpa.com/><https://www.fridaynightpa.com/>

How is Sharon fairing so far this season?

For those interested click [here](#) to view the results of our arch-rivals victory over Mercyhurst Prep Lakers last week.

Mark your calendars! [Here are the 2025 games for the Hornets:](#)

- **8/16** – Aliquippa (4A) – 10:00 AM (Scrimmage)
- **8/23 (Sat.)** – Farrell (2A) – 7:00 PM – **W 13-12**
- **8/29 (Fri.)** – @ University Prep – Cupples Stadium (4A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/05 (Fri.)** – @ Conneaut* (3A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/12 (Fri.)** – @ Sharon* (3A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/19 (Fri.)** – Erie High (6A) – 7:00 PM
- **9/26 (Fri.)** – @ Canfield (OH) – 7:00 PM
- **10/03 (Fri.)** – Titusville* (3A) – 7:00 PM (Homecoming)
- **10/11 (Sat.)** – @ Grove City* (3A) – 1:00 PM
- **10/17 (Fri.)** – Slippery Rock* (3A) – 7:00 PM (Senior Night)
- **10/23 (Thur.)** – @ General McLane (4A) – 7:00 PM

Miscellaneous Links of Interest

[HSD Athletics](#)

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

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!